

Pawling Youth Hockey  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2026 8:00 PM, Google Meet

**ATTENDEES:** Rob Stecher, Alicia Harklerode, Liz Gabari, Jen Connolly, Dan King, Mike Bersak, Scott Chin, Dianne Thomson

**REPORTS:**

**President** - Rob Stecher

- Rob will be away 2/7-2/13 with no phone or internet
- LTP Alumni visit discussed with NYR
- Tournament Matrix has been released
- Inactive player removed from the Mites Dev roster
- New Crossfit session has started
- CHC discussions:
  - Staying with Crossbar vs changing to another app (ongoing; committee forming)
  - Residency requirement (i.e. must live within a certain distance from the program) potentially to begin 2027-28 season
  - Changing the date restrictions for tryouts for 2027-28 season (committee forming)

**Registrar** - Alicia Harklerode

- Coaches/Managers - Spreadsheet is up to date
- Continuing work on website updates
- No coaches were redlined

**Treasurers** - Jennifer Connolly & Dan King

- Account Balances as of December 31, 2025 (Statement, Reconciliation, and updated Treasurer Report received)
- All submitted invoices have paid to date
  - Still waiting for:
    - South Kent December
    - Trinity Pawling December
    - Tri-State October and November (13 hours, per Liz). \*Nothing for December
- Only outstanding tuition payment is the family with deferred payments. There continues to be no response to emails.
  - One of the players has been removed from the roster and can be removed from financial account as he has not been attending at all. The players may not attend tryouts if their tuition is not paid.
- Full payment received from NY Rangers on December 10th, including the extra for our coaches since they were not able to provide coaching staff

**Master Scheduler - Liz Gabari**

- Will need a co-scheduler for next season
- Trinity Pawling
  - Spring ice
    - No spring skate agreed by majority vote
    - Can still hold checking/contact clinic in 2 hour blocks
- McCann / Ice Time
  - No update
- Brewster Ice Arena
  - Will likely need to reserve the Studio rink again on Tuesdays or Wednesdays for Squirts
- South Kent
  - No update
- Officials
  - No update
- Prime Goaltending
  - No update

**Secretary - Dianne Thomson**

- Meeting minutes updated as of Jan 2025 and on the PYH Board Google Drive
- Bylaws committee is close to a final draft for Board review

**UNIFORMS - Mike Bersak**

- The outstanding white practice jerseys have arrived

**SPIRITWEAR - Dianne Thomson**

- Hats for snack shack: quoted \$1100 estimate for 20 trucker hats, 20 pom pom hats and 20 plain black beanie hats (approved by majority vote)
  - Will confirm the beanies are not the ones that were in the most recent online store (8.5" short beanie - YUPON brand) - quality & fit was poor

**NYR LTP**

- 2 sessions were cancelled due to snow. Both have been rescheduled. 3/1 is now the last session
- Parents' meeting will be 2/15 to discuss next steps and give parents time to register for evals if recommended

**SPONSORSHIP/FUNDRAISING - vacant****SNACK SHACK - Lacey Ryan and Leticia Schiano**

- No report

**SOCIAL MEDIA - Jess Riina**

- No report

## 2026-27 SEASON PLANNING

- ID skate and Evaluation dates set
- Social media
  - We spent \$410 total on social media ads last year (\$300 FB, \$110 Instagram). We started advertising later than we are this year and may need to increase the budget. Will start with \$250 (approved by majority vote.)
    - Will likely place additional ads as early bird ends and as the final registration window ends, depending on budget.
- Early bird signup?
  - \$50 vs \$75 for standard signup, approved by majority vote
- Current membership numbers
  - 2012/2013 - 20
  - 2014/2015 - 38
  - 2016/2017 - 39
  - 2018/2019 - 21
- Need to send email to families to notify them registration is open, what ID skate is/no need for current players to register for ID skate
  - We agreed to a Bantam ID skate last month, but do not have that advertised. It will be added
- CrossFit. Can we offer this at the beginning of the season, possibly a 5:30 and a 6:30 class - Rob will speak with the owner

## MISC OLD BUSINESS

- Erik Nates battling/checking clinic
  - Still waiting for Erik to return email re: spring dates
- 4Check hockey clinic
  - Tentatively scheduled for April 12th. 1 hour in the Alumni Room with coaches followed by 1½ hour on ice for up to 32 skaters
    - Preference will be given to Bantams first, and 2nd year PWs next
- Golf tournament: Angell & Leticia organizing with guidance from Liz
- Open board positions
  - Tim Byrer's position is still open
  - Mike & Scott's terms are up at the end of this season
  - Angel Merchan responded to both emails with interest. His appointment to the board was approved by majority vote, to begin in June to allow for the current board to get through evaluations and the end of season decisions, and to align with the original intended board members' start month
- PYH listing in [USAHockey.com](http://USAHockey.com) "Find Hockey Near You" still not available. Alicia submitted the request to add us and will follow up
- Tuition discounts and gift cards for volunteers, coaches, etc.
  - Tuition discounts have to be done in Crossbar

- 1 discount per person, not per family (i.e., if both parents coach they would both receive the benefit, but if the team manager is also a scheduler they would only receive the higher benefit)

### **MISC NEW BUSINESS**

- 1/11: Winter beanie hats in snack shack sold out and there are only 4 more trucker hats. Reordering approved by majority vote
- 1/21: We received 1 email and two text responses with interest in organizing the golf tournament. Two of the 3 were chosen by majority vote, based on the third person's multiple past failures to follow through with commitments to the organization.
- 1/22-1/23: We are losing money on PW & Bantams, however prices have already been posted on the registration page. After review of comparison our tuitions to another local organization's tuitions, and our last several years' tuitions, keeping tuition the same was approved by majority vote
- 1/23: Alicia requested approval for Sq C to register for the Spring Classic tournament in New Hampshire March 13-16. Approved by majority vote.
- Photographer - why don't we make anything? In other organizations, the photographer gives a cut to the organization. We wouldn't suggest he raise the prices for this purpose.
- How do we track shutouts and hat tricks for end of season recognition?
  - Managers and coaches check the score sheets at the end of the season