

Preds Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Present: GreggW, CandiceW, LauraK, JohnK, JoeC, KyleB and AnneH

Not Present: ElaineM and ChuckH

1. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes was made. Seconded by Candice and Joe. Motion passed.
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2. Secretary

- Discussion around current and future responsibilities.
 - Candice emphasized aligning duties with logical roles, such as keeping social media with the Secretary.
 - Importance of cross-training and long-term planning highlighted.
 - Candice has taken on more responsibilities due to her regular presence at the rink and passion for the club.
 - Candice currently handles scheduling for coaches. Anne noted that other clubs (Chicago Hawks) often assign this to team managers.
 - Candice stressed the importance of full board engagement and shared responsibilities.
 - Gregg supported the collaborative approach, noting past limitations due to board composition.
 - Board will continue to refine roles and responsibilities in future meetings
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3. Fundraising

- Laura is seeking a fundraising goal that would help reduce club costs.
- Recent brewery event netted approx. \$6,500 (per Candice); total fundraising stands around \$9,000 (including sponsors, dining nights, etc.).
- Option discussed to hold a golf outing using multiple tee times instead of renting the full course; however, this limits post-event gathering opportunities.
- Brewery remains a strong fundraising venue—no room fee, and we receive 5% of drink sales.

- John emphasized the need to bring in outside dollars rather than relying solely on the Preds community.
- Laura proposed rink-based events like a "black light night," though coordinating with David at the Ice House could be a challenge.
 - Gregg believes it's worth a conversation with David.
- Tournament as a fundraising idea was discussed:
 - Ice time is ~\$400/hr; bulk pricing needs confirmation.
 - Barrington suggested as a possible venue.
 - Candice mentioned that other organizations may be leaving the Ice House due to David, with a meeting about this forthcoming.
 - August should be avoided due to Herbst's 3x3 tournament.
 - Kings Kup was originally meant to be a Preds event but was missed; Gregg expressed interest in reviving a similar concept. Alumni game could potentially adopt a 3x3 format.
 - Non-sanctioned tournaments would be easier to organize.
 - Kyle suggested Main Beach as a venue, with amenities like a full bar and potential for food trucks or even a floor hockey event.

Savers Fundraiser:

- Laura coordinating a clothing drive fundraiser via Savers.
 - Goal: \$3,000–\$5,000.
 - Each player would be asked to contribute 5 bags.
 - David has agreed to allow a donation box in the lobby.
 - A JV vs. Varsity competition is planned (Pink = Varsity, Orange = JV).
 - Logistics for transporting donations are TBD.

Zelle:

- Club can pay out via Zelle and John is looking into whether the club can also receive payments through the account.

4. Social Media

- Gregg wants stronger Preds visibility at the Ice House.
- Board acknowledged a general lack of presence.
- Plan to rotate updates and share photos regularly in the display box.
- Anne will take lead on this effort.

5. Registrar

- Spring registration completed: 33 skaters, 4 goalies.
- Jerseys delivered last week; T-shirts to be distributed Thursday.
- Coaches are credentialed; rosters are certified.
- Summer skates booked:
 - Open to all high school skaters.
 - Not a D155 event; handled off-books (cash).
 - Signup Genius used; capped at 30 skaters and 4 goalies.
 - Held Tuesdays; no session week of July 4th.
 - Ends August 5th.
- Flyers requested (Candice); Laura creating.
- Fall Evaluation:
 - Mini-camp: Aug 12 & 14 at 6:10 & 7:20 PM.
 - Tryouts: Aug 19 & 21 at 6:10 & 7:20 PM.
 - Practice slots will shift later to accommodate fall sport athletes.
 - Anne emphasized framing this as a response to survey feedback.

Off-Ice Training:

- Kyle supports every-other-week training (opposite skills nights).
- Gregg noted a trend away from weightlifting toward alternative fitness approaches.
- Motion to proceed with bi-weekly training (Sept–Dec) approved.
- Anne suggested informal summer meetups (e.g., at Lippold Park).

Miscellaneous:

- Patches may need reordering or revision; Candice is managing.
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6. Treasurer

- Not present.
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7. Hockey Director

- Spring rosters finalized; no parent issues reported.

- 4 players are double-rostered; Varsity has 15 players to allow flexibility.
 - Scotty is responsive to development needs.
 - Goalie coach praised for providing full dedicated sessions—well-received.
 - Kyle inquired about coach payment methods:
 - All coaches have Zelle; Larry prefers mailed checks.
 - Gregg requested regular check-ins with Kyle.
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8. Vice President

- Not present.
 - Discussion around tournament planning:
 - Need to begin booking soon.
 - Candice highlighted logistical challenges of last season's booking process
 - Kyle to consult coaches and bring suggestions to the next meeting.
 - Intention to book JV and Varsity together.
 - Kyle expressed interest in a Canada trip this season
 - Candice floated the idea of a designated "Canada Tournament Team." More details to come.
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9. President

- Suggested selling spirit wear at fundraisers and events.
 - Candice recommended sticking with easy-to-stock items due to sizing challenges with apparel.
- No issues with Dropbox access for new board members.
- Dropbox also houses subscription info (e.g., Adobe).
- Gregg wants to launch a monthly board email update:
 - First blast in April.
 - Each board member to contribute one update in a shared Google Doc by **April 18.**
 - Gregg will compile and send the final email.