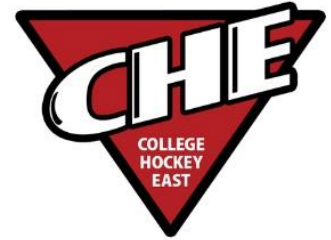


# CHE Annual Meeting Meeting Minutes Spring 2019



**Date of Meeting:** Sunday, May 19, 2019  
**Meeting Location:** Online via GoToMeeting  
**Presiding Officer:** David L Fryer Jr, Commissioner

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## CALL TO ORDER

Fryer called to order the Annual Meeting of College Hockey East at 8:26 PM.

Jamison Roth conducted the roll call for the meeting.

Officers present (2): Dave Fryer (Commissioner), Jamison Roth (Associate Commissioner)

Officers absent (1): Chuck Kuzniewski (Executive Assistant)

Guests present (1): Sam Kelly (ACHA)

M3 teams present (6): Cal U Of PA, Cleveland State, Indiana U of PA, Penn State Altoona, Pit-Johnstown, Robert Morris

M4 teams present (2): Case Western Reserve, Pitt-Greensburg

M5 teams present (4): Allegheny, Edinboro, Pitt-Bradford, Wooster

W2 teams present (7): Buffalo, California, Delaware, Liberty, Mercyhurst, Navy, Pittsburgh

CHE teams absent (3): Denison (M4), Oswego State (W2), Saint Francis (M5), Saint Vincent (M4), West Chester (W2)

Sam Kelly was given the floor to speak for a few minutes. Sam praised the CHE for continuing to provide a great example for how college club leagues and individual teams should operate.

## GENERAL ORDERS

### Previous Meeting Minutes

Roth submitted the minutes from the 2019 CHE Annual Meeting. No revisions were suggested.

**Motion to approve the minutes by Cal U of PA, seconded by Penn State Altoona.**

**The motion passed unanimously, 20-0.**

### Financial Report

Fryer presented a P&L statement and explained its contents. Team payments are still being collected. All outstanding invoices have been paid, but no stipends have been paid to-date. There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

Fryer then presented a tentative budget for 2019-20. The budget is always dependent on the number of teams in the league and the number of teams in divisional playoffs. Invoices will come when the budget is finalized and approved.

### Season Review

Fryer gave a review of the past season, touching on the positives and opportunities for improvement. The positives were: competition & playoff races kept most teams competitive throughout the season, M3/W2 joint playoffs in Johnstown, the new teams (CSU, Denison, Oswego), the new league website,

and the College Hockey Combats Cancer campaign. The areas for improvement were: full participation in the CHCC campaign, registration, forfeits, score reporting, and college of league dues. Fryer noted that the last four areas for improvement are recurring problems.

Fryer said that the current “internal concerns” of the league are: team departures, the ongoing struggle to schedule CHE Playoff dates, SafeSport compliance, and the attempt at a CHE W3 Division. The “external concerns” for the league are: ACHA vs CHF, ACHA rankings, and travel of non-CHE opponents to play at our rinks

### League Awards

Fryer recognized the 2018-19 CHE Champions.

- M3 Kaleina Cup Champions: Indiana University of PA
- M3 Playoff Champions: California University of PA
- W2 Playoff Champions: Liberty University
- M4 Playoff Champions: Case Western Reserve University
- M5 Playoff Champions: Allegheny College

Fryer reminded teams that the CHE has phased-out its individual awards, but on a national level, a few CHE members earned an individual award through the ACHA. Fryer cited those winners.

Through the College Hockey Combats Cancer campaign, five CHE teams were selected through the Mario Lemieux Foundation as winners of “best in show” for their CHCC events: Mercyhurst (W2), Pittsburgh (W2), Penn State Altoona (M3), Pitt-Greensburg (M4), Pitt-Bradford (M5).

## **ANNUAL ORDERS**

### By-Laws Proposals

Fryer presented a by-law proposal for Article VI, Section 2.E. It allows for all meetings to be conducted using conference calls and online meetings. Previously, the Annual Meeting was required to be held in-person in order to transition into our new by-laws. The change also allows for voting and elections to be done electronically by those participating in the meeting, so another by-laws proposal is being made to account for a new elections procedure.

**By-Law Proposal for Article IV, Section 2.E: provided at the end of the minutes**

**Motion to approve the proposal by the Commissioner, seconded by Penn State Altoona.**

**The motion passed unanimously, 20-0.**

Fryer presented the accompanying by-law proposal for Article IV, Section 1 to update the elections process to account for online/phone participation. There are changes needed to Parts C, D, E, and F.

**By-Law Proposal for Article IV, Section 2.E: provided at the end of the minutes**

**Motion to approve the proposal by the Commissioner, seconded by Penn State Altoona.**

**The motion passed, 16-0-4.**

### Election of Commissioner

Roth was established as the Supervisor of Elections. Roth opened the floor for nominations for CHE Commissioner. California nominated Dave Fryer, who accepted the nomination.

**Motion to close the nominations by California, seconded by Penn State Altoona.**

**The motion passed unanimously, 20-0.**

Roth explained that the election will now follow the new by-law for elections.

**Motion to elect Dave Fryer as CHE Commissioner by California, seconded by Penn State Altoona.**

**The motion passed, 18-0-2.**

#### Appointment of League Officers

Fryer stated that he now has an open period to obtain and appoint league officers, in accordance with the by-laws. Fryer cited the positions of Divisional Delegates, Bookkeeper, and Auditor. Anyone interested in a position should contact Fryer, and the membership will be notified by email regarding the appointment procedures.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ACHA Updates

Roth covered the major items from the 2019 ACHA Convention. Proxy/online voting did not pass but will be reconsidered for next year. The 2021-22 ACHA National Tournament will be held in Boston. The future site of the annual convention may move after next year.

ACHA Men's Division 3 voted to use MyHockeyRankings next season. A moratorium on Canadian teams was also approved. Steve Hyjek was voted in as M3 Vice President.

Roth and Fryer had conversations with many people in Naples regarding the ACHA vs CHF. Roth presented a few pros and cons of each. All of the DVCHC is going to the CHF, and its National Tournament is likely to be in Nashville.

The ACHA is considering adding a men's division for "non-tournament bound teams," which would give our M4 and M5 teams in the CHE an option to join the ACHA without paying the same amount as the M3 teams. USA Hockey insurance would be provided through this option, but there would not be any ACHA post-season play. An ad hoc committee was formed to explore this option, and Fryer is on that committee.

Women's Division 2 established new regions for next season, creating 3 regions instead of 2. The CHE teams are in the Southwest Region with the DVCHC teams, which splits the old East Region and puts the New England teams into their own region. The two ACHA women's divisions will each have their own Vice President for the first time, and Scott Hicks will be the ACHA W2 VP. Roth explained how the rankings will work for 2019-20, including the use of MyHockeyRankings, auto-bids, and new rankings periods. W1 opponents will not count towards rankings. W2 is still allowing Canadian teams, but that topic was discussed in Naples.

#### Membership

Fryer stated that Denison (M4) and West Chester (W2) have withdrawn from the CHE. Saint Francis (M5) did not finish out last season and has not contacted the CHE about next year, so they seem unlikely to have a team for the upcoming season. CCAC would like to re-establish its team, but they will need to join as an affiliate member first.

No team has formally applied to be a new CHE member, but Kent State is likely to do so as an M3 team. Robert Morris would like to form an M4 team, and Duquesne is exploring the option of doing the same. There was a discussion with Youngstown State prior to last season about joining M4, but they opted to delay any application for another season. They have not contacted the CHE since then. There are

ongoing discussions with Ohio State about joining W2. At one point, Fryer felt they were ready to join, but that now seems questionable.

Fryer stated that there have been some preliminary discussions about a potential merger of College Hockey Mid-America (ACHA M1) into the CHE. It is just some talk right now, so Fryer urged everyone to avoid believing any rumors. If something significant happens, Fryer will notify all CHE teams immediately.

### Divisional Structure

Fryer presented some possibilities for 2019-20 divisional structures. Nothing can be finalized until membership is finalized. Fryer suggested that M4 and M5 merge into a single division due to the number of remaining teams. The discussion on the matter was mostly in agreement with that change.

The W2 divisions will need some type of change since West Chester left from the East. Fryer offered two possibilities to adapt. One layout would go to an East and West, but the issue with that is Pitt and California would have to be in different conferences. A second option would be to put RIT back in W2 and place them in the North. Mercyhurst would move to the West, and Liberty would move to the East. The W2 members were more in favor of the second option.

### CHE Playoffs

Fryer initiated discussion regarding playoff dates, with consideration for things like spring breaks, rink availability, and ACHA postseason events. There was no true consensus, but the weekend that overlaps February and March in 2020 had the most support. Fryer said he would still like to get all CHE divisions in the same weekend and at the same site for playoffs, which will be the goal for 2020. Any team that would like to host playoffs should contact Fryer.

### Scheduling

Fryer presented the tentative scheduling formats for each division, as well as a timeline for finalizing divisions, scheduling matrices, and submitting schedules to the CHE. Schedules are due to the league office by September 1<sup>st</sup>. No team can schedule a game prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> without receiving approval from the league. Each team should have a single contact for scheduling, and that person must be active and responsive. Fryer reminded all teams that they must honor all of their game commitments.

### Summer 2019 Team Goals

Fryer presented three goals that he would like each team to strive for over the offseason. The first was scheduling, where we need to communicate, cooperate, and meet deadlines. The second was SafeSport, to ensure that all of our coaches are in compliance prior to September. And the third was the CHCC campaign, where all teams need to be participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 PM.

Minutes recorded by: Jamison Roth, CHE Associate Commissioner

Minutes approved on:

# 2019 CHE Annual Meeting

## By-Laws Proposals



### Article IV – ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

#### PROPOSED BY-LAW (NEW)

- C. Campaigns. Immediately upon the Nominations Period closing at the Annual Meeting, each Confirmed Nominee shall be given the floor for a period of no more than three minutes to state his qualifications, platform, and any other information he feels relevant to his candidacy. An additional two minutes shall be made available for the nominee to answer questions from the floor, as moderated by the Supervisor of Elections. The order of campaigning shall be in alphabetical order of each Confirmed Nominee's surname, and the other Confirmed Nominees shall not be present for the duration of each campaigning period.
- D. Balloting. At the conclusion of the campaigning period at the Annual Meeting, the Supervisor of Elections shall provide instructions to the representatives on the Board of Governors for casting a ballot electronically. Electronic balloting shall be done through a means established by the Supervisor of Elections and shall meet all of the following criteria:
- The name of each Confirmed Nominee is clearly listed in the same area and an equal manner, and an option to abstain (or cast no vote) is provided.
  - The balloting process includes measures designed to prevent duplicate and unauthorized balloting, ensuring that only the members present at the meeting each gets one and only one vote.
  - Voters are not required nor instructed to identify their ballot in any way (secret balloting), and all ballots can remain secret upon the completion of the election.
  - Results can be viewed within five minutes of the close of balloting and remain accessible for at least 24 hours after the election results have been announced.
- E. Voting. Each representative shall vote to elect a Commissioner by casting a ballot for the name of a Confirmed Nominee. Representatives may choose to abstain from voting but must still submit a ballot that is blank or states an abstention. Write-in votes shall not be permitted, and any attempt to vote for a person who is not a Confirmed Nominee shall be considered an abstention. The Voting Period shall be open for no less than three minutes and no longer than six minutes. There shall be no advanced polling nor absentee voting permitted.
- F. Tabulation of Results. At the close of the Voting Period, the Supervisor of Elections shall first confirm that the number of ballots cast is equal to the number of eligible voters who are present. If these numbers do not match, the ballots are discarded, and the voting process is repeated until the Supervisor has the correct number of ballots. The Supervisor then reviews the results in a means not visible to any other person to ensure the validity of the election. In the event of a tie in voting, the Supervisor of Elections shall re-publish the ballot to the Board of Governors, and the balloting process shall be repeated in accordance with this Section. Once the Supervisor of Elections deems the vote to be final, he proceeds to announcing the Election Results.
- G. Election Results. The Confirmed Nominee receiving the most votes (plurality) of the votes cast shall be duly elected as the Commissioner. The Supervisor of Elections first announces to the membership the name of the duly elected individual for the Commissioner position and then reveals the results of the voting. The new Commissioner shall take such office immediately. The election results shall be kept available for anyone to tally up until 1 hour after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

#### EXISTING BY-LAW (OLD)

- C. Campaigns. Immediately upon the Nominations Period closing at the Annual Meeting, each Confirmed Nominee shall be given the floor for a period of no more than three minutes to state his qualifications, platform, and any other information he feels relevant to his candidacy. An additional two minutes shall be made available for the nominee to answer questions from the floor, as moderated by the Supervisor of Elections. The order of campaigning shall be in alphabetical order of each Confirmed Nominee's surname, and the other Confirmed Nominees shall not be present in the room for the duration of each campaigning period.
- D. Balloting. At the conclusion of campaigning period at the Annual Meeting, the Supervisor of Elections shall declare balloting open for Elected Director positions. Each representative on the Board of Governors shall be given a blank piece of paper, all of matching size and color, to cast his ballot. Each representative shall then vote to elect a new Commissioner by writing the name of a Confirmed Nominee on his ballot. Representatives shall not be required or instructed to identify their ballot in any way. Representatives may choose to abstain from voting but must still submit a ballot that is blank or states an abstention. Write-in votes shall not be permitted, and any name or illegible word or other written item given a vote that is not a Confirmed Nominee shall be considered an abstention. The Balloting Period shall last no less than three minutes and no longer than six minutes. There shall be no advanced polling or absentee voting permitted.
- E. Tabulation of Results. At the close of the Balloting Period, the Supervisor of Elections shall collect the ballots from each representative on the Board of Governors. The Supervisor of Elections shall first count the number of ballots to ensure that he has a number of ballots equal to the number of eligible voters who are present. If these numbers do not match, the ballots are discarded, and the balloting process is repeated until the Supervisor has the correct number of ballots. The Supervisor then twice tallies the ballots silently in a manner deemed appropriate by the Supervisor and in a location visible to the membership. If the Supervisor confirms both of his tallies match, he proceeds to announcing the Election Results. If the numbers do not match, the Supervisor performs a third recount of the ballots to eliminate discrepancies and determine a final count.
- F. Election Results. The Confirmed Nominee receiving the most votes (plurality) of the votes cast shall be duly elected as the Commissioner. The Supervisor of Elections announces to the membership the name of the duly elected individual for the Commissioner position. In the event of a tie in voting, the Supervisor of Elections shall re-publish the ballot to the Board of Governors, and the balloting process shall be repeated in accordance with this Section. The new Commissioner shall take such office immediately. The ballots shall be kept available for anyone to tally up until 1 hour after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

**Article VI – MEETINGS**

**PROPOSED BY-LAW (NEW)**

E. Medium. Any meeting may be held in person, by conference call, electronically, or any combination thereof. Representatives participating in any meeting by a medium other than in-person shall still be considered “present” for the meeting and, as such, shall not be restricted in the right to vote on any Organization business or ability to make any motions on Organization matters as granted by these by-laws.

**EXISTING BY-LAW (OLD)**

E. Medium. Any meeting, other than the Annual Meeting, may be held electronically, by conference call, in person or any combination of the aforementioned, at the discretion of the Commissioner. The Annual Meeting must be held in person, and alternate forms of participation in the Annual Meeting may only take place with the approval of the Commissioner. Participants participating in the Annual Meeting by alternate means other than in-person shall not be restricted in its rights to vote on any Organization business or ability to make any motions on Organization matters, but such persons shall not be eligible to cast a ballot in the Elections and may also be limited on his ability to speak from the floor.