



PAHL Mandatory Meeting –February 20, 2024 Online Meeting

Allegheny Badgers	Josh Fajt, Mindy Ulyas
Altoona Trackers	John Jacob
Artic Foxes	Alicia Genco
Armstrong Arrows	Jim Rearic
Beaver Badgers	Sean Cogis
Crawford Co Flames	Greg Beveridge
Erie Jr Otters	Gio Duchini
Fayette Ice Miners	Joe Roadman
Indiana Chiefs	Leanne Smith
Johnstown Warriors	Vinnie Cannizzaro
Lawrence Co Lightning	Marko Relic
Mon Valley Thunder	ABSENT
Morgantown Blades	Frank Oliverio
Mt Lebanon Hornets	ABSENT
North Hills Vipers	ABSENT
North Pittsburgh Wildcats	Tim Adamoksy, Erica Pizzica
Pittsburgh Aviators	Jeremy Parker
Pittsburgh Huskies	Ryan Patrick

Pittsburgh Predators	Frank Buonomo
Pittsburgh Yetis	ABSENT
South Hills Panthers	Glen Siniawski
South Pittsburgh Rebellion	ABSENT
State College Icers	Pete Brumberg
Steel City Renegades	ABSENT
Westmoreland Eagles	Amy Roberts/Mary LeBlanc
Wheeling Nailers	Caitlin Rodocker
Youngstown Phantoms	Brad Paterson
PAHL	Crystal Ochwat
PAHL	Courtney Iaccio
PAHL	Ron Michalak
PAHL	Glen Scholze
PAHL	Dave Fryer
Guests	J Glover
Guests	Frank Lopresti
Guests	Klete Kutrovac
Guests	Kari Olmo King

The February PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Glen Scholze at 7:03 pm.

All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

USA Hockey/Mid Am Report

- Schedules for MID AM States went out this morning. March 7-10 at Ice Castle. If you do not have your schedule contact John Folmer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from January meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Armstrong, seconded by Allegheny.
- PAHL Scholarship Application is set up and sent to Dave to post on the website. April 10th is the deadline to have applications postmarked.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$117,259.15 in our checking account and \$100,052.11 in our savings account.
- Waiting on the final per player fee reconciliation to see if organizations owe money or get a refund.
- If your organization won Grow the Sport, do not forget to send a copy of the receipts and the address where to send the check along with a name to write on the check.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- None.

PAHL STANDING REPORTS:

DISCIPLINE

- 312 infractions which is a decrease from last year which was at 339.
- Supplemental discipline is down. Has not been a lot of issues.
- Matches are down slightly. More than half of the matches are hateful language. Watch what your players say.
- Head contact on the rise. Abuse of officials is on the rise, want to take that out of the game.

EXECUTIVE ADMINSTRATOR

- Abuse of officials. It's at 30 this year, last year was 15 at this point. Quality of our officiating is directly related to the size of the pool that we are drawing from and we continue to shrink that pool size every year. Without as many officials, we don't have as many experienced officials. We are begging for officials. We need to understand with 30 abuses of officials we are not making the problem better. They are new at it and they are learning. The rules are complicated and they do not have the best training. There is zero reason for spectator to be yelling from the stands. Discussion from MidAm side, the number one thing to address with our people, coaches are not owed an explanation from officials. We do not need to call officials over every time. As long as the officials are trying, we need to let them be. They need to keep the game moving. They are in charge of the game. We all need to back off and let them run the game. Bring it down a notch and lower your expectations.
- Playoff sites are finalized at every level. It took longer than expected due to lower number of interested host sites. It will be posted on PAHL website. 10U ODETS applications are posted on the website as well. Deposit owed for first game to be mailed. Then bring checks with you for next games to pay the hosts. Be prepared to pay all potential maximum games. No schedule changes can be made.
- Score reporting. Continue using cell phone app to scan scoresheet within **20 mins of game**. Then email to scoresheets@pahockey.com.

COMPETITION

- We need to collect player data on 8U players for MAPS and for financial purposes. Spreadsheet is going out to registrars.

RULE COMMITTEE

- A full rewrite of our playing rules is underway, with a target of presenting the remaining rules in April. This book will be the club's game manual.
- 2024 New PAHL Game Manual Goals
 - Place the focus on the game
 - Stay within the scope
 - Modernize
 - Ease of use
 - Wording and clarity
 - Set standards to be achieved
 - Define enforcement & consequences, as necessary
 - Operations and hierarchy

- Evaluate the Fair Play Program
- Fix the current rules that are potentially broken, problematic, and/or out-dated
- Establish much better rules for 8U Jamborees
- We have identified four rule change proposals that likely affect tryouts and/or budgets for most organizations. As such, those rules need to be considered by the membership prior to the completion of the association tryouts. Rules are presented today for membership to review prior to next month's meeting. We are not going to debate them today, just a chance to see them. These rules are posted on the website at: https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/ccbd-3141263/PAHL2024RulesProposalsMarch.pdf?_gl=1*_dh98rl*_ga*MTMxODA5MjE0NS4xNzA2Mjg3ODc5*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTcwOTIyOTI4Ni4xOC4wLjE3MDkyMjkyODYuMC4wLjA..

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.