

# PAHL Membership Meeting – September 2024

## Meeting Minutes



**Date of Meeting:** Sunday, September 15, 2024

**Meeting Location:** RMU Island Sports Center

**Presiding Officer:** Glen Scholze, President

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### CALL TO ORDER

The President called to order the September 2024 Membership Meeting of the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League at 6:16 PM. The Secretary is also recording the minutes of the meeting.

#### Roll call of members present (18)

- Allegheny Badgers: Josh Fajt
- Altoona Trackers: Jill Brenton
- Arctic Foxes: Alicia Genco
- Beaver Badgers: David Symanowicz
- Crawford County Flames: Greg Beveridge
- Erie Junior Otters: Gio Duchini
- Mon Valley Thunder: Frank Lopresti
- Mt Lebanon Hornets: Elliott Taylor
- North Pittsburgh Wildcats: Tim Adamosky
- Pittsburgh Aviators: Jeremy Parker
- Pittsburgh Huskies: Collin Cyprowski
- Pittsburgh Yetis: Jon Langer
- Pittsburgh Vengeance: John Kohler
- South Hills Panthers: Glen Siniawski
- South Pittsburgh Rebellion: Sean Coyle
- State College Icers: Pete Brumberg
- Westmoreland Eagles: Amy Roberts
- Youngstown Phantoms: Brad Patterson

#### Roll call of members absent (7):

- Armstrong Arrows
- Indiana Chiefs
- Johnstown Warriors
- Lawrence County Lightning
- Morgantown Blades
- Pittsburgh Predators
- Wheeling Nailers

#### Roll call of others present:

- Officers: Glen Scholze, Ron Michalak, Jill Harmon, Courtney Iaccio, Crystal Ochwat
- Staff: Dave Fryer
- Guests: none

### Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the August 2024 PAHL Membership Meeting were presented by the Secretary.  
**Motion by Pittsburgh Aviators, seconded by Allegheny Badgers:  
Approve the August 2024 minutes, as presented.  
Motion passes via unanimous consent.**

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

### Report from the President

- Fayette Ice Miners submitted a written request to the league to move their association's membership status to inactive.  
**Motion by Fayette Ice Miners, seconded by State College Icers:  
Approve inactive membership status for the Fayette Ice Miners association.  
Motion passes via unanimous consent.**
- MidAm representatives would like to give their annual presentation to our membership but could not be present at this meeting. Their presentation will be given at either the next monthly meeting or at a special meeting, which would not be mandatory to attend. The date of the meeting will be communicated via the Pulse, and those with roles within each association are encouraged to attend.
- If a player is withheld in a game for potential concussion, the player must be cleared by a medical professional before returning to the ice. A "Return to Play" form must also be completed and submitted to MidAm. The form is posted to the PAHL website and will be included in the next Pulse.

### Report from the First Vice President

- Teams are reminded to submit scoresheets with disciplinary items from non-PAHL games, including scrimmages and tournaments.
- Teams are also reminded not to make assumptions about suspensions; questions and clarifications should always be directed to Ron so that bigger penalties and fines can be avoided.
- Incidents involving the Spectator Conduct Policy must also be reported to Ron. Parents need to be reminded that most rinks do not want tailgating occurring in their parking lots at games. The Pittsburgh Aviators stated that their rink has a strict policy against tailgating and that local police will be called for violations.

### Report from the Second Vice President

- There are still 37 preseason games for which no game report was submitted, mostly at 18U.
- Adding a third placement game for 12U this season proved to be very helpful for the committee and consideration should be given to increase to a fourth game for next season.
- Initial placements for 10U were just released, which is the most difficult level for placement. Getting detailed game reports submitted on time is extra important for the 10U preseason.
- Starting this week, all roster additions go through the full review process by the Placement Committee. A player addition must be submitted by Wednesday at 6:00 PM for it to be reviewed prior to each weekend. Without league approval, a player is not eligible to participate in games.
- All associations are asked to have their plans in place for Secondary Goalies by September 22<sup>nd</sup> so that rosters can be set for the regular season. Those goalies will always appear on the scoresheet rosters and can be used at the team's discretion after initial approval. There is a 5-game usage limit for 12U and above, and 4-game usage limit at 10U.

### Report from the Treasurer

- There is \$11,175.43 in our checking account and \$100,069.50 in our savings account.
- Some associations have paid their full fees already for the current season, but there are a few associations that owe some funds from last season. Outstanding balances must be paid prior to scheduling sessions, and emails will be sent to those needing to make a payment.
- Invoices for the second installment of payments will be distributed next week. If you have already paid for the full season, you will not receive another invoice. If the correct recipient is not getting your invoices, please email Courtney with the updated contact information.

### Report from the Executive Administrator

- The Executive Administrator is now using admin@pahl.hockey so that a true inbox exists. The pahlconnect address is just a forwarder, so if our Administrator becomes unavailable, someone else will now be able to access an inbox of emails to help maintain our operations.
- Many contact sheets submitted by associations did not accurately list their Assignor of Officials. The specific person assigning referees to games is needed, so please submit updates immediately. Information on our new game procedures will then be sent out for assignors to distribute to our refs.
- Phone numbers from the Contact Lists are no longer on the website for privacy reasons. The League Office keeps a record of the phone numbers, so updates still need to include that information. The Administrator will explore options for allowing association presidents to access some numbers.
- The new Game Manual seems to be going well so far in the preseason, but many teams have not read any of it, as shown by some of the issues we have encountered.
- There are two more Townhall Sessions remaining this month, all done virtually. There is a noticeable difference between those who have attended one and those who have not. Score Reporting is the clearest example of our struggles with those not knowing/following procedures.
- The possibility of implementing Game Sheet for our scoresheets next season was raised, for which a long discussion ensued. There are a lot of logistical challenges, including equipment. The membership expressed interested in further discussion on this topic.
- Scheduling Sessions for 12U and above are September 28-29 at Ice Castle. The Scheduling page on the PAHL website provides full information to help teams and associations be prepared.
- Youth Night for the Pittsburgh Penguins is Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> this season. The link to purchase tickets will be sent in the next PAHL Pulse, as well as a document listing the group ticketing opportunities with the Penguins for this season.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Administrative Policies

- The Executive Administrator presented the proposal for the new PAHL Administrative Policies document and explained its purpose. Administrative items from our previous rules document that did not belong in the Game Manual are now in this document.
- Four specific sections were discussed by the membership: removing the previous match-up restriction to set all teams at 20 league games in the regular season (or 14 regular season + 6 preseason for 10U), officially adding a third placement game for 12U (with consideration to add a fourth for next season), start time restrictions (no change over previous policy), and meeting attendance requirements (for which the membership set the fine for a missed meeting at \$100).

**Motion by Pittsburgh Vengeance, seconded by Pittsburgh Aviators:**

**Approve the 2024-25 PAHL Administrative Policies.**

**Motion passes via unanimous consent.**

### 2024-25 League Budget

- The Treasurer presented the proposal for the 2024-25 League Budget. Several items were discussed therein: championship banners, championship medals, championship weekend, referee mentorship reimbursements, and the salary of the Executive Administrator.

**Motion by Allegheny Badgers, seconded by South Hills Panthers:**

**Approve the 2024-25 PAHL League Budget.**

**Motion passes, 15-2.**

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:27 PM.

**Minutes recorded by:** Crystal Ochwat, PAHL Secretary

**Minutes approved on:** January 21, 2025