

PAHL Membership Meeting

April 2023 Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Meeting Location: Hampton Inn Monroeville

Presiding Officer: Glen Scholze, President



CALL TO ORDER

The President called to order the April 2023 Membership Meeting of the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League at 7:09 PM.

Roll call was performed via a sign-in sheet. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting and was not reached thereafter.

Allegheny	John Gable
Altoona	Dan Pfeilstucker
Artic Foxes	Absent
Armstrong	Absent
Aviators	Jeff Dzubinski
Beaver	Sean Cogis
Cambria	Absent
Crawford	Mason Keller, Greg Beveridge
Erie	Absent
Huskies	Jeremy Zvonkovich (non-voting rep)
Ice Miners	Jason Boone
Indiana	Leanne Smith
Johnstown	Absent
Lawrence	Absent
Mon Valley	Absent
Morgantown	Mitchell Lohiser
Mt. Lebanon	Absent
North Hills	Absent

North Pittsburgh	Tom Trzcinski
Predators	Absent
Renegades	Absent
South Hills	Glen Siniawski
South Pittsburgh	Jeanine Bedner
State College	Derek Fairman
Westmoreland	Amy Roberts
Wheeling	Caitlin Rodocker
Yetis	Absent
Youngstown	Lisa Kokoski, Brad Patterson
PAHL	Glen Scholze
PAHL	Jill Harmon
PAHL	Courtney Iaccio
PAHL	Darcee Purvis
PAHL	Dave Fryer
Guest	Steven Weismann (MAPS)
Guest	Alicia Rodgers (MAPS)
Guest	Jesse Taylor

SPECIAL ORDERS

MAPS Placement Project

Representatives from MAPS Technology provided the membership with an overview of the project. The first phase is to properly collect the playing history of each player via a simple and user-friendly interface, and Glen Scholze provided clarification on what portion of the placement process the new software will initially cover. Once tryouts are completed, each association needs to send Jill Harmon a list of teams being fielded and the requested level of play for each of those teams. Registrars should also be compiling jersey numbers for each player, as much as possible.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Report from President

Scholze and Dave Fryer will be attending the USA Hockey Annual Congress in June. Anything relevant from that meeting will be reported back to the membership.

Report from Treasurer

Courtney Iaccio reported that there is currently \$68,811.05 in our checking account and \$100,026.00 in our savings account.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March 2023 Membership Meeting were distributed, but since there is not a quorum present, no action was taken on those minutes.

Report from Executive Administrator

Darcee Purvis stated that any association that has not submitted for reimbursement of 8U referee mentors can still do so until the morning of April 19th.

Registrar Training will be Saturday, May 6th at 10 AM in the Hat Trick Club at RMU. This is a mandatory meeting, so someone from each association needs to be present at the meeting. It is recommended that any association who is changing registrars for 23-24 send the outgoing and the incoming registrar. Scholze emphasized the importance of the in-person training on this topic, and Harmon added that we will be providing plenty of opportunity that day for all registrars to get comfortable with the new process.

Purvis reviewed the report on the annual progress of the Fair Play Point system. The data shows a significant reduction of 10-minute misconducts over the past 10 seasons. The 14U division traditionally had the most misconducts and took the longest to adapt to the FPP program, but that the division has gotten to a better place over the past 3 seasons. The FPP thresholds were changed at 12U prior to this season to realign with the 1-minute minor penalties, and that adjustment restored their rate of FPPs to where it was with 2-minute minors.

Purvis announced that the transition to Fryer as the new Executive Administrator is going to be expedited in the month of May. Fryer will become the primary contact, with Purvis serving as a backup. As a result, there may be some delays on items in May. Scholze stated that we will also be transitioning to some league-owned email addresses, with information to follow.

Two organizations have requested dormant status for the 23-24 season: North Hills Vipers and Johnstown Jets. The dormancy is due to those associations not intending to field teams in PAHL for the upcoming season. A motion on those requests will be presented to the membership via email.

Fryer stated that he is looking to implement new scoresheets for the 2023-24 season to address various issues. The new option will be tested in the upcoming weeks, and a decision will be made by the May meeting. For now, teams should not be bulk-ordering USA Hockey scoresheets for next season. USAH sheets can still be used for scrimmages and tournaments, so existing stock will not be rendered useless.

Rules Change Proposals

Purvis presented the proposed changes for 23-24, and a formal vote on each proposal will take place at the May meeting.

North Pittsburgh asked for clarification on the forfeit proposal in respect to a game that might not get rescheduled. South Hills asked for clarification on the additional goal given a team receiving a forfeit win for a game that was already played. A straw poll indicates that this rule should pass, as written.

The rule on start dates for tryouts is to allow us to better align with USA Hockey guidelines and adapt to any changes made at that level. A straw poll indicates that the membership approves of the change.

The revision to the emergency goalie rule is simply a clarification that an applicable player must only participate in the game as a goaltender, not a skater.

The games chart only changes for the Girls divisions, giving those teams 20 games. An additional PAHL rule would automatically reduce this number to fewer games if there were less than 6 teams in a division, as teams would not face each other more than 4 times in a league season. The change to the game counts was approved last year, so this proposal simply allows the chart to be updated in the rulebook.

The STOP patch program has been phased back from required to optional in the past few years, so the related proposal this year is to further simplify the wording of the rule.

The two proposals regarding playoff rules seek to adjust the decision-making individual to the Executive Administrator instead of a temporary Playoff Director. The Executive Administrator would better provide consistency and neutrality on those matters.

We no longer utilize a Rules and Procedures Committee, so the proposal citing that group is to remove the reference to the committee. There is language elsewhere that places the responsibility outlined in the rule in the hands of the Executive Board.

Playoff schedules have two proposals. Proposal 1 maintains what has been used the last several seasons, spanning 4 weekends. Proposal 2 reduces the span to 3 total weekends. Scholze noted that these playoff dates also dictate the date on which tryouts can begin, based on the tryout proposal. Allegheny asked if there is any consideration for having some PAHL playoffs for younger ages on the same weekend as Mid-Am State Playoffs. Scholze cited a few factors: availability of officials, availability of ice, interest in personnel attending Mid-Ams. There can be future considerations for utilizing that weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Board Elections

The President, the Second Vice President, and the Secretary positions are open for election in this calendar year, and the election will take place in June. The nomination period starts tonight and lasts for 2 months. Nominations can be made from the floor at any membership meeting or via email to the Executive Administrator at any time prior to the June meeting.

Allegheny nominated Glen Scholze for President, and Scholze accepted the nomination.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Minutes submitted by David L. Fryer, Jr.