



## PAHL Mandatory President's Meeting –October 18, 2022 PPG Paints Arena

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| Allegheny   | Josh Fajt                 |
| Altoona     | Dan Pfeilstucker          |
| Artic Foxes | Darwin King               |
| Armstrong   | Michael Heilman           |
| Aviators    | Lorie Gould/Jeff Dubinski |
| Beavers     | Sean Cogis                |
| Cambria     | Vinnie Cannizzaro         |
| Crawford    | Mason Keller              |
| Erie        | Gio Duchini               |
| Huskies     | Jim Semanko               |
| Ice Miners  | Jason Boone               |
| Indiana     | Absent                    |
| Johnstown   | Absent                    |
| Lawrence    | Marko Relic               |
| Mon Valley  | Ryan Gidel                |
| Morgantown  | Frank Oliverio            |
| Mt. Lebanon | Frank Gill                |
| North Hills | Christine George          |

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| North Pittsburgh           | Tom Trzcinski  |
| Predators                  | Frank Buonomo  |
| Renegades                  | Jack Jacobs    |
| South Hills                | Glen Siniawski |
| South Pittsburgh Rebellion | Sean Coyle     |
| State College              | Pete Brumberg  |
| Westmoreland               | Absent         |
| Wheeling                   | Absent         |
| Yetis                      | Jon Langer     |
| Youngstown                 | Lisa Kokoski   |
| PAHL                       | Dave Fryer, Jr |
| PAHL                       | Darcee Purvis  |
| PAHL                       | Ron Michalak   |
| PAHL                       | Glen Scholze   |
| MidAm                      | Kathy Santora  |
| MidAm                      | Jim Weaver     |
| MidAm                      | John Karolcik  |
| MidAm                      | John Folmer    |

The October PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Glen Scholze at 7:08 pm. All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

### USA Hockey Report

- John Folmer reports nothing new. There is not host yet for State Playoffs, but Delmont is the likely location. An official announcement is forthcoming.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the August meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Renegades, seconded by Aviators.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- November invoices will collect more per player fees, so there is still more income. In follow-up to the August discussion about per-player fees, Scholze feels that we do not need to make any decisions now regarding a fee increase for the 2023-24 season, and we will revisit the issue if it becomes applicable in the future.
- If unsure of the balance of your penalty fund, please drop me an email.
- \$144,874.44 in the checking and \$100,012.00 in the savings.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Purvis and Fryer meet weekly, and Fryer has been at the league events, such as scheduling and placement.
- Player within the Renegades organization passed away over the weekend. Details are not public at this time, but our membership needs to be aware of the matter due to the sensitivity of the situation.

## PAHL STANDING REPORTS:

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- We are on-track to match our player counts from last year, so our budget should be accurate.
- "Try Hockey For Free" program is up to 14 sites in the area. There is continued opportunity to obtain reimbursement for the ice time at those events through the Mid-Am District. The next "Try Hockey For Free" event is in February; all associations are encouraged to participate to maintain numbers.
- Mite jamboree scheduling will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Ice Castle. The 8U coordinators had a conference call this past week to start that process.
- Last season, SportsEngine added an option to set 1 minute as the length of minor penalties. Our 10U and 12U teams must select that option prior to entering the stats for each game.
- Playoffs for AA divisions will be February 25-26. 18U AA and 14U AA Major will be hosted by Mt Lebanon Hornets at Mt Lebanon, 16U AA and 14U AA Minor will be hosted by North Pgh Wildcats at Baierl, and Girls will be hosted by the Artic Foxes at RMU. Bids for all other divisions will be requested via email in about a month.

## SCHEDULING

- Placement is completed for 12U and above.
- The committee starts meeting next week for 10U, so it is important for those teams to be reporting preseason scores on time.
- There were 8 appeals on placement, and 3 were approved (moved). Purvis clarified that 7 appeals were to move up and only 1 was to move down, which was an unusual balance.

## DISCIPLINE

- There have been 86 infractions for 106 games to this point of the season. We were at 129 infractions for 143 games at this point last year, so we are trending in the right direction. Most suspensions have been for 4 penalties in a game, followed by Game Misconducts for Fighting and the 12-penalty rule for coaches.

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

### Presentation from USA Hockey

- The USA Hockey Annual Guide is an important resource for all USA Hockey members and member associations. Karolcik provided an overview of the personnel structure of MidAm and USA Hockey.
- SafeSport issues should not be confused with on-ice matters and items covered by playing rules; there is a significant cost (approximately \$15,000) to review each SafeSport report. Locker room monitors are important for safety.
- Jim Weaver is the MidAm Referee-In-Chief and discussed officiating with the membership. Associations are responsible for providing officials for games, and schedulers are asked to make an effort to ensure that newer officials are getting enough games to stay involved as referees. Officials are being asked to follow the proper procedures for removal of unruly spectators, which involves the head coach of the team and not a confrontation between the referee and the spectator(s).
- Karolcik gave an overview of how discipline is handled. The USAH rulebook app is very useful for accessing playing rules, and anyone needing quick access to rules should install that app on their phone. A violation of a non-playing rule (primarily off-ice matters) must be addressed via a hearing.

- Cummings stated that girl's hockey is the fastest growing sport in the US, and Ladd Wagner is the MidAm Girls Section Rep and is a great local resource. A designated locker room must be provided for a female on a team.
- Kathy Santora is the MidAm High School Section leader and is the chair of the Roger Sharrer Grow Hockey Award. Over \$87,000 given out in the past year to 31 associations. The purpose of these financial awards is truly to get more kids into hockey, not to provide for existing players.
- Individuals performing duties in the scorer's box and penalty boxes are deemed to be volunteers with no authority, so there are no requirements for clearances and screenings of those people.

Motion to adjourn by Aviators, seconded by North Hills. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.