



PAHL Mandatory Meeting – June 15, 2021

Allegheny	Josh Fajt
Altoona	Dan Pfeilstucker
Arctic Foxes	Glenn Berkenfeld
Armstrong	Jim Rearic
Aviators	Jeff Dzubinski
Beaver	Sean Cogis
Cambria	Absent
Crawford	Matt Barrett
Erie	Gio Duchini
Huskies	Jim Semanko
Ice Miners	Jeff Fleck
Indiana	Kim Carretti
Johnstown	Jon Knobloch
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain
Mon Valley	Joey Manning
Morgantown	Mike Smith
Mt. Lebanon	Scot Lehman
North Hills	Christine George

North Pittsburgh	Tom Dimond
Predators	Absent
Renegades	Jack Jacobs
South Hills	Rich West
Southpointe	Kelli Caputo
State College	Pete Brumberg
Westmoreland	Absent
Wheeling	Caitlin Rodocker
Yetis	Jon Langer
Youngstown	Tiffany Webb
PAHL	Darcee Purvis
PAHL	Glen Scholze
PAHL	Courtney Iaccio
PAHL	Ron Michalak
PAHL	Jill Harmon
PAHL	Frank Buonomo
MIDAM	Gina Colligan

The June PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Glen Scholze at 7:02pm. All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

USAH

- Gina Colligan reminded everyone to register and have representation at the MidAm meeting on 6/26, and encouraged those in attendance via the Zoom call to ask question, especially around playing rules decisions.
- Glen Scholze announced that USA Hockey voted in a new President
- Glen provided commentary on the highlights for new rules voted in for the 2021-25 rulebook. Brief discussion was had about the items listed, and everyone was informed that the PAHL has no authority to remove or override any rules in the rulebook.

The USA Hockey Board of Directors approved the rulebook for 2021-25. The organization modifies/updates the playing rules on a four-year cycle.

- The principles of the declaration of safety, fair play, and respect that were originally passed by the Board in 2019 will be fully implemented into the new rulebook, including zero tolerance of hateful and discriminatory language and as well as hits from behind, hits to the head and late hits.
- **All levels of youth hockey outside of high school will include both immediate offside and the removal of the exception to ice the puck when shorthanded.**
- Major and match penalties will be determined on the principle of reckless endangerment, not based on injury.
- All major penalties will now also include a game misconduct penalty.
- Modified the length of penalties based on length of period.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the May meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Jeff Dzubinski, seconded by Pete Brumberg.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$100,000 now in savings and checking balance is \$47,843.30
- Invoice first installment of per player fees to each association
- Associations were asked to replenish their penalty fund back to \$200 for the upcoming season
- Scholarship checks were sent out to the institutions for the five announced winners
- Reminder to cash the Grow the Sport checks if they have not been taken care of

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No items to report

COMPETITION/PLACEMENT REPORT

- Rosters are beginning to be received and a reminder was provided to have them sent in by June 30 if tryouts were completed in May, and July 15th for tryouts completed in June. First Placement Committee meeting will take place the 2nd weekend of August.
- Registrars can continue to add players after original spreadsheet submission by providing specific details via email on the additions or subtractions
- 1 more spot is open on the Placement Committee and preferably looking to fill it with a representative from associations in the southern region.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

- No items to report

SAFETY REPORT

- No items to report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Request for associations to review the thank you videos from the PAHL Scholarship winners as they will be removed at the end of June
- Emails will be sent out over the summer months for the new season, so please ensure that all proper contacts are sent in if there are changes
- Calendar draft has been created and will be communicated post meeting. District Tournament dates have been confirmed with MidAm
- Scheduling – Plan is to maximize the preseason schedule by conducting that effort via email, including 10U. Girls and main scheduling will be conducted in-person to ensure the timing of getting the season underway with the backend work needed for setup
- Paul Day announced that the MidAm District has unused money from last season and will be looking to allocate it to Grow the Sport programs including Girls hockey. Details should be announced at the MidAm meeting on 6/26.

OLD BUSINESS

- Executive Board Elections:
 - Secretary – Two candidates nominated for the vacancy, and due to the meeting being conducted virtually, voting was conducted via email with association Presidents.
 - Final vote – Crystal Ochwat 15, Lindsay Riether 12

NEW BUSINESS

- No new items raised

Motion to adjourn by Jim Rearic, seconded by Christine George. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.