

PAHL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2017

Allegheny	John Gable	North Hills	Amy O'Neill
Altoona	Bryan Imler	North Pgh	Jay Lamark
Arctic Foxes	Mark Zukowski	Predators	Frank Buonomo
Aviators	Ron Strilka	Renegades	Ray Bossong
Beaver	Paul Portugallo	South Hills	Nick DeRose
Bulter Valley	John Folmer	South Hills	Ron Michalak
Cambria	Chris Glessner	Southpointe	Joe Lombardi
Crawford	Dan Foster	State College	Jim Detwiler
Huskies	Ray Suhadolnik	Westmoreland	Lance Brunetto
Indiana	John Mock	Westmoreland	Jason Sloan
Johnstown	Nick Mish	Youngstown	Jim Willock
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain	PAHL	Jill Harmon
Morgantown	Mike Smith	PAHL	Rose Hoffmann
Mt Lebanon	Mark Baumgartner	PAHL	Dave Klasnick
North Hills	Christine George	PAHL	Darcee Purvis

Associations absent: Armstrong, Erie, Ice Miners, Mon Valley, Wheeling.

President John Folmer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary John Mudrany was not in attendance.

January minutes were presented for approval. Motion by Mark Zukowski, second by Amy O'Neill; approved by majority.

February minutes were presented for approval. Motion by Chris Glessner, second by John Gable; approved by majority.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rose Hoffmann reported league bank balances to be \$146,286 in checking and \$49,103 in savings. ODSET reimbursement checks were all mailed out.

Rose reported that a number of scholarship applications have been received and are being evaluated by her academic panel. Three finalists will be selected and the awards will be presented at the April meeting.

USAH REPORT

USAH Reps were not in attendance. ED Darcee Purvis reported that she would not be available to attend the USAH Annual Congress in June and recommended that the membership approve for John Folmer to attend, with PAHL paying the expenses, which are normally around \$1500. (there is a possibility that Mid Am may cover some of the expenses) Motion by Jim Willock; second by Frank Buonomo; approved by majority.

Darcee also announced and congratulated Mark Zukowski for being appointed the new Mid Am Risk Manager.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

ED Darcee Purvis reported on the following:

- A. USAH playing rule changes were reviewed at the last meeting and a PAHL position statement was drafted to send. Motion by Mark Baumgartner; second by John Gable; approved by majority.
- B. A second Grow the Sport Award was applied for by the Youngstown Phantoms and they were approved by the Exec Board for \$4000 towards hard boards (cost of about 13,000 – association fundraised the remainder)
- C. Mite Ref Mentor Reimbursements are due by March 31.
- D. PAHL is sponsoring 18 refs to the annual PEOC training camp at a cost of \$4185.00.
- E. Academic Allstars are winding down. About 1300 have been sent so far.
- F. The next girls planning meeting is May 11.
- G. Playoff feedback was requested. Some general discussion ensued. Noted were the number of close games, overtimes, and shoot outs.
- H. The Ponytail Jamboree was March 5 with 4 teams of participants.
- I. Fair Play final statistics were emailed out. Results show 30% drop in 10 min misconducts over the past 4 years.
- J. PAHL has received a new membership application from Presque Isle Youth Hockey Association / Lake Erie Tigers. They do not have USAH membership yet as an association which is required in PAHL Bylaws so their application will not be accepted at this time. Once they are an approved USAH association they can resubmit for consideration.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Director Jill Harmon reported that association spreadsheets will be sent in April as association tryouts get started. She emphasized that associations need to provide their best guess as to projected competitive level for their teams.

Jill reviewed some of the highly competitive divisions.

DISCIPLINE DIRECTOR

Director Bryan Imler reported that there is one more match penalty hearing to finish out the season. Carry over suspensions will be emailed out to associations.

President John Folmer noted that new Discipline Committee members are needed.

GROW THE SPORT / MITE HOCKEY

Director Dave Klasnick reviewed the recent mite planning meeting on March 16. There was good discussion about the topics. Some rule change suggestions were made and will be discussed during the rule change section of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PIHO Officiating Proposal. A proposal from PIHO (Pennsylvania Ice Hockey Officiating, LLC) to take over the PAHL referee scheduling was received and will be distributed to all Presidents following the meeting. It is requested that all associations review and send pro/con statements by April 10 to assist in the discussion and voting at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rule Changes. Rule change proposals were emailed out ahead of time. The following rule changes were discussed and either approved or not approved as noted.

HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES:

1. Change references to midgets, bantams, etc to 18U, 16U, 14U etc.

II. STATISTICS AND STANDINGS

2. STANDINGS:

- A. League standings will be determined by the following point system. These points for wins, losses, and ties will be combined with Fair Play Points to provide Total Points to determine teams' qualification for playoffs and season first place positions.

Win = 2 points Tie = 1 point Loss = 0 points

- B. If a tie exists, the following tiebreaker system will be used.

- i. For two teams tied in total points:

1. Head to head league games (wins, losses, and/or ties only; if a three or more way tie exists, see 2.B.ii. below. all teams must have played each other the same number of times in order to use this first tiebreaker).
2. Number of wins in league games.
3. Lowest goals against.
4. Lowest penalty minutes.
5. Greatest goal ratio: GF divided by GA (GF/GA)

- ii. For three or more teams tied in total points:

1. All teams must have played each other the same number of times in order to use the first tiebreaker, 2B.i.1., head to head. If they have not all played each other as such, start with the second tiebreaker, 2.b.2, number of wins.
2. If one tie breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team(s) are placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tie breaking process again at 2.B.i.1., head to head.

- C. A forfeited game will be counted for PAHL season standings as a 1-0 loss. The opposing team will receive a 1-0 win. This includes all games (wins – ties – and losses).

- i. Teams involved in forfeited games will receive the following statistics:

1. The winning team receives goals for (GF) based on the GF average of their PAHL regular season games at the end of the season
2. The losing team receives goals against (GA) based on the GA average of their PAHL regular season games at the end of the season.
3. No Fair Play Points are awarded in a forfeited game as no game was played.

- ~~D. If the results of a forfeited game will cause a first place team or a last into the playoffs team to be bumped to second place or bumped out of the playoffs entirely, the following process will be followed:~~

- ~~i. The tiebreaker system in Rule II.2.B will be used between the first place team and the team receiving the forfeit win, or between the last into the playoffs team and the team receiving the forfeit win, to determine who will be awarded the first place position, or the final playoff position.~~
- ~~ii. The forfeited game will not count in total wins for this calculation.~~

- E. The Fair Play Point System will be used for Midgets through Squirts and Girls divisions. Teams will be able to earn one (1) additional point in the standings by meeting Fair Play criteria for a league game. In order to qualify for the additional point teams must comply with the following.

- i. Penalties in minutes for the game cannot exceed the thresholds established for that particular division.
- ii. Proper coaches' behavior is necessary; no game misconducts or match penalties assessed to any coach on that team's bench.
- iii. If PIM for the game exceeds double the threshold allowed, then the team will have a fair play point subtracted from their season to date total.

SECTION 2B.
MOTION: M BAUMGARTNER
SECOND: M ZUKOWSKI
APPROVED

SECTION 2C.
MOTION: M BAUMGARTNER
SECOND: M ZUKOWSKI
APPROVED

SECTION 2D.
MOTION: J GABLE
SECOND: M BAUMGARTNER
NOT APPROVED

SECTION 2E.
MOTION: M BAUMGARTNER
SECOND: C GLESSNER
Amend proposed thresholds
from 14 back to 16.
MOTION: R MOCK
SECOND: J WILLOCK
APPROVED

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DIVISION	PIM THRESHOLD	PIM THRESHOLD AFTER WHICH A FFP IS SUBTRACTED
Midgets	16	32
Bantams	16	32
Pewees	14-16	28-32
Squirts	14-16	28-32
Girls 19U, 16U	16	32
Girls 14U, 12U, 10U	14-16	28-32

III. TEAMS

1. AGE CLASSIFICATION:

A. The following age classifications are in effect for teams playing in the PAHL.

SECTION 1A. 1B.
MOTION: J GABLE
SECOND: A O'NEILL
APPROVED

YOUTH TEAMS	GIRLS TEAMS
Midget – 18 and under	19U – ages 19 to 13
Midget – 16 and under	16U – ages 16 to 12
Bantam – 14 and under	14U – ages 14 to 10
Pewee – 12 and under	12U – ages 12 to 9
Squirt – 10 and under	10U – ages 10 to 9
Mite – 8 and under	

B. PAHL age classifications for Youth team league play will comply with USAH guidelines. Age classifications for house/rec Girls team league play will conform to the progression chart below, as approved by the Mid Am District of USAH.

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022 AND FORWARD
19U – ages 19-13	19U – ages 19-14	19U – ages 19-15	19U – ages 19-16
16U – ages 16-12	16U – ages 16-13	16U – ages 16-13	16U – ages 16-14
14U – ages 14-10	14U – ages 14-11	14U – ages 14-11	14U – ages 14-12
12U – ages 12-10	12U – ages 12-10	12U – ages 12-10	12U – ages 12-10
10U – ages 10-9	10U – ages 10-9	10U – ages 10-9	10U – ages 10-9

3. TEAM TRYOUTS

A. Member associations will not hold tryouts for teams until after April 1.

i. The only exceptions that will be granted are in cases of home rinks taking down ice before April 1. If this applies, the association must request approval from PAHL and must provide a letter (email) from the rink manager to the PAHL as to the last day of ice availability.

B. Member associations scheduling tryouts for national bound teams are required to follow requirements as written in the USAH Annual Guide for those teams. Those requirements include waiting a minimum of 48 hours after the USAH National Championship Tournaments have concluded, as well as restrictions on advertising and clinic offerings.

SECTION 3A. AND 3B.
MOTION: F BUONOMO
SECOND: J GABLE
APPROVED

IV. REGISTRATION

3. PLAYER REGISTRATION:

F. Girls may be rostered on up to two (2) PAHL teams.

- i. One must be a girls' team.
- ii. The second team may be either a youth or a girls' team, but if a girls' team it must be in a different division.
- iii. Only A maximum of five (5) girls may be double rostered from other between girls' teams. Double rostering under this rule must be within a single association, and may not cross over to other association girls' teams.

SECTION 3F.
MOTION: J GABLE
SECOND: A O'NEILL
APPROVED

H. Goalies may be rostered on two PAHL teams within the same PAHL association.

- iv. Goalies may be rostered on a second team during the season, subject to PAHL and USAH roster requirements.
 1. Goalies that will double roster cannot be rostered and processed until PAHL Team Placement is complete for the divisions affected.
 2. Goalie double rostering can only be done from a lower skill / age team upwards. Goalies may not be rostered down under this rule.
 3. Goalies may double roster up one birth year, except for mites to squirts, subject to proper approvals.
- v. Goalie placement on a second team must be processed through the PAHL Placement Committee like all other player placement, and is subject to the approval or denial by the authority of the PAHL Placement Committee. Denials may occur based on the competitive appropriateness of the player for the division in which the team participates.
- vi. Goalies may not be deleted from a second team, and added to a third team during the season. Choices one and two are final.
- vii. Emergency goalie placement additions after December 31 must be done by and are is final as of the last game day of the regular season. Changes are not permitted the week of PAHL Playoffs.
- viii. Double rostered goalies may not participate with both teams in the playoffs. Goalies must choose which team they will play for and once that team is done, they cannot participate with the second team.

SECTION 3H.
MOTION: M ZUKOWSKI
SECOND: M BAUMGARTNER
Friendly Amendment added
and highlighted in green
APPROVED

VI. CANCELLATIONS

1. GAME POSTPONEMENT:

A. It is the philosophy of the PAHL that teams should play their full schedule of games. So every effort should be made to reschedule no shows so the players do not lose the opportunity to play the games. In addition, reference Rule V.3.G., which states that all games must be played by any one team to qualify for PAHL Playoffs.

B. Extreme inclement weather, rink equipment failure, inadequate number of required referees, or other extraordinary circumstances shall be grounds for game postponement and will not constitute a forfeit require that game costs be reimbursed.

- i. This decision will be made by the two PAHL association Presidents, the PAHL Executive Director, or designated Executive Board members, and if necessary by the PAHL Rules Committee.
- ii. Coaches, referees, and team managers are not authorized to cancel games.
- iii. The game should be rescheduled at the rink where it was originally scheduled to be played. The game may be rescheduled at the opponent's rink, or a neutral site, if home ice is not available or the teams agree.

SECTIONS 1B. 1C. 1D. 1E. 1F.
MOTION: A O'NEILL
SECOND: D FOSTER
Friendly Amendments added
and highlighted in green
APPROVED

C. Any team not showing up to play a scheduled game except for the above reasons in 1.B will forfeit the game unless both PAHL association Presidents consent to reschedule the game reschedule the game and the following will apply:

- i. The canceling PAHL member association of the no show team is liable for all game costs incurred by the home association.

- ii. The game should be rescheduled at the rink where it was originally scheduled to be played. The game may be rescheduled at the opponents rink, or a neutral site, if home ice is not available or the teams agree.
- D. Any team cancelling a scheduled game except for the reasons in 1.B will reschedule the game and the following will apply:
 - i. If the cancellation notification is within 24 hours prior to the game, the canceling PAHL member association is liable for all game costs.
 - ii. If the cancellation notification is within 72 hours but more than 24 hours prior to the game, the cancelling PAHL member association is liable for 50% of actual game costs incurred that the home association was not able to cancel.
 - iii. The game should be rescheduled at the rink where it was originally scheduled to be played. The game may be rescheduled at the opponent's rink, or a neutral site, if home ice is not available or the teams agree.
- E. A team that shows up for a scheduled PAHL league game without a coach will be considered a no show, and be required to forfeit or reschedule as per 1.B. above.
- F. If a visiting team shows up to play and the home team is a no show, except for circumstances outlined in A-B. above, the home team will be fined \$100.00 and will be required to forfeit or reschedule as per 1-B 1.C.ii above. The fine will be credited to the visiting association's PAHL Fee Account.

2. GAME CHANGES:

- A. After scheduling of the current season, (other than situations covered in A. above) a PAHL member association team is responsible for the \$25.00 game change fee for their first game change (fee for date change only), unless made during the ten (10) day grace period following the scheduling date. Any subsequent game date changes by that team will result in a \$250.00 fee per game to the requesting organization. The \$250 fee may be waived down to \$25 in cases that are beyond the control of the team / association, subject to approval by the PAHL Executive Board.

3. GAME FORFEITS:

- A. Game forfeits will not be permitted until the end of the season, and until all efforts to reschedule are exhausted.

- i. Game forfeits must be approved by PAHL.
- ii. The PAHL member association of the team forfeiting must reimburse the PAHL member association of the non-forfeiting team the sum of all game costs (ice, refs, emt) for the game(s) not played.

SECTION 3A.
MOTION: M ZUKOWSKI
SECOND: F BUONOMO
APPROVED

VII. GAMES

8. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:

- D. All PAHL players must wear a "STOP patch" on the back of their jersey for all PAHL games.

- i. "STOP" stands for the "Safety Towards Other Players" Program.
- ii. A player is not able to play in any game that the "STOP patch" is missing.
- iii. The scorekeeper will not start the game clock until the player without a "STOP patch" leaves the ice.
- iv. Curfew times will not be changed.
- v. The "STOP patch" must be placed in the center back of the jersey, right above the number, and below any name plate affixed to the jersey. Existing jerseys that have the "STOP" incorrectly placed should be changed if possible, short of making players buy new jerseys or incurring significant costs. All new jerseys purchased going forward from the 1617 season must have the "STOP" in the correct location.

SECTION 8D.
MOTION: M BAUMGARTNER
SECOND: F BUONOMO
APPROVED



11. SCORE SHEET:

G. Upon completion of a PAHL league game, the home team is responsible for forwarding game results to the appropriate Division Statistician.

SECTION 11G.
MOTION: J WILLOCK
SECOND: F BUONOMO
APPROVED

- i. The white (top) copy of the game score sheet must be scanned and emailed to the division statistician by Monday, 6:00 pm, following the weekend the game was played. The scan must clearly show both rosters and all scoring and penalty sections. If the score sheet document is not legible the team will be notified and the sheet will need to be resubmitted.

VIII. PLAYOFFS

6. GAME RULES:

C. Single elimination format qualifying playoff games tied at the end of regulation time will be decided as follows.

SECTION 6C.
MOTION: F BUONOMO
SECOND: J LOMBARDI
APPROVED

- i. Five minute sudden death 5 on 5 overtime.
- ii. Five minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime.
- iii. Five player shootout (home team choice to go first).
- iv. Sudden death shootout. First unanswered goal wins. The entire player roster (except goalies) must be used before repeating any shooters. The five players participating in the first shootout may not shoot until all other players on the roster have shot.

X. PAHL MITE RED, WHITE AND BLUE HOCKEY

1. PAHL PROGRAM PHILOSOPHIES

C. All 8 and under age players as of 12/31 will play cross ice Jamboree hockey in PAHL. ~~No 8 and under players will be permitted to play up to squirt on a PAHL participating team.~~

D. Select 8 and under age players may play up one birth year to the 10U division if they meet all of the following requirements.

- i. 8U players may only play up to 10U in the Association with which they participated in an 8U program.
- ii. 8U players must have played in an 8U ADM Cross Ice program for at least two years.
- iii. An 8U player must be evaluated through the Association tryouts as an exceptionally skilled player.
- iv. The Association may have up to two (2) 8U players on each of their 1st and/or 2nd 10U teams, provided those teams are placed in one of the top three 10U divisions in the league.
- v. If necessary, an 8U player may be moved back down from 10U to 8U if the player proves to not be ready for the play up after all. The deadline for these moves is 12/31.

SECTION 1C. 1D.
MOTION: D FOSTER
SECOND: J WILLOCK
NOT APPROVED

5. JAMBOREE GAME PLAY:

B. The following rules for cross association Jamborees apply.

SECTIONS 5B. AND 5H.
MOTION: C GLESSNER
SECOND: J MOCK
APPROVED

- iii. Games in the Red division may be played half ice (dividers across center ice). Games in the White and Blue divisions are to be played cross ice only (dividers at blue lines).
- xvi. Cross ice games will run 12 to 15 minutes with a running clock and a buzzer every 60 to 90 seconds. The clock and buzzer choice should be made to maximize the ice usage. At the end of the 12 minute each period, the team units will switch and play a new cross ice game against a new team unit, with an approximate 2 minute break to allow teams to enter and exit playing areas.

H. Cancellations and No Shows are governed by Section VI. Cancellations, of these PAHL rules.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Elections. Nominations were opened for the positions of President, Secretary, and Competition Director. The following were nominated:

President – John Folmer

Secretary – John Mudrany

Competition Director – Jill Harmon

Nominations will remain open until the April meeting, and may be emailed to the PAHL up to that meeting. Elections will occur during the April meeting.

Executive Director Contract. The PAHL board discussed and approved a 3 year contract extension for Darcee Purvis, Executive Director. Approved fees to be paid going forward will be a one time upfront fee of \$2000, plus increased annual payments totaling \$68, 250 each year for the next 3 years.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by PAHL Executive Director Darcee Purvis.