



MANDATORY MEETING APRIL 4, 2018

Allegheny	John Gable
Altoona	Bryan Imler
Arctic Foxes	Dan Gynn
Armstrong	Ray Brison
Aviators	John Davis
Beaver	Absent
Butler Valley	John Folmer
Cambria	Chris Glessner
Crawford	Absent
Erie	Tim Maciulewicz,
	Gary Denofrio
	Amy Andrews-Hooks
Huskies	Absent
Ice Miners	Absent
Indiana	Perry Muir
Johnstown	Absent
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain
Mon Valley	Jack Cadwallader
Morgantown	Ryan Wilson

Mt Lebanon	Mark Baumgartner
North Hills	Tricia Kreitzer
North Pgh	Jay Lamark
Phantoms	DanLaCivita
Predators	Frank Buonomo
Renegades	Jack Jacobs
South Hills	Glen Siniawski
Southpointe	Absent
State College	Jim Detwiler
Westmoreland	Jason Sloan
Wheeling	Absent
PAHL	Jill Harmon
PAHL	Rose Hoffmann
PAHL	Dave Klasnick
PAHL	Darcee Purvis
PAHL	John Folmer
PAHL	Frank Buonomo
USAH	Biff Cummings

Meeting called to order by John Folmer at 7:04pm

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Todd Chamberlain motion to approve, seconded by Chris Glessner, and minutes approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

- \$130,988.06 in checking account and \$74,116.64 in savings account.
- Scholarships will be awarded at May meeting – there will be three winners.
- Referee mentor checks will be mailed to associations.

USA HOCKEY/MID-AM:

- State Tournament went well, no issues.
- District looking to issue an agreement to all associations – contact information and required signature from president agreeing to be compliant with USA Hockey rules. The intention is to require this agreement before the association is cleared to register teams for the season. Checking rules for 14U level may be voted on at USA Hockey Annual Meeting in June. USAH has the authority to make changes effective immediately if changes are made and they choose to do so.
- Mid-Am Annual meeting will be held on June 23, 2018 in Columbus and we encourage someone to go from each association. This is the only meeting you can vote at.

PRESIDENT:

- Discussion will be during rules.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

- Everyone aware we lost Bernie Woodrow of North Hills Hockey. PAHL sent dinner and donation to

their association fund. Also lost Sally Figus, long time hockey volunteer in Pgh, primarily in PIHL.

- Calendar distributed for 2018-19 season.
- Make sure your association by-laws, rules and regulations are updated and sent to PAHL.
- Please send updated board information as it becomes available.
- Academic All-Stars are all in the mail - about 1,350 this year.
- Please submit the referee mentor information ASAP!
- Pointstreak will be going away and Sports Engine will be the new platform and website. More information to follow.
- Tyler Kennedy will instruct coaches off and on ice to teach checking and body positioning. 14U and 16U coaches will be invited. Six locations at the end of August and more information will follow.
- Monday, May 14 is the next girls planning meeting.
- Motion made by Mark Baumgartner to have Brian Imler attend USA Hockey Annual Meeting and Amy Andrews-Hooks 2nd – trip expense approved.

COMPETITION

- Data entry sheets will be sent to registrars in late April/early May.
- Submit what rosters you have and you can make changes as you add players over the Summer.
- Provide the level that you think teams will be playing at during the year when submitting rosters.

DISCIPLINE DIRECTOR:

- Match penalties have all been heard and caught up.
- Final reports for suspensions that will carry over to next season will be sent to the associations in August.

GROW THE SPORT:

- Recap of end year mite planning meeting.
- No rule changes.
- Discussions on half-ice was positive and this will continue.
- Net size was standard intermediate nets. Looking to find a different net size and have additional discussion.
- Scheduling will be adjusted to alleviate pre-scheduling.
- Declarations for your mite teams will be submitted earlier this season to help the scheduling process.
- Working through scheduling for teams that have travel challenges – more discussion to come.
- Please make sure you use the referee mentor program at the mite level.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2018-19 Rule Changes – see attachment
- Discussion and report on 14U checking. Information distributed from discussion meeting. We will need to follow the USA Hockey directive.
- Fair Play analysis of 2017-18 distributed.
- Recommend for peewee and squirt to decrease to 14 PIM's – discussion at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Erie Youth Hockey vote to reinstate to active status.
- Motion to return Erie to active status - John Gable and 2nd from Jay Lamark– Vote approved - Erie back to active PAHL status.
- Two-rink facility being built in Erie.
- May director elections – nominations – treasurer, grow the sport, discipline. Please send names to Darcee if you have interest.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Motion to adjourn Mark Baumgartner, 2nd by John Gable.
- Meeting concluded at 8:53pm

PAHL RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR THE 1819 SEASON

II. STATISTICS AND STANDINGS

1. DIVISION STATISTICIANS:

- A. Will review and verify PAHL score sheets against the game record entered by the team(s) into the Pointstreak scoring system. Will report any discrepancies to PAHL for correction.
- B. Report game penalties, game suspensions, and match penalties, and any noted game incidents to the PAHL Discipline Director.
- ~~C. Track and verify the proper serving of game suspensions.~~
- ~~D. Verify score sheet accuracy, completeness and timeliness, and report any situations that need fines assessed to the PAHL Executive Director. and assess fines to PAHL member association Presidents where applicable.~~
- E. Contact team representative when score sheets are not received within the proper time frame.
- F. Verify all players on score sheets at least three times per year with the appropriate team/player documentation.

MOTION BY MARK BAUMGARTNER; SECOND BY DAN GYNN; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

II. STATISTICS AND STANDINGS

2. STANDINGS:

- C. A forfeited game **that was never played** 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 **these** 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. The team receiving the win will also receive 1 Fair Play point.~~

AMENDMENT BY DAN GYNN; SECOND BY RYAN WILSON; APPROVED BY MAJORITY
- D. A forfeited game that was played and is assigned as a forfeit as a result of a rule violation 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).
 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. The winning team will keep their Fair Play point as earned; +1, 0, or -1. The forfeiting team will forfeit their Fair Play point if it is a +1; will keep if it is a 0 or -1.

MOTION BY DAN GYNN; SECOND BY MARK BAUMGARTNER; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

I. TEAMS

1. AGE CLASSIFICATION:

YOUTH TEAMS	GIRLS TEAMS
18U	19U – ages 19 to 13
16U	16U – ages 16 to 12
14U	14U – ages 14 to 10
12U	12U – ages 12 to 9
10U	10U – ages 10 to 9
8U	

MOTION BY TRICIA KREITZER; SECOND BY CHRIS GLESSNER; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

IV. REGISTRATION

2. PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- H. Goalies may be rostered on two PAHL teams within the same PAHL association.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Goalies may not be deleted from a second team, and added to a third team during the season. Choices one and two are final.
 - iv. Emergency goalie additions after December 31 must be done by and are final as of the last game day of the regular season. Changes are not permitted the week of PAHL Playoffs.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. Associations should set a progression plan for goalie coverage at the beginning of the season and have goalie replacements submitted and approved in October.

MOTION BY TRICIA KREITZER; SECOND BY JAY LAMARK; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

A. SCHEDULING

3. NUMBERS, LENGTH, AND TIME OF GAMES:

- C. All PAHL league games must have the following minimum ice slots available for game play, excluding resurfacing time.

18U / 16U with 2 nd period ice cut	100 minutes
18U / 16U without 2 nd period ice cut	90 minutes
14U AA	90 minutes
14U A/B / Girls 14U	70 minutes
12U / 10U / Girls 12U / 10U	65 minutes
Girls 19U / 16U	90 minutes

- D. The following time periods will be used for game play.

18U / 16U	15 – 15 – 15
14U AA	15 – 15 – 15
14U A/B	12 – 12 – 12
12U / 10U	12 – 12 – 12
Girls 14U / 12U / 10U	12 – 12 – 12
Girls 19U / 16U	15 – 15 – 15

MOTION BY TRICIA KREITZER; SECOND BY JASON SLOAN; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

A. SCHEDULING

3. NUMBERS, LENGTH, AND TIME OF GAMES:

F. No PAHL game may be scheduled to start before 7:00 am, or after 8:00 pm, on Saturdays and Sundays, except for 18U, 16U, or Girls 19U, 16U, games which may have an evening start time as late as 9:00 pm.

EXTENSION OF START TIME REQUESTED BY ARCTIC FOXES.

**AMENDMENT TO ALLOW ONLY ON SAT BY TODD CHAMBERLAIN;
SECOND BY JOHN GABLE; NOT APPROVED**

MOTION BY DAN GYNN; SECOND BY MARK BAUMGARTNER; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

VI. CANCELLATIONS

1. GAME FORFEITS **FOR GAMES NOT PLAYED:**

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

- i. Game forfeits **for games not played** 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.

1. If the forfeiting team is the visitor, the reimbursement is on the home team's cost scale.
2. If the forfeiting team is the home team, the reimbursement is on the visitor team's cost scale.

**MOTION BY JOHN GABLE; SECOND BY MARK BAUMGARTNER
MOTION TO TABLE BY RAY BRISON; SECOND BY AMY HOOKS; APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

VII. GAMES

6. NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

A. Each PAHL team must have the proper minimum number of players dressed and on the ice before the opening face-off, ~~under penalty of forfeiture~~. The teams cannot waive this rule. ~~Fines may be assessed if a violation occurs.~~ **A fine of \$100 will be assessed to a team that plays a game with less than the required number of players. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**

MOTION BY DAN GYNN; SECOND BY TODD CHAMBERLAIN; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

VII. GAMES

7. TEAM DOCUMENTS:

- A. Each PAHL team coach and/or manager must have in their possession at every PAHL scheduled game the following documents.
- i. A USAH "Player Roster Form" that has been certified by the Mid Am Hockey Registrar to be true and correct.
 - ii. Evidence of completion of required USAH Coaching Education Program (CEP) clinics and Age Specific Training Modules. Evidence of Act 33/34 screening and Safe Sport compliance as required by USAH for each coach and manager. **A current USAH roster showing these requirements is sufficient as evidence of completion.**
 - iii. Other USAH or PAHL documents pertinent to players and coaches eligibility.
 - iv. PAHL "Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver" form for any player that is playing up at an age level that is one year in age above USAH's recommended guidelines.

MOTION BY JOHN GABLE; SECOND BY TODD CHAMBERLAIN; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

VII. GAMES

9. GAME TIME:

B. When one team has a lead of seven (7) or more goals there will be a "running clock".

- i. The clock will run continuously except when a goal is scored, a penalty is called, the puck leaves the playing area, or a player is injured.
- ii. Penalties occurring with a “running clock” will also be on “running time” and will be consistent with USAH rules. There is no 3 minute penalty during the “running clock” time.
- iii. The game will return to “stop time” whenever the goal differential is six (6) goals or less.
- iv. The “running clock” will not start prior to the second **third** period even if the seven (7) goal lead is attained in the first period.
- v. A maximum goal differential of seven (7) will be the largest goal differential that can be displayed on the scoreboard.

NO MOTION; RULE CHANGE NOT CONSIDERED

VIII. PLAYOFFS

1. GAME RULES:

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

- vi. Five minute sudden death 5 on 5 overtime.
- vii. Five minute sudden death 4 on 4 overtime.
- viii. Five player shootout (home team choice to go first).
- ix. Sudden death shootout **in sets of 5 players.** First unanswered goal wins. ~~The entire player roster (except goalies) must be used before repeating any shooters.~~ The five players participating in the **first previous five player** shootout **may not shoot until all other players on the roster have shot** cannot participate in the first sudden death shootout. **Going forward, players cannot participate in consecutive 5 player sudden death shootouts.**

REQUESTED DUE TO VARYING SIZES OF TEAM ROSTERS MAKING THE SUDDEN DEATH SHOOT OUT POSSIBLY LOPSIDED IN TERMS OF PLAYERS CHOSEN FOR PARTICIPATION.

NO MOTION; WILL BE REWRITTEN FOR MAY MEETING CONSIDERATION

IX. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

2. INELIGIBLE PLAYER:

C. A player who is not rostered with USAH will result in:

- i. The immediate suspension of that player until the proper PAHL and USAH roster processes are completed.
- ii. The immediate suspension of the head coach for each game that the player participated in up to a maximum of three (3) games.
- iii. Forfeiture of all games said player participated in.
- iv. ~~If documentation is provided by the association that shows the player was submitted properly by the association, and subsequent processing did not meet the proper timelines or just did not complete, then the forfeiture of all games and any coach suspensions will be waived.~~ **If documentation is provided by the association evidencing administrative error in the rostering process game forfeits and/or coach suspensions may be waived by the PAHL Executive Board.**

MOTION BY AMY ANDREWS-HOOKS; SECOND BY TRICIA KREITZER; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

IX. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

4. SUSPENSIONS:

~~F. A player or coach will receive additional penalties under the USAH 5/15 rules.~~

- ~~i. If a player/coach receives a 2nd game misconduct during the PAHL season, they will receive an automatic additional two game suspension, for total three game suspensions.~~
- ~~ii. If a player/coach receives a 3rd game misconduct during the PAHL season, they will receive an automatic additional three game suspension, for total four game suspensions, and will have a discipline hearing before the PAHL Discipline Committee for further actions.~~

STRIKE THIS SECTION AND USE SECTION G ONLY TO TRACK AND PENALIZE ACCUMULATION OF GAME MISCONDUCTS.

MOTION BY MARK BAUMGARTNER; SECOND BY JOHN GABLE; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

IX. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

5. REPORTING SUSPENSIONS:

B. All infractions causing a suspension must be reported to the PAHL Discipline Director by the offending player's association by any means within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident.

- i. All suspensions must be reported and served, even though they may not appear correctly on the score sheet.
- ii. It is the team / association responsibility to know the rules and serve suspensions appropriately. Any failure to do so will be penalized under the PAHL ineligible player rules.
- iii. ~~Failure to report within this specified time period will result in a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine to the negligent association.~~

MOTION BY JOHN GABLE; SECOND BY AMY ANDREWS-HOOKS; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

IX. DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

7. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL DISCIPLINE:

D. Reporting of incidents or issues that may fall under Supplemental Discipline from an association's membership must come through the association president. Reports from coaches or parents will be referred back to the association president to be reviewed, and then reported back to PAHL properly.

MOTION BY JAY LAMARK; SECOND BY MARK BAUMGARTNER; APPROVED BY MAJORITY

VIII. PLAYOFFS

CONVERT ALL 12U DIVISIONS TO THE SAME ODSSET TOURNAMENT FORMAT AS THE 10U DIVISIONS. RATIONAL FOR SUBMITTING IS BELOW – REQUESTED BY STATE COLLEGE.

. . . in PAHL, only the top "X" teams make the playoffs at the 12U level and above. At 10U, every team makes the playoffs. If our goal is to develop hockey and hockey players, then I would think that allowing all teams at least in the 10U and 12U levels to make the playoffs would create a more optimal development environment for our coaches. If that were the case, coaches could make decisions during the season that might better develop their players and teams versus being concerned with the wins and losses associated with making (or not making) the playoffs. Especially when a "bad run" early in the year could completely remove the playoff opportunity from a team.

NO MOTION; RULE CHANGE NOT CONSIDERED