

PAHL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2015

Allegheny	John Gable
Altoona	Bryan Imler
Arctic Foxes	Mark Zukowski
Aviators	Cathy Gee
Butler Valley	John Folmer
Cambria	Erin Goins
Huskies	Vic Whann
Ice Miners	Jeff Fleck
Indiana	Jeff Williams
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain
Mon Valley	Chris Phillips
Morgantown	John Hollander
Mt Lebanon	Mark Baumgartner

North Pgh	Anthony Erlain
North Hills	Amy O'Neill
North Hills	Carole Woodrow
Phantoms	Megan Monstwil
Predators	Frank Buonomo
Renegades	Glen Scholze
South Hills	Nick DeRose
Southpointe	Kevin Rose
State College	Paul Gabel
Westmoreland	Heather Ruffner
PAHL	Jill Harmon
PAHL	Darcee Purvis

Associations Absent: Armstrong, Beaver, Crawford, Johnstown, Wheeling.

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Gina Sonnik not in attendance.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved after a motion from Carole Woodrow, second by Heather Ruffner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rose Hoffman noted that all fines and assessments need paid in full before playoffs. Rose requested a motion/vote to approve expenses for Exec Director Darcee Purvis's travel expenses (air/hotel) for the January USAH Winter Meeting in Florida. Motion by Mark Baumgartner, second by Frank Buonomo, and approved by majority.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President John Folmer reported on the following:

1. SafeSport claims are down this season.
2. Other discipline issues are up a bit. The Discipline committee has been meeting weekly over the winter weeks.
3. Need associations to get the work out to their membership that the "stupid and aggressive" stuff needs to stop. Play the game the way it should be played, be competitive, have fun.
4. Early season social media issues have settled down.
5. Waiting for a new CEP compliance list from Mid Am.

USA HOCKEY / MID AM HOCKEY

Mid Am PA VP Biff Cummings reported on the following:

1. Associations are not to have tryouts for Midgets, Bantams, or Girls U14 and older, until after the USAH National Tournaments. Peewee and squirt tryouts may be scheduled before that.
2. Mid Am is hiring a part time administrative assistant to help with the work load.

3. It is time for nominations for the Mid Am Select Camp Tryouts in May. A notice will be sent to all presidents. Nominations should be the top players available in each applicable age group.
4. Reminder for associations to consider the Roger Sharrer Grants for equipment purchase and program expenses.
5. Mid Am will be holding a Goalie Coaching Symposium at Kent State in August. Watch the Mid Am website for details.
6. Screening update – Mid Am working on finding a new vendor.
7. Tier I District tournament will be at PICE; Tier II State tournament will be at HARM; Girls Tier I and Tier II District tournament will be at KITT.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Exec Director Darcee Purvis reported on the following:

1. Review of the upcoming calendar.
2. Reported on the USAH January Meeting in Florida.
 - a. USAH continuing to develop and tweak new Registration program. It will be the base for programs developed to assist grassroots in running their associations. Focus on reducing paperwork, synchronizing electronic versions, and discussion on getting the consent to treat online.
 - b. SafeSport refresher course will be available this year for volunteers that have to renew their module. SafeSport jurisdiction to be turned over to the “United States Center for SafeSport”. Complaints are down, possibly due to behavior modification and more diligence at the local level.
 - c. Youth Council focused on long term planning topics, brainstorming on different topics that apply to grassroots all the way up to elite players/competition. Much discussion about Tier I structure and parameters for associations and teams. Committees were set up to meet and come up with recommendations on the Tier I issue. Other topics that Youth Council put on the table for future discussion included technology, referees, safety, national skills championship, girls hockey, age divisions, 19-20 year old rec teams, birth year teams, alternatives to competitive hockey, team structure and standards.
 - d. ADM emphasis on upper levels now for improvement of practice and training environments. Focus on high performance station base training for upper levels, proper body contact and body checking training at appropriate levels, and small area games. New video out talking about analytics regarding Mite cross ice vs full ice.
 - e. Kraft Foods is a new USAH sponsor.
 - f. The Club Excellence program being rolled out. It will provide a business and leadership curriculum for youth hockey leaders.
3. Focus group meetings in December (large, medium, and small club groupings) yielded excellent discussion and idea generation on league issues and long term planning. Topics discussed included division competition, recruitment and player movement, program development, player development and entry programs, rink relationships and contracts.
4. Girls planning group met again. Plans coming together for 8 and under girls Jamboree at the end of the season. Looking at some rule changes for girls team formation. Planning on a U12 division for next season.
5. Academic Allstars notice out. Deadline February 28.
6. The Bylaw change to clarify wording for IRS tax status will be tabled at the request of our PAHL accountant. Still need some research on original PAHL corporate documents. Accountant Lisa Schorr is working on the new 1024 for non profit filing.
7. The membership was requested to consider a clarification on how to handle forfeits of games already played as a result of rule violations. The following rule resulted from discussion. Motion to approve by John Gable, second by Nick DeRose, and approved by majority.

- A. There are two categories of forfeit situations. The first is a game that was not played at all. The second is a game that was played and subsequently charged as a forfeit against one team for a rule violation.
 - i. **GAME NOT PLAYED.** The 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 – losses). 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.
 - ii. **GAME PLAYED BUT FORFEITED A RESULT OF RULE VIOLATION.** The forfeited game will be counted for PAHL season standings as a 1-0 game; a win for the non-offending team and a loss for the offending team. This includes all games (wins – ties – losses). Teams involved in forfeited games will receive the following statistics:
 - 1. The non-offending team keeps all earned game stats (GF, GA, PIM, Fair Play Points), and receives the 1 goal win even if they did not score any goals.
 - 2. The offending team keeps earned PIM and GA, and loses all GF and Fair Play Points.
- 8. Mite Medals will be paid for by the Mid Am District again. That is about a \$3000 expense. Medals provided to associations for distribution to mite players.
 - 9. Ref Mentor Reimbursement forms were emailed out. Claims can be filed now for the 1st half of the season, or all at the end.
 - 10. Player fee reconciliation was completed. Associations need to review and let Rose know if they want refunds for credits. Any payment due needs paid asap.
 - 11. Fair Play data from Oct 1 through Dec 31 was distributed. Penalties are in fact down.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Competition Director Jill Harmon reported on the following:

- 1. A post Dec 31 player addition was requested by the Aviators Peewee 709 team, already approved by the Placement Committee. The team goalie is injured and they are requesting permission to add a replacement. Motion by Paul Gabel, second by Carole Woodrow, and approved by majority.
- 2. Brainstorming on Squirt placements and preseason. Considering idea of broad grouping and playing an 8 game 1st half; then reseeding divisions and playing final 8-10 games in second half. The second half divisions would dictate the ODSET divisions.
- 3. More data is going to be needed from the Mite level going forward to assist in Squirt team placement.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Discipline Director Bryan Imler reported on the following:

- 1. 21 discipline hearings have been held so far, compared to 9 at this time last year. A number have been for bantam and midget coaches. Also more hearings under supplemental discipline so far.
- 2. There has been better information flow with the new ref reports. Reports are filed on line, then come down from Colorado through Mid Am and then to PAHL.
- 3. Mid season penalty audits were emailed out.
- 4. Video has been playing a big role in supplemental discipline.

GROW THE SPORT REPORT

Director Dave Klasnick was not in attendance.

Dave requested that any association rep interested in serving on the Mite Committee email him directly before the end of the season.

OLD BUSINESS

PAHL Playoffs were discussed under old business.

1. Host locations all set. ODSET formats also set based on enrollment.
2. Pointstreak option ? No motion to use this year so it will not be used for playoffs. Primary reason – staffing and accuracy issues.
3. Banners and medals to be distributed to hosts in February.
4. Midget game count requirement discussed. The Midget 18 A Minor division is only playing 16 games. Motion was made to allow them eligibility with 8 games out of 16 by John Gable, second by Carole Woodrow, and approved by majority.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business brought up.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Exec Director Darcee Purvis.