

PAHL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2016 – PRESIDENT’S MEETING

Allegheny	John Gable		North Hills	Amy O'Neill
Altoona	Bryan Imler		North Pgh	Daryl Dolan
Arctic Foxes	Mark Zukowski		Pgh Aviators	John Davis
Armstrong	Ray Brison		Predators	Ralph Murovich
Butler Valley	Rob Bowers		Renegades	Glen Scholze
Cambria	Josh Berkebile		State College	David Lee
Crawford	James Fadden		Westmoreland	Amanda Hammond
Huskies	Amy Andrews-Hooks		Westmoreland	Jason Sloan
Ice Miners	Jeff Fleck		Wheeling	Tim Roberts
Indiana	John Mock		Youngstown	Jim Willock
Johnstown	Eric Dibble		PAHL	John Folmer
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain		PAHL	Jill Harmon
Mon Valley	Gary Napoli		PAHL	Rose Hoffmann
Morgantown	Mike Smith		PAHL	Darcee Purvis
Mt Lebanon	Jim Reed		MID AM	Biff Cummings

Associations absent: Beaver, Erie, Southpointe.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

President John Folmer welcomed new association presidents to the meeting. John then welcomed our 2016 scholarship winners and turned the meeting over to Treasurer Rose Hoffmann for the award presentations.

Rose also welcomed the award winners and their families. She explained the process followed for the scholarship applications through the decision making. A total of 15 applications were received this season from which 3 awardees were chosen to receive \$1500.00 scholarships. The winners being:

- Nathan Carnovale from North Pgh
- Josh Miller from Southpointe
- Mark Richardson from Beaver

After Rose reviewed their submissions, both Nathan and Josh took a few minutes to speak and thank the PAHL. Mark was unable to attend, but provided a video.

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary John Mudrany was not in attendance. Minutes will be available at a future meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Rose reported a balance of \$119,041.67 in the checking account and \$39,094.70 in the savings account.

Rose addressed the budget next. The budget document provided included the 1516 budget, 1516 actuals, and the proposed budget for 1617. Rose reviewed the categories. There was some discussion about two new prospective expenditures, Grow the Sport Grants and the Stadium Showcase. The grant program will replace the PAHL programming line item. The application for same will be completed and sent out this summer. The Stadium Showcase is basically an east/west challenge tournament that will be sponsored by the Pgh Penguins and run the weekend of the outdoor Stadium Series game between the Pens and the Philadelphia Flyers in Feb. The tournament will be for AA teams at the squirt, peewee, and bantam levels, and include PAHL teams and DVHL teams. Planning is ongoing. The PAHL budget line item is to subsidize the entrance fee for the PAHL teams entered.

No other questions were asked. A motion to approve the budget was made by Tim Roberts, seconded by John Gable – motion passed by membership vote.

USA HOCKEY / MID AM HOCKEY

Biff Cummings, Mid Am PA VP, was in attendance. Biff listed upcoming meetings.

USAH Annual Congress – June 8-11

Mid Am Annual Meeting – June 25

Biff noted that there are still rooms available for Friday night for the Mid Am meeting. He reported on the revised Bylaws which will be a primary topic of discussion and voting at the Jun 25 meeting. Revisions include representation changes in the VP structure with duties and titles adjusted, proxy voting changes, and membership application revisions. The revised document will be posted on the Mid Am website soon for review (30 days before the meeting). Comments via email are welcome.

Biff also reported that the weekend for the 2017 State and District Tournaments will be March 16-19. A host for the PA State Tournament is still needed. Bids can be sent to Biff.

Finally, Biff relayed a message from Mid Am President Paul Day:

Much of the work that we do now seems to center around protecting the athlete. SafeSport and association financials are hot topics. Be diligent in spite of the work load. Our Mid Am volunteers are dedicated and doing a great job with the volume of work required to run their associations. It is greatly appreciated.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Darcee Purvis reviewed the upcoming calendar first. Meeting and playoff dates listed on the agenda were reviewed. Decisions will be made on whether the meetings will be on site or conference calls as we get closer to the dates. A calendar chart was distributed noting scheduling and preseason dates for the different divisions. A motion to approve those dates was made by John Gable, seconded by Jim Reed – motion passed by membership vote.

Aug 16	August Mandatory Meeting
Sept 20	September Mandatory Meeting
Oct 18	October Mandatory Meeting
Nov 15	November Mandatory Meeting
Dec 20	December Mandatory Meeting

SEPT 3/4 ; SEPT 10/11; SEPT 17/18	PRESEASON PLACEMENT GAMES FOR MIDGETS, BANTAMS, PEEWEES (WEEKENDS ONLY)	OCT 1/2	MAIN SCHEDULING WEEKEND FOR ALL MIDGETS, BANTAMS, PEEWEES	FEB 25/26	STADIUM SERIES SHOWCASE FOR AA TEAMS
SEPT 17, SATURDAY	SCHEDULING FOR GIRLS DIVISIONS REGULAR SEASON AND SQUIRT DIVISIONS PRESEASON	SEPT 24 THROUGH OCT 23	SQUIRT PLACEMENT GAMES TO BE PLAYED (WEEKENDS ONLY)	MARCH 4/5	GIRLS TEAM PLAYOFFS AND SCHEDULING BLACKOUT FOR MIDGET, BANTAM AND PEEWEE MAKE UP GAMES PONY TAIL JAMBOREE
SEPT 20, TUESDAY	FINAL PLACEMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR MIDGETS, BANTAMS, AND PEEWEES	OCT 29, SATURDAY	SQUIRT SCHEDULING FOR 14 GAME REGULAR SEASON AND MITE JAMBOREE SCHEDULING	MARCH 10/11/12	MIDGET, BANTAM, AND PEEWEE PLAYOFF TOURNAMENTS, AND SQUIRT ODSSETS
SEPT 24/25	PLACEMENT APPEAL GAME WEEKEND FOR MIDGETS, BANTAMS, AND PEEWEES GIRLS REGULAR SEASON GAMES BEGIN AND SQUIRT PRESEASON GAMES BEGIN	NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY	MITE JAMBOREES - MAX SCHEDULE OF 10 JAMBOREES	MARCH 17/18/19	USAH MID AM STATE AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS
SEPT 27, TUESDAY	PLACEMENT APPEAL HEARINGS				

Darcee noted that there will be upcoming emails regarding contact updates for key association personnel, and submission of bad debt players.

The PAHL survey of referee fees was updated prior to the meeting and distributed. 19 member associations submitted their fees. This is meant to be a resource document for member associations.

Darcee reviewed programs/projects that PAHL has and will be involved with.

1. ADM Referee Mentoring program – 13 member associations participated and received reimbursements.
2. PEOC Training Sponsorship – PAHL sponsored 26 officials from 19 member associations for off season training with the Pgh Elite Officiating Camp.
3. Ponytail Jamboree for 8U girls – 43 players attended from 14 member associations.
4. Referee Compliance Tracking in Dropbox – currently housing a 285 record count – authorizations will be updated when the Referee Scheduler listing is updated.
5. Coaching website section – new sub site to the main PAHL site to house links, drills, information, and compliance requirements – will be up for start of season.
6. UPMC Partnership on health/nutrition – will provide reciprocal link and ad on website for links to info and videos on health and nutrition topics.
7. Mite 8U non-member participant option – this new proposal is to provide an option for programs like the RMU Colonials and the LSCX ADM to attend the PAHL Jamboree scheduling session and participate with PAHL 8U teams – a fee of \$250.00 proposed – a motion to approve program by John Gable, seconded by Rob Bowers – motion passed by membership vote.
8. The date for the next girls planning meeting will be out soon – PAHL to have 4 divisions this coming season: 12U, 14U, 16U, 19U.
9. A coaching development opportunity offered by the Pgh Penguins – good resource for associations to tap into – professional Ty Hennes and staff available to schedule to come to rinks and run clinics for associations.

10. Grow the Sport Grant program – previously covered in budget discussion – application will be developed and emailed this summer.
11. Stadium Series Tournament – also previously covered in budget discussion – more information will be available at the August meeting.

COMPETITION / PLACEMENT REPORT

Competition Director Jill Harmon reported on status of team placement process. Data spreadsheets have been sent out to all associations. Submission of data is needed asap. The no tamper deadline is July 1, with the first association declaring a player have first rights to that player.

The meeting schedule for the committee will be set soon. The committee is looking for an additional member or two.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Discipline director Bryan Imler reported that carry over suspensions will be emailed out. Not much is going on as we are in the off season.

The discipline committee is also looking for a couple of new members.

GROW THE SPORT REPORT

Director Dave Klasnick reported that the Mite Coordinator Meeting will be rescheduled. It had been scheduled for the same night as a Pgh Penguin playoff game.

OLD BUSINESS

AVIATOR ASSOCIATION STATUS

New Aviator president John Davis reported on the status of the Aviator teams now that their rink has closed, sold, and will not be opening in the Fall (Airport Ice Arena). They are going to maintain 2 peewee teams and may need some game ice. Several associations spoke up to discuss with him as we get closer to the season.

PAHL DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Nominations for the open positions on the Executive Board were opened during the March 15 conference call. The following nominations were emailed:

Discipline Director – Bryan Imler nominated by John Gable

Competition Director – Jill Harmon nominated by John Gable

Treasurer – Rose Hoffmann nominated by Heather Ruffner

No further nominations were received via email or at the meeting. All nominees were elected by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced.

President John Folmer discussed the benefits of partnership options with the Pgh Penguins. He noted that PAHL needs to provide better programming to strengthen the PAHL, and the Penguins are on board to assist.

John also mentioned that discussion is ongoing on getting the Pens Elite and the PIHL on board with our Bad Debt program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Executive Director Darcee Purvis.