

PAHL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2016 – CONFERENCE CALL

Allegheny	Chris Beddick	Mt Lebanon	Mark Baumgartner
Altoona	Bryan Imler	North Hills	Amy O'Neill
Armstrong	John Baxley	North Pgh	Daryl Dolan
Beaver	Jim Hofer	North Pgh	Jay Lamark
Butler Valley	Robb Bowers	Pgh Aviators	John Davis
Cambria	Chris Glessner	Phantoms	Jim Willock
Crawford	Steve Kaste	Predators	Frank Buonomo
Crawford	Josh Friters	Renegades	Glen Scholze
Erie	Scott Faulkner	South Hills	Nick DeRose
Huskies	Amy Andrews-Hooks	Southpointe	Joe Lombardi
Ice Miners	Jeff Fleck	Westmoreland	Mandi Hammond
Indiana	John Mock	Wheeling	Chrissy Grubler
Johnstown	Eric Dibble	PAHL	John Folmer
Lawrence	Todd Chamberlain	PAHL	Jill Harmon
Mon Valley	David Razorsek	PAHL	Rose Hoffman
Morgantown	Michael Smith	PAHL	Darcee Purvis

Associations absent from the call were the Arctic Foxes.

The August mandatory conference call was called to order at 7:05pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report. Secretary John Mudrany was not on the call.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rose Hoffmann reported bank balances. Checking - \$77,585.01 and Savings - \$49,097.40.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

E/D Darcee Purvis asked for all associations to keep an eye on emails. Information and notices will be increasing as we close in on the start of the season.

A plea was made for the North Pgh Girls 12U team. It is the fourth in the division and is still light on skaters. It is important to make this team a go.

A question came up on the interpretation of a rule, IV.3.D . Clarification needs reviewed by member associations and approved or not. The following was sent out to all member association presidents on 8/16/16 following the conference call. It was approved by all, updated, and reposted.

We have a rules interpretation issue that needs addressed.
The first sentence in the email below should be changed to be in keeping with the intention of the rule.

RULE IV.3.D:

D. **Players** Boys rostered on any Tier I **youth** team, or a Tier I **youth** team or any other **youth** team in a Tier I hockey association, are not permitted to also be rostered on a PAHL member association Tier II or House/Rec youth team. Girls rostered on a Tier I girl's team may not be rostered on a PAHL girl's team, but may be rostered on a PAHL Tier II or House/Rec youth team, subject to USAH guidelines.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR REPORT

Jill Harmon reported on the status of team placement. She reviewed the following notes.

Placement 2016-17 Season – PW through Midget pre season

- Groupings and game assignments will be sent to presidents tonight.
- Games can begin any time.
- All games must be held on the weekends; last full weekend is September 17-18.
- BOTH teams submit reports on game report form. Please submit within 24 hours of game completion.
- Need ALL game reports by noon 9/19
- Final placements released evening of 9/20 or early morning 9/21.
- Appeals weekend 9/24-25; Appeals hearings, if needed, 9/26
- If you are playing an assigned team in a pre-season tournament, you can use that as your assigned game.

Notes on game play and reports

- Please play assigned games as if they are regular season/tournament type games. Need an accurate read on comparative strengths of teams.
- Game assignments are constructed with a purpose – interested in getting some very specific matchups and inter relationships between groupings for comparison purposes
- Assigned games are NOT the time to experiment with new goalies, line changes or putting offense on defense/vice versa.
- Please use your assigned team number AND head coach name on the reports
- PLEASE provide some type of narrative on the game
- REPORT ALL OTHER GAMES your team may play versus PAHL opponents: informal scrimmages, tournaments etc. We do not consider non-PAHL games in placement.

Groupings and divisions

PW:

- A Total of 74 teams (last year 72); 5 pre-season groups
- Do anticipate at least 1 more group evolving as games are played and reported. Groups 3 and 4 are the most difficult to sort through.

Bantam:

- 65 teams (last year 64); 5 preseason groups. Groups 2 and 3 appear to have most potential for evolving into an additional division.
- Note on Group 1/AA
 - Yes, we are very aware of the 2nd year 1st year Bantam size, developmental, checking issues.

- Appear to have a very, very young group of top level teams at Bantam this season:
 - Total of 5 returning Bantam AA or AAA players across ALL teams in PAHL. No more than 1 per team
 - Fewer than 30 returning A Major Black Bantams were on teams with records over .500.
 - Average age of the bantams in group 1 this year is 13.6
 - Average age of group 1 last year: 14.2
 - This is the first year that players that participated in the ADM program (2003 BY) have moved into the Bantam age group. Have been seeing that group, historically, having stronger skill sets than the '02 year.
 - Let the process play out so we can come up with a structure that works for the teams.

Midget:

- Both U16 and U18 have 3 groups.
 - U18- 26 teams (versus 22 last year) which gives us a little more wiggle room in setting 3 divisions. However, there are couple teams that are tenuous and can use additional players
 - U16- 32 teams this year compared to 38 last year. Very disappointing number. May end up with only 3 divisions this year.
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President John Folmer reiterated the importance of the game reports and accompanying narratives.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Bryan Imler reported that carry over suspensions from last season will be emailed out shortly to association presidents.

GROW THE SPORT REPORT

Director Dave Klasnick was not in attendance.

John Folmer reported that a Mite Coordinator meeting was held in July. The power point presentation was then emailed out to all coordinators for reference. It is also posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the next mandatory meeting will be a physical meeting on September 20, at the Doubletree Hilton in Monroeville.

No other new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Executive Director Darcee Purvis.