

# CHE Annual Meeting Minutes – Spring 2016



**Date:** Saturday, April 16, 2016  
**Time:** 12:00 PM  
**Location:** RMU Island Sports Center  
**Presiding Officer:** David L Fryer Jr, Commissioner

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1. Call to Order – 12:04 PM
  - a. Roll call
    - i In Attendance: Cal U Of PA, Fredonia State, Penn State Behrend, Robert Morris, West Virginia, CCAC, Gannon, Penn State Altoona, Pitt-Greensburg, Saint Vincent, Allegheny, Alfred State, Case Western Reserve, Edinboro, Wooster, Washington & Jefferson
    - ii Missing: Pitt-Johnstown, Carnegie Mellon, Daemen, Saint Francis
    - iii Others in Attendance: Indiana University of PA
  - b. It was announced that Fred will be retiring from Carnegie Mellon University.
  - c. Contact Sheet updates – The Associate Commissioner requested that all teams check their email and send any league contact updates to him as soon as possible as well as complete the sign in sheet being passed around
2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to wave reading: Cal U, Second Saint Vincent, Vote: Passed Unanimous
  - b. Motion to accept the minutes: CCAC, Second PSU Altoona, Vote: Passed Unanimous
3. Discussion on new teams
  - a. The commissioner spoke on numerous new teams forming and some that are currently existing that are looking into the College Hockey East. Erie Community College being one team.
  - b. IUP was on-hand and gave a brief presentation on their program to the membership. IUP explained why they are looking to transition from ACHA D2 to ACHA D3 – looking to build rivalries, their current league moving further west, travel concerns.
    - i Questions from membership included record last year, any forfeits last year, Ice times for games (Fri 8:15 PM, Sat 3:30 PM, Sun 10:00 AM)
  - c. IUP was dismissed and further discussion was had by the ACHA League members.
    - i Motion to accept IUP as a full member: Cal U of PA, second: Robert Morris, Vote Passed: 5-0-1
4. Financial Report from the Commissioner
  - a. Many teams still owed money, new invoice to come. It was stressed that payments need made in a timely manner. Discussion on when invoice should be sent, potentially semester breaks.
  - b. It was noted to the membership that the league would no longer be billing for officials for games and that each team should plan to work with their respective officials' organization.
5. Season Review
  - a. Discipline overall was great on the ice.
  - b. Forfeits have begun to become an issue where teams think it is acceptable. It was stressed we must get away from this thought process and respect each other
  - c. Scheduling issues need to be cleaned up and communication needs to exist.
  - d. Tim from UPG mentioned not waiting until August to get ice.
  - e. W&J mentioned that they apologized for all the inconveniences that they have caused and that it was strictly a player number problem.
  - f. Saint Vincent discussed potential for provisional statuses for new teams

## 6. Post – Season Review

- a. Difficulties with finding ice was discussed by the commissioner
- b. We operated four leagues at three rinks, best possible solutions for the league, Close games made for a great playoffs
- c. Champions were announced and banners were explained as to how they would be distributed.
- d. Women’s league discussed and how all four playoff teams qualified for Nationals ACHA D2.
- e. Penn State Altoona – NCHA National Finalist
  - i Tom Lantz NCHA Coach of the Year

## 7. Awards

- a. New Kaleina Cup was displayed by the Associate Commissioner
- b. Awards need to be started in January and teams need to submit names
  - i Leading Scorer – Nate Ropelewski – Penn State Behrend
  - ii General Manager of the Year – Lindsay Howard – West Chester University
  - iii Coach of the Year – Justin Berger – Cal U Of PA – I
  - iv Community Service Award – University of Delaware
  - v Student Athlete of the Year Award – TBD (waiting on nominations)
  - vi All Star Showdown MVP – Daren Braudis
  - vii Tim Baldwin gave a recap of the ACHA All Star Challenge, record was 2-3, stated the need for more players and more recruitment efforts, Jamison thanked Craig and Tim for their efforts.

## 8. Commissioner Election

- a. Motion to open nominations: Cal U Of PA, second: Gannon, Vote: Passed Unanimous
- b. Motion to nominate Dave Fryer for Commissioner: Saint Vincent, second: Gannon, Dave accepts
- c. Motion to close nominations: PSU Altoona, second: Robert Morris, Vote: Passed Unanimous
- d. Motion to accept Dave Fryer as Commissioner: CCAC, second: W&J, Vote: Passed Unanimous

## 9. Board of Directors Elections

- a. Nominations
  - i Commissioner nominated Craig Bioni, second by Cal U Of PA
  - ii Commissioner nominated Justin Berger, second by Robert Morris
  - iii Associate Commissioner nominated Dave Layman, second Cal U Of PA
  - iv Motion to accept: Cal U Of PA, second: Robert Morris, Vote: Passed 5-0-1.
- b. Appointment of League Officers
  - i Commissioner nominated Jamison Roth as the Associate Commissioner, No Discussion, Vote: Passed Unanimous

## 10. By-Laws

- a. Commissioner stated that the by-laws were last updated in 2001-2002 and that a committee would be needed to begin reviewing. Commissioner will email the by-laws to all teams, please suggest changes and if you would like to be put on the by-law committee.
- b. Goal is to split by-laws & game operations

## 11. Team Statuses

- a. Membership Pledges will all be completed electronically this year
- b. Open Tier 1: Case Western has requested to move into this division
- c. Open Tier 2: West Virginia – II not returning, Daemen is also out

- d. May 1<sup>st</sup> all teams must make a commitment to their league

## 12. Leagues/Alignments/Divisions

- a. All will be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup> depending on which teams move into which league
- b. Division alignments will be completed via conference call post May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Open division discussions on structure

## 13. Scheduling

- a. Will officially begin following the individual league conference call concerning structure and teams.

## 14. Officiating

- a. The commissioner spoke about how WPHOA and PIHO have each submitted a bid and the history between the two organizations. PIHO is offering a referee in chief for the CHE. WPHOA proposal for the CHE did not meet deadline of April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Saint Vincent liked 3 man, with only 1 ref, though a lot of stuff behind the play. Robert Morris is okay with 3 man, but likes 1-2 better. Edinboro stated Erie is not open to a 2-1 scenario. UPG expressed concerns about one dominate ref calling the game, noted dirty plays behind the play. Cal U Of PA preferred 2-2 but likes 1-2. Penn State Altoona says 2-2 preferred, but if it is \$20 difference, go with 4 man system.
- c. Pricing was discussed
  - i. WPHOA : 4 Man - \$340.00, 3 Man - \$320.00
  - ii. PIHO: Prices based on league negotiations
- d. Open Tier 2 could consider moving to two referees, Wooster concerned this may not work
- e. Referee in Chief position was discussed

## 15. Playoff Sites / Hosts

- a. General discussion about the possibility of playing all of the playoffs at one location
- b. General discussion about teams putting in bids to host playoffs, most likely need two sheets to host everything

## 16. Important Dates and Announcements

- a. It was discussed that Cal U Of PA, Robert Morris, Fredonia State, and Pitt-Johnstown will be representing the CHE at The Classic the weekend before Thanksgiving
- b. Fall Meeting will be in person (late August, early September) and that this will be the deadline for all paperwork
- c. Make sure you have all paperwork turned in, home and away jerseys, have your referee schedules taken care of, and make sure we are following league protocols
- d. February 5, 2017 is the Super Bowl
- e. Tentative Date for Face to Face Spring 2017 Meeting is April 22, 2017

## 17. Summer Goals

- a. List all of the important dates to website and check sheet
- b. Make sure everyone has USA Hockey Insurance so that both teams will be covered.
- c. Common Courtesy in regards to communication with scheduling, make sure you have home and away jerseys, etc.
- d. Teams send in Student Athlete of the Year Nominations
- e. Make sure teams complete Membership Pledge Online
- f. Reminder to get ice time from your rink now
- g. Pittsburgh teams – Conference Call to discuss WPHOA and PIHO after CHE Officers review proposals