



PAHL Mandatory Meeting – August 17, 2021

Allegheny	Josh Fajt
Altoona	Dan Pfeilstucker
Artic Foxes	Glenn Berkenfeld
Armstrong	Jim Rearic
Aviators	Jeff Dzubinski
Beavers	Sean Cogis
Cambria	Jennifer Hewitt
Crawford	Absent
Erie	Giovanni Duchini
Huskies	James Semanko
Ice Miners	Jeff Fleck
Indiana	Absent
Johnstown	Jon Knobloch
Lawrence	Marko Relic
Mon Valley	Absent
Morgantown	Frank Oliverio
Mt. Lebanon	Absent
North Hills	Christine George

North Pittsburgh	Brian Hornyak
Predators	Absent
Renegades	Jack Jacobs
South Hills	Glen Siniawski
South Pittsburgh Rebellion	Matt Colella
State College	Pete Brumberg
Westmoreland	Amy Roberts
Wheeling	Caitlin Rodocker
Yetis	Jon Langer
Youngstown	Tiffany Webb
PAHL	Darcee Purvis
PAHL	Glen Scholze
PAHL	Ron Michalak
PAHL	Frank Buonomo
PAHL	Crystal Ochwat
USA Hockey	John Karolcik
Mid Am	Jim Weaver
Guest	Vince Comunale
Pittsburgh Penguins	Shannon Webster

The August PAHL meeting was called to order by PAHL President Glen Scholze at 6:50 pm. All associations absent from the meeting are noted above.

USAH

- No items to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes from the June meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Jim Rearic, seconded by Glen Siniawski.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- No items to report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- We want to thank the Penguins and Shannon Webster for inviting us here and providing us the snacks for our meeting.

- We are moving toward more meetings being online. If things have higher importance, we may choose to have in person due to higher conversation and more engaging in person. We recognize it is easier online and when there is enough content and we have something that requires more discussion, we will want to consider having those in person but going forward most will be online.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

- 17 player cases have been carried over from last season. 14 players have been tracked down. 2 are midgets that have aged out and the 3rd is a pee wee that we are still trying to locate. The coaches and business managers on the player's current teams have been notified about the suspended games and to turn in the score sheets after the games have been completed. Sent out a sheet explaining to all the registrations to pass along to the team managers how to complete the score sheets with a flowchart on game suspensions work just to cut down on the questions.

SAFETY REPORT

- If you have or hear of any Covid cases or quarantines, turn them in and make Darcee aware of them for scheduling.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Housekeeping Topics:

- Score sheet Handling- past seasons can be shredded and current season scoresheets should be saved until end of current season
- Southpointe has been rebranded to South Pittsburgh Rebellion
- Rink changes-Center Ice's name has been changed to Palmer Imaging and Pittsburgh Ice has been purchased but the name has not changed as of now.
- Grow the Sport applications are on the website and will be open until October 15th.

Rosters:

- Teams need rosters submitted before games begin
- Registrars should start sending roster links asap
- Coaches without compliances and not on rosters cannot be on the ice or the bench

Scheduling:

- Preseason for 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U is virtual scheduling
- Girls –Sept 18-19U and 14U at 9am; 12U at 10:30am
- Preseason for 10U-virtual due by September 18th
- Regular season 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U- October 2nd & 3rd at Ice Castle
- Regular season 10U and 8U Jamborees-November 6th at RMU

Website:

- New sections and changes-Covid, Diversity, Associations, 8U Try Hockey, Compliance, Schedules, Stats, Sports Engine Game Scoring and Rink Info
- New History Section-thank you to Vince Communale for all his hard work hunting down all this information to add to the website.

8U and 10U Development /Rebuilding

- 10% drop in 8U enrollment last season

	18U	16U	14U	12U	10U
2021	22	35	64	80	73
2022	26	42	63	78	70
Change	4	7	-1	-2	-3

- Top-heavy associations-risks to association's health, budget and rink usage.
- Developmental clinics-Try Hockey for Free can help increase numbers at the bottom and help the future growth of the organization. (link on website)

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Shannon Webster, Director Youth Hockey, Pittsburgh Penguin Foundation

Mission statement of the foundation: To be the champions of all youth in our community, on and off the ice, through the power of hockey.

Our pillars: Wellness, Youth hockey, Education & Community

For our purposes, focusing on entry-level age group programs. Trying to get new kids in and hand them off into our organizations to help fill in the gaps where we are losing players at the 8U age group.

Programs that the foundation offers:

Learn to Play Dek Hockey, Little Penguins, FlexCoach, Willie O'Ree Academy (diversity program for families of color to foster community and hockey for players age 9-16 on and off ice skills), Hunt Armory (partnering with Everything Ice-Open after Thanksgiving through March 1st. Community based programs trying to get new kids into the sport. Teaming up with city parks. Online ice reservations for other reservations to use the ice, and Try hockey for Free.

Free Game for Kids is still on October 3rd.

Dicks Jr starter, hoping to be able to have it this year and be able to have them skate out

Puck Pals is the same way if able to have them skate out.

John Karolcik, USA Hockey Director

Jim Weaver, Mid Am Referee in Chief

2021-2025 USA Hockey Playing Rule Changes

- Minor Penalties Rule 402-Minor Penalties
- Penalties Rule 401
- Serving a Suspension Rule 401 c
- Face Off location after a Penalty Call
- Coach Progressive Penalty Rule 411
- Abuse of Officials and other Misconducts
- Hateful Language
- Attempt to Injure or "Reckless Endangers" An Opponent
- Body Checking

PAHL has chosen to use the waiver to this rule and need to discuss where the rule should be on the website for easy access for members. Will discuss at next meeting.

Under Minor Penalties Rule 402: The Mid Am District Board of Directors have voted to grant waivers to leagues regarding this rule wishing to continue using 2 minute minor penalty time at 14U and older age groups.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Rearic, seconded by Glen Berkenfeld. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.