

UWHL Annual League Meeting
July 14th, 2019
11:00am-1:00pm
Jefferson Health Flyers Skate Zone
10990 Decatur Rd
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Attendees:

- See sign-in sheet for team representatives. All teams were in attendance except the Reapers.
- Executive Committee:
 - Elizabeth Lundin – President
 - Lauren Solski – Vice President
 - Karen Shull-Archer – Secretary
 - Mo Sharon – Treasurer
 - Stella Evans – CL Blue (All Teams)
 - Lisa Cervo – CL White (Americans Valor, Flames, Freeze Hawks Black, Hawks White, Jaguars)
- Appointed Positions:
 - Maddie Weeks – Referee in Charge

1. Executive Committee Elections (Vote) – Elizabeth reviewed the below positions and candidates. The candidates made brief statements, then ballots were completed and submitted. Final tallies of the ballots are on the UWHL's google drive.

a. Open Executive Committee positions

i. Treasurer

(1) Nancy McGuire was nominated for this position and was elected.

ii. One Conference Liaison

(1) Chrissy Kelly and Sally Tarabah were nominated for this position.

(2) Chrissy Kelly was elected.

b. The following people were re-elected to the listed Executive Committee positions.

i. Vice President: Lauren Solski

ii. Secretary: Karen Shull-Archer

iii. Conference Liaison: Lisa Cervo

d. The following people were confirmed to the listed appointed positions.

i. Charlie Hood: Webmaster/Statistician (replacing Lauren Fenton)

ii. Maddie Weeks: UWHL Referee-in-Chief

iii. Bret Leuthner: UWHL Commissioner

2. Annual Reports (2018-2019 season)

a. Karen reviewed the 2018 Annual League Meeting minutes. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were voted into the league record.

b. The 2018-2019 Annual Report was reviewed by the Executive Committee. A motion to approve the annual report was made and seconded. The annual report was voted into the league record.

i. Mo Sharon reviewed the Treasurer's report which was provided as a hand-out. The topic of the UWHL Classic prompted discussion. In 2018-2019 more teams than usual opted for the Classic buy-out. Ideas to boost participation were raised. The discussion continued when the General Items of Interest and Season Notes were reviewed.

ii. Karen Shull-Archer reviewed the Secretary's report.

iii. Lauren Solski reviewed the Playoff report.

v. Elizabeth Lundin reviewed the General Items of Interest and Season Notes.

3. 2019-2020 Planning

a. UWHL Winter Classic

i. The 2019-2020 UWHL Winter Classic will be held at the PPL Center on Girl Scout Night, as in the past. It is too cost prohibitive to move the event to a Flyers game due to Flyers ticket cost. If the trend of increased buy-outs from teams continues, alternatives will be pursued. Team Reps are encouraged to emphasize to their teams that this is the main fundraising event for the UWHL and is a means to promote the league. The Team Reps expressed the following concerns regarding the current venue. **ACTION: Elizabeth** took an action to issue a survey with options for the UWHL Classic. The survey should be issued before the start of the season.

(1) The venue is too far. Teams struggle to find people to make the drive. Players like a break in the schedule.

(2) The date is too close to the holidays. Try a different date.

(3) Condense to one ice slot, then teams can only send 1 player but still sell tickets.

(4) Hold a skills competition in place of or in addition to a scrimmage.

(5) Hold a party at a rink without involving Phantoms.

b. League Code of Conduct: Elizabeth stressed the League Code of Conduct. For the 2019-2020 season Referees will be instructed to ensure sportsmanship is prevalent.

c. Changes to Game Schedules: Elizabeth discussed the process for game reschedules and cancellations. Once the league schedule is posted, teams need to work out changes amongst themselves.

d. New Teams for 2019-2020: The Patriots will enter a team in the White Division. The Senators team has folded. It is expected most Senators players will move to the Patriots.

4. Action Items and PPG Proposals

a. Mo Sharon reviewed the 2019-2020 Budget. The below fees were proposed, seconded, and approved.

- i. Team Fee \$200
- ii. Playoff Fee \$300

b. Maddie Weeks proposed an increase in minimum referee pay to \$60 per referee per game. After a discussion, the proposal was increased to \$65 per referee per game. The \$65 proposal was seconded and voted in.

- i. Fees have been stagnant and are no longer competitive with boys leagues. The proposal brings the UWHL more in line with comparable senior leagues.
- ii. This is a league mandated minimum. Teams are responsible to schedule and pay refs.
- iii. **ACTION: Karen** has action to update the PPG to reflect the minimum fee for referees is \$65 per game per referee.

c. Elizabeth reviewed proposed changes to the PPG. **ACTION: Karen** has action to update the PPG with the approved items discussed below.

i. Section 4.4 Request for Player Review: The proposed language will codify the creation of a Roster Committee prior to the beginning of the season to handle in-season Player Review requests, if no committee is formed, Player Review requests will be handled at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The change is needed due to the difficulty in forming a committee mid-season.

- (1) The use of LiveBarn was considered, but the video is not good enough to make out players numbers.
- (2) Elizabeth is asking for 5 volunteers for Roster Review Committee. Coaches can participate. Can't review within your division.
- (3) Challenge is reviewing a player against an equivalent team.
- (4) The proposed language was voted and approved

ii. Section 5.2 Goalie Rostering and Substitution Policy. The proposed language will:

- (1) Replace language referencing notification going to the Vice President with notification going to the Secretary
- (2) Clarify that if a proper substitute goalie cannot be found, a skater already rostered on the team may dress as a goalie, provided they are not already rostered as a goalie in a higher division
- (3) The proposed language was voted and approved.

iii. Section 6.8 Game Schedule Changes, Cancellations, or Forfeitures. The proposed language clarifies that all players of the non-offending team in a forfeit will be credited with a game played provided they were rostered on the team at the time of the forfeit. The proposed language was voted and approved.

iv. Institute new PPG rule prohibiting League games from being scheduled to start after 9pm

- (1) Proposal to limit game start time to 9 pm on Saturdays and 7 pm on Sundays. Provide this as guidance, not a hard and fast rule since the rinks may not be able to comply.
- (2) The proposed new rule was voted and approved.

5. League Structure

a. Elizabeth proposed the below structure for the 2019-2020 season.

i. The new Division was named Silver.

ii. There was discussion concerning the Blue teams playing the same 4 teams and 2 are in North Jersey. There was a request to consider promoting the winner of the new Silver Division to Blue next season, however this should not be an automatic league rule since rosters may change season to season.

iii. The proposed structure was voted and approved.

Blue (4)	Silver (New) (5)	White (11)	Red (6)
Freeze Blue	Black Widows	American Valor	Americans Honor
Jaguars Blue	Bobcats	Flames White	Bobcats Red
Patriots Blue	Thrashers	Freeze White	Freeze Red
Phoenix	Voodoo	Hawks Black	Mighty Moose
	Wings	Hawks White	Patriots Red
		Jaguars White	Reapers
		Lightning	
		Patriots White	
		Predators	
		Quarry Cats	

		Queenston	
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b. The Blue Division teams and season structure will be as follows.

Team	Rink
Freeze Blue	Class of 1923 Rink UPenn
Jaguars Blue	Mt. Laurel Igloo
Patriots Blue	Revolution Ice Garden
Phoenix	ProSkate

- i. 4 teams
- ii. 15 game season
 - (1) Each team plays each other 5 times (2 home/2 away with 5th game assigned based on ice slots)
 - (2) Teams need to provide 8 home ice slots

c. The new Silver Division teams and season structure will be as follows.

Team	Rink
Black Widows	Twin Ponds East
Bobcats	Fred Rust UD Ice Arena
Thrashers	Steel Ice Center
Voodoo	Ice Works
Wings	Flemington Ice Arena

- i. 5 teams
- ii. 16 game season
 - (1) Each team plays each other 4 times (2 home/2 away)
- iii. Rostering process
 - (1) Teams roster from last season get grandfathered.
 - (2) New players to Silver Teams will go through Player Review Process.
- iv. Need to know ASAP if teams want to move into new Silver Division.

d. The White Division teams and season structure will be as follows. Initially teams were assigned to a North and South sub-division based on home rink location. There was concern among the teams the geographic division resulted in lobsided competition (i.e. one team would dominate a sub-division). The sub-divisions were eliminated.

Team	Rink
Quarry Cats	Floyd Hall Arena
Queenston	ProSkate
Predators	Hatfield Ice Arena
Hawks White	Buck County Ice Sports Center
Hawks Black	Buck County Ice Sports Center

Patriots White	Revolution Ice Garden
Freeze White	Class of 1923 Rink UPenn
Americans Valor	Ice Works
Flames	Ice Works
Lightning	Ice Line
Jaguars White	Igloo

- i. 11 teams/2 divisions
- ii. 16 game season
 - (1) Each team plays the other teams once, remaining games are randomly assigned.
 - (2) Teams need to provide 8 home ice slots plus 1 extra

e. The Red Division teams and structure will be as follows.

Team	Rink
Americans Honor	Ice Works
Bobcats Red	Fred Rust UD Ice Arena
Freeze Red	Class of 1923 Rink UPenn
Mighty Moose	Power Play
Patriots Red	Revolution Ice Garden
Reapers	Regency Ice Rink

- i. 6 teams
- ii. 15 game season
 - (1) Each team plays the other teams 3 times (1 home/1 away with 3rd game assigned based on ice slots)
 - (2) Teams need to provide 8 home ice slots plus 1 extra

6. Playoffs

- a. The proposed structure for playoffs was discussed and approved.
 - i. Blue: all 4 teams will qualify for playoffs.
 - ii. Silver (new): top 4 teams will qualify for playoffs. The 5th place team does not qualify.
 - iii. White: Two 4-team divisions, seeded on regular season standings. 9th-11th place do not qualify.
 - (1) There was discussion to only have one play-off division for the top 6 teams. The 1st and 2nd place teams will get a bye, while the 3rd to 6th place teams will have a play-in game. **ACTION: Executive Committee** re-evaluate the White Division play-off structure towards the end of the season and make changes, if needed. A 6-team playoff bracket uses less slots than an 8-team bracket.
 - iv. Red: top 4 teams, 5th-6th place do not qualify

7. Schedule Dates – The following dates apply to the 2019-2020 season.

• Season Start	October 5th
• Thanksgiving Blackout Dates	November 30th-December 1st
• Christmas Blackout Dates	December 28th-29th
• New Years Blackout Dates	January 4th-5th
• UWHL Winter Classic	January 11th
• Super Bowl Sunday Blackout Date	February 2nd
• Makeup Weekend	March 14th-15th
• Playoffs	March 21st-22nd

8. Due Dates – The following dates apply to the 2019-2020 season.

• Membership Forms and Team Fee	August 16th
• Ice Slots	August 30th
• Schedule delivered to EC	September 13th
• Schedule posted to website	September 20th
• Initial season rosters to Secretary	September 27th
• Decision on Winter Classic participation	December 20th
• UWHL Winter Classic ticket orders	January 4th
• Playoff payments and final rosters	December 20 th

9. Player Review Process

a. AppSheet will be used instead of GoogleSheets. An email with instructions will be sent.

b. CLs are reminded to review Player History Surveys for completeness before sending to Team Reps for vote.