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Delaware Valley Hockey League

September 11, 2024, 7:30 PM | Zoom Meeting was called to order by President Jay Finnigan

















Respectfully Submitted by Michael DeRose, DVHL Secretary

Attendance:




Executive Committee Members Present:

-  President – Jay Finnigan
-  Executive Vice-President – Joe D’Angelo (Absent)
-  1st Vice President & Co-Commissioner (18U, 16U, 14U) – Dave Jackson
-  2nd Vice President & Co-Commissioner (12U, 10U, 8U) – Joe Spagnolo
-  Treasurer – Beth Ritter (Absent)
-  Secretary & SafeSport Coordinator – Mike DeRose

Represented Member Clubs:

 Campus Wild,  Central Penn Panthers,  Chester County Cougars,  Delaware Jr. Blue Hens,
 Delco Phantoms,  Dynamites,  Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club,  Genesis,  Hershey Jr. Bears,  Philadelphia Little Flyers,  Quakers,  Reading Jr. Royals,  Snider Hockey,  Susquehanna Stampede,  Wilmington Nighthawks, and  Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins

Associate Members:

-  Referee & Chief – Mike Campbell (Absent)
-  COVID Coordinator – Lisa Silvotti (Absent)
-  DVHL Scheduler – Mike Wiercinski (Absent)

Members Absent:



 Delmarva Raptors and  Hatfield Ice Hawks

Guests:

NONE

Approval of the Agenda:




- The agenda of **September 11, 2024**, DVHL monthly meeting was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL president,  as submitted by Michael DeRose.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  **Quakers**



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- Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  **Central Penn Panthers**
 - All in favor to adopt carried unanimously.
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- Jay asked for a moment of silence to honor the men and women who lost their lives as a result of the tragic events on September 11, 2001, as well as the Gaudreau brothers who played in the district and died recently in an accident.
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Approval of Minutes:



- The minutes of **August 24, 2024**, DVHL monthly meeting was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Secretary,  as submitted by Michael DeRose.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  **Delco Phantoms**
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  **Campus Wild**
 - All in favor to adopt carried unanimously.
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Approval of the Treasurer's Report:



- The Treasurer's report for **August 31, 2024**, were put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Treasurer,  Beth Ritter.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by:  **Genesis**
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's report by:  **Hershey Jr. Bears**
 - All in favor to adopt carried unanimously.
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Executive Vice-President's Report:



- V.P. Joe D'Angelo
 - Joe stated that with the exception of tournaments, DVHL playoffs, and USA Hockey Nationals a player can play back-to-back games without having a three (3) hour gap in between. The player can go from one (1) rink to the next rink and play in that game. The only time the wait time applies is for District tournaments, DVHL play-offs, and USA Hockey Nationals.
 - Joe then talked about AA level players. Joe stated that moving an AA player down to A national or A American, will be very difficult for the DVHL to approve that move. If the player is allowed to move down in level, there is a more likely than not chance that that player will be forced to remain at that level for the remainder of the season.
 - Joe added that if the player is a goalie, then the move, in all likelihood, will not be approved. Joe suggested that if the organization only has one (1) goalie on



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their A National or A American team, the organization should try to find an in-house, middle school or a high school goalie who is not playing somewhere and at the minimum, put that player on the roster, so that the team will have a back-up to fill-in. Joe went on to state that he sees that a lot of teams only have one (1) goalie listed on their rosters.

1st Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Dave Jackson
 - Dave thanked Wil Younger for the wonderful work he did with the new DVHL website.
 - Dave advised the organizations to familiarize themselves with it and get to know where all of the forms are.
 - Dave stated that the rosters after the week of September 9, 2024, will be locked. Dave reminded the membership to ensure that all of the jersey numbers are updated. Once the rosters get locked down, you will not be able to enter anyone else on a roster.
 - Dave stated that only the club presidents or registrars submit the form for player movements such as additions or subtractions.
 - There are way too many people submitting these types of forms that should not be. These forms should only be submitted by authorized personnel within the organization (club presidents or registrars)
 - Dave also stated no one should be adding games into GameSheet.
 - Dave stated that everything seems to have gone well with the first (1st) week, he has not seen too many hiccups. Dave added that we are still waiting for the NJYHL to send us their suspension list so they can be merged and allow us to have a unified list, due to the cross-over games with them. The DVHL has reached out multiple times to them, and we are waiting for them to get back to us.
 - Chris Saitta from the Exton Kings that his organization had an issue during the first (1st) week regarding an overtime question. Chris added that it was quickly resolved because both he and his scorekeeper found it very easy to find the answer to their question.
 - Chris Saitta from the Exton Kings then asked Dave if GameSheet was updated to reflect three (3) minute periods verses five (5) minute periods.
 - Dave stated that the correction has been made and will be updated by week two (2). Dave added that there were some things that were messed up such as period minutes and times for penalties at different levels. Dave had everything preset, but then the NJYHL entered their information into GameSheet which overrode what Dave had already preset.
 - An unidentified member asked a question regarding the website. He stated that when you pull up the end of time slot section, there are two



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(2) statements, he believes that if people who are outside the organizations would think they are unclear. He suggested that we update the verbiage. The first (1st) mentions three (3) verses three (3) except at some level but does not finish the statement.

- Jay saw what was being referred to and stated that it would be corrected.
- The person went on to state that number ten (#10) in that same section still lists five (5) minute overtime periods instead of three (3) minute overtime periods.
 - Dave stated that Jay sent over a revised Rules and Regulations to Wil, so that he can update the website.
 - Jay stated that it will be checked and corrected.

2nd Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Joe Spagnolo
 - Joe announced that the Mite Jamboree that was held over the weekend of September 7, 2024, was very successful. Joe tipped his hat to Stéphane Charbonneau and Larry Sechuk for hosting a great event. Joe added that he did not receive any complaints. Joe went on to state that he was at the event on both days and was able to observe each team at least two (2) times.
 - Joe added that the evaluations came in and based on the observations and suggestions from the coaches who submitted them. Joe then asked that the following organizations notify their respective coach and make sure that they agree with moving their respective team up.
 - 10U C to move to 10U B
 - Genesis
 - Campus Wild (both teams)
 - 10U B to move to 10U A
 - Hershey Jr. Bears

President's Report:



- President Jay Finnigan
 - Jay then announced Bryan Isola, who introduced himself as the new president of the Exton Kings. He acknowledged Chris Saitta efforts on behalf of the Kings and the DVHL.
 - Jay reminded that **anyone who has not completed the required screenings, get them done as soon as possible.** If there are any issues relating to the screenings, Jay advised the membership to contact Karen Fund to get them resolved.
 - Jay stated that on September 12, 2024, he and Frank McGady are having a meeting to put together several committees related to the alliance. The purpose of the committees is to



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make the transition to the alliance games with the NJYHL a lot smoother for next season. Jay added that there are still some items relating to this year that need to be worked out, one (1) of them being that the fine regarding a forfeit in the NJYHL is more than ours, the fine in the DVHL is \$775 and the fin in the NJYHL is \$1000. Jay stated that he believes that in all fairness that if a DVHL team forfeits a game on a New Jersey sheet of ice, the DVHL team pays the fine at the rate that has been set by the NJYHL.

- Zach Overholtzer from the Dynamites suggested that we agree on establishing a certain percentage due to the fact that ice fees vary per rink.
 - Jay stated that we will put that in the proposal for next season's rules and regulations meeting.
- Zach Overholtzer from the Dynamites then made a comment regarding the screenings. Zach stated that because the screenings take so long to get approved, he suggested that we push up the deadline of when the rosters need to be in, we could potentially save the league some headaches.
- Jay went on to state he believes that the transition into the alliance has been a huge and successful transition. Jay added that that Wil Younger is asking the membership to send him the player of the week, plays of the week, student of the month, and player advancement. Jay further stated that we, the DVHL, can not help to promote your organization without the organization's help and support.
- Jay also stated that any organization who would like the DVHL helmet stickers, send him an email and he will ensure that they get shipped out to those organizations immediately.
- Jarod Champeaux from the Wilmington Nighthawks asked if their 18U AA team is eligible for the playoffs.
 - Jay informed Jarod that it is still being worked on due to Delaware and Pennsylvania are totally separate in their advancements to Districts and Nationals. A solution is being worked out so that they can participate in the DVHL playoffs.

Adjournment:



- A motion to adjourn the September meeting was made by: **Jay Finnigan**
 - The motion seconded by: **All**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be via ZOOM on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**