



MINUTES








Delaware Valley Hockey League

Date | time November 13, 2024, 7 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 (Absent)
-  2nd Vice President & Co-Commissioner (12U, 10U, 8U) – Joe Spagnolo
-  Vice President Marketing – Larry Sechuk
-  Treasurer – Beth Ritter (Absent)
-  Secretary & SafeSport Coordinator – Mike DeRose

Represented Member Clubs:

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

Associate Members:

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

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Paul Bardell, Lady Patriots




MINUTES

Delaware Valley Hockey League


Approval of Minutes:



- The minutes of **September 11, 2024**, DVHL monthly meeting was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Secretary,  Michael DeRose.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by: **Delco Phantoms**
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by: **Wilmington Nighthawks**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
-


Approval of the Treasurer's Report:



- The Treasurer's report for **September and October 2024**, were put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Treasurer,  Beth Ritter.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by: **Delmarva Raptors**
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's report by: **Philadelphia Little Flyers**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
-

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:



- The meeting agenda report for **November 13, 2024**, were put to the floor for approval by DVHL President,  Jay Finnigan.
 - Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by: **Delmarva Raptors**
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Agenda by: **Philadelphia Little Flyers**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.
-

Executive Vice-President's Report:



- V.P. Joe D'Angelo
 - Joe announced that he and Brian Peca will be participating in the MAHA competition committee meeting on Monday night, November 18, 2024. Joe asked that if anyone had any thoughts or ideas, they were welcome to email him or Brian.
-

1st Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Dave Jackson
 - Absent
-

2nd Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Joe Spagnolo



MINUTES

Delaware Valley Hockey League

- Joe addressed instances in a game where there is racial or hateful language. Joe asked that if it is brought to the attention of a coach during a game, it would be very helpful if that coach notified the referee immediately.

Vice President Marketing Report:



- V.P. Larry Sechuk
 - Larry stated that he is continuing to work on getting things in order such as banners as well as ironing out some details with IceWorks to make it an exciting event.

President's Report:



- President Jay Finnigan
 - Jay called on Brian Peca to provide an update on MAHA update. Brian stated that there is a MAHA general membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, 11/14/2024 with the DVHL and NJYHL representatives to discuss current items as well as future items. There is also a follow-up meeting scheduled for December regarding next year. There are a couple things right now in terms of scheduling and some issues with teams that do not want to play because the games do not count in a certain fashion.
 - There are issues with scheduling that are being worked out.
 - Jay addressed locker room policies
 - There were three (3) instances this year that have gone to SafeSport. In all three (3) instances, would lead one (1) to believe that there was no locker room monitor present. It is a USA Hockey policy that a locker room monitor be in the locker room. Jay anticipates hearing from USA Hockey in the near future.
 - One (1) of them, SafeSport, was held without a decision to see if anything materializes. One (1) was returned to the District and the District, this week sent out multiple emails to members of the team with additional suspensions over what they have already served when they were under summary suspension. They can either accept those or go to a hearing which has now been referred back to the DVHL if they don't accept the decision. There is also one (1) out there that Jay would put in the hazing and taunting category between teammates and the report to SafeSport indicated that there was not a locker room monitor present during practices.
 - Joe D'Angelo added that if you have any female players on the team, you also need a monitor at their locker room as well.
 - Jay addressed the District information.
 - Jay sent out the District format.



MINUTES

Delaware Valley Hockey League

- Jay discovered that at 14AA for the DVHL Championship weekend we have to add another game where the winner of the Pennsylvania teams would play the Junior Blue Hens, similar to what we have in the 16AA and 18AA. An updated schedule will be provided. This is to determine the teams to advance to Districts. DE teams automatically advance. PA teams need to be determined via Championship Weekend and then the DE teams will face the PA winner for the DVHL Championship Weekend winner.
 - Jay addressed the fee schedule for the Championship weekend and shows what it consists of which was emailed to the membership.
 - Jay reminded everyone to be mindful at the 18U levels to make sure everyone compliant with SafeSport because their SafeSport could expire, and they need to be properly credentialed for playoffs, Districts, and Nationals.
 - There was no discussion offered from the membership on Districts or DVHL Championship Weekend.
 - Jay addressed that our agreement with the officials expires at the end of this year. Jay shared the fees for next year for the membership for when they put their budgets together.
 - A motion to approve the referee fees was made by: **Chester County Cougars**
 - The motion seconded by: **Central Penn Panthers**
 - Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:



- A motion to adjourn the March meeting was made by: **Central Penn Panthers**
 - The motion seconded by: **All**
 - All in favor to adopt carried.

Next Meeting:

The January meeting will be the President's meeting in-person on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at IceLine, Aston, PA.