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Delaware Valley Hockey League

Date | time May 14, 2025, 7:00 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
-  1st Vice President & Co-Commissioner (18U, 16U, 14U) – Dave Jackson
-  2nd Vice President & Co-Commissioner (12U, 10U, 8U) – Joe Spagnolo
-  Vice President Marketing – Larry Sechuk
-  Treasurer – Beth Ritter
-  Secretary & SafeSport Coordinator – Mike DeRose (Absent)

Represented Member Clubs:

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

Associate Members:

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

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

None




Approval of the Meeting Agenda:








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- The DVHL meeting agenda was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL President,  Jay Finnigan
 - Motion to adopt the meeting agenda was made by:  Central Penn Panthers
 - Motion seconded to adopt the agenda by:  Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins
 - All in favor to adopt, carried.




Approval of Minutes:



- The minutes of April 12, 2025, DVHL monthly meeting was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Secretary,  Michael DeRose.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  Quakers
 - All in favor to adopt, carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report:



- The Treasurer's report for April and May 2025, were put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Treasurer,  Beth Ritter.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by:  Chester County Cougars
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's report by:  Philadelphia Little Flyers
 - All in favor to adopt carried.

Executive Vice-President's Report:



- V.P. Joe D'Angelo
 - Joe along with other members of the DVHL met with the competition committee on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.
 - They discussed the 10U and 12U placement tournaments and received a lot of good feedback.
 - The weekend of May 17 and 18, 2025, will be the 14U placement tournament. Joe and members of the DVHL will be there to oversee the progress of the tournament.
 - Joe asked that the organizations remind their 16U and 18U coaches to submit the JotForm that was sent out regarding the reason they're requesting to play at a certain level. Joe stated that the organizations can send the forms to him as well as Joe Spagnolo and they will intern send that information to the balance of the competition committee.



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1st Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Dave Jackson
 - Nothing to report.

2nd Vice President's Report:



- V.P. Joe Spagnolo
 - Nothing to report.

Vice President Marketing Report:



- V.P. Larry Sechuk
 - Nothing to report

Vice President Legal Report:



- V.P. Terry Wochok
 - Absent

President's Report:



- President Jay Finnigan
 - Jay spoke on behalf of Brian Peca regarding MAHA stating that this year we will have enough in all divisions with the exception of 10U B American, 12U B American, and 14U B American we have six (6). Jay added that he believes that it will be enough because based on what he saw a team or two (2) will be dropping down.
 - Jay added that we also have Princeton and Flyers youth that will be scheduling with us again across the board, so those teams will be going into those divisions.
 - Jay also stated that the AA will be going into a single division with the NJYHL, they will be playing cross-league games before coming back to advance to Districts and Nationals.
 - Wil Younger from Central Penn Panthers asked if that was going to be across all divisions at AA and Jay confirmed that will occur at 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U.



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- Jay stated at 12U we have eight (8) A-National, twelve (12) A-American, and nine (9) B-National. We have two (2) B-American teams that need to decide what they are going to do. At 14 U we have three (3) AA, nine (9) A-National, eleven (11) A-American, and six (6) B. At 16U we have eight (8) AA, eleven (11) A-National, and nine (9) A-American. At 18U we have five (5) AA and ten (10) A.
- DVHL Master scheduler, Mike Wiercinski stated as quickly as we get the final projections in and all of the teams slotted, he would like to have a scheduler's meeting to go over how many games each division is going to play. Mike went on to state that as on today, May 14, 2025, we are looking at anywhere between eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) games depending on how many teams in each division.
 - Mike added that if a team has eighteen (18) games, they will be able to go to NJYHL to schedule additional non-league games. Mike will give the organizations the scheduler's information to schedule the games accordingly.
 - Mike is hoping to start scheduling games the week of June 9, 2025. Mike added that by the end of June, he is hoping to have the DVHL portion of the schedule complete.
- Brian Peca stated that the AA teams will be scheduled before their parody event.
 - Brian added that we will not be doing mandatory A-National crossovers this year. Brian asked that the membership has the correct contact numbers for all of the teams.
- Jay announced that we need to reschedule the January 2026 DVHL meeting that was scheduled due to the USA Hockey annual meeting in Nashville, TN that is scheduled for January 14, 2026, which he and Brian Peca will be attending. The meeting will now be on January 21, 2026. The information will be posted on the website.
- Jay reminded the organizations to gather their rosters for their board of directors and send it to Karen Fund. Jay also reminded the membership to ensure that everyone's background check and SafeSport is completed.
 - Jay also reminded the membership to ensure that they have locker room monitors in place.
- Wil Younger from Central Penn Panthers asked if any organization has any knowledge regarding any alumni that they would like to see a write up for, please contact him. So far, he has only received one (1) submission regarding a former DVHL player, and it appeared to have been a success. Wil would like to get some more of those to continue promoting our players and the league.




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Adjournment:



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

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.