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Delaware Valley Hockey League

Date | time September 10, 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

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 (Absent)

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

None



Approval of the DVHL Meeting Agenda:








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- The DVHL meeting agenda for September 10, 2025 was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL President, Jay Finnigan.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  Central Penn Panthers
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  Chester County Cougars
 - All in favor to adopt carried.




Approval of Minutes:



- The minutes of August 13, 2025, DVHL monthly meeting was put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Secretary,  Michael DeRose.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by:  Huntsmen
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by:  Delco Phantoms
 - All in favor to adopt carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report:



- The Treasurer's report for August 2025, were put to the floor for adoption by DVHL Treasurer,  Beth Ritter.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by:  Hershey Jr. Bears
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's report by:  Quakers
 - All in favor to adopt carried.

Executive Vice-President's Report:



- V.P. Joe D'Angelo
 - Joe touched on some issues, both serious and minor regarding player and parent contact over the weekend on September 6 and 7, 2025. Joe believes that perhaps a great majority of us are forgetting what this sport is all about and that is fun, fair play, and most importantly friendship.
 - Joe suggested that the league possibly increase the suspensions on problem with regard to fighting and derogatory slurs during games. Joe firmly stated that there is no place in the DVHL for this type of conduct. Joe asked the membership to speak to their respective members and remind them that this type of negative conduct will not be tolerated.

1st Vice President's Report:





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- V.P. Dave Jackson
 - Dave stated that the membership should've received an invitation from Google sheets. Dave went on to state that this season, the DVHL will be emailing the suspension report weekly. This will allow the organizations to be able to look at the suspension report as it is updated. Dave further stated that there should be no reason why reports aren't filed due to it being updated live as he and Joe Spagnolo are receiving the information.
 - There will be a separate suspension sheet that only will go out to the club presidents and team representatives who have teams in MAHA.
 - Dave recapped the suspensions as a result of discussions at the DVHL August meeting. Dave stated that this will be updated on the DVHL website.
 - 10U and 12U:
 - 1st Offence is: One (1) game suspension.
 - 2nd Offence is: Three (3) game suspension.
 - 3rd Offence is: The player is out for the remainder of the season.
 - 14U, 16U, and 18U:
 - 1st Offence is: Two (2) game suspension.
 - 2nd Offence is: Five (5) game suspension.
 - 3rd Offence is: The player is out for the remainder of the season.

2nd Vice President's Report:











- V.P. Joe Spagnolo
 - Joe addressed the results of the mite jamboree that was held the weekend of September 6 and 7, 2025. Joe asked the organizations if they could provide him with what level their Mite teams will be playing. Joe also announced that there will be an A, upper B, lower B, and C division at the mite level. Joe polled the organizations and the following was what was presented at the meeting:

	Organization	A	UPPER B	LOWER B	C
	Campus Wild	1			1
	Central Penn Panthers	1	?		1
	Chester County Cougars		1		1
	Delaware Jr. Blue Hens			1	
	Delco Phantoms		1	1	1
	Exton Kings Ice Hockey Club				
	Genesis	2		1	
	Hatfield Ice Hawks			1	



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	Hershey Jr. Bears		1		
	Huntsmen				?
	Philadelphia Little Flyers				1
	Quakers	1	1	1	1
	Reading Jr. Royals	1			1
	Snider Hockey		1		1
	Wilmington Nighthawks				1
	Wilkes-Barre Jr. Penguins		1		
	TOTALS	6	6 or 7	5	9 or 10

- Joe stated that he will have a meeting September 23rd or 24th to determine game counts. Joe added that if there are enough teams to have an upper and lower B division that is how the DVHL will proceed, if there are not enough teams, then the DVHL will be forced to have only one (1) B division.
 - Joe informed the membership that the meeting on September 23rd or 24th will be ONLY club presidents or DVHL representatives.
- Joe addressed the bids with regards to the 2026 placement tournaments. Joe announced the dates, levels and locations for the tournaments as follows:
 - **Squirt (10U) will be May 1 – 3, 2026 at Power Play Rinks located at 701 Haywood Drive, Exton, PA 19341**
 - **Pewee (12U) will be May 1 – 3, 2026 at Hatfield Ice Arena located at 350 County Line Road, Colmar, PA 18915**
 - **Bantum (14U) will be May 15 – 17, 2026 at IceWorks Skating Complex located at 3100 Dutton Mill Road, Aston Township, PA 19014**
- Joe asked the membership if they had any suggestions on how the DVHL can improve when it comes to placing the teams at the levels.
 - There was a discussion regarding a better way to place teams at the levels to avoid improper placement.
 - Joe noted all of the suggestions that were presented from the membership and stated that he will take all of the information he received and put something together along with the executive board to be presented at a later time to discuss with the membership.

Vice President Marketing Report:



- V.P. Larry Sechuk




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- Larry stated that as on 09/10/2025, only thirteen (13) organizations submitted requests to him for the DVHL helmet stickers. Larry asked that the remaining organizations who have not sent in their request, please get it to him as soon as possible so that he can send them out.

President's Report:



- President Jay Finnigan
 - Jay asked the organizations to provide Wil Younger the information so that he can get the information up on the DVHL website and social media. Jay then called on Wil Younger to speak with regard to that.
 - Wil stated that for the weekend of September 6 and 7, 2025, he received two (2) nominations for player of the week and one (1) for play of the week. Wil asked that the organizations please speak with their coaches to help motivate them to submit their players for recognition to help make the spotlight more of a success. Wil added the more content he receives, the better off we as a league, are. Wil went on to state that the feedback he has received, has been very positive.
 - Zack Damico from  Snider Hockey requested that Wil send out something with information data links that can be shared with the coaches to make getting the information to the DVHL easier for the coaches so the information can be uploaded to the website more expeditiously.
 - Wil stated that he will prepare a PDF style form with QR codes that can be easily scanned to assist the coaches in easily getting the information to him so that he can upload it to the DVHL website. Wil further stated that he will send that form out to the organization's presidents so that it can be shared with the coaches and team managers as soon as he is able to complete it.
 - Jay called on Joe Spagnolo regarding a tentative start date relative to the Mite (8U) season.
 - Joe stated that he contacted DVHL Scheduler, Mike Wiercinski, regarding the start date. Mike Wiercinski informed Joe that the definitive start date is still being worked out, but he anticipates the start of the Mite season to be the third (3rd) weekend in October, 2025.
 - Jay addressed an incident that happened over the weekend of September 6th and 7th, 2025 that involved a player from one (1) organization making derogatory racial slurs to a player from another organization. Jay asked that the organizations to speak with their coaches and ask the coaches to speak with their players to inform them that that type of behavior has no place in hockey, especially in the DVHL. Jay stated anyone found to be engaging in that type of conduct will be dealt with swiftly and harshly.



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- Jay asked that the organizations ensure that the list of changes that he emailed to the organizations be shared with their coaches to ensure that they know the changes e.g., when the handshake is supposed to be done.
 - Jay went on to state that a team cannot opt out of a running clock, this rule was voted in by the membership after a lot of discussion and debate on the topic. Jay further stated that we, the DVHL, are going to follow the rules as were voted on and solidified by the DVHL member organizations.
 - Bob Essl from 🏒 Campus Wild asked if in the third (3rd) period with a goal differential of ten (10) and the game is determined as complete, are the teams permitted to continue as a scrimmage with the on-ice official's permission to finish the game or are the teams supposed to leave the ice.
 - Jay stated that the once that occurs, the teams are shake hands and leave the ice.
- Stéphane Charbonneau informed Jay that he is currently working on getting a schedule together for the playoffs and it should be complete by the end of the week of September 15, 2025.
 - Jaimee Scheff from 🏒 Chester County Cougars asked about the format relative to the 16U AA regarding the different brackets.
 - Brian Peca responded that with the 18U and 16U that are doing crossover games with the NJYHL, all of the games that they are playing are going to count in the standings whether they're playing an NJYHL team or a DVHL team. There will be a separate playoff for DVHL teams on President's Day weekend, February 13 – 16, 2026. The NJYHL is a split season and their playoffs will take place at the end of November.
 - Jaimee asked if the 16AA is being ranked together even though they are in two (2) separate brackets.
 - Brian stated that the 16AA is being ranked together because in the end, they are still going to be playing each other.
 - Jaimee then asked if the 16AA are all National bound even though there is a National and American division.
 - Brian stated that both Divisions are National bound because the American division is New Jersey specific because the NJYHL American teams are not National bound, however the DVHL American teams are.

Adjournment:



- The September meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.



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Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 via Zoom at 7:30pm.