

CHE Annual Meeting 2020

Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting: Sunday, June 7, 2020
Meeting Location: Online Conference
Presiding Officer: David L Fryer Jr, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioner called to order the 2020 Annual Meeting of College Hockey East at 8:16 PM.

Officers present (2): Dave Fryer (Commissioner), Jamsion Roth (Associate Commissioner)

Officers absent (1): Chuck Kuzniewski (Executive Assistant)

M3 teams present (7): Cal U Of PA, Cleveland State, Indiana U of PA, Kent State, Penn State Altoona, Pitt-Johnstown, Robert Morris

M4 teams present (4): Allegheny, Case Western Reserve, Pitt-Greensburg, Saint Vincent

W2 teams present (6): Buffalo, California, Mercyhurst, Oswego State, Pittsburgh, RIT

CHE teams absent (2): Duquesne, Wooster

GENERAL ORDERS

Previous Meeting Minutes

Roth submitted the minutes from the 2019 CHE Annual Meeting. No revisions were suggested.

Motion to approve the minutes by Penn State Altoona, seconded by Cal U of PA.

The motion passed unanimously, 17-0.

Financial Report

Fryer presented a P&L statement. There is currently \$11,475.00 in our account. Most team payments have been collected, including several in arrears. There were \$1,600 in fines this season. All accounts payable have been made. There was a GoFundMe campaign setup through the CHE bank account for Sam Kelly, which is still collecting donations and will be paid to Sam's wife. The budgets for next season will be very dependent upon how many teams get to play in each division. There will be an invoice in the fall for admin costs and another invoice in February for playoff costs.

Season Review

Fryer gave a review of the past season, highlighting the positives and the areas for improvement. The playoff races were exciting this season, but there continues to be a problem with teams dropping out of the CHE without warning. The COVID pandemic is a major issue that will be monitored all summer.

League Awards

Fryer recognized the 2020 CHE Champions: Pitt-Johnstown (Kaleina Cup), Cal U of PA (M3), Mercyhurst (W2), Pitt-Greensburg (M4). Meghan Roche of Mercyhurst won the ACHA W2 National Player of the Year Award, and Morgan Gloeckl of California won the ACHA W2 Off-Ice MVP Award. Each of those are the 2nd consecutive season that a CHE player has won. There was no ACHA National Tournament in March due to the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership

Four teams have withdrawn from the CHE: Delaware (W2), Liberty (W2), Navy (W2), and Pitt-Bradford (M4). There continues to be discussions with the CHMA (M1) conference regarding a future merger.

Divisions

Cleveland State will move to M4. With the withdrawn teams, all divisions will be a single conference.

2020-21 Season

Fryer spoke more on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and the need for continual communication throughout the summer as updates become available. It is likely the travel will be heavily restricted, at best, and that schools are going to be almost entirely focused on ensuring academics take place (versus “activities”). The current plan for the CHE is to have “open scheduling” where teams play the games and teams that they can play. A decision will be made mid-season regarding how playoffs will be conducted based on what games were able to happen, including the possibility for any team to opt-in.

50th Anniversary

This year will mark the 50th year of the CHE, and Fryer suggested that teams use the summer downtime to compile their own history. Teams were also asked to nominate worthy individuals for the CHE Achievers group. Additional events will be planned if we are able to have a season.

ANNUAL ORDERS

By-Laws Proposals

There were no by-laws proposals for this season, but Fryer stated we may need to propose some emergency adaptations to account for any effects of COVID on the season.

Election of Commissioner

Roth was established as the Supervisor of Elections. Dave Fryer was nominated by Cal U of PA prior to the meeting, seconded by Robert Morris, accepted by Fryer. There were no further nominations.

Motion to close the nominations by California, seconded by Penn State Altoona.

The motion passed unanimously, 17-0.

Roth stated the balloting will be done via online poll.

Motion to elect Dave Fryer as CHE Commissioner by Cal U of PA, seconded by Penn State Altoona.

The motion passed, 14-0-3.

Appointment of League Officers

Fryer stated that all league officers are done via appointment. Anyone interested should contact Fryer.

OPEN FORUM

Summer Tasks

Fryer cited the following tasks for all teams: communicate, control what you can control, be ready.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.