

PAHL Emergency Meeting – January 2026

Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting: Sunday, January 25, 2026
Meeting Location: virtual meeting
Presiding Officer: Glen Scholze, President

CALL TO ORDER

The PAHL President called to order the January 2026 Emergency Meeting of the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League at 9:05 PM. The PAHL Executive Administrator is recording the minutes of the meeting.

Members present (21):

- Allegheny Badgers: Josh Fajt
- Altoona Trackers: Aaron Makowiecki
- Arctic Foxes: Mike Ciocca
- Armstrong Arrows: Travis Beck
- Beaver Badgers: David Symanowicz
- Crawford County Flames: Matt Nagel
- Erie Junior Otters: Scott Dudkiewicz
- Johnstown Warriors: Vinnie Cannizzaro, Tyler Shumaker, Jody Gustkey
- Lawrence County Lightning: Brent Fisher
- Mon Valley Thunder: Frank Lopresti
- Morgantown Blades: Hillarey Young
- Mt Lebanon Hornets: Kari King
- North Pittsburgh Wildcats: Tom Dimond
- Pittsburgh Aviators: Anthony Quinlan
- Pittsburgh Vengeance: John Kohler
- Pittsburgh Yetis: Brian Blakley
- South Hills Panthers: Glen Siniawski
- South Pittsburgh Rebellion: Sean Coyle
- State College Icers: Pete Brumberg
- Westmoreland Eagles: Amy Roberts
- Youngstown Phantoms: Brad Patterson

Absent Members (4):

- Indiana Chiefs
- Pittsburgh Huskies
- Pittsburgh Predators
- Wheeling Nailers

Others present:

- Officers: Glen Scholze
- Staff: Dave Fryer
- Guests: none

The president stated that this emergency meeting has been called because the league had an entire day of regular-season games postponed due to weather on January 23. The league also had mass weather postponements in mid-December. The purpose of this meeting is to determine a course of action to ensure that all regular-season games are scheduled and played by all PAHL teams.

The Executive Director reviewed four possible options, which had already been sent out to associations presidents for consideration. In hopes of streamlining the conversation, the Executive Director asked that we conduct a straw poll on those options, including a fifth option of considering a new idea.

The result of the straw poll concluded that more than half of the associations (13) preferred the option to make no adjustments and get all postponed games rescheduled in the timeframe already established for the regular season. None of the other options received more than 4 votes.

The Executive Director stated that the expectation is all teams must still adhere to all scheduling policies, including start times and rest times between games. The League Office will compile and communicate a list of association, rinks, and schedulers who can assist with arranging for a neutral site game, though the intent is to still ensure that all games remain at the same rink as originally scheduled. An away team cannot force a game to a neutral site when the home team has an ice slot at its home rink.

Girls' teams must follow the same expectations. We cannot make one decision for all co-ed teams then make a different decision or apply exceptions to the girls' teams. Girls' teams simply need to take immediate action to get their postponed games rescheduled by the end of their regular season before the open ice slots get taken for other games.

Motion by South Hills, seconded by North Pittsburgh:

Reschedule all postponed games under standard rescheduling procedures.

Motion passes, 16-5.

The president asked that all teams communicate and cooperate. Concessions will need to be made in many instances, so all teams must remain flexible and understand that not all games can be played at ideal times. Forfeitures will not be accepted, including from teams that are eliminated from playoffs.

The president added that we still need a host for girls' playoffs next month, as no bids were submitted. Please contact the Executive Administrator if your association or rink has the potential to be the host.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:39 PM.

Minutes recorded by: Dave Fryer, PAHL Executive Administrator

Minutes approved on: *currently unapproved*