



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: January 29, 2011

Location: Glacial Gardens, Lakewood, CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

CAHA DIRECTORS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present	Abs.	Consec. Abs.	DIRECTOR	Present	Abs.	Consec. Abs.	DIRECTOR
X			Steve Laing, President	X			Jon Gustafson
X			Ed Tar, 1 st V.P.	X			John Hamer
X			Therese Phillips, 2 nd V.P.		X	2	Rick Hutchinson
X			Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X			Kathy McGarrigle
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.		X		Laura Ryan
X			Bob Drifill, Treasurer	X			William Stone
X			Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			John Thompson
X			Sandy Blumberg	X			Ron White
X			Jim Burcar				
X			Lance Burrow	X			Nancy Hodge
X			Chris Carcerano	X			Mark Mauro
	X		Kevin Culbertson				
X			Michael Donahue				
X			Robert Doherty				
X			Wendy Goldstein				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X	3	Dick Combs, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
	X	2	Donna Kaufman, District Director				
	X	3	Casey Jorgensen, District Director				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M.

Steve Laing called for any additional items to the agenda. None were submitted. Steve Laing unveiled the new host banners for the CAHA State Championships.

Approval of Minutes

On page 7 of the minutes under **Highlights of Summary**, the minutes should read “any game with 15 minutes or less” stop time periods, then the penalties can be 1.5 minutes only if approved by the affiliate. On page 5 of the minutes under **Coach-in Chief Report**, the minutes should read “Chris stated that he is missing SCAHA/Norcal rosters information.” Also on page 5 under **Finance Committee**, the minutes should read “One is maturing at the end of February, the other at a later date.” John Hamer moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2010 meeting.

(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

President's Report

Steve Laing reminded the board of an email he sent out regarding a fundraiser for the family of a parent volunteer in Utah who went on the ice after a game to assist with the broken down Zamboni, slipped on the ice, hit his head and subsequently died. Steve wants to make sure that we are aware of people walking on the ice at all times.

Steve Laing informed the board of the following statistic: At the beginning of the NHL season, 20.5% of the 711 roster spots in the NHL were held by American born players as compared to 14% in 2004. This is the highest it has ever been. Next year, 2011-2012 will be the 75th Anniversary of USA Hockey.

There was a person in Utah who was suspended for life from all USA Hockey sanctioned events because he continued to roster minors in his Adult League.

The Laguna Hockey Academy has been permanently closed. USA Hockey will be launching its NHL/ADM/HPC evaluation event and there will be one in California for the Bantam level.

Steve Laing reported on the USA Hockey Florida Winter Meeting held earlier this month. Most of the discussions surrounded the playing rule changes and some of the highlights were:

- Minor penalties 1.5 minutes in games with 15 min. or less stop time periods
- Remove the exception that allows shorthanded teams to ice the puck
- Tag-up rule for off sides
- Eliminate body checking at the 12U Youth age division
- Replace the word fisticuffs from the language with fighting
- Rule 68 "Head Contact"
- If a coach is ejected from the bench and there is no one else to finish the game then a responsible adult who meets the affiliate rules may be placed on the bench to complete the game

If anyone has any concerns and/or issues please email Steve Laing and he will present at the District Winter meeting.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill presented and distributed the financials as of December 31, 2010. Bob stated Mark Mauro will be explaining the CD's in his report. Basically, the first 6-month CD matures in February and the second one (13-month CD) seven months later. Bob pointed out that the balance sheet is misleading. There were hardly any expenses for the month of December. That will change in the next two months when all of the CAHA weekends will be paid out.

Jon Gustafson asked if CAHA is going to receive all of the Block Grant money of \$13,871 that was budgeted. Steve Laing answered yes. Sandy Blumberg moved to accept the budget as presented.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Web Site

Chris Carcerano presented the new CAHA web site. The old web site was extremely cumbersome and required manual manipulation. The new web site is template driven. It has news page, compliancy list, standings, etc. Kevin Culbertson will be updating the web site on a regular basis. The web site will be launched next week.

Red, White and Blue Mandate

Steve Laing opened up the floor for discussion regarding implementing the ADM model for the Mite divisions. Bob Doherty reported on SCAHA's Mite subcommittee meeting held earlier this month. Bob reported that the discussion was very healthy and involved some opposing opinions regarding implementing the ADM for all Mites. There was a consensus to somehow create a hybrid – some travel and some cross ice games.

Red, White and Blue Mandate (cont'd)

Some of the highlights from the meeting were:

- Mite A Division ~ 2nd year Mites
- Mite B Division ~ in-house; two x 11 week seasons and SCAHA would facilitate game schedule
 - Jamboree at the end of each 11-week season

Joe Doyle of USAH, has agreed to come speak to SoCal and make a full ADM presentation on Feb. 3, 2011. Bob stated that SCAHA is made up of 4 types of member associations: Rink owned for profit, rink owned not for profit, for profit clubs and not for profit clubs which makes it very challenging to adopt a full ADM model. Bob Doherty requested that CAHA delays the vote to implement ADM state wide for a year.

Lance Burrow stated that he does not believe that USA Hockey is ever going to mandate the ADM, only strongly recommend it. The ADM represents a cultural change and with every cultural change the process of accepting the new culture takes time. Lance stated that the North has adopted the ADM and does not have any Mite travel programs. They do not have the dynamic diversity that the south has and probably has two types of members. San Jose has in-house Mites and their program is not a full ADM program, it is actually a hybrid with a 2 to 2 ratio of cross-ice games to full ice games.

Ron White stated that there are more players playing hockey today than there were 15 years ago. John Hamer stated that between the years of 2004-2010 the number of registered youth participants across the country has increased by 30,000 and the adult registrations have increased by 60,000. Steve Laing informed the board that CAHA has seen a growth of 97% at the Mite level.

Bob Doherty moved to table voting on implementing the ADM mandate across the state to January 2012.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Steve Laing stated that the new IRS rate for automobile mileage is \$0.51/mile up from \$0.50/mile. This will be CAHA's position as well. Also, Steve informed the board that USAH will be increasing its USAH registration by \$5.00 in 2013. CAHA needs to review increasing its portion as well by \$1.00. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the District is going to increase its fee as well. Steve answered he will find out at the District meeting in 2 weeks. We will vote on the increase at the June annual meeting and the 2011-2012 budget will be approved in September 2011.

Steve Laing informed the board that CAHA will be looking at adding a Women's Adult tournament to the existing Adult tournament as well as having a HS tournament. Those additional events would cost about \$40,000 going back to our membership.

Dispute Resolutions and Penalty Review

Ed Tar informed the board they had a couple of hearings regarding a 30-day match for kicking that was brought to his attention by the club president. The Discipline committee reviewed the video tape and held a hearing and it was deemed there was no kicking motion.

They also had a second hearing regarding an alleged spearing incident. The player was placed on probation for the incident and was told that if he received another GM he would be indefinitely suspended pending a hearing. The player subsequently received a game misconduct and he was immediately suspended pending a hearing. Between the time of the automatic suspension and the hearing, the player missed 7 games. The player was released from his suspension and placed on probation for a year.

Dispute Resolutions and Penalty Review (cont'd)

Today at 2:30 pm the Committee will be holding two hearings, one for an assault of an official by an Adult player and the second hearing, involves a coach's request to be reinstated by CAHA. Ed Tar stated that he recommends that club administrators should contact the 1st V.P. and inform them of how the club is handling the issues that arise with matches, kicking, etc. Clubs should have their own penalty review committee and they should be conducting their own hearings as well. Ed also stated that he sent the spearing and kicking videos to LAHOA and suggested they use these videos as part of their training of officials in the off season.

Select Camp

Ed Tar reported on the Select camp. There are 184 boys and 90 girls participating. Justin White assisted Ed with the coordination of the coaches and evaluators. Ed is very pleased with the level of skill from the players at the camp. Jon Gustafson suggested we should not be giving those players who play out of state an automatic pass to the District camp. We should be saving those spots for those players that elect to remain in California to play hockey. Ed answered that it is not necessarily true anymore that the player who is playing in Detroit is any more competitive than the players playing in state.

Youth Council

Therese Phillips informed the board that the CAHA play downs (weekend of Feb. 25) are around the corner. Youth Council decided to man the play down events. The CAHA Directors will be:

- PW Valley Ice John Hamer
- BN Simi Valley Therese Phillips
- 16U Toyota Rosemary Voulelikas
- 18U Valencia Nancy Hodge

Therese Phillips stated that the PW Tier I states are next weekend, Feb. 4-6, 2011. Laura Ryan is not here. Therese read from Laura's report. The LAHC and Jr. Kings PW teams will be competing for the PW Tier I states in Riverside next weekend. The Midget Tier I state championships are being held in Escondido on Feb. 11 and the teams advancing to states are:

- MD Tier I 16U LAHC, Heat, Jr. Gulls and the Jr. Kings
- MD Tier I 18U Jr. Kings, Stars, Titans and the Jr. Sharks

There are no state playoffs for the BN Tier I division.

Nancy Hodge stated there is no Tier II report at this time. The Tier II mandated weekends have yet to be completed.

Therese Phillips stated that the Tier II bids go out in April, are reviewed by Youth Council in May and then they are voted on in June. She is looking for input to any changes, suggestions, etc.

Steve Laing informed the board that he was selected as the Tournament Director for the HS National tournament and the Tournament Director for the Tier II 18U National tournament as well.

John Hamer sent out an email with the number of HS players on HS teams to give an overview of the involvement of players at the HS level. The numbers represent a blurry snapshot for a couple of reasons. The San Jose Varsity league has not yet started and the numbers are probably understated by 5 teams and ~100 players. The numbers for the Toyota Sports Center HS league are based from the 2010 season and the number of dual rostered players on travel teams and HS teams is understated because it uses 2010 Toyota Sports data and 2011 SCAHA dated. There are close to 40 HS teams in the state and close to ~700 players.

Steve Laing informed the board that we have a team that will represent CAHA at Nationals. John Hamer tried to get a team to represent us at the American showcase but was not able to. Steve stated that we are going to try to do a showcase, whether combined or an all-star team for next year. Rosemary

Youth Council (cont'd)

Voulelikas asked if USAH would consider extending the deadline for the 10/5 rule seeing that both the San Jose and the Toyota Sports Center's HS leagues start in the spring. Steve answered no. He recommends that the HS teams start early and try to get their games in by January.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar reported that 11 teams have already registered for the 2nd annual adult tournament that is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011. We are on track with the number of teams registered as per last year. Tyler will be sending out another email in March to all of the USAH registered participants in the state reminding them of the tournament.

Tournaments

Sandy Blumberg informed the board that preparations are well under way for the state tournaments; trophies, banners, etc. Sandy stated that the state tournaments coming up that she will need assistance are:

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Feb. 4-6 | PW Tier I State @ Riverside | Sandy, Laura and Kevin |
| • Feb. 12-13 | MD 16U/18U Tier I @ Escondido | Laura, Kevin and Bridget |
| • March 12-13 | Tier II @ Lakewood | Sandy, Wendy, Nancy and Therese |
| • April 7-9 | A/B States @ San Jose | Need help |

Sandy stated that updates regarding playoffs, instructions for managers, etc., will be posted on the CAHA web site. Sandy Blumberg asked the board if CAHA is going to provide the skate towels this year. At this time, it is too late for the PW Tier I states. Mark Mauro asked who will be releasing the ice schedules for the Tier II playoffs. Sandy answered that Chuck Collins will be finalizing the Tier II schedules.

Finance Committee

Mark Mauro advised the board that one of the CD's is maturing February 21, and the balance of that CD is \$100,541. We can automatically renew it for another 6 months at an interest rate of 1.1% and it will mature in August 2011. The other CD (amount of \$100, 321) matures in September 2011. John Hamer moved to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation of renewing the CD (balance of \$100,541) for another 6 months at One West at an interest rate of 1.1%.

(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Girls'/Women's Report

Therese Phillips reported for Bridget Hopkinson who is currently running the Girls' Select camp. The Girls' Select Camp is going well. There are about 63 girls' participating in the camp. For each of the 1995 and 1996 birth years CAHA will be sending 5 Forwards and 4 Defensemen and for the 1994 and 1993 birth years, CAHA will be sending 5 Forwards and 3 Defensemen. Goalies will be ranked by CAHA and then District will select the goalies. Steve Laing added that the Girls' will need two-(2) Team Leaders and two-(2) evaluators. The boys will need four-(4) Team Leaders and four-(4) evaluators.

Screening

Wendy Goldstein reported that there are no current issues to report.

Membership Services

Mike Donahue reported there were two inquiries for new membership. One was trying to understand the process of applying for CAHA membership and the other was from Aliso Viejo who may join SCAHA. The membership application forms will be on the CAHA web site to make it easier for downloading. By this time next year, Mike is confident we will have a complete set of documents on file for each of the member associations.

Director of Referee's Report

Mark Mauro informed the board that he is working with Norm Kitano who will be coordinating the scheduling of officials for the Tier II play downs as well as the hotel accommodations needed. Mark Mauro will be at the Tier II playoffs at Lakewood as well as the Tier I playoffs. For the Tier I playoffs at Escondido, they will have six-(6) LAHOA officials and about 7 to 8 SDHRA officials.

Steve Laing thanked Jerry Orlando for his quick response and problem solving for resolving issues that arose at the Tier II weekend at Vacaville.

Coach-in-Chief Report

No report at this time. Chris Carcerano is currently helping with the CAHA Select camp.

Pacific District Report

Steve Laing informed the board that Donna Kaufman and Charlie Fuerstch ran unopposed and were re-elected to another two-(2) year term as Pacific District Directors.

Charlie Fuertsch reported that of the 100's of rule change proposals those of significance are the no checking rule for the PW division and the reduction of penalty minutes to 1.5 minutes for games under 15 minute stop time periods. They also discussed the issues that are going on at the Junior and Youth level. In particular, a task force was put together to try and work out some of the issues with the lower level Junior teams signing on Midget age players. USA Hockey also discussed the possibility of moving the Youth final roster date to sometime after 12/31.

At the USAH Winter meeting they formed a Multi-District coalition to discuss like issues that the districts are facing. They talked about the Multi District Festival Camps for the 14U and 15U ages. These are for the next 20 players that did not get selected for the National Camps.

Charlie stated there is a new concussion video that USA Hockey will be sending to the affiliate presidents after the June meeting. In the legal counsel meeting, USAH is in the process of rewriting its Bylaw 10 rule so that it is easily understood. USAH is not interested in maintaining or reviewing disputes regarding delinquency lists. Ron White stated that it is up to the different affiliates to honor each other's delinquency lists similar to what they have at the Junior level. There will be no National Select camp at the 14U division next year. It will be split into four-(4) regional camps.

There is going to be an ADM/High Performance evaluation program event this year for Bantam aged players. 100 Bantam teams will be selected to participate. Charlie Fuertsch stated that there are some new IRS reporting requirements for non-profits. On the form they ask you if you have the following: conflict of interest policy, whistle blower policy and record retention policy. Right now they are not mandatory. Charlie Fuertsch drafted a copy of these for the district and sent a copy to Steve Laing and he is strongly recommending that we have something in place at the state level. USA Hockey's crime insurance does not insure anything over \$100,000 and recommends that districts and affiliates have an additional insurance policy to cover amounts exceeding \$100,000. The next District meeting is in Reno, February 12.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

John Thompson wanted to find out if anyone would be interested in assisting him in developing a "rules of the game", step by step program that would teach the players, parents, etc., at each age group.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Next meeting is Saturday, June 25, 2011 at Holiday Inn, Ontario, CA.