



**CAHA Annual Meeting of the Registered Participant Members' Minutes**

Date: May 18, 2013

Location: Holiday Inn Airport, Ontario, 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		1	John Hamer
X			Ed Tar, 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.	X			Kathy McGarrigle
X			Laura Cahn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.	X			William Stone
X		1	Tyler Shaffar, 3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P.		X	1	Lawrence Cahn
X		1	Bridget Hopkinson, 4 <sup>th</sup> V.P.	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Bob Drifill, Treasurer	X		1	Ron White
X			Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Rick Hutchinson
X		1	Sandy Blumberg				
X			Lance Burrow				
X		1	Chris Carcerano	<b>NON VOTING CAHA DIRECTORS</b>			
X			Kevin Culbertson		X	4	Rob Foster
	X		Michael Donahue	X			Mark Mauro
X			Thomas Hancock				
	X	1	James Gasseau				
			<b>USAH DIRECTORS</b>				
	X		Dru Hammond, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
X			Donna Kaufman, District Director				
X			Jon Gustafson, District Director				
X			Wendy Goldstein, Associate Reg.				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Steve Laing called for any pending ballots for the election of CAHA Directors. Seeing none, Steve Laing closed the voting. Steve asked Charlie Fuertsch and Jon Gustafson to count the ballots.

**Approval of Minutes**

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2013 meeting.

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

**President's Report**

Steve Laing thanked all the current directors for their ongoing dedication to growing hockey in California.

Steve Laing informed the board that California won the National High School championship. We are currently increasing our numbers in Special Hockey and/or Sled Hockey.

Steve Laing congratulated Wendy Goldstein who was appointed as the Pacific District Registrar by the National office. She will be in charge of all of the registrars in the Pacific District.

Steve Laing informed the board that our ADM program was approved without any issues. The ADM committee approved to have full ice games during the Thanksgiving and Christmas tournaments and the

### **President's Report (cont'd)**

games will count towards the 12 maximum full ice games allowed for the 8U division. Outside of these tournaments no full ice games will be allowed to be played prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Financial Report**

Bob Driffill informed the board that there is about \$11,000 in our checking account. We are very close to our projections for this year. Mark Mauro stated one of the CD's will be maturing in November. The other one will be maturing March 2014. Steve Laing added that they will be presenting the 2013-2014 budget at the next meeting.

### **Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report**

Ed Tar reported that they had a couple of penalty reviews as recent as last night. Two adult players went after officials in a game at Anaheim. They complained about taunting by the officials. The other review was concerning a High School player in Burbank who was assessed a match penalty for abuse of a referee. The player alleged that the official was cussing at him. Ed Tar stated that he also spoke to the officials. Rosemary Voulelikas asked when there is a complaint against an official does it go to the rink supervisor first? Mark Mauro stated that it also gets reported to the respective official association.

### **Select Camp**

Ed Tar reported that we had a great CAHA Select Camp. As always, Justin White did a great job with the coach evaluators. 77 California players were moved on to the District camp and another 15 players were selected by the District to fill the openings. We used most of the alternates. Ed Tar stated that we should have more information on our web site on how out of state players are eligible to attend. Ed Tar asked if SCAHA can schedule their Pre-Select Camp to not conflict with the Tier I teams attending other league showcases. This year there was a conflict with a few of the 16U teams attending the SCAHA Pre-Select Camp.

### **Youth Council Report**

Laura Cahn thanked all the members of Youth Council this year. Laura stated that Youth Council has been working towards making the rules clearer and more concise and we are definitely achieving that goal. This was our focus this year. Playoffs were very successful this year. Laura Cahn thanked the Tier I Commissioners for all of their work this past season. Kevin Culbertson did a great job as the Tier I Commissioner as well as Rob Foster as the Tier II Commissioner. Rob Foster will be stepping away and Chris Carcerano will be the new Tier II Commissioner for the upcoming season.

Steve Laing reported on the registration numbers of how California is doing with respect to the other states. In the last four-(4) seasons CA has grown by 650 players and increased its membership by 43.9%. New players were increased by 349 players from 2012. Under the ADM program per USA Hockey; CA is one of the three-(3) fastest growing affiliates in the country right now. California has had three-(3) consecutive seasons of increases with a total of 98 8U new players. Six clubs met their 2+2 USA Hockey Challenge; Channel islands, The Rinks-Anaheim, Oakland, Riverside, San Jose and Wildcats.

### **Adult Tournament**

Tyler Shaffar reported that 48 teams participated in the Adult tournament held in San Jose this past April with 13 of the teams being Women teams. Next year the new date for the Adult Tournament will be April 25-27, 2013.

### **Women's/Girls Report**

Bridget Hopkinson informed the board that the Girls' District tournament was held in Anaheim this year, and the Tier I 16U Lady Ducks won Districts as well as the Tier II 16U Lady Ducks. The National tournament was held in San Jose this year and all of the San Jose Girls' teams had a bye to Nationals.

### **Women's/Girls Report (cont'd)**

At the National tournament, the Lady Ducks Tier I 16U were quarter finalists as well as the 16U Tier I Lady Ducks. The San Jose Sharks 16U Tier II team were semi-finalists. In the Womens' B Division, the Lady Ducks won the National Championship.

Bridget Hopkinson reported that the CAHA Select Camp went very well. The District Girls' camp was just completed and the California girls did very well. Of the 14 District spots available to advance to the Nationals camp, 12 California players were selected. In addition to those 12 advancing, 5 CA Girls' were selected as alternates.

Ed Tar asked if the girls' are growing. Steve Laing reported that for this last year there was a decrease of 7.3% of girls' players registering, however, we had an increase of 14% of retained new players.

### **Tournaments**

Sandy Blumberg thanked everyone who helped with all of the State tournaments. Sandy reported that the medallion awards were a huge success. The new Tier playoff format of double elimination went very well. There were no major incidents and they held only one hearing.

### **Director-of-Coaches**

Chris Carcerano stated no report at this time. Larry Bruyere, District Coach-in-Chief, informed the board that the Level 4 clinic will be held August 16-18 in Las Vegas this year. The CEP Level 1 and 2 are being set up for the last weekend in August. Level 3 will be the following weekend.

### **Director-of-Referees**

Mark Mauro distributed a handout showing a recap of the Playoff officiating. In summary, there were 112 playoff games with 45 officials used to work those games. The breakdown of officials used was; 17 LAHOA officials, 6 SDHRA officials and 22 IHONC officials. All in all, everything went extremely well this year.

### **Concussion Committee Report**

William Stone presented a quick review of the forms implemented last season and presented a new form for the coaches. The concussion committee set up seminars to educate the south and the north this past year. They would like to see some requirements implemented for next season:

- Continue w/ CAHA protocol
- All clubs need to provide education to all of its members; players, parents, coaches and administration by the 2014-15 season
- The education should cover what a concussion is, what the symptoms are, what warrants going to the hospital, clearance requirements, etc.

Kathy McGarrigle asked if the District provides clearance for players injured at special camps, etc. that are returning back to their affiliate and if not there should be something in place.

### **Old Business**

None at this time. Kathy McGarrigle moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting of registered participants.  
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

General meeting scheduled immediately.