



CAHA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2014

Location: Holiday Inn Airport, Ontario, CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

CAHA DIRECTORS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present	Abs.	Total Abs.	DIRECTOR	Present	Abs.	Total Abs.	DIRECTOR
X			Steve Laing, President	X			Curtis Brown
X			Ed Tar, 1 st V.P.	X			Nancy Hodge
X			Laura Cahn, 2 nd V.P.	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X			Scott Allegrini
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Rick Hutchinson
X			Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Kathy McGarrigle
	EX		Dave Bigelow	X			Mike Janda
X			Lance Burrow	X			Chris Hathaway
X			Chris Carcerano				
X			Kevin Culbertson	NON VOTING DIRECTORS			
X			John Hamer	X			Mark Mauro
	EX		Thomas Hancock	X			Ed Tar
	X		James Gasseau				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
X			Casey Jorgensen, USAH Legal				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
X			Dru Hammond, District Director				
X			Jon Gustafson, District Director				
X			Vada Burrow, Assoc. Registrar				
X			Wendy Goldstein, District Registrar				

Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Steve Laing asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Bob Driffill and Bob Levin. In addition, Steve asked to keep the seat where Bob Driffill used to sit empty for the remainder of the playing season.

Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that there was a correction made to reflect Laura Cahn and not Laura Ryan. Lance Burrow moved to approve the May 3rd Annual and the May 3rd Board of Director minutes as amended.

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

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that there is a disabled sled event scheduled for Nov. 9th in San Diego. CAHA owns 24 sleds with sticks and a couple of pushers. These are available to borrow to any association that has a disabled program.

There was a District Association Referee's Level 1 and Level 2 seminar held in San Diego last week that was well attended. Steve Laing reported that he attended the SCAHA and Norcal board meetings as well as the USAH Level 5 CEP Symposium. The symposium had 430 participants.

There is a mandate from USA Hockey that requires officials to record and use the recording forms online. Steve Laing asked Tom Hancock, Chris Carcerano and especially Mark Mauro to insure that all of the referee associations are using certified officials as well as are being instructed on using the reporting forms online.

Casey Jorgensen stated that with the USAH Progressive Suspension Rule 411 in place, there has to be a system in place to track these certain penalties and the officials need to do this. The officials do the game reports online and then the information gets distributed to the appropriate affiliate representative (s).

Kevin Culbertson is concerned that not all of the penalties are being tracked in particular the non-nationally bound teams (e.g. High School teams) and with the penalties following the player, there may be a lapse in getting the information out. Bridget Hopkinson asked if it would not be in our best interest to have one person (a CAHA Director) tracking all of the penalties; high school, Tier I, Tier II, etc., in addition to the Commissioners tracking their individual divisions.

Steve Laing informed the board, that the LA Jr. Kings have withdrawn their appeal.

Financial Report

Steve Laing informed the board that with the passing of Bob Driffill it left a huge void to fill. In order to have some form of continuity, Steve has been working on gathering all of the information and records and bringing the books up to date. Steve is using online Quick Books as opposed to manual recording. Steve Laing added that he is looking for the right person with the right specific background to fill Bob Driffill's position as the treasurer for CAHA. Rosemary Voulelikas moved to post the opening for a treasurer on our web site and to review the applications and report back at the November meeting.

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

Steve Laing distributed the financials dated June 1st through to September 2014. In addition, Steve Laing presented the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 playing season. Steve stated that he will be streamlining the expenditure side of the budget to follow more closely the revenue side.

The Member Fees / Team Fees revenue line item in the statement of activity represents money that has been collected to date for CAHA membership renewals. It also includes two years' worth of the online paypal membership registrations that were never deposited into our account before. Steve went through the expenditures. Most of them were amounts owed from last season. Laura Cahn added that there should be an expenditure line item amount in the fiscal budget for the mandatory Tier managers' meeting.

The CD's will need to be accessed. The information will need to be forwarded to Steve Laing. Mark Mauro stated that Steve is a signatory on the CD accounts. Mark also suggested that an expense line item of \$2000 for officials' travel be added to the budget.

This year is a Trophy renewal year. What that means is that we will need to order trophies and order individual medals for two years. The cost for these trophies and medals is recuperated through the tournament entry fees.

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the proposed budget with the amendments of adding two additional expense line items as discussed above; one for the Tier managers' meeting and one for the officials' travel.

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

Steve Laing informed the board that for the last few years, Charlie Fuertsch used to prepare CAHA's tax returns. Charlie Feurtsch stated that they are due November 15. Both Steve Laing and Charlie will be working together to file this year's taxes.

Steve Laing informed the board that the District is redefining its District camps for the 14U and the Girls' programs.

Finance Committee Report

Mark Mauro stated that one of the Cd's matures in November and Mark to send the information to Steve Laing. Mark Mauro and Ed Tar will meet and make their recommendations at the November meeting.

Steve Laing informed the board that directors traveling by car to the meeting are allowed to claim reimbursement of \$0.56 per mile. In addition, cell phone charges are reimbursable up to \$250 for the current season. Steve Laing informed the board that the Finance Committee, Mark Mauro and Ed Tar both have access to the online Quick Books and can access the files anytime.

Member Services Report

Jaime Campbell informed the board that that last season we ended the season with 85 members total as compared to 86 members the previous season. Currently we have 86 members with the Ice Dogs coming back and the Wildcats merging with the Ontario Reign. In addition, we had an all-time high in collections with \$13,240 collected in 2013-2014. Renewal reminders are being sent to the associations every two weeks until December 1st.

Rosemary Voulelikas asked Wendy Goldstein how registered member participants are being claimed if they switch associations. Wendy stated that they are counted towards the first organization. In addition, Rosemary asked how we are making sure that rink operators are claiming their members so as to minimize the unclaimed members. Wendy Goldstein stated that she will send an email to the rink associations to remind them to claim their house and adult players.

Screening Report

Wendy Goldstein reported that the applications are not being completed correctly and that when she sends out the restriction letters via certified mail they are not being picked up. Wendy stated that she has been in touch with Sterling and they are working on drafting new instructions to easily identify the organizations the applicants are with, etc. Applicants that are waiting to see if they screened successfully should contact the screening company directly if a considerable amount of time has passed and they are still not showing up on the compliance list.

Casey Jorgensen stated that USA Hockey is working on a way to have screening show up on a roster. Wendy Goldstein will send Casey the CAHA screening compliance list. Bridget Hopkinson asked if we as a state can have a Safe Sport compliance list as well.

Safe Sport Report

Lance Burrow reported that on-ice officials to be fully registered they must complete the Safe Sport Training by November 31st. In addition, Lance stated that officials that are under 18 years of age do not have to complete the Safe Sport training. However, if they want to be considered for working state, district or national championships they must complete the Safe Sport Training modules. Lance Burrow reported that we have had three reports of Safe Sport violations. Two were resolved and one is still pending. Lance stated that he just received five new safe sport allegations and the first allegation of cyber bullying. Steve Laing stated that he spoke to Steve Stevenson and the national policy for all officials whether U18 or not is that they must complete the Safe Sport training if they want to be considered for any state, district or national championship. An official that is under 18 as of August 1st of any playing season is considered under 18.

Disputes Resolution & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the board that there was only one issue during the summer of abuse against an official by an Adult player. Ed Tar asked Mark Mauro if there is something in place for hearings of misconduct of officials. Mark Mauro stated that the official organizations, all three of them, conduct disciplinary hearings

of their officials. Moving forward, Mark Mauro will be reporting on hearings of officials. Casey Jorgensen added that the affiliate also has the right to suspend officials (refer to page 90 of the USAH annual).

Select Camp

Ed Tar stated that he submitted his budget to Steve Laing for the CAHA Select camp and the participation fee for the upcoming season is being increased. Ed Tar is suggesting a \$105/player participation fee. Steve Laing stated that there is a \$50 per player fee that CAHA is required to pay the District for the District camps and is recommending a \$122/player fee for the CAHA Select camp. The affiliates are being charged \$50/player to cover the costs of the new procedures being implemented for the District Camps. Players that are advancing to the District Camps also have a separate District camp participation fee that they need to pay. Tyler Shaffar moved to approve a \$122 per player participation fee for the CAHA Select Camp.

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

Ed Tar stated that he is already getting emails and calls regarding the process for out of state players. Out of state players need to try to attend their respective league (Norcal/SCAHA) camps. If they are not able to, then they need to attend the CAHA Select Camp. Ed Tar added that there should be a small paragraph explaining this process. Ed Tar will send to Kevin Culbertson and Chris Carcerano to post on the CAHA web site.

Youth Council Report

Laura Cahn informed the board that Youth Council reviewed several waiver requests with respect to the new Tier I rules. The OCHC Midget 16U team appeal was denied. Subsequently, the OCHC team added a 1998 player and is now in the Midget 16U major division. In the minor division, there are three divisions with only two teams declared in each; the Jr. Kings and the Jr. Sharks for Peewees, Bantams and Midget U16's. The Jr. Kings appealed to have their Pee wee minor team play in the Pee wee Major division. The waiver was granted. The Jr. Sharks have three options; play in the Pee wee Major division, play as an independent team or drop down to AA. The Jr. Sharks have elected to stay AAA as an independent team.

The Jr. Kings Midget 16U Minor team appealed to have their team play in the major division and this was denied by Youth Council. Therefore, as a state we have two divisions with two teams only; the Midget 16U Minor division and the Banta Minor division.

Laura Cahn presented Youth Council's recommendations for the state playoffs. Rosemary Voulelikas moved to have the Tier I state playoffs in Lakewood Feb. 6-8.

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

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to have the Tier II state playoffs in Escondido March 13-15.

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

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to have the A state playoffs in Simi Valley March 27-29 and to have the B state playoffs in Riverside March 27-29.

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

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to have the High School state playoffs in Anaheim Feb. 20-22.

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

Kevin Culbertson reported that the Tier I teams did better with scheduling this year. There are a handful of games left to be scheduled. The deadline is October 15 to submit those schedules.

Chris Carcerano reported that one of his tasks is to validate the adds and drops of players to roster and would like to see the rosters have these dates on them. Currently the number of Tier II teams declared in each division is; 11 teams in 18AA, 17 teams in 16AA, 20 teams in 14AA and 14 teams in 12AA.

John Hamer stated that there are 8 teams vying for state and national championships. We have two new teams this year, Damian and Edison.

Bridget Hopkinson reported that there are currently the following teams in the Girls and Women's divisions. 1- team (Lady Ducks) in the 14AA and 2-teams (Lady Ducks & Sharks) in the 14AAA; 1-team (Wave) in the 16AA and 2-teams (Wave & Sharks) in the 16AAA; 2-teams (Sharks & Lady Ducks) in the 19AA and 1-team (Lady Ducks) in the 19AAA division. Bridget stated that she has not yet received all of the team declarations. The deadline to submit is October 1st. To date Bridget has only received one team declaration from the Women's B division and that is the Lady Ducks. Bridget informed the board that the Girls' CAHA Select camp has been moved from Saturday to Sunday only during the state camp. Registrations will be open shortly and the deadline to submit will be December 1st.

Rule 6.19 Consolidated Tier Teams

Laura Cahn informed the board that there is one consolidated association in the state, Golden State Eagles. They are comprised of four clubs; the Vacaville Jets, Tri-Valley, Redwood City and the Cougars. All of the Tier I requirements were met as well as following all of the guidelines listed in the rules for consolidated Tier teams. The confusion arises from the wording in the consolidation rules. This is applicable to all Tier teams not just Tier II.

Tier I Committee Report

Scott Allegrini met in July to discuss some of the problems arising from the Tier I rules as voted in last year. They eliminated the gray area by stating that if a club fields only one Tier I team that is comprised of all minor birth year players then that team must play in the minor division. Scott stated that the process is working and he is looking for recommendations. Scott reminded the board that we tabled the 3rd proposal to January. Curtis Brown stated that some of the requirements that were put in place worked, others did not. The challenge will be in how to make those gray areas clearer.

Web Site

Chris Carcerano stated that the iphone app version has been updated. One of the new features this year is that you can search the guidebook, highlight a section and you can email it.

Director-of-Officials

Mark Mauro reported that he distributed the Tier II weekend dates to the official associations. In addition, Mark stated that he would like to see a mentoring program in place that will assist in developing our officials. Mark added that he is not referring to new officials but officials that have been identified by the three referee associations that are ready for the next level. In essence he would like to see officials from the North work in the south and vice versa for the Tier II weekends. He will be asking the three associations to recommend referees.

USA Hockey Report

Dru Hammond thanked the board for having her today. She expressed her condolences for the state's recent losses. Dru thanked Steve Laing as well and informed the board that Steve has been a great advocate for California at the District meetings. Steve Laing introduced Casey Jorgensen as the first USA Hockey General Council member to come from Pacific District. Casey Jorgensen gave a brief history of his involvement with youth hockey. Jon Gustafson gave Steve Laing and Charlie Feurtsch kudos for all that they have done at the state, district and national level. It is through their efforts and their participation on these various committees that has helped in making this sport better especially in a non-traditional hockey market such as California. Steve Laing informed the board that Charlie Feurtsch was elected to the 2nd most significant office of USA Hockey, the VP of USA Hockey Legal.

Next Meeting November 5, 2014 in San Jose
Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.