



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: November 20, 2010

Location: Hilton, San Jose CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

CAHA DIRECTORS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present	Absent	DIRECTOR	Present	Absent	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	Rick Hutchinson
X		Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X		Kathy McGarrigle
X		Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X		Laura Ryan
X		Bob Driffill, 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			
		<u>USAH DIRECTORS</u>			
	X	Dick Combs, District Director			
X		Charlie Fuertsch, District Director			
X		Donna Kaufman, District Director			

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Steve Laing called for any additional items to the agenda. None were submitted. Steve Laing read a letter from Dave Ogrean, USAH Executive Director.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2010 meeting.
 (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that he attended the National High School meeting, the Norcal and SCAHA board meetings and a LAHOA meeting. Steve stated that the meetings were informative. He will report on them once we go through the agenda. Steve Laing also informed the board that the concussion letter will be posted on the web site shortly.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill presented and distributed the financials as of October 31, 2010. Bob Driffill stated that the income we collected from the Tier playoff deposits are amounts that will also be refunded back to the teams that do not advance to state playoffs. Bob explained the registration items on the Profit and Loss statement. The USAH registrations are coming in. It is distributed to the affiliates from the Districts twice a year.

Bob Driffill stated he is still working on preparing the receipts to submit for the Block Grant money for next season. Lance Burrow motioned to approve the financials.

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

Red, White and Blue Mandate

Steve Laing informed the board that he would like the board to review the ADM and to be ready to vote on it at the January meeting. Some of the states that have implemented the ADM are MI, Minnesota, Texas and NJ. CAHA is looking to implement a Mite ADM Red, White and Blue league possibly for the 2012 season. The model would involve having 3 to 4 Mite teams together on a practice ice and run them through clinics and drills designed to provide more puck touches for the players. In addition, the model may include a game schedule. Steve stated that moving forward; he would like to get this program started before the new board is elected in June.

Steve Laing opened the floor for discussion. Lance Burrow spoke briefly about Norcal's Mite program. Norcal decided not to have a Mite travel program for the league and implemented a program similar to the ADM. Norcal implemented cross-ice games in the form of a Mite Jamboree. They are scheduled to have three-(3) jamborees this year with the first one occurring last week in Vacaville.

Jon Gustafson added that he has had positive feedback from the parents. They started their program two years ago and have seen an increase of players signing up for the program. Bob Doherty added that SCAHA will not be ready to vote on the ADM model at the January meeting. SCAHA is having a Mite subcommittee meeting in January and at best the subcommittee will be ready to formulate a proposal to present to the SCAHA board in February. Bob Doherty stated that he does not govern SCAHA by mandating changes such as these but rather through a democracy where every SCAHA president votes for these changes. Currently there is some resistance to the ADM model from the central region of SCAHA. Some of the smaller rinks have a Mite program because it is a travel team.

Rosemary Voulelikas stated that unless we change the culture it will not work. Changing the culture involves the rinks going to cross ice as well as the clubs across the state in order for the ADM model to succeed. Bob Driffill stated that whatever we decide to do as a board that we also need to address the consequences that may arise. It may not matter three or four years down the road, but it will have an adverse effect next year at that level. There are the AAA minded parents who have a year of Mite travel under their belt and now are asked to go to cross-ice. Melissa Fitzgerald and Emily Teachout from the Oakland Iceoplex rink spoke briefly about their Mite program. Emily stated that they have a Mite exhibition team that participates in cross ice games in the in-house as well as full ice games they schedule for them. They have shared practices that run using the ADM model.

Donna Kaufman stated that the ADM is about focusing on development and fun and in providing the appropriate playing field, shrinking the ice by playing cross ice games. Donna Kaufman stated that Colorado just announced that they will not be holding Squirt tryouts until November. The first six weeks will focus on skill development clinics. In the next two years, the Squirts will follow the ADM model. With the elimination of the PW Nationals that will enable moving towards continuing the development of these Mites through to Peewees.

Red, White and Blue Mandate (cont'd)

Steve Laing concluded that at the January meeting we can continue to discuss it and then vote at the June meeting. We could then implement this in the 2012-2013 season all the while working on it during the 2011-2012 season. Steve Laing recommended that the SCAHA Mite subcommittee invite Joe Doyle, Larry Bruyere, Larry Cahn, Director of Coaches and the club presidents to attend.

Dispute Resolutions and Penalty Review

Ed Tar informed the board that they have a series of Match penalties they have reviewed. They had two hearings last night with Adult players. The player was suspended for a year for assault of an official. The second hearing was also an assault of an official but mostly verbal. It was recommended that he attend anger management classes before he can return to playing. Ed Tar clarified that an assault on an official is a mandatory hearing unlike any other match penalty and does not specify the time frame. This adult player was under the assumption that if a hearing was not called within 30 days that he automatically returns to the ice. This is not so.

Steve Laing stated that the penalties in the AA divisions are out of control and most of the penalties are coming from the south. There are match penalties and multiple game misconducts of players and coaches. Nancy Hodge has done an excellent job as the Tier II Commissioner and Steve thanked her for all of her work. Steve stated that SCAHA has been doing a great job overseeing the hearings of these penalties. He feels that CAHA needs to step in and remove some of the load.

Sandy Blumberg stated that she advocated for the rule change with respect to multiple game misconducts that players receiving 3 game misconducts may be called to a hearing. She also clarified that the game misconducts and /or match penalties are from exhibition and/or tournament games that she as the SCAHA Deputy Commissioner would normally not see. It is because of Nancy Hodge's work of tracking all the penalties that she is aware of them. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if it is not the Tier I/II commissioners' task to track them and then to report them to the CAHA Disciplinary Chair. It was confirmed that the 1st VP is receiving the notifications. Sandy Blumberg stated that we need to be careful that the AA and AAA teams do not think that the leagues have no jurisdiction over reviewing their penalties. Steve Laing stated that CAHA would be an additional level of support. Laura Ryan recommended that maybe we come up with a letter advising the players that they may be summoned to a hearing for their excessive game misconducts.

Steve Laing distributed a spreadsheet of the Tier II penalty minutes amassed to date.

Youth Council

Therese Phillips informed the board the CAHA weekends have been going smoothly so far. The Tier Commissioners have been doing a great job this year. Therese Phillips reported that Youth Council is recommended that at the Bantam Tier I division not have a state championship tournament. There are two teams in the state registered for the division, the San Jose Jr. Sharks and the LA Selects. The San Jose Jr. Sharks are hosting the Pacific District Championships for the PW and BN Tier I divisions and automatically get a bye to Districts. The teams would be seeded as per the standings in the CAHA games. Jon Gustafson motioned to approve Youth Council's recommendation to not hold a state championship tournament for the BN Tier I division.

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

Therese Phillips clarified the USA Hockey rule IV (C) rule (page 133 of the USAH Annual guide) regarding the dual rostering of Midget players on a Youth and Juniors team since CAHA's rule 7.19 does not address dual rostering of Midget players on Junior teams. USA Hockey allows Midget players to be dual rostered on a Junior and Midget team up until December 31 of the current playing year. Donna Kaufman confirmed the clarification of the rule.

Youth Council (Cont'd)

Laura Ryan reported on Tier I. This year all the games required by the CAHA 300% playing rule requirement have been scheduled by the Tier teams. Last year this process went smoothly. This year however, Laura stated she had to intervene and schedule some of the games for teams that could not agree on the 3rd game. Laura Ryan stated that she feels Youth Council will need to revisit the 300% playing rule requirement for next season.

Nancy Hodge was absent. No report on Tier II.

John Hamer reported on High School. There were two meetings this past month, one down in the south and one in the north. Santa Margarita was the only Div. II team that attended the south meeting and 10 teams attended the north meeting, of which 5 teams were Div. II teams. Santa Margarita has been submitting their rosters, game score sheets, etc. John Hamer stated that CAHA's goal is to figure out which teams would qualify for our CAHA state Championship and ultimately represent CAHA at the American's League Showcase in Pittsburg. Rosemary Voulelikas asked John to clarify the Div. II and Div. I designations. Division II is for High School teams that are pure teams and varsity teams, meaning players dorm and attend the high school (prep) and/or just attend the high school (varsity). Division I teams are mix teams, meaning players do not necessarily attend the high school. (see page 130-131 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide). Steve Laing clarified that there are two different tournaments, the National Championships for High School that require the 10/5 playing rule and the American League Showcase that replaces the Chicago Showcase and there are no requirements for it. John Hamer reported that we are not able to identify a CAHA team at this time that would qualify for the Nationals tournament. However, we do have multiple teams that could be identified and vie for representing CAHA at the American League Showcase.

John Hamer stated that some of the concerns would be how to assist the high school teams in getting their 10/5 games in. Some of the ideas would be to have tryouts in the spring, so that teams are ready for play in August. In addition, the leagues would need to assist in possibly scheduling some of the games, etc. Sandy Blumberg asked if John was receiving all of the game score sheets from all of the high school teams. John Hamer answered that he cannot confirm if he is receiving from all of the high school teams.

Girls'/Women's Report

Bridget Hopkinson reported that the girls' managers are doing a very good job of turning in their rosters and game score sheets. Bridget also stated that the information for the Girls' Select camp will be finalized shortly and the information will be posted on the CAHA web site.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar reported that the 2nd annual adult tournament is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011. Tyler stated that USA Hockey will be emailing all the USAH registered adult players the information regarding CAHA's adult tournament. Tyler Shaffar stated they are hoping to get 20 teams from the south and 20 teams from the north to register for the CAHA adult tournament.

Select Camp

Ed Tar stated the CAHA Select camp is scheduled for the last weekend in January. The leagues are holding their pre-select camps in December. Justin White will be working on acquiring coaches once again for the CAHA Select Camp. Ed Tar was asked to clarify on who is eligible to attend. Players must be US Citizens and attend the league camps in order to qualify for CAHA's Select Camp. The leagues then advance the best players to the CAHA Select camp. All players advancing to the CAHA camp must submit a packet which contains their player profile, consent to treat, etc. forms by the first week of January in order to maintain their eligibility to participate.

Out-of-state CA players must submit the packet to CAHA by the first week of January. CAHA reviews the out-of-state player's resume and compares it to the players on the ice. If CAHA determines that they

Select Camp (cont'd)

are a better player then they are automatically added to the CAHA list and are referred to the District camp and/or added to the alternate list. If the player is injured, and has submitted proof of injury from a certified medical doctor, then CAHA submits their name as an at large player. Ed Tar stated that they need volunteers to assist with the registration of players on the Friday which is the first day of the boy's camp. The girls' camp starts on the Saturday. Ed Tar asked if Bruce Urban was still the main contact for the District select camp. Donna Kaufman confirmed that he was for this year.

Finance Committee

Mark Mauro reminded the board that the One West CD of ~ \$200,000 is actually two CD's one for 6 months and the other for 12 months. *"One is maturing at the end of February, the other at a later date."* There were some questions regarding moving the money from the checking account, but because of the considerable amount of expenses associated with the CAHA weekends; it was best decided to keep the money in the checking account. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if there are any plans to spend the money. Bob Driffill stated that as a contingency we should have at least 6 months of operation in reserves. Steve Laing stated that there is a push for CAHA to host a Women's tournament. Steve Laing added that if anyone has any input regarding new programs, expanding existing ones, please feel free to email the finance committee.

Screening

Wendy Goldstein reported that there was a glitch with 100 names dropping from the compliance list for no known reason. This glitch was fixed and all of the names have been placed back. We are now at ~ 3000 names listed on the compliance list and this is probably a result of the locker room attendants.

Membership Services

Mike Donahue reported he has received packages from most of the associations. The difficulty this season was getting the information of associations, rinks, and teams registered in the state. He will be creating a spreadsheet and will be crosschecking with the two associate district registrars. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if Mike can make sure to include the name of the person designated to vote. Rosemary also added that as per our bylaws the vote counts are based on the total number of registered member participants as of January 31st of the current playing year, meaning February 1st of the previous season through to January 31st of the current playing year. Mike Donahue stated that he did not receive any documentation from Jill from previous submissions of the CAHA renewals and has received about 85% of the documentations.

Director of Referee's Report

Mark Mauro reported that the October and November Tier II weekends went well. He reminded the board that Dan Ellison is the official coordinating for San Diego, Norm Kitano for LAHOA and himself for Norcal. There are still two weekends left; one in December and one in January. Mark stated that he has asked the official organizations for recommendations for the state tournaments. He will send a reminder email to them. Mark reported that he sent a reminder email to the official organizations regarding screening that as soon as an official turns 18 he must submit to the CAHA screening process successfully. He also reminded the officials to provide quality incident reports when submitting them, to be concise and clear in their reports. Therese Phillips stated that the officials are asking for three hotel rooms for the officials in a central location because of all of the activity during the play down weekend of Feb. 25-27. Therese Phillips reiterated the venues for the Tier II play down weekend:

- PW Valley Ice M16 Toyota Sports Center
- BN Simi Valley M18 Valencia

Coach-in-Chief Report

Chris Carcerano reported that one of his tasks was to verify the coaches' certifications by the end of the year. *Chris stated that he is missing SCAHA/Norcal rosters information.* He stated that he is

Coach-in-Chief Report (cont'd)

working with Nancy Hodge to try and centralize the information so that it is accessible and easily verifiable.

Steve Laing stated that after the Pacific District reports today Chris Carcerano will be presenting the proposed new CAHA web site on a lap top. Ed Tar stated that maybe CAHA should consider investing in portable AV equipment. Kathy McGarrigle motioned for CAHA to purchase portable AV equipment to include a projector not to exceed \$750. Motion was seconded and discussion followed. The AV equipment is the purchase of a projector that can be plugged into a laptop and then projected onto a white wall. Motion amended to not exceed \$1000 including tax.

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

Tournaments

Sandy Blumberg informed the board that the problem with the trophies having pieces falling off. Sandy stated the problem was with the polymer glue and they reissued trophies with the corrected glue.

Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the dates for the Norcal playoffs were finalized.

- A Norcal playoffs March 25-27 Oakland
- B Norcal playoffs March 18-20 Vacaville

Pacific District Report

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board that the Pacific District meeting is scheduled for February 12. Cullen Wallace, Alaska's affiliate president's term is up in April and he will not be seeking re-election. The District Select Camps are as follows:

- Boys 14-15 yr. old April 28-May 1 Camp Washington
- Boys 16-17 yr. old May 5-May 8 Camp Washington
- Girls (all) April 21-April 24 Seattle

Charlie Fuertsch stated that the district will be participating in the Multi-District Select camp once again this year. This is the camp for the next 20 players that did not advance from the District Select Camp. It will be held at Kent State from Jul 28-July 31. The only age group the district is participating in is the 14-15 yr. olds. The USA Hockey Winter meeting is January 20-22 in Orlando. And finally, the Hockey Weekend in America will be from February 18-20.

Ed Tar asked when the fee for the District Select Camp will be established. Donna Kaufman stated most probably at the February meeting. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the District reviewed player movement across the district at their October meeting, in particular with regards to financial obligations as well as players showing up on two rosters. Donna Kaufman stated that it is up to the club to notify its affiliate of a player suspension and then the affiliate president to notify the other affiliate president in the district of the player suspension. The affiliate president at that point will uphold the suspension across the district.

Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the District has something in place that can identify players on the final certified rosters as being uniquely rostered on that one team. Donna Kaufman answered no there isn't. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the District registrar gets all of the final certified rosters of all of the affiliates. Donna Kaufman stated that he does not receive the final rosters. Only directors who are working the District tournaments receive the final rosters of the teams that are attending that district tournament. Even if a player shows up on two rosters it does not necessarily mean that he is an active participant on both rosters. Score sheets would have to be verified to review this and determine if he actually has been a dual rostered player. Donna Kaufman added that USA Hockey does not have a National policy regarding financial free and clears of players and player movement across affiliates and districts. A discussion followed regarding final rosters and how each affiliate does final rosters differently. USA Hockey states that a certified roster must be submitted at the start of the season when the 20/10 is to start for each team. USA Hockey states that a final roster must be in place by December 31st of the current playing year.

Pacific District Report (cont'd)

Rosemary Voulelikas stated that the District should consider putting something in place that tracks all the Tier teams and Tier players in the district and have all of its affiliate registrars follow California's example of tracking this. This would eliminate any problems arising at a District tournament of potential dual rostered players. Donna Kaufman stated that at this time they will be reviewing the final rosters submitted at District before the tournament to be able to flag any potential problems.

Donna Kaufman distributed a summary of the 2011-13 USAH playing Rules Committee Proposal as well as the 2010-2011 Tournament Entries. For the tournament entries please go to the Girls' 12U Tier II Division, Nevada will not be sending a team to the tournament.

Donna highlighted some of the proposed rule changes. Donna explained the process of the rule proposals. On November 1st the rules are reviewed and the committee prepares its recommendations. Then it is presented at the January meeting and at the conclusion of the January meeting the rule proposals are finalized and these are the ones that get voted on at the June annual.

Highlights of the Summary are:

- Cross ice markings
- What happens when only one coach on the bench gets kicked out? This proposal is to preapprove the person that can continue the game
- All equipment violations to be assessed 10 minutes
- *Any game with 15 minutes or less stop time periods, then the penalties can be 1.5 minutes only if approved by the affiliate*
- For all 5-min majors, a player must go to the penalty box immediately
- Use two referees and 2 linesmen
- 601 g.1 and 601 j.1 the word association to be removed and replaced by affiliate
- Rule 64c – for a 3rd fight in a season you must have a hearing before returns to ice
- Rule 65A - If you take your helmet prior to the altercation you will receive a match penalty
- Head contact if reckless game and if not reckless a 2 min penalty
- Grabbing of the facemask not necessary- a face wash would be a penalty as well
- 78A/78B – remove the icing ability of a shorthanded team
- 81/83/84/85 – tag up offside
- 94 – eliminate body checking at the 12U divisions

Old Business

Steve Laing informed the board that both Charlie Feurtsch and Donna Kaufman's seats are up next season. Please send nominations by December 1st. Steve Laing informed the board that Steve Switzer is appealing our disqualifications of him coaching in CA. The hearing will probably be around Jan. 29th or earlier.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Next meeting is Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Glacial Gardens, Lakewood, CA.