



CAHA Annual Meeting of the Registered Participant Members
CAHA Annual meeting of the Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: June 25, 2011

Location: Holiday Inn, Ontario Airport, CA

Time: 8:30 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	1	Therese Phillips, 2 nd V.P.		X	3	Rick Hutchinson
	X	1	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	1	Robert Doherty				
X			Wendy Goldstein				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X	4	Dick Combs, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
	X	3	Donna Kaufman, District Director				
	X	4	Casey Jorgensen, District Director				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.

Steve Laing asked for Ed Tar and Charles Fuertsch to be excused to verify and count the votes and to report back the results to the board.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2011 meeting as reported.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

President's Report

Steve Laing stated that CAHA just completed another highly successful Adult Hockey Tournament in April and is looking forward to hosting the 3rd annual next season.

Steve Laing reported that USAH membership in California increased by 21.3%. California is one of the top states to exceed their goals and in recognition of this the National office has donated 84 "One Goal" equipment kits to CAHA. CAHA will be disbursing these kits to those member rinks/clubs that have already implemented the ADM program.

President's Report Cont'd

Steve stated that CAHA took some bold new steps this past year:

- concussion awareness
- coach's helmet policy c/w sanctions and fines and
- locker room policy
- new CAHA web site

This year was a playing rule change year for USA Hockey. Some of the significant rule changes that were voted in at the USAH Congress in June are:

- tag-up rule for Bantam and above divisions
- no checking at the Peewee division
- USAH opted out of the inline business effective 2012-2013

USA Hockey will be increasing its membership fees for the 2012-2013 season by \$5. This represents a \$1 increase for Youth at the state level and \$0 for the Adults at the state level. After conducting a national wide audit, USAH is recommending that board of directors carry crime insurance of \$100,000. California is not up for an audit until 2013.

Steve Laing reported that Casey Jorgensen, resigned his position as a Pacific District director and accepted the position of General counsel for USAH. Pacific Director Dick Coombs' term of office ends in 2012. Names of nominees will need to be submitted shortly.

Kellie Hayes has been appointed chair for the Disabled Hockey Division. In California, we have special teams formed in the Oakland, Sacramento, LA and Pasadena areas. We have sled hockey teams formed in San Diego, San Jose, Ontario, Oakland and Sacramento. Please let Steve know if you are interested in helping out. There will be a class to train the trainer for disabled hockey in Vegas in October.

This is the last year for Peewee Nationals. In 2013-2014 a "Frozen Four" Peewee Jamboree tournament will be hosted by the affiliates in the Pittsburg area.

There is a Mayo clinic web site on concussions. Modules and Information at www.thinkfirst.ca and www.infhslern.com.

Steve reported that he attended his first Girls/Women National Meeting. October 2 is being designated as Girls' Hockey Day to raise awareness of girls' hockey. They will also have a Girls' ADM clinic with girls' coaches. The regional manager for Girls'/Youth ADM is Joe Doyle. Our local ADM contacts are: Ben Frank, James Gasseau, Kathy McGarrigle, Larry Cahn, Jim Borque and Emily Teachout.

Wendy Goldstein was forced to step down her position on the CAHA board as per USAH's conflict of interest policy and she will remain as the USAH Pacific District Associate Registrar. Wendy has agreed to remain on as the Screening Chair.

Steve Laing distributed a statistical report showing the breakdown of our membership of players (youth & girls'), Junior teams, officials, etc.

Steve Laing reported that the election results are in. The following nominees have been elected to the 2011-2012 CAHA Board of directors for a two year term: Jim Burcar, Larry Cahn, Kevin Culbertson, Mike Donahue, Bob Driffill, Jon Gustafson, Thomas Hancock, Bridget Hopkinson, Kathy McGarrigle and Ron White.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill distributed the financials as of April 30, and May 31, 2011. Ron White moved to approve the April and May 2011 financials. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the board that Disputes looked at a few issues this year- including suspension of a coach who was on probation; suspension of an adult player who was penalized for attempt to injure an official and suspension of the Santa Clara coaches. The Santa Clara coaches have requested an appeal to the full CAHA board and a closed door hearing is scheduled for later this afternoon.

CAHA Select Camp

Ed Tar distributed a 2011 Select Camp report. He thanked Justin White who did a great job in securing a wide range of evaluators and coaches. A total of 184 players participated in the CAHA Select Camp. 86 players moved on to the District camp. At the District camp, 56 players were selected to move on to the National camp and 35 of those 56 players were from California. Ed tar stated that Lakewood does a great job in hosting the CAHA Select camp and will most probably host next season's as well.

Youth Council

Therese Phillips is absent. No report at this time.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar is absent. No report at this time.

Youth Tournaments Report

Sandy Blumberg stated that the state tournaments went well this year and thanked all who helped out. This year we had a great presence of Directors at the state playoffs.

Girls'/Women's Report

Bridget Hopkinson distributed a 2010-2011 Girls'/Women season review. Bridget thanked Kathy McGarrigle and Chris Carcerano for their assistance and support in running the CAHA Select Girls' camp.

This year, Bridget and Wendy Goldstein attended the Girls' district camp as team leaders. From the District camp a total of 16 CA players were selected to advance to the National camp this year.

The Girls' District Camp was hosted by the Lady Ducks and Anaheim Ice. The Girls' San Jose Sharks won Nationals.

The San Diego heartbreakers hosted the women's C district playoffs in San Diego.

Director-of-Referees

Mark Mauro distributed a Playoff Officiating report. Mark stated that his objective was to try to create an increased balanced amongst the selected officials from the three officials' organizations. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if CAHA receives reports from the three official organizations with regards to recruitment and retention of their officials as well as training and mentoring. Bob Driffill added that we should also be getting reports of officials that are advancing to the higher ranks.

Financial Committee Report

Mark Mauro informed the board that we have two CD's that will be maturing in the next 6months and 13 months. The next one matures in August. Mark stated that we should decide something in the interim or let it roll over and then decide at the September meeting.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Steve Laing informed the board that a notice of removal was sent to Rick Hutchinson. He has missed three-(3) consecutive meetings. Sandy Blumberg moved to remove Rick Hutchinson as a CAHA director effective immediately. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Kevin Culbertson moved to elect Jamie Campbell to carry out Rick Hutchinson's term as a CAHA Director ending in 2012.

Steve Laing asked for the existing board to return after the recess for the full board hearing.

Meeting recessed at 9:54 am.

Close door hearing at 11:01 am Jamie Baker and Ian Fazzi

CAHA Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Steve Laing reconvened the meeting at 8:36 am.

Election of Officers

President

Ron White nominated Steve Laing. Steve Laing elected.

1st VP: Dispute Resolutions & Penalty Review Chair

Ed Tar nominated by Ron White. Ed Tar elected.

2nd VP: Youth Council Chair

Laura Ryan nominated by Bridget Hopkinson. Laura Ryan elected.

3rd VP: Adult Committee Chair

Tyler Shaffar nominated by Lance Burrow. Tyler Shaffar elected.

4th VP: Girls & Women's Committee Chair

Bridget Hopkinson nominated by Rosemary Voulelikas. Bridget Hopkinson elected.

Secretary

Rosemary Voulelikas nominated by Bridget Hopkinson. Rosemary Voulelikas elected.

Treasurer

Bob Driffill nominated by Laura Ryan. Bob Driffill elected.

Finance Committee Report

Mike Mauro stated that CAHA has two options with regards to the maturing CD's. The first option would be to close the account that is maturing in August and then decide in September what to do with the funds. The second option would be to do nothing and to have the CD's roll over for another 6 months, 12 months etc. The Finance Committee's recommendation is to close the maturing \$100,000 CD and make a decision in September for both CD's. The other CD matures in October. Mike Donahue moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation.

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

2011–2012 Calendar

Rosemary Voulelikas went over the dates on the CAHA calendar. The SCAHA and Norcal playoff dates as well as the CAHA playoff dates will need to be finalized as well as the Pacific District Mid-Annual meeting date. In addition, the CAHA June annual meeting will need to be finalized as well. Rosemary Voulelikas recommended that we do not have the CAHA annual meeting during the SCAHA A/B tryouts. Historically we have always had it the third weekend of June, roughly one week after the USA Hockey Annual Congress. The June annual meeting will be held on June 16.

The CAHA State Tournament dates are:

- Feb. 3-5 CAHA PW Tier I State Playoffs
- Feb. 10-12 CAHA Tier I BN/MD 16 & 18
- March 9-11 CAHA Tier II All Divisions
- April 13-15 CAHA A and B State Playoffs

Rosemary Voulelikas asked if Dec. 10th would be the date for NORCAL's Select Camp. John Hamer confirmed.

Youth Council

Laura Ryan stated that Youth Counsel is recommending the board approves the following Tier II mandated weekend of play dates and venues:

- **Tier II 18U** Oct. 21-23 Riverside
 Nov. 11-13 Valencia / Ontario
 Jan. 13-15 Toyota Sports Center
 Feb. 3-5 San Jose
Play down Feb. 24-26 Escondido

- **Tier II 16U** Oct. 21-23 Escondido
 Nov. 11-13 San Jose
 Dec. 2-4 Riverside
 Feb. 3-5 Simi Valley
Play down Feb. 24-26 Escondido

- **Tier II 14U** Oct. 21-23 Vacaville
 Nov. 11-13 Valley Ice / Lakewood
 Dec. 2-4 Valencia
 Feb. 3-5 Riverside
Play down Feb. 24-26 Toyota Sports Center

- **Tier II 12U** Oct. 21-23 Valencia
 Nov. 11-13 Simi Valley
 Jan. 13-15 Oakland / KHS
 Jan. 27-29 Escondido
Play down Feb. 24-26 Toyota Sports Center

Bob Drifill moved to accept the Tier II CAHA Mandated Weekend dates and venues as proposed.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Youth Council

Rule Change Proposals

Section 1.0

Article 1.3: Laura Ryan informed the board that most of the rule changes are housekeeping in this section. Youth Council is recommending increasing the membership renewal fees. Lance Burrow moved to accept Youth Council's recommendation for section 1.0 changes except for Article 1.3 where the increase in membership fees to take effect in the 2012-2013 season as per the following rate: \$50 new membership, \$20 renewals, \$30 for each A/B team and \$50 for each Tier team.

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

Section 2.0 & 3.0 Registration

Laura Ryan stated that the majority of the rule changes in these sections deal with housekeeping changes. Clarification was added to include that non US Citizens must an approved written transfer form on file prior to being rostered and that players on a B1/B2 Visa are not eligible to be rostered on a youth team. Ron White moved to accept Youth Council's proposed rule changes for Section 2.0 and 3.0.

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

Section 4.0 Tournament Applications

Laura Ryan stated that this section deals with applying for hosting tournaments.

New Article 4.4: to read as follows: "*Travel Permits are required for any team from an affiliate requiring Travel Permits, and are required for all Canadian teams. An International Competition Travel Form is required for all other foreign teams.*" Kevin Culbertson moved to accept the proposed changes.

(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Section 6.0 CAHA and USA Hockey Fee Schedule

Laura Ryan informed the board that this section just shows the two tables with the fee structure s for this current year and next year. Bridget Hopkinson moved to accept the proposed changes as presented.

(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Section 7.0 General Information

Article 7.8 (a) Score sheets: To read as follows:

- a. All coaches on the bench "must only sign their own name" on the game score sheet prior to the start of the game.

Article 7.10 Player Up Guidelines: To read as follows: "*No youth player may play up from a non-checking to a checking division. In other age classifications (Mite, SQ, and BN) a player who by birth is in their 2nd year of his or her age division may play up one age classification. A statement of indemnification and release signed by the parent or guardian must be submitted to their respective league prior to being rostered.*"

Article 7.12 (c) Minimum Rosters: To read as follows: *All registered Tier I and Tier II teams must have a minimum preliminary roster of fifteen skaters by Sept 15 and must also have the minimum number of 15 players at Dec 31 of each playing season*

Article 7.12 (d) Minimum Rosters: To read as follows: *Any team that loses its minimum roster Requirement (playoff eligible players) will have until December 31 to maintain their postseason eligibility.*

Article 7.20 Locker Room Attendants: Youth Council proposing to add the following sanctions:

- a. Clubs and/or coaches found in violations of this policy shall be sanctioned in the following manner:
 - (1) 1st offense \$250 fine to the team and one game suspension to the head coach
 - (2) 2nd offense \$500 to the club and two game suspension to the head coach

Youth Council Report

Rule Change Proposals (cont'd)

Section 7.0 General Information (cont'd)

Article 7.20 Locker Room Attendants (cont'd):

- (3) 3rd offense the head coach and a club representative shall attend a hearing which may result in further sanctions up to and including fines, suspensions and/or post season sanctions.
- b. Teams, leagues and local hockey associations shall also comply with the USA Hockey Co-Ed locker room policy.

Kathy McGarrigle moved to accept Youth Council's proposed rule change for Article 7.10 only.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Ron White moved to accept Youth Council's proposed rule changes for Section 7.0 and to amend Article 7.12 rule change to add item (c) only with the following amendments to item (c): To read as follows: *"If a team loses its minimum player roster of fifteen skaters after September 15, the team will not lose its eligibility for California, Pacific District and USA Hockey playoffs."*

(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Section 8.0 Coaching Certification

Laura Ryan stated that USA Hockey changed the coaching certification requirements and we are copying the USA Hockey's new requirements into the guidebook. Kevin Culbertson moved to accept the proposed changes to Section 8.0.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Section 10.0 Tier I (AAA) Classification

Article 10.3 Deposits and Rosters: Youth Council is recommending to reduce the Tier I deposits to \$1000. Sandy Blumberg moved to approve Youth Council's recommendation with the following amendment to remove the Tier I deposits completely.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Article 10.5 300% Rule: Youth Council is recommending moving the date of submitting the game schedule to the Tier I Commissioner to October 15th from November 1st. Kevin Culbertson is recommending that a \$500 fine be imposed for teams that do not comply with the deadline. Kathy McGarrigle moved to adopt the above rule change as amended.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Article 10.9 (e) Player Movement: Youth Council proposed rule changes of the added item (e) to read as amended: *"Any player that is removed from a roster shall not be allowed to be placed back on the roster of the team more than once from which he or she was removed regardless of when the player is removed. However, prior to 12/31, Tier I players may participate on another Tier I team within the same association for a maximum of 2 games. Upon the 3rd game, the player shall be removed from their current Tier I team roster and may not return."* Lance Burrow moved to accept the above proposed rule change as amended and presented.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

New Article 10.11 Teams Folding: To read as follows: *"In the event a team folds at any time during the season, all CAHA games played by that team will be erased from the league standings."*

New 10.12 Game Forfeits: To read as follows: *"If a team forfeits any of its games, as a result of willfully failing to show up for a game, and becomes involved in any tie breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team."* Kathy McGarrigle moved to approve Article 10.11 and 10.12 as presented.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

New Section 15.0 High School

Mike Donahue moved to adopt the new Section 15.0 as presented.

(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Lance Burrow presented the following new rule proposal for the Tier level.

The new rule to read as follows: *“Notwithstanding the opportunity or ability to recruit players, no team, club, organization, coach or any other individual or entity may offer any player directly or indirectly any financial incentive to play for any team, club or organization. Financial incentive includes but is not limited to the following: (1) forgiveness or reduction in team/club dues not offered to every other player with the team/club; (2) payment for travel to and from games or practices, including airfare, not offered to and provided to all other team/club members; payment for parental travel and/or accommodations not offer to and provided to all other team/club members.*

Any team, club or organization which rosters any player who is offered or who receives directly or indirectly, any financial incentive shall be subject to suspension, fine, or other discipline as determined by CAHA, and, any player who receives, directly or indirectly, any financial incentive shall be immediately cut for his or her team, and removed for his or her team roster. Every game in which a player who received directly or indirectly, any financial incentive, shall be forfeited and the team will not be allowed to participate in any post regular season play.” Lance Burrow moved to adopt the above rule as presented. Results of the vote; 6 in favor and 7 against, motion fails.

Youth Council Report

Rule Change Proposals (cont'd)

Section 11.0 Tier II (AA) Classification

Article 11.4 Roster: To read as follows: *“Copies of all Tier II team rosters (including preliminary, supplemental, and final certified) must be submitted to the CAHA Tier II Commissioner as a condition for participation in state playoffs. The USA Hockey Team roster form 1-T roster must be submitted by September 15 of the current playing season.”*

Article 11.9 CAHA Playdown Weekend: To read as follows: *Following the last weekend, CAHA will host a playdown weekend of play in order to determine the final four teams advancing to the State Championship Tournament. All players participating in the CAHA Playdown weekend must be post season eligible and have already met their 10/20 playing rule requirement. The number of teams accepted in the playdown weekend will be as follows:..... Following the playdown weekend teams will be seeded for playoffs according to their original seeding before the playdown weekend.*

New Articles 11.10 -11.14 CAHA Playdown: Laura Ryan stated that the CAHA Playdown procedures we have been implementing for several years will now be included in the guidebook.

Article 11.12 Player Movement (to be renumbered) and item (e) added: To read as follows:

- d. After October 31 and until December 31 a properly released player may be moved to a Tier II roster under the following circumstances and be post season eligible for CAHA state championships:
 - 1. The player's current Tier I or Tier II team disbands;
 - 2. The player is cut from a Tier I team or “Tier II team”;
 - 3. The player is a registered USA Hockey player currently playing at the A or B level.
- e. *“Any player that is removed from a roster shall not be allowed to be placed back on the roster of the team more than once from which he or she was removed regardless of when the player is removed. However, prior to 12/31, Tier II players may participate on another Tier I team within the same association for a maximum of 2 games. Upon the 3^d game, the player shall be removed from their current Tier II team roster and may not return.”*

Youth Council Report

Rule Change Proposals (cont'd)

Article 11.15 Post Season: To read as follows:..... d. *"If requested by the Tier II commissioner,"* each Tier II team shall submit a record of performance

New Article 11.19 Teams Folding: To read as follows: *"In the event a team folds at any time during the season, all CAHA games played by that team will be erased from the league standings."*

New Article 11.20 Game Forfeits: To read as follows: *"If a team forfeits any of its games, as a result of willfully failing to show up for a game, and becomes involved in any tie breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team."*

Kevin Culbertson moved to accept the proposed rule changes in Section 11 above.

(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Section 14.0 Girls' and Women's Teams

Article 14.3 Financial Responsibility: To be read as follows: *"The Leagues shall supply a master list of all league players with outstanding financial obligations and/or equipment obligations to the CAHA director of member services prior to May 1st. Players whose names appear on this list will not be permitted to participate with any Club until their obligations are satisfied. A player with an outstanding obligation who is permitted to tryout with any club may not hereafter play for that club during the relevant season."*

Section 12 Youth A and Section 13 Youth B:

New Article 12.5 and 13.5: These articles to mirror the Tier I and Tier II with regards to teams folding and game forfeits. Rosemary Voulelikas moved to accept the above changes to Section 12 and Section 13.
(motion **SECONDED AND PASSED**)

Article 14.4 Team Contacts: To be read as follows: By *"September 1"* of each season.....

New Article 14.13.1: To read as follows: *"Any Girls Teams holding Tier I tryouts that subsequently drops to Tier II prior To the October 1 declaration and/or teams dropping by the October 15 deadline must send written notification to all players' families and copy the Girls/Women's Chair of their following options:*

- a. *All players becomes free agents and are eligible to sign with any Member Associations team and are released from all financial obligation*
- b. *All players can remain with the original Member Association and resign on dropped team.*
- c. *All players remaining with the Member Association must submit a new Letters of Intent and/or financial agreements in order to play on the dropped team.*

Any Member Association that does not comply with this policy may result in the disqualification of the team from post season participation.

Bridget Hopkinson stated that the balance of the rule changes are housekeeping changes.

Breaks in Norcal & SCAHA 2010-2011 Schedules for Girls' Tournament Weekends:

- a. Dates and venues to be updated

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve Section 14.0 as presented by Bridget Hopkinson, Girls'/Women's Chair.
(motion **SECONDED and PASSED**)

CAHA State Championships Tournaments

Section 23.0 Policy

Article 23.5: To be read as follows: ...each game of the playoffs. *“The time out may be used during regulation time or overtime (if overtime is permitted), but only one-(1) timeout per game is permitted.”*

Article 23.7: Proposing to clean up this article and to mirror the tie breaking rules from USA Hockey.

Articles 23.8: Proposing to add the following statement at the end: ...”*at which time the team with the shortest roster may revert to their initial shooter order.*”

Laura Ryan moved to adopt the proposed rule changes for Section 23 as presented.

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

Section 17.0 Bidding requirements for CAHA State Tournaments

Article 17.3.a: Sandy Blumberg is proposing to strike it out:

Article 17.4.f: Sandy Blumberg is proposing to strike this as well.

Laura Ryan moved to accept the above rule change proposals for section 17.

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

Sandy Blumberg moved to remove Articles 12.5 and 13.5 from the Youth A and B Sections respectively.

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

Steve Laing reminded the Chairs to make sure that they send their committee members to Rosemary Voulelikas for the guidebook.

USA Hockey Report

Charlie Fuertsch reported on the USAH Annual Congress meeting held in June as well as the Annual Pacific District meeting held in February. The following highlights to the annual meetings are:

- Casey Jorgensen resigned his position as Pacific District Director and the District will be holding elections to fill this position for a 2-year term.
- New Alaska affiliate president, Daryl Thompson. Cullen Wallace resigned.
- District is mandating online USAH online registration process.
- Charlie Fuertsch was named the Player Development Liaison for the District Camp.
- Multi-District Festival for 15U did not happen. There wasn't any interest at this age group to attend. Pacific District may decide to opt out for next year and we will only be participating in the 14U division, July 22-25, 2011 at Kent State University.
- New Disabled Hockey Liaison ~ Kelly Hayes
- Dan Rogness's position will be voted as a non-voting position in order to comply with USA Hockey's Conflict of interest Policy.
- Block Grant money request has been submitted and approved by USAH.
- Bob Freeland Grants from the District are for start-up programs growing the game. There are 8 grants of \$2,500 each available and only three associations applied for them. There are still 5 grants available from this past year.

Steve Laing informed the board that CAHA will be adopting USA Hockey's Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blower and Retention of Files.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Next meeting scheduled September 10, 2011 Ontario, CA