



CAHA Meeting of the Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: September 10, 2011

Location: Holiday Inn, Ontario Airport, 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			Laura Ryan, 2 nd V.P.		X	1	Kathy McGarrigle
	X	2	Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.		X	2	Therese Phillips
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			William Stone
X			Bob Driffill, Treasurer	X			Lawrence Cahn
	X	1	Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Sandy Blumberg	X			Ron White
X			Jim Burcar				
X			Lance Burrow		X	1	Nancy Hodge
X			Chris Carcerano		X	1	Mark Mauro
X			Kevin Culbertson				
X			Michael Donahue				
X			Thomas Hancock				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X	5	Dick Combs, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
	X	4	Donna Kaufman, District Director				
	X		Wendy Goldstein, Associate Reg.				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Approval of Minutes

Charlie Fuerstch stated there is a spelling mistake with the name Kellie Hays. Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2011 meeting as amended.

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

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that Bob Doherty resigned from the CAHA board. Steve is recommending that we postpone filling his position and to discuss this at the next board meeting.

The new CAHA web site is great. We have had a lot of positive feedback. We will soon be getting an iPhone App. USA Hockey is mandating that all Select Camps use the Rocky Mountain Registration Company forms online. Chris Carcerano is meeting with the company representative and should have the forms available on our web site shortly.

President's Report Cont'd

Steve Laing informed the board that there will be a sled hockey seminar in Las Vegas in October 7-9, 2011. There is an organization applying for CAHA membership, "Condors". They are a disabled sled hockey team.

The next ADM clinic is being held in Pittsburgh, September 24-25, 2011. James Gasseau and Ben Frank will be attending for CAHA. A Girls' ADM clinic is being developed and possibly to be held in Vermont. Steve Laing informed the board that the WSHL made a business move to join AAU in lieu of USA Hockey.

Steve Laing stated that he wants to form a Concussions committee to start formalizing protocols and objectives. Currently there are Doctors who are volunteering their time and have committed to attending our state finals. If interested please contact Steve. William Stone will chair the committee.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill informed the board that he does not have the financials available for distribution at this time. Last month, which was our year-to-date, we had about \$18 in interest and \$14,800 in USAH registrations as income and we had about \$1000 in meeting and \$1000 in postage and printing expenses. A copy of the financials dated August 31, 2011 for review by the board of directors.

Policy Approvals

Discussion on the following policies: Whistle Blower, Record retention and Conflict of Interest policies. In the "Conflict of Interest" policy, USA Hockey should be removed in the first sentence. Ron White moved to approve all three policies as amended. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Peewee Policy

Laura Cahn informed the board that immediately after tryouts as expected, Youth Council received a total of six requests for waivers for PW aged players to play-up in Bantams. The four-(4) player requests (forward and defensemen) were denied and the two goalie requests were approved with conditions.

Youth Council recommends affirming the letter from the CAHA President that states Peewee aged players may not play at a checking level in any tournaments including those in Canada. Youth Council also recommends that PW teams be permitted to play non-check scrimmage games with Bantam teams provided that USA Hockey Playing rule 604 (b) is adhered to.

The appeal today is regarding a PW aged player who played PW AA last season and because of relocation his options are limited and the only PW aged team available is PW A. He is requesting a waiver to play BN AA. Youth Council is requesting the board uphold its recommendation to deny the request. John Hamer moved to affirm/support Steve Laing's letter dated August 3, 2011 regarding that no PW aged players be allowed to play at the checking level anywhere.

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

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar summarized the hearings the committee has reviewed to date. So far, the committee has reviewed the suspensions of two Adult players, both were for intent to injure an official. The third hearing held was for a coach's Axiom Screening alert.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar is absent. Steve Laing reported on behalf of Tyler Shaffar. In terms of registration numbers, California has four of the top 25 adult program throughout the country listed. They are; Anaheim, Lakewood, Kings Valley Ice and San Jose. San Jose leads all adult programs in registration numbers in the country. The CAHA Adult Tournament is being held in San Jose again this year, April 27-29, 2012.

Meeting recessed for hearing at 11:15 am.

Hearing for JT Cusanelli, PW aged player appealing Youth Council's denial for a player-up to Bantams. Kevin Culbertson moved to uphold Youth Council's decision to deny the player-up request to Bantam AA. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Member Services

Mike Donahue informed the board that Chris Carcerano will be posting the new CAHA membership and membership renewal forms online on the CAHA web site. Mike is proposing that we move the membership renewal deadline to the month of May in lieu of in the fall. Steve Laing stated that we should be tracking these rule proposals. Laura Cahn stated that she recommends that proposals should be sent to her via email. The process for new membership is they email Mike and Mike then sends them the requirements and waits for the documents to arrive; Mike then informs the appropriate leagues. Currently in queue for new membership is the Condors and Palm Desert.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn is recommending awarding the following state playoffs:

Feb. 3-5	PW Tier I	Lake Tahoe (3-Teams ~ best 2 out of 3 series)
Feb. 10-12	BN/MD Tier I	Lakewood (BN's – 3 teams ~ best 2 out of 3 series)
Mar. 9-11	All Tier II	El Segundo
Apr. 12-15	A/B	San Jose

Bridget Hopkinson moved to approve the venue selection Lake Tahoe for PW Tier I. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Bridget Hopkinson moved to approve the venue selection Lakewood for BN/MD 16/18 Tier I. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Bridget Hopkinson moved to approve the venue selection El Segundo for all Tier II. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Bridget Hopkinson moved to approve the venue selection San Jose for A/B. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Laura Cahn has asked sandy Blumberg to select the volunteers for the different state venues. If interested, please email Sandy. This year volunteers will be assigned the different venues.

Laura Cahn informed the board that the new Tier I commissioner is Laura Goldhawk. Laura Cahn summarized the number of teams in each of the Tier levels:

The Jr. Kings are hosting Districts for MD Tier I (16/18) and have a bye at the state playoffs (will not be participating).

Midget AAA18U	5 Teams (Jr. Kings, LAHC, OCHC, Sharks & Titans)
Midget AAA16U	6 Teams (Heat, Jr. Kings, LAHC, OCHC, Sharks, Titans) + Shark's Minor Team which is playoff ineligible.

Titans are hosting BN Tier I Districts and have a bye at the state playoffs (will not be participating).

Bantam Tier I	4 Teams (Jr. Kings, LAHC, Titans & Sharks) + Shark's Minor team which is playoff ineligible.
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Simi Valley is hosting Peewee Tier I; however, Simi Valley does not have a team.

Peewee Tier I	3 Teams (Jr. Kings, LAHC, Sharks) + Shark's Minor team which is playoff ineligible.
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Youth Council (cont'd)

Laura Cahn will contact Simi Valley to assist in the selection of a possible host team for the PW Tier I Districts. The number of Tier II teams has yet to be finalized. To date, the numbers of teams are:

PW AA	10 Teams
BN AA	17 Teams
16AA	15 Teams
18AA	13 Teams

The number of teams will be finalized on September 15, which is the deadline to declare Tier II. In addition, Laura stated that 18 teams is the maximum in any one division that we can schedule games for a CAHA weekend because of the ice slots requested in our bid packet. Laura stated that should she come across an ice problem they will contact the host rinks and ask for more ice.

This year we have a potential of 55 Tier II teams. Once again this is a huge undertaking by one person. If the trend continues, Laura Cahn is suggesting CAHA looks at possibly splitting up the duties of the Tier II commissioner by divisions. So far this year at the Labor Day tournaments, we have had less game suspensions meted out. This year, Youth Council will be enforcing the late score sheet rule and assessing \$50 fines per occurrence to teams.

The CAHA Mandated weekends will start in October. Once the team declarations are in, we can then start the process of preparing the schedule for the entire year and getting that published at least 10 -15 days before the first event. CAHA developed new score sheets. We are no longer using the landscape format.

John Hamer reported there are eight-(8) High School teams competing for state championships and then nationals; three teams in the south and 5 teams in the north. The biggest controversy right now is the date for the state championships. Currently the date is Presidents' Day weekend. The other date they are looking at is Mar. 2nd, 2012.

Steve Laing stated that there is no HS roster minimum and teams were informed of this. Steve Laing asked John Hamer what the process is for the roster labels and obtaining the score sheets for the teams. Laura Cahn stated that she will contact Nancy Hodge and have her send the HS teams the new CAHA score sheets. Laura will email John the score sheet label template so that he can forward it to the teams and the teams can then fill them and print them out for themselves when needed. The 2012 High School Nationals are in Utah this year.

Girls'/Women's Report

Bridget Hopkinson informed the board that there are 11 Girls' teams this year. The breakdown of teams is:

<u>Tier I</u>		<u>Tier II</u>	
19AAA	Lady Ducks	16AA	Sharks
16AAA	Lady Ducks, Leafs	14AA	Lady Ducks, Lady Reign
14AAA	Lady Ducks, Sharks	12AA	Lady Ducks, Sharks
12AAA	Lady Ducks		

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

In addition, there are two Women's teams, one Women's B team (SoCal Women's) and one Women's C team (LA Traffic). We also have two 8/10U Girls' teams; Lady Ducks and Sharks.

The two CAHA Mandated Weekends for the Girls' are:

- Oct. 8-10 Riverside Lady Reign hosting
- Jan. 14-16 San Jose Sharks hosting

Steve Laing asked Bridget Hopkinson to email him the teams and the CAHA Girls' weekends.

Financial Committee Report

Bob Driffill reported on behalf of Mark Mauro who is absent. The 6-month CD matured on August and we let it roll over. The 12-month CD is up for renewal the 19th of this month. The recommendation is to leave both CD's at One West Bank accounts. The 6-month will come for renewal in February and the 12-month will come up next Sept. 20, 2012. Currently there is approximately \$101,000 in each account. Mike Donahue moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation.

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

Coach-in-Chief

Chris Carcerano is working on the online registration forms for the Select camps. Chris stated that he will be monitoring closely the coaching certifications with Wendy Goldstein, and the Tier Commissioners.

Director-of-Referees

Mark Mauro is absent. No report at this time.

Pacific District Report

Charlie Fuertsch summarized the following:

- Casey Jorgensen resigned his position as Pacific District Director and Dennis Sorensen is the new District Director from Alaska.
- Dick Coombs position is up for election next June. This is a California seat. Nominations are due by December 31, 2011.
- Sled Hockey clinic held in Riverside went very well.
- Bob Freeland Grants from the District are for start-up programs growing the game. There are 8 grants of \$2,500 each available. SCAHA just received theirs.
- At the October District meeting, District will make their Bylaw changes to reflect Dan Rogness' position as a non-voting position.
- District is mandating online registration process for all of their Select Camps. USAH hired Rocky Mountain Register Company to provide the online registration process.
- District held their 2nd annual Multi-District Festival for 14U and 15U on July 22-25, 2011 at Kent State University.
- This year is a legislative rule change year at USA Hockey.
- Charlie Fuertsch was appointed Chair of the Audit Committee at the Annual June congress meeting.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Ed Tar proposed that maybe CAHA should host an exposure camp for our players and use the money we have in our reserves to do this. We can get scouts to attend, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.

Next meeting scheduled November 12, 2011 San Jose, CA