



CAHA Meeting of the Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: November 12, 2011

Location: Double Tree Hotel, San Jose, 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	2	Kathy McGarrigle
X		2	Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.		X	3	Therese Phillips
	X	1	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	1	Jim Burcar				
X			Lance Burrow	X		1	Nancy Hodge
	X	1	Chris Carcerano	X		1	Mark Mauro
X			Kevin Culbertson				
	X	1	Michael Donahue				
X			Thomas Hancock				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X	6	Dick Combs, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
X		4	Donna Kaufman, District Director				
X		1	Wendy Goldstein, Associate Reg.				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2011 meeting.

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

Guest

Charlie Fuertsch, USAH Pacific District Director

Donna Kaufman, USAH Pacific District Director

Ron De Gregorio, USAH President

President's Report

Steve Laing reported that he attended some SCAHA and Norcal league meetings. He also attended a disability workshop. The Jr. Reign has a new sled team. Ventura County was just approved to host a sled hockey clinic scheduled for the end of January. USA Hockey has about 30 sleds for associations to use. We have a disability team in CA, the Condors. They have been involved for a while. They are now getting registered under USA Hockey and CAHA.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill distributed the financials dated July 31 to September 30, 2011. Kevin Culberston moved to approve the financials as presented.

(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 held hearings for coaches with Axiom Screening alerts for DUI's. One coach from Norcal was placed on probation for 2 years and was restricted from driving minors other than his own family. In addition, he has to re-screen every year while on probation. The second coach had multiple DUI's and was placed on a 5-year probation and was restricted from driving minors other than his own family. In addition, he has to re-screen every January and June during the five years' probation. The committee also added a no drinking restriction while attending a USA Hockey sanctioned event.

Last night the committee held two more hearings, one was another Axiom Screening Alert for DUI's, similar restrictions as above and the other was an adult player with five game misconducts and abuse of an official. The adult player was a no show last night. The committee suspended the adult player for one year and placed him on probation for one year. This morning the committee held a hearing for a youth player who was given a match for removing the helmet of his opponent and for fighting. The youth player has already sat 5 games. The committee determined that his match was served and placed the player on probation for the remainder of the season. Should the player receive any major penalties, this will result in immediate suspension of the player pending a hearing.

Select Camp

Ed Tar informed the board that he is waiting to hear from Chris Carcerano on the Rocky Mountain Company online registration process. Ed reiterated that USA Hockey has eliminated the National camp for the 14U division. Ed asked whether the leagues and/or state would still want to have the Pre-Select and select camps for this 14U division. Steve Laing asked the league presidents on feedback as to what the leagues would like to see happen. Steve stated that there will be a decision by tonight for the 14U division. Steve summarized some of the options and discussion followed.

- 1- Hold a joint Camp between Rocky Mountain and Pacific Districts and invite two teams of 17 players each from each district.
- 2- Send players to the Kent Multi-District Festival camp as usual.

Steve Laing informed the board that the following directors, Jon Gustafson, Larry Cahn, Ron White and Ed Tar will meet and put together a program for our 14U players for this year.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn thanked Chris Carcerano for accepting the position as scheduler for the CAHA weekends. The schedule for the entire season has been completed. The first Tier II weekend has been played and there was only one hiccup at Riverside. The facility lost the use of one of its compressor thereby resulting in two games that were not played. The second weekend is currently underway. Nancy Hodge has done an incredible job as the Tier II Commissioner. Laura stated that moving forward, for next year, with both Tier commissioners in place and trained we will be able to implement more online applications, tracking penalties, permits to play, submitting game summaries, etc. Both Kevin Culbertson and Chris Carcerano have done a great job on the web site.

The Tier I schedule is completed. All teams have submitted their schedules and they have been approved. There are two clubs that are asking for two of their games in the NAPHL schedule to count towards their 300% playing rule requirement. This is coming to the board as an appeal later this afternoon.

Youth Council (cont'd)

Laura Cahn informed the board that Youth Council is asking the board to consider moving the 2012 Annual CAHA meeting to be moved to May 12 as opposed to June. The rules committee revision meeting would then meet in April. The major reasons for this request are twofold:

- 1- The south which has $\frac{3}{4}$ of CAHA's teams holds its tryouts in June and does not have the new rules available to them during tryouts.
- 2- Many of the CAHA directors are working the tryouts and cannot attend the CAHA Annual meeting.

Steve Laing stated that the CAHA bylaws allow for the annual meeting to be held between May 1 and the end of June, and the date of May 12 definitely falls within that constraint. The district meeting is the following weekend on the 19 and we are currently scheduled to have our annual on the 16th of June. This year is not a USA Hockey rule changes year, and a change in the annual meeting date for the upcoming season 2012-2013 will not affect the alignment with the USA Hockey Annual Congress meeting. Steve Laing suggests that this board change the CAHA Annual meeting date for this year only. The CAHA Rules Committee meeting would then meet in San Jose on April 28th. For the following playing year 2013-2014, the rules committee would then meet again in April and the CAHA Annual meeting would follow USA Hockey's Annual Congress meeting.

Laura Cahn moved to change the CAHA Annual meeting for this year only to May 12, 2012.

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

HS Commissioner

John Hamer informed the board that there are 8 teams that are intending to compete at the Tier II level. There are 3-teams from the south and 5-teams from the north. Steve Laing announced that this year CAHA will be hosting its first High School State Championship at Anaheim on March 2-4, 2012. The HS teams will be the top two teams from the north and the top two teams from the south. The Championship game will be held at the Honda Center. The Champions will advance to the National tournament in Utah. The 2013 HS National tournament is being held in Florida.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar reported that a flyer was created for the Adult tournament, April 27-29, 2012. They would like to get about 20 teams from the south and 20 teams from the north. Last year they only had 8 teams from the south and would like some help in distributing the flyer to the teams. Some of the giveaways last year were participation hats, CAHA towels, and a party on the Saturday of the tournament.

Girls'/ Women's Committee

Rosemary Voulelikas read a report on behalf of Bridget Hopkinson who is absent. To date all of the teams have been complying with the CAHA rules by submitting their scoresheets and reporting their games. Congratulations to Annie Pankowski. She was invited to participate in the Women's National Team Four Nation Cup Training Camp in November. Girls' Hockey Day in October 2011 was a huge success. Both the Jr. Sharks and the Lady Ducks held "Girls Give Hockey a Try Day" and both programs were extremely successful. A total of 98 girls "new to hockey" participated.

Screening

Wendy Goldstein reported that both leagues are diligent in checking that their coaches are screened before placing them on the rosters. Wendy Goldstein stated that Charlie Fuertsch is still getting some of the screening instructions. This is because of the old screening instructions. Wendy is not sure where they are getting the old instructions. The new instructions have been on the web site now for 3 years. Please make sure that the new instructions are being used to submit to the screening process.

Member Services

No report at this time. Michael Donahue is absent.

Tournaments

Sandy Blumberg reported that we are in year 3 of using our trophies from our large order that we did. After this year, we will have some residuals but will need to order new trophies for the upcoming season. Sandy Blumberg stated that starting in the New Year; she will begin working on a new design and concept for the trophies.

Director-of-Referees

Mark Mauro reported that this weekend is the second CAHA weekend. Dan Ellison and Norm Kitano are assisting him in the scheduling of the officials for the CAHA weekends and everything is going smoothly. In early December, he will send out his usual email to the league presidents asking for their recommendations of officials in order to schedule them for the state tournaments. Steve Laing added that with the District tournament being held during the same weekend in March as our state championships, CAHA would like to see the best officials officiating at these tournaments.

Coach-in-Chief

Kevin Culbertson read a report on behalf of Chris Carcerano who is absent. The Select camps for California are all now set up online with Rocky Mountain registrar. The SCAHA Pre-Select camp has a total of 167 players registered so far. The iPhone application was submitted for approval and it should be approved sometime next week. The app will be a free download and some of the key features are: latest news, schedule, standings, Tier II information, etc. And finally, Chris stated that he is looking at adding new online features to the web site such as permit to play, suspension management and reporting.

Concussion / Head Injury Presentation

The concussion committee was commissioned by Steve Laing at the last CAHA Board of Director's meeting. The committee members are: William Stone, who chairs the committee, Larry Dickinson, MD, Steve Zonner, DO and Jaime Campbell. Some of the highlights include information on the California Assembly Bill 25 Law that was passed on Oct. 4, 2011. William Stone moved to have the CAHA board consider adopting a CAHA Concussion policy that parallels the intent of CA AB 25 with the ultimate inclusion on the CAHA guidebook for the 2012-2013 season as well as the adoption of the parent / guardian /coach acknowledgment form. Larry Cahn seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Some key issues to consider:

- 1- Health care licensed provider must be defined explicitly. They must be *"trained in the manner of concussion management."*
- 2- The Parent /Guardian /Coach Acknowledgement form would become part of the registration process.
- 3- A general written release form for "return to play" should also be included.

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

Pacific District Report

Donna Kaufman informed the board of the District selections for the Pacific District Championships:

Youth Tier I Divisions:

12U (3 Teams- 1PN & 2 CA)	March 8-11	Simi Valley
14U (6 Teams- 1AK, 3CA & 2PN)	March 8-11	Simi Valley
16U (8 Teams- 2AK, 3CA, 2PN & 1NV)	March 8-11	El Segundo
18U (4 Teams- 1AK, 2CA & 1PN)	March 8-11	El Segundo

Girls' Tier I: All divisions are being hosted in Fairbanks, AK on Feb, 22-26

12U	(Lady Ducks only team ~ has a bye to Nationals)
14U	Sharks & Ducks will play in CA ~ best 2 out of 3 series
16U	3 Team tournament – 1AK & 2CA
19U	2 Team tournament – 1AK & 1CA

Pacific District Report (cont'd)

Girls' Tier II: All divisions are being hosted in Fairbanks, AK on Feb, 22-26

12U	3 Team tournament – 1AK & 2CA
14U	5 Team tournament – 3AK & 2CA
16U	3 Team tournament – 2AK & 1CA
19U	2 Team tournament – 1PN & 1CA

Women's:

B Division: 2 Teams – SoCal & Ducks ~ both directly to nationals

C Division: 2 Teams – LA Traffic & Lady Blackstars ~ both directly to nationals

Donna Kaufman informed the board that there are a couple of changes that will occur at the national level and will be implemented at Districts as well:

- 1- End of time of the game to an overtime game from 5 minutes to 3 minutes
- 2- Girls'/Women's tie breaker will be same as Youth/HS
- 3- All tournament games will have an ice cut only after the 2nd period
- 4- The team rep has to be at the first meeting and the head coach has to be at the 2nd meeting

At the District tournament there will only be one meeting. The team rep or the head coach must attend.

USA Hockey Report

Ron De Gregorio reported on the online training modules. There are some slight changes being considered especially in the repetitive nature of the modules. This affects those coaches who have to take more than one age specific module. To date, the progressive skill development checking program is being absorbed into the system rather well. The Red, White and Blue program is also doing well. USAH's growth and retention program is very successful. Some of the programs being implemented at the national level as well as at the affiliate level are: Try Hockey, One Goal and Training programs/tools.

Appeal Hearing

Laura Cahn informed the board that a request to have two games played in the NAPHL league between the OCHC and the Jr. Sharks count towards their 300% CAHA playing rule requirement was denied by Youth Council. Tony Zasowski presented his appeal to the board. Jon Gustafson, Lance Burrow and Kevin Culbertson were excused from voting. The CAHA Board voted unanimously to uphold CAHA Youth Council's decision to deny their request.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Next meeting scheduled January 28, 2012 Glacial Gardens, Lakewood, CA