



CAHA Meeting of the Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: January 28, 2012

Location: Glacial Gardens, Lakewood, 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		3	Kathy McGarrigle
X		2	Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X			William Stone
X		1	Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Lawrence Cahn
X			Bob Drifill, Treasurer	X			Jaime Campbell
	X	1	Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Ron White
X			Sandy Blumberg				
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	7	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 9:11 am.

Approval of Minutes

William Stone stated one grammatical correction to the minutes in section of Concussion, bullet one should read "in the manner of concussion management". Lance Burrow moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2011 meeting as amended.

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

Guest

Charlie Fuertsch, USAH Pacific District Director

President's Report

Steve Laing reported that ADM seems to be moving fairly well throughout the USA. Currently there is a USA Hockey proposal suggesting that the U8 continues as a recommendation. Steve Laing distributed the legislative proposal to the board (refer to page 151 of the proposal). USA Hockey has asked the affiliate presidents their opinion as to whether ADM should be mandated for U8. Steve asked for a show of hands from the board. Chris Carcerano asked if there is any flexibility when we state mandated for

President's Report (cont'd)

ADM. Steve answered that there wouldn't be any travel for U8, the 3 to 1 practice to game ratio would need to be followed and that all games would be cross ice. The CAHA board through a show of hands indicated they support a mandate for USA Hockey's proposal 2 only ~ cross-ice games and no travel.

Steve Laing informed the board that USA Hockey is forming a task force dealing with player safety and focusing on child protection. Ron De Gregorio is chairing the task force. Steve Laing and David Green were asked to sit on that task force.

USA Hockey approved a \$10 increase of USA Hockey membership fees starting in the 2012-2013 season. There has not been an increase in the last 8 years. CAHA needs to decide if CAHA will be increasing its portion by \$1 or not. The good news is that the Block Grant money will also increase. Steve Laing distributed a memo regarding the increase for the board to review. Ron White stated that an eleven dollar increase is not going to be appreciated by the CAHA Adult membership.

In addition, starting in June of next season, USA Hockey would like all the affiliates to appoint a safety director. February 18 is "Try Hockey for Free" day across the USA. California has exceeded the number of rinks that will be participating. USA Hockey is still working on finalizing their "Concussion" program. Ron White moved to investigate into purchasing a secondary D (directors) & O (officers) policy for CAHA to cover the CAHA board and all of its non-profit associations.

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

Steve Laing reported that USA Hockey is reviewing modifications to the coaches' modules and trying to limit repetition, etc.

Steve Laing informed the board that there was a proposal presented to the Junior Council to increase the Junior program in California by 6 programs, with four of them being named; they are OCHC, Titans, San Jose Jr. Sharks and Fresno, etc. The Junior Council defeated the expansion proposal for California with a vote of 13 to 10. It has been appealed to USA Hockey and a decision should be coming shortly.

Financial Report

Bob Drifill distributed the financials dated October to December 30, 2011. Kevin Culberston moved to approve the financials as presented.

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

Steve Laing stated that CA will be sending a high school team to participate in the High School Showcase. The high School teams are working together to put the best High School players on the team. Steve Laing moved to have the CAHA board approve the payment of the entry fee of \$750 for the High School Showcase team. The Showcase will be held April 11-15 in Pittsburgh.

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

Select Camp

Ed Tar reported that there are about 180 players participating in the CAHA Select camp. Ed stated we only had one no-show this year. Once the final selections are made, the names of the players will be posted on the CAHA web site. Ed Tar stated that the online Rocky Mountain program has made the whole process very simple and easy. The 98's will attend a multi-district camp with Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Northern Plains participating. At the Pacific District 15-year-olds, CAHA will be sending more 15 year old players since we no longer have any 14 year olds attending.

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the board we have had a hearing regarding abuse of official by an adult player. Ed Tar added that once it is affirmed that the abuse of an official occurred, we have no choice but to levy the one-year suspension. There is an appeal regarding this this afternoon. In addition,

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report (cont'd)

there are two more hearings this afternoon one for an adult player and one for a player who was assessed a spearing infraction.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn informed the board that the Tier II weekends are now completed for the PW division. There is one weekend left for the Bantam and Midget divisions prior to playdowns. The Tier I regular season has been completed and the playoff schedule for the PW Tier I has been published. The PW Tier I playoffs is at Lake Tahoe next week. Districts for the entire Tier I divisions are all in California this year.

Youth Council was very busy with 13 appeals regarding the coaching modules and the CEP deadline. We will be hearing three appeals this afternoon.

Girls'/ Women's Committee

Bridget Hopkinson reported on the CAHA Girls' Select camp which is going on right now. They had some issues with the Rocky Mountain online registration process. All in all, it went as well as could be expected. The biggest problem was that there wasn't any training on using the program.

Tournaments

Sandy Blumberg reported that the foul towels are ready. This year is the last year for the trophies. The banner cost this year went down from \$135 per banner to \$44 each. Some of the Tier I playoff schedules have been finalized and posted. Sandy expects the balance of the Tier I playoff schedules to be completed shortly and posted as well. As soon as the playdowns are done, the Tier II playoff schedules will be released within a week or so.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar reminded the board of the Adult tournament, April 27-29, 2012. They are still receiving applications for this year's tournament and everything is going as planned.

Finance Committee

Mark Mauro reported that one of the CD's will be maturing soon. Bob Driffill moved to renew the maturing CD.

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

Member Services

Mike Donahue reported that because of the lack of correct contact information he was not able to physically mail out the renewal membership forms to the associations. Currently he has received about 38 renewal forms from the south and 18 from the north. There are about 19 associations unaccounted for. Steve Laing stated that he wants the list sent to him.

Director-of-Referees

Mark Mauro reported that the officials are all set for the Tier I playoffs. He is working on the Tier II playoffs with the three different officials associations and the leagues to identify the best officials.

Steve Laing informed the board of the upcoming CAHA meetings:

May 12, 2012 Annual meeting in the south
Sept. 8, 2012 CAHA meeting in South
Nov. 10, 2012 CAHA meeting in North
Jan. 26, 2013 CAHA meeting in South

Concussion / Head Injury

William Stone distributed the acknowledgement form to the board as well as the AB25 bill. John Hamer moved to adopt AB25 and the concussion acknowledgement form with the changes to the word “education.”

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

CAHA will disseminate the information during the playoffs to all of the teams.

USA Hockey Report

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board that Dick Coombs’ Pacific Director term expires June 2012 and that he has withdrawn his nomination. Jon Gustafson is the new District Director.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Next meeting scheduled May 12, 2012 Holiday Inn, Ontario, CA