



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

Date: May 12, 2012

Location: Holiday Inn Ontario Airport, Ontario, 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			Kathy McGarrigle
X			Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X			William Stone
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Lawrence Cahn
X			Bob Drifill, Treasurer	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Ron White
	X		Sandy Blumberg	X			Rick Hutchinson (new)
X			Jim Burcar				
X			Lance Burrow	X			Nancy Hodge
	X		Chris Carcerano	X			Mark Mauro
X			Kevin Culbertson				
X			Michael Donahue				
X			Thomas Hancock				
	X		James Gasseau (new)				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X		Dick Combs, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
	X		Donna Kaufman, District Director				
X			Wendy Goldstein, Associate Reg.				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

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

Approval of Minutes

Laura Cahn moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2012 meeting as reported.
 (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Guest

Charlie Fuertsch, USAH Pacific District Director

President's Report

Steve Laing reported that California was well represented at Nationals this year. We just completed another highly successful Adult Hockey Tournament in April.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill distributed the financials dated July 31 to April 31, 2012. Lance Burrows moved to approve the financials as presented.

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

Jon Gustafson moved to have the respective Committee Chairs prepare a budget for each of the following events: Select Camps ~Boys & Girls', Adult Tournament, State Tournaments, CAHA Weekends and HS Tournaments

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

Select Camp

Ed Tar distributed a 2012 Select Camp report. He thanked Justin White who did a great job in securing a wide range of evaluators and coaches. A total of 190 players participated in the CAHA Select Camp. 91 players moved on to the District camp. At the District camp, 42 players were selected to move on to the National camp and 24 of those 42 players were from California. USAH is shrinking the number of players advancing from the District Camps to the National Camps. In the 1998 division, 20 players from California were selected to advance to the Multi District Camp. Ed Tar stated that Lakewood does a great job in hosting the CAHA Select camp and will host next season's as well.

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the board we have had 11 hearings so far this year. They involve screening alerts and match penalties. The match penalty hearings usually involve 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. Match penalties that involve players usually had to do with fighting, or a helmet is removed, etc.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn reported that Youth Council was very busy this year reviewing waiver requests, etc. Laura also stated that this year we had a new scheduler for the CAHA Weekends and state tournaments. Laura thanked the Youth Council Committee for their time and work this past year.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar reported that 46 teams participated in the CAHA state Adult tournament, April 27-29, 2012. Tyler stated that they could have easily expanded the tournament to 50 teams by starting earlier from Thursday through to Sunday. Many of the teams did not want the earlier start. Tyler Shaffar stated that he will be using USA Hockey's constant contact to send messages regarding abuse of officials, adult tournament, etc.

Girls'/ Women's Committee

Bridget Hopkinson informed the board the California was well represented at Nationals this year, with five teams from the Lady Ducks organization and three teams from the Jr. Sharks. In addition, California had three Women's teams participating at Nationals as well, with one team in the B division and two teams in the C division. 77 Girls attended the CAHA Select Girls' camp with 60 girls advancing to Districts. Similar to the Boys, USAH has diminished the number of girls advancing to the National camp. We could have potentially 17 girls attending the National Camp. For those Girls not advancing to Nationals they are able to attend a Mid-AM Multi District Camp. Bridget stated that she too will be using USAH's constant contact to send out clubs' tryout information.

Tournaments

Laura Cahn reported in behalf of Sandy Blumberg who is absent. Laura Cahn stated that all of the state tournaments went extremely well. However, there were many complaints from the Pee Wee Tier I teams who had their state playoffs at Lake Tahoe. Wendy Goldstein stated that the team book credentials were a disaster, with a lot of paperwork missing.

Director-of-Referees

Mark Mauro distributed a 2011-2012 Officiating report showing the number of officials that worked each of the state tournaments from each of the three officials' organization. Included in the distribution is the 2010-2011 season's' Officiating report for comparison purposes. This year was very challenging as the Pacific Districts, SCAHA Playoffs and Tier II playoffs were all held the same weekend in March. Overall, CAHA was able to use 16 officials new to working playoffs.

Old Business

Steve Laing informed the board that he is still looking into acquiring additional insurance for Directors & Officers. The company that insures USA Hockey informed Steve that this is a conflict and could not execute dual insurance for separate affiliates.

New Business

Steve Laing congratulated and announced the following elected 2012-2013 CAHA board members: Sandy Blumberg, Lance Burrows, Laura Cahn, Jaime Campbell, Chris Carcerano, James Gasseau, John Hamer, Rick Hutchinson, William Stone and Rosemary Voulelikas.

CAHA Annual Meeting of the Registered Participant members adjourned at 10:45 am

CAHA Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

Election of Officers

1st VP: Dispute Resolutions & Penalty Review Chair

Ed Tar nominated by Laura Cahn. Ed Tar elected.

2nd VP: Youth Council Chair

Laura Ryan nominated by Rosemary Voulelikas. Laura Ryan elected.

3rd VP: Adult Committee Chair

Tyler Shaffar nominated by Jon Gustafson. 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 Wendy Goldstein. Bob Driffill elected.

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that CAHA will be receiving about \$56,000 from the Block Grant money. Steve submitted a budget proposal to the District indicating the different programs CAHA will be running this year. In summary they are: One Goal program (~\$5,000), subsidy of the Adult tournament (~\$10,000), Disability & Special Needs hockey in particular sled hockey equipment (~\$12,800), Concussion Awareness and Head Injury program (~\$4,000), League programs for growing the sport (~\$13,000 - \$15,000 each), National, District meetings and events (~\$3,000) and about \$8,000 to the District to fund District programs. Last year we gave about \$8,000 back to the District for events such as disability programs, youth programs, etc.

President's Report (cont'd)

Larry Cahn asked how the players from the One Goal programs are being tracked and if and when they are joining in-house programs and/or travel programs. Steve Laing asked if there was anyone who would be interested to act as the liaison between CAHA and the House programs that would help to track players that participate in the One Goal programs across the state at the various rinks. Steve Laing stated that he will contact Pat Kellenberger to get some registration numbers.

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the above allocations of the Block Grant money, with the exact dollar amounts to be finalized for each program at a later date.

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

Steve Laing summarized the Russia Friendly Competition Trip in October, 2012. The program is being paid by the US Department of State, the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs. CAHA is looking for HS students that are of A/AA caliber. Ten California players and ten Minnesota players (mixture of boys and girls) will be selected that will be great ambassadors of the USA.

Ed Tar stated that CAHA should distribute a list of qualifying specs to the leagues so that everyone has the same information. Ed Tar asked if there would be any merit to interviewing the potential candidates before the final selection.

Thomas Hancock moved to have Steve Laing select two people from the North and two people from the south to be part of the player selection committee for the Russia trip.

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

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve the new CAHA logo proposed by Steve Laing.

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

Steve Laing would like to implement a playing rule change, Rule 620(a) Head Contact. Steve is proposing a two year pilot program changing the rule from a minor 2 minute penalty to a 2 min + 10 min misconduct or a major + game misconduct penalty shall be assessed. William Stone moved to adopt the new rule change.

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

Steve Laing reported on USA Hockey's Safe Sport Program. This is to be implemented for next season 2013-14 season. Associations will be mandated to have a designated Safe Sport director. Sandy Blumberg agreed to be the CAHA Safe Sport program director. Steve Laing distributed a draft handbook to the board for a quick perusal.

Screening is now a two year term. All board members will be required to be screened. The state will reimburse your cost.

2012-2013 Budget Approval

Jon Gustafson moved to table the 2012-2013 Budget until next meeting.

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

2012-2013 Calendar

Rosemary Voulelikas emailed a draft calendar copy to the board. Steve Laing listed some of the calendar dates missing including National tournaments and USA Hockey meetings.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn distributed the Double Elimination Playdown and Tier I & II Playoff format to the board. Larry Cahn moved to adopt the double elimination format for Tier I & Tier II state playoffs and for the Tier II Playdowns.

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

Laura Cahn distributed a handout on the benefits of Cross-ice games for the 8U division. John Hamer moved to mandate cross-ice games for the 8U division. Mike Donahue seconded. Result of the vote: 4Y and 10N; therefore motion fails.

Laura Cahn distributed Youth Council's recommendations for the allocations and venue assignments of the CAHA mandated weekends. Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve Youth Council's recommendations.

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

Rule Change Proposals

Youth Council distributed a copy of the proposed rule changes to the board.

Section 1.0

Rule 1.3 Proposed rule change proposal: *"In addition, all in-house teams that participate in games, scrimmages or other type of contest during the 2012-2013 season with a team outside its own house program are required to pay \$30 per team. If teams, including in-house teams are added after the date that the membership application is submitted, the Member Association will remit the additional fees directly to CAHA. (see Table 6.0).* John Hamer moved to adopt proposed rule proposal. Bob Drifill seconded. **Motion fails.**

Section 2.0 Individual Participant Registration

Rule 2.2 Coaches:..... "Coaches must also complete the required coaching certification class and age specific module prior to *November 30* of the current playing season". Jon Gustafson moved to adopt the proposed rule change. Mike Donahue seconded. **Motion fails.**

Section 3.0 Team Roster Registration

Rule 3.5 TEAM CREDENTIALS BOOK: It is the responsibility of the team manager and/or team representative to insure that the team credentials book must be present at all of the team's USA Hockey sanctioned events, (i.e. league and exhibition games, off-ice conditioning, tournaments, etc.). The team credentials book in proper order must be prepared as per CAHA Rule 23.2. CAHA reserves the right to verify a team's credential book at any time throughout the season and to impose sanctions against the team and/or club. Thomas Hancock moved to approve the proposed rule as presented.

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

Rule 3.6 LEAGUE TIER I AND TIER II & HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY ROSTERS: Preliminary Rosters are no longer being required to be signed. Lance Burrow moved to adopt the proposed changes and housekeeping changes as presented.

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

Jon Gustafson moved to adopt the proposed **Rules 3.8** through to **3.9.1** changes to require final rosters to be signed and the definitions of the words cut and drop as well as the December "freeze" date as presented.

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

Kevin moved to adopt the proposed changes to **Rules 3.9.1.1** through to **3.9.1.5** changes outlining the Final signed roster dates for all levels as presented.

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

Youth Council (cont'd)

Section 6.0 CAHA and USA Hockey Fee Schedule

Bob Driffill moved to approve section 6.0 with the following corrections of \$46 for youth and \$44 for adults.

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

Section 7.0 General Information

Rule 7.2 (b) Financial Responsibility: Proposed rule to read as follows: *“Players appearing on league wide delinquency lists may not be rostered on any CAHA member association’s USA Hockey roster.”*

Bob Driffill moved to adopt the proposed rule change.

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

Rule 7.6 Game Misconducts: Proposed rule to read as follows: *“Game misconduct penalties must be served in the next pre-scheduled game with that team (the game already appearing on the CAHA or league approved schedule of that team at the time of the infraction) unless they will no longer be playing with that team then it reverts back to the next scheduled USA Hockey game. (refer to USA Hockey Playing Rule 404 (b)).”*

Rule 7.7 Racial Slur: *“Any player or coach who is given a penalty as a result of using a racial slur will be assessed a match penalty. The racial slur must be documented on the score sheet or in the referee's report.”*

Tom Hancock moved to approve the proposed rule changes for Rule 7.6 and 7.7.

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

Rule 7.8 Head Contact: Rule already discussed in president’s report.

Rule 7.14 Player Up Guidelines: Rule to read as follows:

- a. *For Mite, Squirt and Bantam age classifications* 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. Once a player has been approved to play-up he/she may not move back to his or her age appropriate division.
- b. *No youth player may play from a non-checking to a checking division.*

Rule 7.15 Tryout Dates: To read as follows: Tryouts for the 2012-2013 season and thereafter may begin no earlier than May 15th. *CAHA defers the actual tryout start dates for levels and divisions to the individual leagues.*

Kevin Culbertson moved to accept the proposed changes to Rules 7.7, 7.8 7.14 and 7.15 as presented.

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

Rule 7.22 Proposed changes to read:

(b) CAHA prohibits any one from offering or providing financial incentives to any player or any player's family as an inducement to join any team that is not offered to all players or player's families.

(c) CAHA limits the rostering of out-of-state players to **no more than 2 players per team**. An out of state player is defined as an un-emancipated minor whose parent’s or guardian’s primary residence is outside of the state of California. This rule does not apply for an out of state player that comes from a state that does not offer the equivalent level.

7.23 Safe Sport Policy: TBA after USA Hockey Annual Congress meeting

Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the proposed rule changes to 7.22 (b) and (c) and 7.23.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Section 10.0 Tier I (AAA) Classification

10.9 Player Movement: Until December 1, Tier I players may be added to another Tier I team provided they are properly released and be post season eligible for CAHA State championships.

- c. Until December 1, a properly released Tier II, A, or B player may be added to a Tier I roster and be post-season eligible for CAHA state championships.
- d. After December 1, Tier I rosters are frozen and no players may be cut (or dropped).
- 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 twice from which he or she was removed regardless of when the player is removed. However, prior to 12/1, Tier I players may participate on another Tier I team within the same association for a maximum of 2 movements.

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve the proposed rule 10.9 as presented.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Section 11.0 Tier II (AA) Classification

Rule 11.9 through to 11.21 deals with the Double Elimination format for the playdowns which was already approved during the president's report. The rest of the changes are edits that eliminates the round robin procedures.

Rule 11.19 The following USAH procedure was added to the rule: *"Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure (s)."*

Rule 11.20 & Rule 11.21 Explains the pairings of the teams for the double elimination as well as the teams advancing to state playoffs..

Rule 11.24 Player Movement: Changes to date to reflect the December 1st freeze date and added the following: "(f) Any Tier I player added to a Tier II team that participates in a CAHA mandated weekend will be deemed a permanent addition to that Tier II team."

John Hamer moved to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 11.0 as presented.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Section 12 Youth A and Section 13 Youth B:

Bridget Hopkinson moved to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 12 and Section 13 as presented.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Section 14.0 Girls' and Women's Teams

Lance Burrow moved to approve the proposed rule changes in Section 14.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Section 15: CAHA High School Teams

Rule 15.2 To read as follows: *"(a) A USA Hockey Team Roster form 1-T including proof of U.S. residency, eligibility to enroll in school, proof of enrollment in the school, eligibility to play varsity sports at the school, proof of USA Hockey registration for each player, coach, and manager."*

"(b) A \$500.00 deposit must also be submitted with the USA Hockey Team Roster form 1-T prior to September 15 of the current playing season. This deposit shall be applied toward the California State Tournament. If the team drops from the Division II classification after October 31 the deposit shall be forfeited." Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve proposed rule changes in Section 15.

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

Youth Council (cont'd)

Rule 20.4 Rule to read as follows: "At a minimum a Certified Athletic Trainer or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) shall be in attendance at all games. Note: Required medical personnel shall be on premises and in voice contact with tournament personnel at all times during the tournament. The Host Association must be able to direct any medical emergencies to the appropriate emergency facility in the area. Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve the above proposed rule change.

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

Section 21.0

Rule 21.1 Rule to read as follows:....." *minimum of \$500 fine per team which will be payable to the Host and possible supplemental sanctions to the offending member association.*" Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve the above proposed rule change.

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

Section 23.0 & 24.0 State Credentials and StateTournaments

Rule 24.0.1.12 to be modified with the team match-ups to read as 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3.

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve Section 23 as presented and Section 24 as amended..

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

Concussion Committee

William Stone moved to approve the concussion awareness forms as presented.

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

Member Services

Jaime Campbell informed the board that the CAHA membership renewal forms will be available online. They are in the process of setting up PayPal for easy access to submit payment. In addition, they are expanding the Member Services Information to make it more user friendly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Next meeting scheduled September 8, 2012 Holiday Inn, Ontario, CA