



CAHA Meeting of the Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: Sept. 15, 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.		EX		Kathy McGarrigle
	EX		Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X			William Stone
	EX		Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.		X		Lawrence Cahn
	EX		Bob Drifill, Treasurer	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Ron White
X			Sandy Blumberg	X			Rick Hutchinson
	EX		Jim Burcar				
X			Lance Burrow		X		Rob Foster
X			Chris Carcerano	X			Mark Mauro
X			Kevin Culbertson				
	EX		Michael Donahue				
X			Thomas Hancock				
	EX		James Gasseau				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X		Dru Hammond, 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 9:15 am.

Approval of Minutes

Laura Cahn moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2012 meeting .

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

Steve Laing stated he would like the minutes to be streamlined and sent at least 7/10 days prior to the next scheduled meeting for review.

Guest

Ron DeGregorio, USAH President
 Casey Jorgensen, USAH General Counsel
 Kevin Erlenbach, USAH Membership Development
 Charlie Fuertsch, USAH Pacific District Director

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that USA Hockey completed its audit of our books. Our books are in order. However, there were a couple of items that we need as a board to sign and submit in order to be 100% in compliance. They are: conflict & Interest forms and the annual conflict questionnaire. Lance

President's Report (cont'd)

Burrow will collect and review the questionnaires. In addition, we will need to post our 990 Tax forms on the web site or a link to the Attorney General's web site. Some recommendations from the audit are:

- 1- Bi-Annual review of the books and bank statements ~ perform a periodic self-audit
- 2- Purchase of additional Crime insurance ~ currently there is some coverage but it does not cover crime embezzlement

The Russia trip is moving along now. Jaime Campbell has done an exceptional job as the families' liaison. We missed one minor passport requirement of two additional photos. Selections were made: five boys and five girls and two coaches, one male, Brent Kinsberry and one female, Emily Teachout. The tickets, the itinerary, etc. has all been purchased and finalized. The trip is for the players only, no additional families permitted.

Steve Laing reported that the sled hockey equipment for Disabled Hockey has been purchased and delivered. CAHA is putting together another sled hockey event. The next one is in the North Ventura area, date TBD. Pacific District purchased equipment for this as well, helmets, pads, sticks, etc. CAHA needs someone from this board to be the Disabled Hockey liaison.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill is absent. Steve Laing distributed the financials dated July 1 to August 31, 2012 as well as the 2012-2013 budget. Thomas Hancock moved to approve the financials and the budget as presented.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Member Services

Jaime Campbell informed the board that the CAHA membership renewal forms is available online. Renewals have the option to pay online or mail in their payment. However, new membership associations must mail in their forms and payment. Laura Cahn asked if an email was sent to the clubs in July. Jaime Campbell thanked Chris Carcerano for his efforts in getting PayPal and the Member services online registration up and running for CAHA.

Concussion Committee Report

William Stone reported that the committee has been very busy with their first year's charter of educating and making people aware of concussions. They have held seminars across the state, distributed flyers and implemented forms. The committee is very confident that everyone is fully aware of CAHA's Concussion Awareness policy. To date, there have been 3 concussions with two incidents of concussions at the Valencia Labor Day tournament. Concerns were raised about the coaches and managers ability of recognizing concussions. Sandy Blumberg stated that she does not understand why coaches are not signing the same type of acknowledgment form that parents are mandated to. William Stone stated that the NHL did a study and found that 78% of all concussions come from shoulder and elbow contact to the head. Some of the things that William has implemented at his association, Tri-Valley, are the following: they have implemented having two concussion volunteer monitors per team, they are looking at having athletic trainers for the majority of their Norcal games and they have done baseline testing using the Wells Fargo program for Pee Wee and above ages. William Stone stated that the next step the committee will be working on is to propose a recovery program for next year.

Safe Sport Program Report

Sandy Blumberg stated that the Safe Sport program initiative of educating member associations is well under way. Sandy Blumberg is the CAHA program director for the state. Jaime Campbell has been appointed the SCAHA representative and she is waiting for Norcal's program representative to be announced. The Safe Sport program will be in effect next year. The program is a comprehensive package of policies dealing with emotional and physical abuse that insures that all of our players are safe. Sandy reported on the feedback resulting from her educational seminars across the state. Steve Laing is the

Safe Sport Program Report (cont'd)

Pacific District representative. They will be conducting seminars in Washington; Northern California High School league as well as a presentation during the Districts in Alaska in March.

Casey Jorgensen informed the board that there are procedures in place for reporting (whistle blowers) directly or to the coordinators. Casey Jorgensen summarized the history of the Safe Sport Program. Having this type of comprehensive program sends a clear message to potential predators to deter them from getting involved in our programs. USA Hockey has yet to finalize the training modules with the vendor to make them more hockey specific. They are looking at a cost of ~ \$10-\$12 for each module. The length of the modules is approximately 90 minutes. He stated that currently there is free training available for non-hockey specific modules on the USOC site free of charge. The web site is: safesport.org.

The Safe Sport Handbook is a living document. USA Hockey will be reviewing any possible changes to the handbook at its winter meeting.

Pacific District Report

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board that Dru Hammond was elected as a Pacific district director. The Pacific District board has increased its involvement at the National level. Donna Kaufman is now on the Executive Committee. At the October District meeting they will be reviewing positions and roles on their board.

The District is looking for a replacement for Bruce Urban for the District Development camp. They will be continuing with the 14U Multi- District camp in Colorado Springs. As for the Multi District Festival at Kent State, they are still reviewing whether they will be continuing with this camp. In the past couple of years they have been struggling with the lack of interest at the 15U level.

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board that the District is looking to put in place a more formalized plan for the sled hockey program for Disabled Hockey at the District level.

This year is a rule change year. If anyone has any rule change proposals they should submit them to Charlie or Steve by November 1, 2012 for consideration.

Dru Hammond was elected to replace Dennis Sorensen whose remaining term was for one year. Dru Hammond is running for Pacific District Director. Nominations are due by December 31, 2012. The next District meeting is on October 27 in Seattle.

USA Hockey Report

Ron DeGregorio stated that USA Hockey works very hard at the development of players, coaches and parents and supports its volunteers and non-volunteers.

Kevin Erlenbach stated that the 8U division has grown by 20% across the nation. California has had growth in back to back years at the 8U level. There are more 8U players playing youth hockey now than there has ever been before. USA Hockey has many programs in place to keep these players playing hockey as well as attracting new players. Kevin summarized the various USA Hockey programs, they are: The 2 and 2 Challenge, Try Hockey for Free Day, Girls' Hockey Weekend, Conversion Program and the ADM Red, White and Blue program.

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the board that it has been rather quiet since the last meeting in May. They had one hearing resulting from an Axiom alert. They conducted a hearing earlier this morning also stemming from an Axiom Alert. They scheduled one at noon today for abuse of an official, but they had a no show. And finally, they will be holding a hearing after the meeting today for an adult player for abuse of an official as well.

Select Camp

Ed Tar informed the board that he will have more information available at the November meeting.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn reported that Youth Council is recommending the following dates and venues for the state championships:

Tier I Playoffs (all divisions)	February 8-10	El Segundo
Tier II Playoffs (all divisions)	March 15-17	Simi Valley
A/B Playoffs (all divisions)	April 12-14	San Jose

John Hamer moved to approve Youth Council's recommendations for the dates and venues of the state playoffs as presented. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Laura Cahn informed the board that we have a new Tier I Commissioner, Kevin Culbertson. So far the number of teams declared (today, September 15 is the deadline for Tier declarations) at the Tier I level is:

Tier I Division

- 18U 4 Teams
- 16U 8 Teams with 7 teams playoff bound
- 14U 7 Teams with 7 teams playoff bound
- 12U 7 Teams with 6 teams playoff bound

At the Tier II level, Youth Council also has a new commissioner, Robert Foster. So far the number of Tier II teams declared is 59 teams. We will have a better picture after today, once all of the rosters have been submitted.

Tier II Division

- 18U 13 Teams
- 16U 15 Teams
- 14U 16 Teams
- 12U 15 Teams

Laura Cahn informed the board that the make-up of this year's Youth Council is comprised of seven-(7) members of which four-(4) members are new. Youth Council has been very busy reviewing waiver requests to the new CAHA Rule 7.21 (c) regarding out-of-state players. (see page 41 of the guidebook). Laura Cahn distributed a handout itemizing the number of out-of-state players currently on CAHA team rosters. Youth Council is asking the board to review this rule for next season.

John Hamer informed the board that there are 16 High School teams declared in the state. Nine-(9) of the teams are pure teams and two-(2) are combination teams. There will be a High School jamboree in Vacaville on Oct. 27. John Hamer reiterated that CAHA allows dual rostering for players on High School teams.

Finance Committee

Mark Mauro informed the board that one of our CD's is up for renewal October 19, 2012. The CD currently has ~ \$101,000. Mark Mauro is recommending that we renew at the current rate and extend it to 13 months. Sandy Blumberg moved to approve the extension and renewal of the CD as presented. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Tournaments

Sandy Blumberg informed the board she is working on creating medals for the individual awards and will have more to report on at the next meeting.

Old Business

Head Contact Rule

Steve Laing distributed a comprehensive Head Contact Penalty Analysis taken from the Labor Day Weekend tournaments. It itemizes and totals the number of head contact penalties called for each of the different levels and age divisions. Rick Hutchinson expressed his concern at the number of penalties at the Squirt age divisions.

New Business

Coaches USAH Modules

Sandy Blumberg moved to support SCAHA's decision to have the coaches complete their age specific modules by December 1, 2012 with a letter from CAHA and the National's legal counsel supporting the decision. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

One-Goal Program

Ron White informed the board that he will be taking equipment orders starting in November through to December of this year. CAHA has allocated about \$5500 in the budget for the One-Goal program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled November 10, 2012 San Jose, CA