



CAHA Meeting of the Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: Nov. 10, 2012

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	1	John Hamer
X			Ed Tar, 1 st V.P.	X			Kathy McGarrigle
X			Laura Cahn, 2 nd V.P.	X			William Stone
	X	1	Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X		1	Lawrence Cahn
	X	1	Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Bob Drifill, Treasurer		X	1	Ron White
	EX		Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Rick Hutchinson
X		1	Sandy Blumberg				
	X	2	Jim Burcar				
X			Lance Burrow		X	2	Rob Foster
X		1	Chris Carcerano	X			Mark Mauro
X			Kevin Culbertson				
X			Michael Donahue				
X			Thomas Hancock				
X		1	James Gasseau				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
	X		Dru Hammond, District Director				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
	X		Donna Kaufman, District Director				
X			Jon Gustafson, District Director				
	X		Wendy Goldstein, Associate Reg.				

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Hancock moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2012 meeting.

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

Guest

Ashley Bevan, USAH Sr. Director
 Susan Murch, USAH Adult Hockey Coordinator
 Scott Yorkinson, CA Titans
 Chris Ford, CA Titans

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that the taxes have been filed and a copy of the 990 form is available for review. USA Hockey performed an audit of CAHA's books in August, which CAHA passed. Steve Laing distributed USA Hockey's list of suggestions to the board of directors for their review.

President's Report (cont'd)

At the Pacific District Meeting, it was decided to move the District Youth Select Camp to San Jose from WA. The Girls' District Select Camp will remain in WA.

Steve Laing distributed a revised CAHA Screening policy for review and approval by the board. Bob Driffill moved to approve the revisions to the CAHA Screening.

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

Steve Laing reported that there are two issues currently being reviewed involving infractions to the Safe Sport Policies (eg. locker room boxing, etc.). The clubs are currently handling them well. Once the investigation has been completed, if appropriate, fines will follow.

Steve Laing introduced Scott Yorkinson, head of the Titans Program. Laura Cahn stated that Youth Council has concerns regarding the number of out of state players on Titans' teams. Scott Yorkinson stated that the goal of their program is to move players to the next level. There are about 10-12 CA players that end up every year without a AAA team to play on. By bringing in the out of state players he can field a competitive team for these same CA players to play on. The Titans program has been successful in moving players onto higher levels. Steve Laing asked Youth Council to review the CAHA Rule 7.21 (c) and report for discussion at the CAHA Board of director's meeting in January.

Steve Laing informed the board that there were 16 rinks in CA that participated in USA Hockey's November "Try Hockey For Free Day". There were approximately 371 registrants that participated.

And finally, Steve Laing recommends that the board consider purchasing additional D&O insurance. No opposition from the board, therefore Steve will proceed.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill distributed the financials dated July 1 to October 31, 2012. Mike Donahue moved to approve the financials as presented.

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

Concussion Committee Report

William Stone distributed and presented a draft form of CAHA's position on concussion-impact indicator devices; and moved to adopt the Concussion Committee's recommendation. Motion was denied. Charlie Fuertsch will report on USA Hockey's position regarding this in January.

The Concussion committee presented a revised CAHA Concussion Awareness form that includes coaches, managers, directors, referees and locker room attendants as signees. Board is concerned with having the referees sign the form. Concussion committee will revise and send form. Discussion tabled until meeting in January.

Member Services

Jaime Campbell informed the board that CAHA's membership has grown. There were 81 associations registered in CAHA in 2011-2012. In 2012-2013, we have five-(5) new member associations joining, giving us a total of 86 associations. Jaime Campbell reported on the Russia trip and presented a slideshow. The trip was very successful and an amazing experience for the 10 CA Players and 10 Minnesota players and coaches.

Disputes Resolutions & Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the board that they will be conducting a hearing today for a screening alert.

Select Camp

Ed Tar reiterated that players need to go through the league camps in order to be considered for a spot in the CAHA Select Camp. The only exception is for injured players who may possibly be selected to advance to the CAHA Camp. No other exception will be made. Players that are playing out of state may petition. The CAHA Select Camp is looking for evaluators and coaches. Interested candidates should email Ed Tar. Ed Tar stated that the Multi-District Camp for 14U's will be held in CO once again this year. Larry Cahn inquired on the number of spots per state in the District. Larry Cahn suggested that we need to re-evaluate these numbers for future District Camps.

Youth Council Report

Laura Cahn informed the board that the AA weekends are well under way and successful thus far. The AAA scheduling has been completed and running smoothly. No Girls' report, Bridget Hopkinson is absent. High School teams have been formed and playing games. Vacaville hosted a small jamboree in October. There will be another hosted by San Jose and one in the south, location TBD.

Laura Cahn reported on a PW AA team's request to have the CAHA Playdowns moved to a later date because of their recent acceptance to the Quebec International PW Tournament. Youth Council unanimously denied this request. Laura Cahn summarized the team's option of staying AA and then forfeiting the playoffs or electing to move to AAA before close of final Tier rosters. The board inquired on the ramifications of moving to AAA. Laura Cahn explained that there would be CAHA weekend fees refunded back to the other PW AA teams in the state which would then be passed on to the "offending team." The board advised that should this move up to AAA occur, then those funds need to be collected as soon as possible and failure to do so would deem the "offending team" ineligible for playoffs.

Adult Hockey Report

Ashley Bevan, USA Hockey Adult Sr. Director, distributed USA Hockey's "Adult Program Services" to the board for their review and perusal. In addition to youth, USA Hockey has a "One Goal" program for adults as well. Ashley Bevan informed the board that CA's adult registration numbers are very good and one of the top states in the USA. Laura Cahn informed the board that the Vacaville Women's event was very successful.

Tournament Report

Sandy Blumberg distributed samples of the CAHA individual awards ~ medals for review. Steve Laing had CAHA State playoff pucks done. Sandy Blumberg informed the board that we will have "foul" towels again for distribution to the players at the state tournaments.

ADM

Steve Laing stated that at the next CAHA meeting in January, CAHA will need to outline its intentions regarding full ice allowance for the 8U teams.

Pacific District Report

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board that the Boys' District Select Camp (all three ages) will be held in San Jose this year during the same weekend. Bruce Urban is no longer running the camp. Chris Noss, from AK together with Jon Gustafson will be handling the administration and Wayne Sawchuck will be responsible for the evaluators. The Girls' District Camp will be in WA again this year April 25-28, 2013. Daryl Thompson will oversee the Girls' Camp. Charlie Fuertsch stated that starting this year CAHA will be submitting their own Block Grant request and it will not go through the District anymore. This follows USA Hockey's suggestion. The Bobby Freeland Grant is being reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000. The difference will be used towards the Safe Sport and Disabled Hockey programs. Dan Rogness will be resigning in June 2013. And finally, in 2014, USA Hockey is increasing the number of teams participating in the Tier I Nationals from 12 teams to 16 teams.

New Business

Steve Laing informed the board that the CAHA Annual Meeting of Registered Participant Members will be in May 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Next meeting scheduled January 26, 2013 Glacial Gardens, Lakewood CA