



CAHA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: January 25, 2014

Location: The Rinks at 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			Curtis Brown
X			Ed Tar, 1 st V.P.		exc		Nancy Hodge
X			Laura Cahn, 2 nd V.P.	X			William Stone
X		1	Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X		1	Jaime Campbell
X		1	Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Scott Allegrini
X			Bob Driffill, Treasurer	X			Rick Hutchinson
X		1	Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary		X	3	Scott Yorkinson
X		1	Sandy Blumberg	X			Kathy McGarrigle
X			Lance Burrow				
X		1	Chris Carcerano	NON VOTING CAHA DIRECTORS			
	exc		Kevin Culbertson	X			Mark Mauro
X			John Hamer				
X			Thomas Hancock				
X			James Gasseau				
			USAH DIRECTORS				
X			Charlie Fuertsch, District Director				
	X		Robin Ruhwedel, Assoc. Registrar				
X			Wendy Goldstein, District Registrar				

Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Steve Laing called for new business items.

Approval of Minutes

Lance Burrow moved to approve the September 14, 2014 minutes.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Scott Allegrini moved to approve the November 9, 2013 minutes.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that Scott Yorkinson resigned his position as a CAHA director. The board agreed that we should look at the next voted member of the election results of last June. It would be to finish Scott Yorkinson's position for one year. Steve summarized the highlights of the USA Hockey Mid-Annual meeting held in Florida.

- o New 4.11 Rule: Progressive Penalty rule: The penalty will follow the player not the team. Basically, the player would serve his next pre-scheduled USA Hockey game. USA Hockey has tracking software that will be tracking 16 different penalties. It will be our commissioners' responsibility to make sure that the penalties are removed once the penalty has been removed. Steve believes that the software will be in place for the following season.

Steve Laing summarized the screening process regarding a coach in Northern California that was reviewed by our Disciplinary Committee two years ago and was cleared to coach. Subsequently, new

information came to light this year and the coach was suspended pending an investigation. Steve reviewed our process and our process was procedurally correct. The coach in question was informed of his right to appeal in November and the coach did not appeal. Ed Tar stated that as a matter of policy, the directors need to refer media calls to the CAHA president. Charlie Fuertsch suggested that it might be a good idea to have the directors go through training to learn how to handle media/crisis management.

2014-2015 Mite Cross-Ice

Steve Laing informed the board that 8-10 Districts, multiple states, have gone to zero exemption for full Mite 8U ice games. Currently, the exemption for this year is 8 full ice Mite 8U games starting January 1st. Bob Drifill moved to have Mite 8U cross-ice go to zero exemption for full ice Mite 8U games. Motion was seconded by John Hamer. Results of vote: 6-Y and 11-N. Motion did not carry.

Financial Report

Bob Drifill presented the financial report dated November 30, 2013. Lance Burrow moved to approve the financials as presented.

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

Tier Review Committee Report

Steve Laing commissioned Scott Allegrini to chair the Tier Hockey Review Committee whose task was to evaluate the existing Tier I and Tier II structure and format and to determine if any changes are necessary. Scott Allegrini presented the Tier Committee's findings.

Recommendations:

Proposal # 1

1. For clubs to field Tier 1 teams they must have a Tier 2 feeder program in place.
2. Clubs must field a Tier 2 team at the same level as Tier 1 both in the current and prior season.
3. Only one team at each level unless 2nd team is a minor birth year team that was competitive at the AAA or AA level the prior season

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve item (1) of proposal #1 and item (2) of proposal #1 with the following addition of the word Youth to Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams and the following change "Clubs must field a Tier II Youth team at the same level as Tier I in the current and prior season except for the 18U division."

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

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to accept item (3) of proposal #1 with the following change "Only one Youth team at each level unless 2nd Youth team is a minor birth year team and the minor team must compete in the CAHA Minor Division if there is one."

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

Proposal # 2

1. Only one team at each level of AA unless 2nd team is a minor birth year team that was competitive at the A, AA or AAA level the prior season.
2. Maintain existing standards and rules regarding feeder programs for teams to field Tier 2 teams.

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to accept item (2) of proposal #2 and item (1) of proposal #2 with the following change "To allow for only one Youth team at each age division of AA unless the 2nd Youth team is a birth year team." Laura Cahn seconded it. Results of vote: 7Y, 8N; Motion did not carry.

James Gasseau moved to allow for only one AA Youth team at each age division. Motion seconded by John Hamer. A straw poll was taken. Motion was withdrawn.

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to allow for two AA Youth teams at each age division and to maintain existing standards and rules regarding feeder programs for teams to field Tier 2 Youth teams as per item (2) of Proposal #2.

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

Proposal # 3

A pre-season tournament in July dates TBD for all CAHA Tier 1 teams to determine viability of teams to compete at AAA level. The preliminary details are as follows:

1. Participate in the Summer AAA Evaluation Series/ Tournament.
 - a. For divisions of 7 teams or less each team will play the other teams in the division once in normal game slots.
 - b. For divisions larger than 7 teams, each team will still play each other once but a modified game schedule will be put in place of 2, 20 minute halves so teams can get the required amount of games in.
2. Guidelines that will be considered to determine inclusion in the division:
 - a. Goal differential: averaging 5 goals or more
 - b. Shots on net: averaging a 2-1 ratio against
 - c. Overall won/loss record,
 - d. Shots on goal for. If a team is consistently generating single digit or very low double digit shots it will be a factor.
 - e. Formation of an evaluation committee to review each proposed team and make final determinations.

Lance Burrow moved to table discussion of Proposal #3 to after the end of the 2014-2015 season.
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Youth Council Report

Laura Cahn would like to see Norcal and SCAHA to incorporate into CAHA online system. CAHA should share its software with the leagues so as to minimize duplication of work. Chris Carcerano suggested that maybe they should form a committee to figure out what each of the leagues are doing and determine what the redundancies are. Bob Driffill asked what the information that we all need is. Tom Hancock stated that Norcal has all of its data run through time to score online system. Steve Laing asked Laura Cahn to look into forming a committee. Laura Cahn suggested that Chris Carcerano to chair a committee with Bob Driffill, Tom Hancock, Nancy Hodge, John Hamer, Rob Foster and possibly Wendy Goldstein. Chris Cacerano clarified that this committee would review the processes in place to determine what the redundancies are in reporting game data, roster information, duplications in work (e.g. verification of rosters, etc.) and for the committee to meet and submit a proposal in June.

Steve Laing asked that this should be reviewed and completed before the start of next season. Steve Laing stated that the High School division needs to go online starting next season.

Laura Cahn stated that the Tier I and Tier II seasons have run smoothly so far. Playdowns and playoffs are coming up. Laura Cahn stated that there will be minor tweaks to the CAHA rules. Mark Mauro asked for the playdown schedule.

John Hamer stated that there will be two California teams attending Nationals. John Hamer clarified that there is no automatic berth for previous Champions. Chris Carcerano stated that CAHA has a new iPhone App. Chris added that all of the statistical data is uploaded and that it should be made public.

Laura Cahn informed the board that CAHA's online system allows to verify the USA Hockey 20/10 rule for each player and team. The credential verification form will be used/completed during states.

Disputes Resolution and Penalty Review Report

Ed Tar informed the Board that there is a hearing scheduled this afternoon at 2 pm with San Diego. Ed Tar stated that there is a lot of talent on the ice at the Select Camp including evaluators, etc.

Tournaments

Sandy Blumberg stated Tier I will be at Lakewood Feb. 8-9th, Tier II at Valencia, March 15-16th and A/B at San Jose, April 11-12th. Sandy informed the board that she ordered the towels and everything else is on track.

Adult Report

Tyler Shaffar reported that there are 14 teams registered so far for the Adult tournament. The tournament is being held April 25-27th in San Jose. Steve Laing stated that USA Hockey came out with two new adult divisions; 70 & Over and 75 & Over.

Member Services

Jaime Campbell informed the board that we have 100 member associations registered with CAHA with 4 of them being new members. Jaime reported on the online payment process. We have been using it for two years now. In 2011-2012 we had \$5500 in membership fees; 2012-2013 we had \$12861 and for this current year we have \$13240 in membership fees. There is a 50/50 split between associations using online vs. paper.

Director of Referees

Mark Mauro stated that he has 16 officials lined up for the AAA state playoffs with 10 from LAHOA and 4 from San Diego. There are 5 officials who will be working Tier I states for the first time.

Pacific District Report

Charlie Fuertsch reviewed the District Tournament/Select Camp schedule for this season:

- TIER I Youth-- San Jose, March 6-9, 2014
- TIER I & Tier II GIRLS--Anchorage March 6-9, 2014
- The Pacific District's Youth Select Camp is in San Jose, May 9-11, 2014. The Girls' Select camp is up in the air right now. This should be finalized in the next couple of weeks. There is a proposal to move the Select Camp to Florida.

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board of the Girls national camp allocations:

- 1997's 1F 1D 0G 1998's 1F 1D 1G
- 1999's 1F 2D 0G 2000's 1F 1D 1G

In addition, the number of invited players selected has been reduced from 102 players down to 68 players in each category. It appears that USA Hockey is rating our players at C, C-. There will be 13-19 at-large in each category. The next meeting of the Pacific District will be Feb. 7-8, 2014 in Las Vegas. Donna Kaufman and Charlie Fuertsch have been re-elected for another 3-year term.

Steve Laing informed the board that of the 4 originally declared at the Girls' Tier II 16U division, two teams dropped out and the Lady Ducks withdrew from the tournament thereby leaving Alaska to represent the District at Nationals. This was approved by Districts. For the Tier I Nationals, USA Hockey decided to make it a 16-team tournament this year as opposed to waiting for the 2015-2016 season.

Girls/Woman's Report

Bridget Hopkinson reported that 118 girls are registered in the CAHA Camp. The District Camp Allotments are:

- 1997's 8F 6D 2G 1998's 8F 6D 2G
- 1999's 9F 6D 2G 2000's 9F 6D 2G

The Teams attending Districts in Alaska are: at 14AA the Lady Ducks & San Jose; at 19AA the Lady Ducks and at 16AAA the Lady Ducks and the Wave

The teams going straight to Nationals are: at 14AAA and 19AAA the Lady Ducks. These are the only teams in their respective divisions. We only have two teams in the Women's B and both teams will be going straight to Nationals; San Jose and Lady Ducks. In the Women's C division being held at Channel Islands, we have 3 teams attending; the West Side Shockers, LA Traffic and the Black Stars.

NEW BUSINESS

Lance Burrow reported on the Safe Sport section of the USA Hockey Orlando meeting. There were 6 reported safe sport violations in California of which 3 were not really Safe Sport violations. USA Hockey reported that the highest reported category violation was bullying followed by verbal abuse. 1645 completed the online training in California. Starting Feb. 1st, the Safe Sport Training will be going to a new platform. For those that started the training module but have yet to complete it must do so asap otherwise their data will be lost and they will have to start all over again. Next year, USAH will be making it mandatory and there will be USA Hockey tracking through the Cyber Sport program.

Charlie Fuertsch stated that there is new legislation being proposed for next year to mandate a concussion program. Charlie will be on the committee reviewing this.

2014-2015 Schedule: CAHA Board of Director's meetings

May 3, 2014	Ontario
September 13, 2014	Ontario
November 15, 2014	San Jose
January 24, 2015	Meeting/Camp Location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.