



CAHA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: May 3, 2014

Location: Holiday Inn Airport, Ontario, CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

CAHA DIRECTORS PRESENT/ABSENT

Present	Abs.	Total Abs.	DIRECTOR	Present	Abs.	Total Abs.	DIRECTOR
X			Steve Laing, President	X			Curtis Brown
X			Ed Tar, 1 st V.P.	X			Nancy Hodge
X			Laura Cahn, 2 nd V.P.		X		Jaime Campbell
X			Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P.	X			Scott Allegrini
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Rick Hutchinson
X			Bob Drifill, Treasurer	X			Kathy McGarrigle
X			Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Mike Janda
X			Dave Bigelow	X			Chris Hathaway
X			Lance Burrow				
X			Chris Carcerano	NON VOTING DIRECTORS			
X			Kevin Culbertson	X			Mark Mauro
X			John Hamer	X			Ed Tar
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 10:55 am.

Election of Officers

1st VP: Dispute Resolutions & Penalty Review Chair/Select Camp

Ed Tar nominated by Lance Burrow. Ed Tar elected.

2nd VP: Youth Council Chair

Laura Cahn nominated by Rosemary Voulelikas. Laura Ryan elected.

3rd VP: Adult Committee Chair

Tyler Shaffar nominated by Laura Cahn. Tyler Shaffar elected.

4th VP: Girls & Women's Committee Chair

Bridget Hopkinson nominated by Rosemary Voulelikas. Bridget Hopkinson elected.

Secretary

Rosemary Voulelikas nominated by Thomas Hancock. Rosemary Voulelikas elected.

Treasurer

Bob Drifill nominated by Rosemary Voulelikas. Bob Drifill elected.

President's Report

Steve Laing informed the board that the Financials to date were approved at the Annual meeting. Bob Driffill added that he will send out the March 2014 Financials to the board. Bridget Hopkinson moved to defer the 2014-2015 Bridget to the September CAHA meeting.

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

Pacific District Report

Charlie Fuertsch informed the board that there is a Pacific District meeting in two weeks in Portland. On the table for discussion is a bylaw change that would allow an affiliate president to serve as a USA Hockey director position. Currently, an affiliate president has a seat at District but none at USA Hockey.

Some of the proposed legislative and a couple of playing rule changes at the Annual USA Hockey Congress meeting in June are:

- To incorporate a 40-inch orange line warning track/look up zone around the rink
- To change the fighting penalty in Juniors from a 5-min major to a 5-min major plus game ejection
- Add a 6U category
- For after end of season play after Nationals is over to be able to roster 25 players on summer teams and dress 20 players only for games
- For the regular season to allow the rostering of 23 players and dressing only 20 players on 18U and 16U teams only
- Mandating a concussion program for every program

There are some elections coming up at the USA Hockey level. Charlie Fuertsch is running for V.P. Legal Director. If Charlie is successful it will leave an opening on the Pacific District board. In addition, Charlie is being considered for an appointment as a Federal bankruptcy judge.

2014-2015 Calendar

Steve Laing reviewed the 2014-2015 Calendar. CAHA meetings for the upcoming season are:

- Sept 13 in Ontario, CA
- Nov 14 in San Jose, CA
- Jan 24 in Lakewood, CA

Other key events:

- CAHA Select Camp Jan 23-25
- HS Nationals Mar 18-23
- Tier I & Tier II Nationals Mar 26-30
- Girls Tier I & Tier II Mar 27
- American Showcase April 9-13
- Adult Tournament April 24-26

Chris Carcerano informed the board of the following CEP Coaching Clinics:

- Level 5 ~ Aug. 20-24 in Las Vegas
- Level 4 ~ June 20-22 in Seattle, WA
- Level 4 ~ Aug. 8-10 in Van Nuys, CA

The District is allowing participants with Level 3 to attend the Level 5 clinic but would be getting a Level 4.

Kevin Culbertson moved to hold the A/B State Playoffs March 27-29, 2015, location (s) TBD.

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

John Hamer suggested Feb. 27-March 1st; unfortunately, that is the weekend of Tier II Play downs and it will affect the dual rostered players. It was agreed Feb. 20-22 will be the HS States.

Steve Laing informed the board that at the September CAHA board meeting there will be a two hour block set aside after lunch for a "How to deal with the media" training session conducted by USA Hockey.

Break for lunch at 12:10 pm

Youth Council Report

Laura Cahn named the commissioners for the upcoming season:

- Kevin Culbertson ~ Tier I Commissioner
- Bridget Hopkinson ~ Girls'/Women Commissioner
- Chris Carcerano ~ Tier II Commissioner
- John Hamer ~ High School Commissioner

Laura Cahn stated that with the new Tier rules that were passed at the January's meeting, those new rules now contradict some of the existing rules under CAHA Rule 9.6.

Bridget Hopkinson moved to strike out the following sentence from the 3rd paragraph of rule 9.6 "With a minimum of four (4) qualified participating Minor Tier I teams at any of the eligible levels."

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

Laura Cahn clarified that the original text of the 4th paragraph should have stated that "Midget 16 and Midget 18 Minor teams may roster a maximum of five (5) eligible players that are in their second year of eligibility."

Curtis Brown moved to strike out the following sentence from the 4th paragraph of rule 9.6 "Midget 16 and Midget 18 Minor teams may roster a maximum of five (5) eligible players that are "playing up" from the bantam division," seconded by Bridget. Discussion followed. Curtis amended his motion to read "A Tier I "Minor" team must be composed of first year age eligible players.

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

Scott Allegrini moved to remove the last sentence of rule 9.6 "A Minor Tier I team may choose by Sept 15 of the current playing season to participate in the Major Tier I division of their appropriate level."

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

Kevin Culbertson moved to add the following rule: Youth Council reserves the right to remove any team from the CAHA Tier I or CAHA Tier II schedule at any time. The removal of a team does not constitute player releases from the team/club.

(motion **SECONDED** and **FAILED**)

Tom Hancock moved to add the following rule: "With Youth Council's recommendation, the CAHA Board has the authority to prohibit a club from fielding Tier I teams whose prior season's collective performances was noncompetitive."

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

Bob Driffill moved to have the games of the Tier I teams that are hosting Districts and/or Nationals to count as exhibition games only.

(motion **SECONDED** and **FAILED**)

Meeting adjourned for appeal hearings at 1:56 pm

Tom Hancock moved to uphold Youth Council's denial of the Wildcats waiver request to allow their club to field a Midget 16AAA Major team for the upcoming 2014-2015 season. Result of vote:

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

Chris Carcerano moved to uphold SCAHA Disciplinary Committee's 3-year coaching suspension of Roge Karma. Result of vote:

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

Tom Hancock moved to uphold Youth Councils' denial of the Jr. Kings Players' 2-year player up request.

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

Standing Committee Appointments

Steve Laing listed the committee members:

- Kevin Culbertson with Chris Carcerano ~ web master
- Lance Burrow ~ Legal Counsel
- Steve Laing will ask Chris Carcerano ~ Coach-in-Chief
- Lance Burrow ~ Safe Sport Coordinator
- Mark Mauro ~ Director of Officials
- Screening program ~ open

Steve Laing asked for the committee chairs to send the list of their committee members. Bob Driffill asked to consider Nancy Hodge for the Coach-in-Chief position. In addition, for the screening candidate, Laura Cahn suggested Kevin Culbertson and Rosemary Voulelikas suggested Jamie Campbell.

Bob Driffill stated that the multiplication factor of 10 used in determining the total number of votes an association has needs to be reviewed if not now at the next CAHA meeting in September.

Bridget Hopkinson suggested that the CAHA concussion form be kept by the leagues on file whether physically or electronically so as to remove the need to have another piece of paper in the credential book. These same documents are then removed out of the credential book once the team advances to Nationals. Bridget Hopkinson moved to have the respective leagues registrar and roster managers keep the CAHA concussion forms on file and they are not placed in the team manager's books.

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

Youth Council (cont'd)

Laura Cahn distributed Youth Councils' proposed selections of host venues for CAHA's Mandatory weekends of play (five weekends) and playdown weekend.

The five weekends are: Oct. 10-12, Nov. 14-16, Dec. 5-7, Jan. 9-11 and Feb. 6-8. The playdown weekend is Feb 27-March 1. The host venues selected is:

- Peewee ~ KHS, Vacaville, Valencia, Lakewood and KHS; Play downs in San Jose
- Bantam ~ Vacaville, KHS, Simi, Riverside and San Jose; Play downs in San Jose
- Midget 16 ~ Lakewood, Simi, Lakewood, Valencia and Vacaville; Play downs in Simi Valley
- Midget 18 ~ Valencia, San Jose, N/A, Carlsbad and Simi' Play downs in Simi valley

Dave Bigelow moved to approve Youth Council's CAHA Weekend host venue recommendations as presented.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.