



**CAHA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 24, 2015      Location: The Rinks @ Lakewood, Lakewood, CA      Time: 9:00 A.M.**

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	DIRECTOR	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	DIRECTOR
X			Steve Laing, President	X		1	Jaime Campbell
X			Ed Tar, 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P. (non-voting)		exc	2	Chris Carcerano
X			Laura Cahn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.	X		1	Kevin Culbertson
X			Tyler Shaffar, 3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P.	X			John Hamer
X	1		Bridget Hopkinson, 4 <sup>th</sup> V.P.	X			Thomas Hancock
X	1		Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary	X			Chris Hathaway
X			Scott Allegrini	X			Nancy Hodge
X			Dave Bigelow	X			Rick Hutchinson
X			Curtis Brown	X			Mike Janda
X			Lance Burrow	X			Kathy McGarrigle
			<b>NON VOTING DIRECTOR</b>				<b>USAH DIRECTOR / GUEST</b>
X			Mark Mauro	X			Wendy Goldstein
X			Mark Gray	X			Richard Ozaki

Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Steve Laing asked for any additional topics of discussion for the agenda. Under Member Services report, Steve added Safe Sport.

**Approval of Minutes**

Changes to the Minutes:

- Steve Laing appointed Mark Gray as CAHA's treasurer per Bylaw 40.4. The following statement should be added to the November minutes: Bob Driffill passed away on July, 14, 2014. Dave Bigelow motioned to change the account signers to Steve Laing, President and Mark Gray, treasurer as the listed names to the One West Bank account. Motion seconded by Scott Allegrini. Motion Passed.
- Mike Janda was present at the November meeting.
- Correction to the spelling of Laura Cahn's name.

Dave Bigelow moved to approve the appointment of Mark Gray as CAHA treasurer.  
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Scott Allegrini moved to approve the minutes as amended above.  
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **President's Report**

Steve Laing reported on the modifications to the USA Hockey National tournament that occurred at the semi-annual USAH meeting. USAH Youth Council voted to approve a U15 division for the 2016 Nationals. Subsequently, an emergency meeting was held by the National tournament committee; information is forth coming.

A slight modification to the 2015 Nationals- 16 teams tournament; they will be removing the quarter finals. The winner of pool play will advance directly to semi-finals. In addition, they are implementing a pilot program for the High School Nationals. It will be a 4-person officiating crew this year. Steve Laing informed the board that he filed CAHA's exemption letter for 5 games at the ADM level.

### **Rules Committee**

Steve Laing stated that there will be a rules committee meeting, date to be determined. There are some changes that need to be implemented with regards to our bylaws, more specifically with disputes and hearings to be more in line with USA Hockey's Bylaw 10. There is a requirement that a hearing must be held within 30 days of the notification of a final determination. Steve stated that he has some new templates from USA Hockey of letters of final determinations that CAHA will be implementing.

### **District Playoffs**

Steve Laing reported that there is a possibility that at the U18 division, there may be a team that is folding. Currently there are three-(3) California teams and one-(1) Washington team. It appears that the Washington team may be folding which would then result in a California state tournament. If this occurs, the District tournament at San Jose will remain intact and we as a state would send three teams to Districts and San Jose would have their bye as the host, still giving us a 4-team District tournament. Steve distributed the Districts schedule as well as the 2013-2014 USAH member registration numbers for California.

Steve Laing distributed articles regarding neck guards.

### **Financial Report**

Mark Gray distributed the financial statements as of January 23, 2015 as well as the Statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014. Mark stated that the tax return will be filed by February 15, 2015. Everything was reconciled except for an amount of \$16000 outstanding that has not been cashed since October 2013. CAHA has two cd accounts. Ed Tar will be added as the 2<sup>nd</sup> name on the acct. They also need a corporate resolution signed by the secretary and filed with the corporate minutes. The first CD matures May 20, 2015 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one matures January 19, 2016. Steve Laing is writing the checks and making the deposits. The Select camp has been broken down between the Girls' and Youth. And finally, we do not get copies of the cancelled checks or able to see it online. Mark will be working on changing that. Tom Hancock moved to approve the financials as presented.

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

### **Select Camp**

Ed Tar reported that there are about 220 camp participants in the camp. The camp is going well. Once the selections have been made, California will be sending a total of 135 players from all of the age groups to Districts as compared to 200 from the other District affiliates. We already have a couple of players that have been identified as advancing to the National Development camp. Some recommendations for next year are to set a deadline for 1) medical release and 2) for the leagues to send their list of injured players. In addition, the leagues need to qualify injuries.

### **Adult Tournament**

Tyler Shaffar reported that there are 45-50 teams currently registered. The tournament is April 24-26, 2015. They added a new division this year, the Over 50 beginners A and B divisions.

### **Youth Council Report**

Laura Cahn stated that playoffs will be in 2 weeks. The CAHA directors manning the playoff tournaments will be Chris-Kevin-Bridget for Tier I, Tom and John for Tier II Playdowns in San Jose and Chris and Kevin in Simi Valley. Laura will be at Tier II states.

Laura Cahn informed the board that the Rules Committee will be scheduled for the end of April. Topics of discussion will be the Minor division and mostly housekeeping. The entry fees for the playoffs are as follows: Tier II Playdowns - \$1250, State Playoffs - \$1650 and District Playoffs - \$1300.

Kevin Culbertson reported that at the Tier I 12U the final seeding still needs to be done. At the 18U division, there are 2 more games that have to be played to complete the 300% requirement. Laura Cahn informed the board that at the MD 18AA final CAHA weekend in Carlsbad, the Zamboni machine broke down and CAHA had to scramble to get the missing games played at other venues while the Zamboni machine was being repaired.

John Hamer reported that Orange Lutheran and Edison will be representing the South and for the North with only two teams in the North, Valley Christian (11 games played) and Bellarmine (38 games played) there are some issues with determining if enough games have been played. There is some discussion on whether there will be two from the south and two from the north for the tournament or possibly looking at three teams from the south and one from the north. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the High School division should have a CAHA Playing requirement similar to the Tier I divisions, whether it is 300% or 200% etc. Steve Laing stated that the High School managers must attend the managers meeting. John Hamer stated that the teams did not get access to the web site until late November. There are still a couple of teams, Servite and Santa Margarita that have yet to upload their scoresheets. Steve asked John to send an email to the teams with a deadline of February 9th to upload their scoresheets.

Steve Laing reported on a meeting between SCAHA and Art Trottier of the Anaheim High School league regarding the Midget division in SCAHA.

### **Disputes & Resolutions Report**

Ed Tar summarized a few of the recent hearings. They had a hearing for an adult player who allegedly assaulted a referee. The facts did not substantiate the allegation. They had another hearing for an adult player who was suspended for two months. In general, referees must be responsible for the penalties they assess during a game. Curtis Brown asked if there is a process in place where officials are able to amend their reports. Officials need to file reports correctly and not back track and make statements contrary to what they reported.

Steve Laing asked Mark Mauro on how the official organizations conduct administrative investigations. Steve Laing asked Mark to contact IHONC. Richard Ozaki explained how LAHOA holds their officials accountable for the reports they file and that they hold hearings. In addition, Steve clarified that as an affiliate president he has the authority to suspend any official. Unfortunately, USA Hockey does not recognize any official organizations. CAHA cannot govern over the official associations, but we can hold individuals accountable.

Steve Laing informed the board that he asked Chris Carcerano to take down the player statistics. Steve asked the board for feedback regarding whether the stats should be made public or not. Consensus is to make the player stats public and to include a disclaimer regarding those stats.

Steve Laing will be emailing the league presidents the new affiliate agreement from USA hockey. Kevin Culbertson will post the new USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement on the CAHA web site.

### **Girls'/Womens Report**

Bridget Hopkinson informed the board that there are 99 girls participating in the camp. They moved the District camp to June and some of the girls have finals that week and may not be able to attend. We added a goalie session for the Girls this year. Jason Galea will be evaluating the goalies with his staff. The following teams are advancing straight to Nationals; the 19U Lady Ducks, the Women Senior B Lady Ducks and Jr. Sharks and the Women Senior C LA Traffic and West Side.

### **Member Services Report**

Jaime Campbell reported the following:

1. CAHA has collected \$15,130 in membership. This represents an all-time high of \$1,809.
2. CAHA has doubled its membership since 2000.
3. Jaime recommends that we add a check online feature with paypal.

### **Director of Referee's Report**

Mark Mauro has communicated with the official organizations for the Tier I playoffs. There will be 13 officials from LAHOA, three from San Diego and one from IHONC scheduled to work. The High School playoffs will have a 4-man system scheduled. Richard Ozaki will handle the scheduling of officials for the Tier II playdowns in Simi Valley and Mark will be scheduling the officials for the playdowns in San Jose.

Lance Burrow and Scott Allegrini volunteered to man the High School playoffs.

### **New Business**

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board of the process for the upcoming CAHA elections.

### **Date & Location**

Annual Meeting	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ontario
Sept. Meeting	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ontario
Nov. Meeting	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	San Jose
Jan. Meeting	Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lakewood

Curtis Brown moved to approve the proposed dates and locations for the CAHA Board of Director's meetings.

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

Steve Laing informed the board that there will be three hearings this afternoon and Steve would like as many of the directors to attend.

### **Safe Sport Report**

Lance Burrow stated that California had nine-(9) incidents that made it to the national body and this is consistent across the nation. The types of cases being reported involve harassment and verbal abuse. There are very few sexual harassment issues being reported. Lance added that these incidents are occurring inside the locker rooms. In essence, the locker rooms are not being attended to appropriately.

Rosemary Voulelikas stated that currently there is a lack of communication between CAHA and the rink-run in-house programs that are not affiliated with any travel program with respect to Safe Sport training, etc. We need to include them in our communication emails.

Next Meeting May 30, 2015 in Ontario

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm.