



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: November 21, 2015

Location: Hilton~ San Jose, CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

| Present | Abs | Total # Abs | DIRECTOR | Present | Abs | Total # Abs | DIRECTOR |
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| X | | | Steve Laing, President | X | | | Jaime Campbell |
| X | | | Thomas Hancock 1 st V.P. | X | | 1 | Chris Carcerano |
| X | | | Laura Cahn, 2 nd V.P. | X | | | Kevin Culbertson |
| | X | 1 | Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P. | X | | | Derek Donald |
| | X | 1 | Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P. | X | | | John Hamer |
| | X | 1 | Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary | X | | | Chris Hathaway |
| X | | 2 | Scott Allegrini | X | | | Rick Hutchinson |
| X | | | Jeff Blair | | X | 2 | Mike Janda |
| | X | 2 | Dave Bigelow | X | | | Craig Johnson |
| X | | | Curtis Brown | | X | 1 | Kathy McGarrigle |
| X | | | Lance Burrow | | | | |
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| | | | NON VOTING DIRECTOR | | | | USAH DIRECTOR / GUEST |
| X | | | Mark Mauro | X | | | Wendy Goldstein |
| X | | | Mark Gray | X | | | Vada Burrow |
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Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Steve Laing asked for any new agenda items.

Guest

Larry Cahn CAHA Select Camp

Approval of Minutes

The following corrections were suggested to the September 12, 2015 meeting minutes: the start time should be 9:00am, not 11:00am and the third sentence of the Treasurers Report should read “we have an audit every 3 years” instead of “we are missing 3 years of audit”. Motion to approve the minutes with changes made by Rick Hutchinson and seconded by Scott Allegrini.

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

President's Report

Steve Laing reported that USA Hockey is working on a document to define “Tier Hockey” as well as multiple scenarios that may prohibit clubs from fielding Tier teams without perimeters. Examples given were only allowing a certain percentage of players to play Tier, implement the HPC proposal, etc. Steve would like the CAHA Board to take a close look at the status of our tier programs and advise on ways to improve our tier performance at the state and national level. Steve advised that this should be a meeting separate from the scheduled January meeting. It was determined that a special meeting of the

CAHA Board of Directors will be held December 19, 2015 in Sacramento, CA. The topic of this meeting will only be Tier hockey.

Steve announced that the appreciation dinner for Charlie Fuertsch and Ed Tar will be held Feb. 20, 2016 at Paul Martins Steakhouse in El Segundo. He advised that the women should decorate. Steve suggested that spouses be included in the dinner, with travel expenses included.

Steve Laing advised the board that the 2016 Annual Meeting will be in San Jose, CA on May 7th, 2016.

Steve Laing informed the board that the Commissioner contracts have been completed and distributed to the Commissioners. Copies of these are available upon request. He is awaiting the return of the signed contracts, W9 and updated Conflict of Interest form from both Rosemary Voulelikas and Bridget Hopkinson.

Steve Laing announced that the USA Hockey Foundation is asking for donations. CAHA has contributed \$5,000 each year in the previous 5 years. Motion to approve a \$5,000 donation to the USA Hockey Foundation made by Thomas Hancock and seconded by Scott Allegrini.

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

Steve announced the February District meeting will be in Hawaii and will include a sled hockey demonstration and SafeSport education. Laura Cahn inquired on the number of USAH registered players in Hawaii. Wendy Goldstein stated most players and programs in Hawaii have switched from USAH to either AAU or ISI.

Steve stated that the District is accepting nominations for a new Coach-In-Chief for California. This position includes the responsibility of coordinating multiple Coaches Education classes each year.

Steve announced the dates and location for 2017 National Playoffs:

14 Tier I: Scottsdale, AZ April 6 - 10
16 & 18 Tier I: Pittsburgh, PA April 6 - 10
14 Tier II: Coral Springs, FL April 6 - 10
16 Tier II: Dallas, TX April 6 - 10
18 Tier II: Lansing, MI April 6 - 10
Sled Hockey: San Jose, CA April 6 - 9
Girls Tier I: Farmington, MI April 6 - 10
Girls Tier II: Troy, MI April 6 - 10
Women's A/B/C: Farmington, MI April 6 - 9
High School: Cleveland, OH March 30 - April 3

And finally, Steve Laing reminded the Board that at the start of the 2016-2017 playing season there will be zero exemptions for full ice Mite games.

Treasurer

Mark Gray distributed the financial statements dated October 31, 2015 showing total assets as \$770,040.13. Mark also distributed a Statement of Financial Position as of November 19, 2015 showing total current assets of \$747,506.16

Both Mark Gray and Steve Laing have signatory rights on the bank accounts and Steve Laing writes the checks.

Laura Cahn advised that the 2015-2016 budget line item for Tier II CAHA Weekends should be updated to the amount of \$362,000. Kevin Culbertson moved to accept the financial statements as presented.

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

Mark Gray reported that the USAH Foundation allows affiliates to invest in their endowed funds and receive a percentage of their appropriate share of the activity of the endowed funds. Mark Mauro, Lance

Burrows and Mark Gray will be reviewing this and coming up with a proposal at the next meeting. There is no charge to invest for the affiliates.

Dispute Resolutions & Penalty Review Report & CAHA Select Camp

Thomas Hancock introduced guest Larry Cahn as a member of the CAHA Select Camp Evaluation staff to present a proposal for the upcoming CAHA Select Camp:

Larry Cahn distributed a layout of the proposed new format which includes an increase in attendees, a three-(3) team format and the addition of skills sessions to better mirror the format the players see at the District Camp.

Following discussion, it was advised that NORCAL not limit the number of players allowed into their local Select Camp. Tom Hancock motioned to approve the new three-(3) team format with the player numbers as follows: 30 Forwards (21 from SoCal and 9 from NORCAL); 21 Defensemen (15 from SoCal and 6 from NORCAL); and 9 Goalies (6 from SoCal and 3 from NORCAL).

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

Thomas Hancock distributed a CAHA Match Penalty log, a chart of specific penalty distribution (49% youth, 51% Adult) as well as a pie chart of specific infractions showing the largest percentage (22%) of Match penalties called being 601e2 (abuse of official - obscene gesture/racial slur). Tom stated that although there is an abundance of Adult player Match penalties, the rink adult programs and the referee associations all seem to be proactive and responsive in assisting in correcting the problems.

Youth Council

Laura Cahn informed the board that Youth Council continues to receive requests for 2-year player-ups; mostly from Mite players playing up to squirts on regular season and tournament teams, all were denied.

Laura asked Kevin Culbertson to distribute the year-to-date and the 5-year Tier records to the Board. This information is to be reviewed for discussion at the Special Meeting for Board of Director on 12/19/15. Laura asked for the directors to please submit ideas and input at that time.

Laura asked for clarification of the 2016 tryout date. The CAHA guidebook states tryouts may begin May 15th, but questions have come in from member clubs because that date falls on a Sunday. Laura Cahn made a motion that for the 2016/2017 season, tryouts to start on the 2nd Friday of May (5/13/16). Jeff Blair seconded the motion.

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

Member Services

Jaime Campbell reported that we have 81 paying membership programs, 7 more than the previous year. Renewals are being received both by check and paypal and she does not anticipate any delinquent clubs for the current season.

SafeSport

Lance Burrow stated that he is customizing and focusing the SafeSport seminars for coaches and the point of emphasis will be educating the coaches next season as we did the team managers and club officials in the current year.

Screening

Wendy Goldstein informed the board that to date 1,960 individuals have screened successfully and are listed on the compliance list.

Next Meeting January 23, 2016~ Lakewood, CA
Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.