



**CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes**

**Date: January 23, 2016**

**Location: The Rinks @ Lakewood, CA**

**Time: 9:00 A.M.**

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	DIRECTOR	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	DIRECTOR
X			Steve Laing, President	X			Jaime Campbell
X			Thomas Hancock 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.		EX	2	Chris Carcerano
X			Laura Cahn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.	X			Kevin Culbertson
X		1	Tyler Shaffar, 3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P.	X			Derek Donald
X		1	Bridget Hopkinson, 4 <sup>th</sup> 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		2	Kathy McGarrigle
X			Lance Burrow				
			<b>NON VOTING DIRECTOR</b>				<b>USAH DIRECTOR / GUEST</b>
	X		Mark Mauro	X			Wendy Goldstein
X			Mark Gray	X			Nancy Hodge

Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**President's Report**

Steve Laing reported on the upcoming District Director elections. Steve Laing and Dru Hammond are running. Election takes place in April with the ballots going out April 1, 2016 with a return date of May 1, 2016.

Steve Laing reported on the outdoor event that was held in December. Laura Cahn did a great job coordinating.

Steve Laing reported on the highlights of the USA Hockey Winter Annual meeting. They are:

- There will be a Nationals division for the U15 for the upcoming 2016-2017 season. This is a 2-year pilot program. The division is a birth year division only, meaning no player ups and no 2<sup>nd</sup> year Midget 16U players.
- They are creating an open division for Tier hockey. They will vote on this in June. This is a fluid document at this time.
- Bridget Hopkinson was in attendance as the CAHA Girls/Women program representative.
- USAH is looking at each affiliate to appoint a Program Safety director with specific duties with regards to game oriented safety.
- USA Hockey is creating a structure for flexible hockey programs at the recreational level.

- Tryouts for the following playing season can only start 48 hours after the last game at Nationals.
- USA Hockey is looking into prohibiting youth players from playing up and the same would apply to Tier I girls.
- The USA Hockey Annual Congress is in June in Colorado.

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Thomas Hancock moved to amend the Nov. 21, 2015 meeting minutes to incorporate the Dec. 19, 2015 Special Tier meeting minutes.

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

### Treasurer

Mark Gray distributed the financial statements dated December 31, 2015 showing total assets as \$694,202.30. Steve Laing informed the board that \$11,000 was just paid for medals and that should carry us over for the next couple of years. This amount gets reimbursed through the state tournaments. As for the team trophies that is open for discussion. Kevin Culbertson moved to approve the financial statements as presented.

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

Mark Gray is proposing that CAHA invests in the USAH Foundation. USA Hockey allows affiliates to invest in their endowed funds and receive a percentage of their appropriate share of the activity of the endowed funds. There is no cost to register for affiliates. Kevin Culbertson moved to approve CAHA to invest in the USAH Foundation.

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

Kevin Culbertson moved to invest an initial investment of \$50,000 to the USAH Foundation.

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

Steve Laing stated that they will contact Bob Weldon and move forward immediately regarding the investment. The CAHA president will have authority to execute the agreement. Mark Gray recommends that we set a deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup> to get this done. This money could be drawn from the CD accounts at One-West; one of the CD's expires January 19, or from checking.

Mark Gray stated the tax filing which is due February 15 and the IRS 990 form need to be approved by the board. Lance Burrow asked how compensations for directors from previous seasons are being reported. Chris Carcerano was paid for scheduling last year. Mark Gray stated that this would be listed on Schedule A p.7 Reportable Compensation. Thomas Hancock moved to approve the IRS tax filing as amended.

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

Mark Gray spoke about the Schedule I in the tax return. This is the form where money over \$5000 that is given as grants to other non-profits is reported. Unfortunately, NORCAL is in suspension for failure to file income taxes for past seasons and it is extremely important that this is resolved as soon as possible. Mark Gray stated that he has been in contact with Thomas Hancock about this and Thomas has been working on it. NORCAL's next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Steve Laing asked for Mark Gray to attend the NORCAL meeting to assist and recommend wherever necessary on how to resolve this.

### Tier Program

Steve Laing introduced Scott Allegrini, CAHA Director and Tier program committee chair. The Tier Application document was distributed to all of the directors for review. Scott opened up the floor to discussion concerning the document. Scott summarized what the committee was tasked as a result of the December 19, 2015 Special meeting. Discussion followed. Steve Laing opened up the discussion to the visitors attending the meeting for feedback and/or comments. Some of the points of discussions included but were not limited to the following:

1. The automatic bids for the three youth NHL clubs
2. The limitation of up to 5 teams at each age division
3. Existing Tier I programs that have proven longevity
4. Increase of PDR requirement

## 5. Deadline for declaration and submission of Tier Application

Scott Allegrini highly recommends that we continue with a Tier committee to review research and propose. Scott Allegrini moved to accept the Tier I document as the Tier I requirement and application guidelines for participation in CAHA Tier I as presented. Bridget Hopkinson seconds it. Steve Laing asked the directors for their final comments. The friendly amendments proposed to the motion are:

- 1- Increase PDR requirement from 25% this year to 50% for next year
- 2- Remove no further application process required for all NHL clubs, etc.
- 3- Remove "May field a second team if it is a minor team and plays in a minor division."

Scott Allegrini accepted a friendly amendment to his motion with the following changes:

- Must meet 25% PDR at all age levels except 18U for 2016/2017 season increasing to 50% in subsequent seasons.
- The below requirements must be met for any club to apply for Tier 1 status.
- Written request for Tier 1 participation for 2016/2017 season due by February 15, 2016. Formal review to be held by CAHA in March of 2016, exact date TBD. Applications for all seasons beyond the 2016 season will be due by January 15.
- If all of the above requirements are met then the formal application process may continue by supplying the information detailed below to for CAHA review. The 3 NHL clubs must supply the below information but doing so does not affect their inclusion into Tier 1.

Bridget Hopkinson seconded the above friendly amendments.

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

Scott Allegrini summarized the Tier II discussions by the Tier committee. At this time the committee was split with regards to implementing any major changes to the Tier II requirements. Some of the discussion items included the following:

- 1) a flight structure where the first CAHA weekend would be reviewed as a placement weekend and the teams would then be placed into two flights, one competing for Nationals and the other not.
- 2) Increase PDR to 50%
- 3) Have the two leagues schedule Tier II weekends respectively, North vs North and South vs South and then CAHA to schedule the North vs South weekends.

Scott Allegrini moved to increase PDR for Tier II teams to 50% for the upcoming 2016-2017 season and subsequent seasons. In addition, for this upcoming year only, players returning to their 2014-2015 home club of record will count towards the PDR requirement. John Hamer seconds it.

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

Curtis Brown moved to give CAHA authority on when to schedule the Tier II tryouts. John Hamer seconds it. Curtis Brown amended his motion to keep the Norcal tryout schedule for this year as is and moving forward starting 2017-2018 season to have CAHA mandate the tryout weekends for separate weekends for each of the levels, Tier I, Tier II and A/B for both leagues.

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

Chris Hathaway moved to have the two leagues, NORCAL and SCAHA schedule the AA weekends geographically, North vs North and South vs South, with dates, times and locations to be identified and submitted to the Tier II Commissioner. The North vs South AA weekend games will continue to be scheduled by CAHA. Scott Allegrini seconds it. Chris Hathaway amended his motion to have the geographical schedule to apply to divisions with four teams or more in each division.

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

### **Dispute Resolutions & Penalty Review Report & CAHA Select Camp**

Thomas Hancock reported to the board that there were 16 match penalties since the last meeting; 14 were adult and two were youth. We have three disciplinary hearings this afternoon after the meeting.

We have 257 players registered for the CAHA Select Camp. Thomas Hancock thanked Bridget Hopkinson and the evaluators.

### **Adult Report**

Tyler Shaffar reminded the board that the Adult tournament is April 22-24, 2016 and it is posted on our web site. In addition, Tyler sent an email to all of the adult USA Hockey registered members.

### **Member Services**

Jaime Campbell reported that we have only one outstanding member that has not paid their renewal membership fees, the Senior Hockey of Orange County. Some facts to note; in 2011-2012 we had a 50% collection rate with over \$6800 collected and over the last four years we now have a 100% collection rate with over \$16,000 collected. We have three new members in NORCAL, Mount Shasta, Lake Tahoe Academy and Mammoth Youth Hockey association.

### **CAHA Calendar Meeting Dates**

Steve Laing informed the board that the meeting dates for the upcoming season are:

May 7 – San Jose, same time as the District Camp

September 10 – in the South

November 19 – in the North

January – TBA

### **CAHA Elections**

Rosemary Voulelikas reminded the board that the nomination form and letter was distributed to all with a deadline date of March 15, 2016 to receive the nominations. The cutoff date for the actual number of votes was changed in a previous vote to March 31<sup>st</sup> from January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Youth Council Report**

Laura Cahn reported that there have been a lot of player-up requests this year. They have all been denied by Youth Council. The upcoming playoff dates are:

Tier I ~ Feb. 5-7, 2016 in Lakewood

High School ~ Feb. 19-20, 2016 in Anaheim

Tier II ~ March 11-13, 2016 in Simi Valley

A/B ~ April 8-10, 2016 in San Jose

Our last CAHA AA weekend is coming up as well as the CAHA AA Playdowns in February. Tyler Shaffar has stepped up and helped with the AA scheduling since Chris Carcerano has been unavailable due to work commitments. Moving forward, Chris Carcerano has indicated that he will not be available. Bridget Hopkinson moved to have Tyler Shaffar continue with the scheduling for AA for next season. Laura Cahn seconds it.

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

Bridget Hopkinson mentioned the fall out with the two-year player-ups for tournament teams. Laura Cahn stated that Youth Council voted to deny them. Upon an appeal by the Ducks, the board voted to overturn Youth Council's recommendation to deny them. Moving forward, Laura would like some direction from the board. Steve Laing stated that as a board of directors we need to remain consistent which our application of the rules.

Kevin Culbertson reported that Tier I states is in three weeks. We are waiting for the final seeding for 3 of the divisions. Kevin stated that he has received the awards. Rosemary Voulelikas asked what the entrance fee is for Tier I Youth and Women's C Districts.

Rosemary Voulelikas reported that even though the process took a while, eventually all of the High School teams followed our reporting process, etc. Rosemary stated that she would like some assistance for the coaches meeting for the High School playoffs. The coaches' meeting will be February 18, 2016, time TBA. Rosemary asked if the credentialing for the High School teams would occur during the weekend of Tier I states. Thomas Hancock informed the board that NORCAL is moving to a High School hockey template with districting.

### **Girls' Women Report**

Bridget Hopkinson informed the board that there are 111 girls registered for the CAHA Girls camp starting tomorrow. The Lady Ducks 14U and 19U Tier I teams will be going to Nationals directly, while in the 16U Tier I division, the Lady Ducks, San Jose Jr. Sharks and CA Wave teams will be competing at District Payoffs. The Tier II teams competing at Districts are: the Lady Ducks and the San Jose Jr. Sharks at 14U, the Wave at 16U and the Lady Ducks at 19U. At the Women's B division, the Lady Ducks and the San Jose Lady Sharks are going directly to Nationals. At the Women's C division, the Lady Ducks, LA Traffic and Westside Shockers will be competing at District Playoffs.

Steve Laing reminded the board that the dinner to honor Ed Tar and Charlie Fuertsch is Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Derek Donald asked about consolidation of A/B programs and how it works. Laura Cahn added that the consolidation rules should be re-written to incorporate changes resulting from the Tier document. Steve Laing stated that this should be reviewed by Youth Council for next season.

Next Meeting May 7, 2016 ~ San Jose, CA  
Meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.