



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 30, 2021

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	DIRECTOR	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	DIRECTOR
R			Thomas Hancock, President	R			Ben Frank
R			Rosemary Voulelikas 1 st V.P.	R			Dan Granata
R			Chris Hathaway, 2 nd V.P.	R			Nancy Hodge
R			Rick Hutchinson 3 rd V.P.	R		1	Craig Johnson
R			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	R			Kathy McGarrigle
R			Dave Bigelow	R		1	Alex Morrison
R			Matthew Blanchart	R			John Paglia
R		2	Curtis Brown	R		1	Vaughn Reuter
R			Craig Carlyle	R		2	Tyler Shaffar
R			Kevin Culbertson	R		1	Chi-Yin Tse
R			Rob Foster				
NON VOTING DIRECTOR				NON VOTING DIRECTOR/ GUEST			
Teresa Attebery, CAHA Secretary							
Wendy Goldstein, Pacific District Registrar							
Steve Laing, Pacific District Director							
Geoff Leibl, CAHA Legal Counsel (R)							
Jaime Campbell, CAHA SafeSport/Screening/Member Services							

*R above indicates remote attendance

President – Tom Hancock

Tom called the meeting to order at 9am

Tom expressed his thanks to everyone and is very appreciative during what has been a very challenging season.

We will be going forward with providing committee reports 72 hours in advance of all board meetings.

Chi-Yin Tse motioned to approve the minutes; 2nd by John Paglia **MOTION PASSED**

Finances – Chris Hays

Financial reports to be emailed out.

Member Services – Jaime Campbell

Jaime reported that this will be her last meeting as a member of CAHA and thanked everyone for their years of support.

- 23/91 member associations are unpaid to renew their basic membership for 2020-2021. Final notices have been sent that they will lose their CAHA number.
- Any member association that has formed teams and submitted a roster to CAHA, and has not paid team fees, is out of compliance with their member agreement. This is not limited to CAHA sanctioned play (which has not occurred); teams have been playing in California and also out of state all season and these fees need to be paid. The CAHA Board will need to decide how to address these associations. Jaime will provide Tom, the Commissioners and the Registrars with a list to determine who is delinquent.

Legal Counsel – Geoff Leibl

Nothing to report.

SafeSport & Screening – Jaime Campbell

Screening

- This is the first year of the national screening program managed by USA Hockey. It is going well, and so far CAHA has had no surprises to contend with.

SafeSport

- There are ongoing, annual changes to the four guiding documents for the SafeSport program, which is part of federal law. While we have input in some minor semantics, the content of the program is out of the control of USA Hockey. The changes for next season are very minor and won't be noticeable at the Club level, only at the reporting level for the affiliate.
- There have been issues with teams traveling out of state to play hockey because no one seems to know who is responsible, since their play is largely unsanctioned. If these teams are playing under a USAH/CAHA member association roster, **all the rules apply**. It does not matter if the play is unsanctioned – any violations that occur are violations of the member association agreement with CAHA and USA Hockey. There can and will be retroactive actions as needed.
- There has been very little SafeSport activity in California this season. Currently there is nothing to report.

Pacific District Player Safety

- Jaime is preparing COVID-19 infection control protocol for the District, in the event that District tournaments take place.
- The national office is once again looking at a concussion reporting and data collection platform. The best one still to date is the one we piloted 3 years ago, through Player's Health. They are still looking for other options; no real progress has been made on injury reporting and data collection to date.

Dispute/Discipline – Rosemary Voulelikas

Dispute Resolutions & Penalty Review Report My panel this year is made up of the following members: Nancy Hodge, Teresa Attebery, Wendy Goldstein, Helen Alex, Bridget Hopkinson and Thomas Hancock. I'd like to take this time to thank each and every one of the panel members for their continued contribution to the Disciplinary Committee. I am truly appreciative of their dedication, support and input. We have had a total of five hearings since September 1, 2020. Two hearings involved coaches and three involved Youth players. The hearings for the coaches were administrative in nature. Two of the three hearings for Youth players involved playing infractions; one for kicking and one for removal of opponent's helmet. The third hearing involved the falsification of a player's birth certificate.

ADM – Ben Frank

No report

Pacific District Referee in Chief – Dan Ellison

Officials registered are currently at 60% of 19-20. Registration has been extended to the end of March. Please reach out if you become aware of any Officials working illegal games.

Youth Council – Chris Hathaway

There have been no appeals on a Youth Council decisions. Most have been related to Girls playing up. All requests for 8U playing up have been denied.

Tournament Director – Bridget Hopkinson

National Bound teams playoffs will be held in Vegas. Tyler is working on a mock schedule.

CAHA Playoffs are still up in the air as to where they will be located and for Tier II how we will determine who participates. There will be a special meeting in February.

Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson

The following table represents the team counts for each of the Tier Divisions

Division	Declared	Rostered	% Rostered	Active/ Playing	Rostered % Playing
12 AA	22	18	82%	9	50%
11/12 AAA	6	6	100%	4	67%
14 AA	24	23	96%	13	57%
13/14 AAA	7	6	86%	6	100%
16 AA**	22	18	82%	6	33%
15O/16 AAA	8	8	100%	6	75%
18 AA	13	10	77%	6	60%
18 AAA	4	4	100%	4	100%
Total	106	93	88%	54	58%

As the numbers in the table above demonstrate, we have some teams who are rostered, and who have not been able to play any games. All games played are of course all out the State.

Of the teams that are playing out of State and knowing that AAA started earlier on, and that AA only started during December, games played the fewest and most are 4 and 15 for AA, and 4 and 27 for AAA.

Assuming there are playoffs, the questions coming include:

1. When?
2. Where?
3. Minimum Game Counts for players/teams?
4. What are the qualification requirements?

** - One team has played games, yet failed to administer the games on their team page as of this writing.

High School Commissioner – Rosemary Voulelikas

The initial declarations for the High School Divisions 1A & 2A are as follows:

Division 1A

Bellarmino
J Serra
Orange Lutheran
Santa Margarita
St. Mary's
Tahoe Prep Academy

Division 2A

Capistrano
La Verne (formerly Damien)
Pacific Ridge

All Division 1A rosters received. High School Nationals was pushed to April 15-19, 2021 in Omaha and CAHA States, as you all know is now March 26-28, 2021 location TBD. And finally, the close of final rosters for High School teams in CAHA was pushed from February 1 (CAHA Rule) to February 15 (USA Hockey Rule).

Girls/Women's Commissioner – Bridget Hopkinson

YC voted to change the required game requirement for the 20-21 season for girls to 7/11.
USA Hockey will not be holding a Women's Nationals for the 20-21 season

CAHA Girls Select Camp ~ we will be doing a virtual evaluation based off the players registration info and hockey resume submitted on our google doc.

PD Girls Select Camp will be moved to May exact date TBD

CAHA Select Camp – Rosemary Voulelikas

A. 2020 CAHA Select Camp Candidates & Out of District Players As a reminder: For the 2021 CAHA Select Camp we will be using last year's 2020 CAHA Select Camp age appropriate (2004, 2005 & 2006 birth year players) candidates that had advanced from their respective Select League (SCAHA & NORCAL) camps as well as those 2020 "Out of State" candidates that had registered for the 2020 CAHA Select Camp. Furthermore, a condition of participation is that the 2020 candidates must be playing (except the 2020 Out of District Candidates) in California for the current 2020-2021 season. As a further reminder, CAHA will not be hosting an on ice component for the camp this year. Additionally, the 2007 birth year division will not be evaluated. The Pacific District has not finalized any plans for hosting the Multi-District Camp for the 2007 birth year players. Candidates will be selected by an evaluation committee made up of coaches most familiar with the players in these birth year groups. The Lead Coach for the Selection Committee is John Beaulieu. Selections will be made by the end of February.

B. At-Large Candidates: At-Large players are those players that were candidates for the 2020 CAHA Select camp but are not playing in California this 2020-2021 year as well as players who were not part of the 2020 camp last year, are currently playing out of district and are now asking for consideration. I will be compiling a list of names and any documentation and submit all to the Pacific District Camp Director. The Pacific District will review this list as part of their At-Large positions. The deadline to submit all names to the Pacific District Player development Director is March 10.

Pacific District – Steve Laing

USA Hockey Updates

Youth Council Meeting

- February 24th is final date for 2021 hosts to confirm ability to host and affiliates/districts to confirm participation (not specific teams).
- April 13th will be the date for at-large committee calls for Youth T-I, Girls T-I and T-II

Governance Committee on USAH Board of Directors to increase Athlete involvement

- Amateur sports climate following abuse scandals in NGB's in USOPC have resulted in changes requiring more representation by athletes in governance of the USOPC and NGB's
- National governing bodies are certified by the USOPC pursuant to requirements in the Ted Stevens Amateur Olympic Sports Act
- October 2020 USOPC revised bylaws requiring several changes in NGB governance including increases in representation by athletes on NGB boards and committees from the existing 20% to requirement of 33.3%
- Current USA hockey board
- 9 officers, 46 district directors, 8 section directors, 6 at-large directors, 2 NCAA, 2 professional hockey and 18 athlete directors (20%)
- Timeline for implementation is January 1, 2022 but have received an extension until February 1, 2023
- Multiple scenarios have been provided to increase athlete participation for the 20% to the 33.3%. Survey sent to all directors. No decisions have been made.

2021-25 Playing Rule Changes/Proposals/Process

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/e275-2319824/Playing_Rule_Proposals_2021_Version_II.pdf-ga=2.40149026.1006505625.1611595335-625752969.1551992163

National Screening Process

- Screens for 2021 season 48,111
- Approved 47,167
- Flag screens projection 3% of total screens
- percentage to date 2.9%
- 1,400 screens flagged

Initial review – 1,400

- Ineligible 225
- Eligible 1,005
- Eligible with conditions 153
- Pending 17
- Eligible to participate 82.7%

Appeals to secondary BSRC - 89

- 72 made eligible
- 7 eligible with conditions
- 10 required hearings

Girls games played requirement for credentialing has been approved for 11/7 and Boys is 14/7 for this season only. Tom can file an appeal with USA Hockey for any teams that are short.

USA Hockey is keeping the March 31 tryout start date, yes this is before Nationals.

Districts are still very fluid.

Pacific District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein

Jon Gustafson is retiring from Pacific District and John Beaulieu will be stepping in.

USA Hockey registration is at 35% for Youth and 20% for Adults.

New Business

SCAHA has made no official declaration on this season and would like to hold tryouts in April/May vs June. CAHA is not in favor of pulling up tryouts but will revisit if Nationals are cancelled.

All Tier I teams are going to states.

For Tier II there is a committee that will be evaluating and ranking for states since we have no official CAHA standings.

Tier I application process will default to the existing process, but there are plans to look at a new process going forward.

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to use current Tier I application process and applications to be submitted by last day of February; 2nd by Bridget Hopkinson **MOTION PASSED**

Bridget Hopkinson motioned that standings not to be required this season only on Tier I applications; 2nd by Curtis Brown **MOTION PASSED**

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned that PDR for the 2021-22 season only be a 2 year look back for all levels; 2nd by Bridget Hopkinson **MOTION PASSED**

CAHA cannot skip this years election.

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned that nominations are due April 26; 2nd by Bridget Hopkinson **MOTION PASSED**

Note: Tier I approvals were handled in a special meeting.

Next Meeting June 26 in TBD
Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

Meeting minutes submitted by Teresa Attebery / California Amateur Hockey Association Secretary