



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes - Annual Meeting

Date: June 26, 2021

Location: LAX Marriott, El Segundo

Time: 9:00 A.M.

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

President – Tom Hancock

Meeting called to order at 9am. Tom commended everyone. Last season was very divisive with different ideologies. We had to hold States in Nevada and we had an overwhelming thank you from member teams. We had a proliferation of special meetings and most CAHA board meetings were virtual.

New CAHA website should be launched in the next 60 days.

Kevin Culbertson commended Tom for all of the work.

Finances – Chris Hays

After our year end at the end of June, reports will be emailed.

Legal Counsel – Geoff Leibl

Nothing to report.

Dispute/Discipline – Rosemary Voulelikas

First of all, I would like to thank my disciplinary committee for their continued support and dedication throughout this past year. We have had a total of eleven hearings since September 1, 2020. Three hearings involved coaches; one hearing involved an organization and seven involved Youth players. The hearings for the coaches and organization were administrative in nature. Six of the seven hearings for Youth players involved playing infractions; three for kicking, two for racial slur and one for removal of opponent's helmet. The seventh hearing involved the falsification of a player's birth certificate. We have three hearings coming up for alleged recruitment violations involving coaches.

ADM – Ben Frank

No report. Regular Zoom calls will be starting back up soon.

Pacific District Referee in Chief – Dan Ellison

Mark Mauro

2020-21 Playoff Officiating Recap

AAA Playoffs - Las Vegas

31 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	8	58	7.3
San Diego	3	21	7.0
NORHOA	1	6	6.0
Las Vegas	1	8	8.0
Total	13	93	

HS 1A & 2A Playoffs - Las Vegas

12 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	6	34	5.7
Las Vegas	1	2	2.0
Total	7	36	

AA Playoffs - Las Vegas

36 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	7	63	9.0
San Diego	2	16	8.0
NORHOA	3	21	7.0
Las Vegas	1	8	8.0
Total	13	108	

A/B Playoffs - N/A

0 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	0	0	#DIV/0!
San Diego	0	0	0.0
NORHOA	0	0	#DIV/0!
Total	0	0	

Summary:

79 games

25 officials

LAHOA (D.Freed, Watt, Lhamon, Grinstead, McFarland, Roberts, Rozenbert, Zucker, A.Kitano, Sanchez, Magnifico, Brzezinski, Dubow, B. Freed, Ryono, Liberotti)

SDHRA 5 (Elleras, Morton, Kloda, Kunto, Cintel) (J.Davis,

NORHOA Starke, Palteri

Las Vegas 1 (Pecora)

Youth Council – Chris Hathaway

There has not been a lot of activity. There was a great effort to select the teams for AA playoffs. States in Vegas were a huge success. It was a group decision based on games played plus a few head to head games scheduled.

Tournament Director – Bridget Hopkinson

Due to COVID we had to host our State Playoffs in Las Vegas, NV. The Knights organization at both facilities were awesome hosts. The families and the players were so happy to be on the ice and participate in our playoffs (no matter where they were). Below are the list of winners for each age group:

Tier I:

14U AAA: Jr. Kings
15O AAA: SD Saints
16U AAA: Jr. Sharks
18U AAA: Jr. Sharks

Tier II:

14U AA: Jr. Kings
16U AA: CA Wave
18U AA: Blue Devils

High School:

Div 1A: Orange Lutheran
Div 2A: Capistrano United

Tom gave thanks for the hard work holding playoffs out of state.

Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson

Boys Tier -

1. The GSE 16AAA team voluntarily dropped on May 25. This leaves that Division now at 6 teams.
2. Unofficially and as of last week, we have the following AA team counts -
12AA - 21
14AA - 22
16AA - 18
18AA - 13
3. On or about June 27 I will be requesting the Team Manager and Head Coach information from the Clubs. The info will be used to (a) commence team web page building, (b) creating contact lists to share with other teams, and (c) inform and invite Managers to the "Zoom" Managers meetings on July 24 and 25.

Tom appreciates all of the work thru this challenging season. Tyler Shaffar did a great job with scheduling.

High School Commissioner – Rosemary Voulelikas

After a slow start to the season, the final teams that participated as a nationally bound high school team are as follows: Division 1A Division 2A JSerra Capistrano Orange Lutheran La Verne (formally Damien) Santa Margarita Tahoe Prep Academy Orange Lutheran won the CAHA State Championships and SMCHS placed 2nd. Both teams advanced to the 2021 High School Division I National Championships. At Nationals, SMCHS won all of their games in pool play to advance to the semi-finals. Capistrano won the CAHA State Championship and advanced to the 2021 High School Division II National Championships. Capistrano advanced all the way to the Championship game and ended up as the runner-ups, losing to the Omaha Jr. Lancers in overtime.

Girls/Women’s Commissioner – Bridget Hopkinson

CAHA Girls State Playoffs:

16U AAA: Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls – Lady Ducks advanced to PD.

Girls Teams at the Pacific District Tournament:

14U AA: Lady Blue Devils, SD Angels

14U AAA: Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

16U AA: Lady Ducks directly to Nationals

16U AAA: Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

19U AA: SD Angels (2 Teams), SJ Jr Sharks Girls, Lady Ducks directly to Nationals

19U AAA: No teams: Lady Ducks directly to Nationals

Girls Teams Advancing to Nationals:

14U AA: Lady Ducks

14U AAA: LA Lions

16U AA: Lady Ducks

16U AAA: Lady Ducks

19U AA: SD Angels, Lady Ducks

19U AAA: Lady Ducks

CAHA Girls Camp:

Our camp was done virtually this year with players registering and submitting a hockey resume. The evaluators came together by Zoom and I was really proud of how they all worked so well together. Here is the number of the CA Girls who advanced to National Camp.

2006 15s National Camp CA Participants 9 players

04/05 16/17 National Camp CA Participants 5 players

Girls directly to the 18U Camp 2 players

CAHA Select Camp – Rosemary Voulelikas

A. 2021 CAHA Select Camp Candidates (2004, 2005 & 2006) & Out of District Players For the 2021 CAHA Select Camp we used 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. A total of 191 players participated in the camp. Registration fees were at a minimum; \$10/player. CAHA did not host an on ice component for the camp this year. Candidates were 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 was John Beaulieu. California players that advanced from the Pacific District Camp (May 6-9, 2021) to the 2021 USA Hockey National Player Development Camp are as follows: Select 15 (2006): 4-Forwards; 4-Defensemen; 1-goalie Select 16 (2005): 3-Forwards; 3-Defensemen; additionally 3-Defensemen and 1-goalie were invited to the USA National Team Development Program (USNTDP) and therefore received direct invitations to the 2021 USAH National Player Development Camp. Select 17 (2004): 4-Forwards; 1-Defenseman B. 2021 CAHA Select Camp Candidates (2007): Mid-April we received word that the Pacific District decided to host a Western Regional Select 14 High Performance Camp (WRHPC) this year in Dallas, Texas on July 20-24, 2021. All 2007 birth year players playing Tier I as well as a handful of Tier II were invited by CAHA to participate in a virtual Select camp. The Selection committee was made up of the respective hockey directors of the Tier I programs and coaches. A total of 52 players participated in the camp. The players that advanced to the WRHPC are posted on our web site.

USA Hockey – Steve Laing

- **Mike Trimboli** (Massena, N.Y.), was elected president of USA Hockey
- **PLAYING RULES CHANGE YEAR**

The USA Hockey Board of Directors approved the rulebook for 2021-25. The organization modifies/updates the playing rules on a four-year cycle. Highlights of modifications include:

- The principles of the declaration of safety, fair play, and respect that were originally passed by the Board in 2019 will be fully implemented into the new rulebook, including zero tolerance of hateful and discriminatory language and as well as hits from behind, hits to the head and late hits.
- **All levels of youth hockey outside of high school will include both immediate offside and the removal of the exception to ice the puck when shorthanded.**
- Major and match penalties will be determined on the principle of reckless endangerment, not based on injury.
- **All major penalties will now also include a game misconduct penalty.**
- Modified the length of penalties based on length of period.

***A full summary of the changes will be available later this month at usahockey.com.

- USA Hockey added two new volunteer positions to its coaching and officiating education structure during the Annual Congress:
 - coach-in-chief for female development
 - referee-in-chief for female development

SCREENING

- Updated background screening policy/review procedure
- 20-21 Season
 - 51,573 applied screens
 - Cleared by NCSI 46,804
 - Flagged 1586
 - Ineligible – 163
 - Eligible w/conditions – 186

- Eligible – 1237
- Screens sent to Center for SafeSport – 20
- 2021-22 Season
 - Screens reviewed/cleared – 429
 - Ineligible – 14
 - Appeals – 3 (1 eligible, 1 w/conditions, 1 pending)

SAFESPORT

- Major changes in responsibility and liability to coordinator(s)
- Discussion to follow

PACIFIC DISTRICT

- District Tournament – Arizona
- Girls Development Camp – Henderson

2022 Tournament Dates

- Youth – Feb 24-27, 2022, Irvine, CA
- Girls – Feb 24-27 or March 3-6, 2021 (TBA), Fairbanks, AK

Rick Hutchinson – Adult Committee

Adults are back. Hoping to hold an Adult tournament in the North and South in May. Rick will have projected cost and target dates at the September meeting. Rick is planning to start a CAHA Adult newsletter.

Pacific District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein

REGISTRATIONS:

Starting on a good note this season, our 21.22 season numbers are up in comparison to the numbers from the previous two seasons at the same date as shown below.

USA HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS	6/1/2021	6/1/2020	6/1/2019
Paid/Volunteer/Referee Registrations	121,442	36,636	102,026
Paid Registrations	111,000	33,120	95,017

The Pacific District was down 45% from the previous season with California being down almost 60%. The Pacific District was boosted by growth in Nevada this past season and is expecting more growth in PNAHA (Washington) with the new NHL franchise, Seattle Kraken.

UNCLAIMED PARTICIPANTS:

We still have the issue of unclaimed participants. This season we had a higher percentage of unclaimed participants and I believe the reason for this was twofold:

- State/County shutdowns = minimal hockey in California
- Associations didn't request/have the portal to claim participants

NEW USAH ADULT MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Adult member associations will be issued new USAH member association numbers for identification purposes. The actual number part of the ID will remain the same but the third digit will change, but that has not yet been determined to what.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO:

- Pacific District Youth Tournament Dates are 2/24/22 thru 2/27/22 in Irvine, CA. The Pacific District Girls Tournament will be in Fairbanks, AK either 2/24/22 thru 2/27/22 or 3/3/22 thru 3/6/22 TBD 6/22/21.
- Girls' teams can no longer roster up to three 12U players to participate on a Girls Tier II 14U National Bound team.
- The fee for USAH sanctioned tournaments has increased to \$250. There is no additional fee for tournaments which include Canadian teams or other international teams.
- Credit cards can no longer be used to pay for international travel fee.

New Business

Next Meeting June 26 at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am

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