



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 15, 2020

Location: SJ Marriott, San Jose

Time: 9:00 A.M.

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

*R above indicates remote attendance

President – Tom Hancock

Tom called the meeting to order at 9:08am, there are 9 voting directors in the room and 7 on Zoom, therefore we have a quorum. (Note: Dave Bigelow and Curtis Brown joined the Zoom later getting us to 18 voting Directors in total).

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to approve the minutes with corrections; 2nd by John Paglia **MOTION PASSED**

Finances – Chris Hays

Chris handed out copies of current financial statements. With registrations down and limited team formations, revenues are down. John Paglia suggested looking into reducing costs by limiting in person meetings and suspending stipends. Kevin Culbertson reminded us that the reason we have the surplus we do is exactly for events like we are currently in.

Member Services – Jaime Campbell

CAHA Member Services Status: 2019-2020 Season

- **Annual Member Program fees:** We are at just under 50% of registered programs to date in the Rocky Mountain Registry system. This is only for programs to renew their CAHA member number for \$20 in order to roster teams when they do have tryouts.
- **Annual Per Team Registration fees:** As programs have tryouts, they will go back in to the Rocky Mountain Registry system and pay their per team roster fees.
- Reminders to pay the annual program renewal fee will continue to go out.

Any associations that are delinquent with Annual Member Program fees will not have rosters or travel permits approved and any currently approved rosters and travel permits will be temporarily suspended until they are paid.

Legal Counsel – Geoff Leibl

Geoff had nothing new to report although questioned if we are actually legally allowed to meet in person. Tom stated that we are in the clear for this meeting, but the January meeting could need to be entirely remote based on the local regulations in late January.

SafeSport & Screening – Jaime Campbell

CAHA SafeSport: 2019-2020 Season

- There are no current SafeSport reports to address. The prior (4) billeting reports have been resolved successfully. One social media report was minor and was resolved.
- We do not currently have any pending cases at the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

CAHA Screening Status

- We are at about 40% of the number of screenings we would have in a normal year. In September we were at about 15% so, it's slowly growing. It seems to be on par with the USAH member registrations which are at about 35%.
- As happens every season, coaches are complaining of delays with screenings but there are no new delays in the process. These are federal screenings now, and people need to plan ahead and screen well in advance of when they plan to participate. Any past infraction on their record will show and could cause delays. Other delays could occur because counties/courts are not fully operational under COVID restrictions.

Dispute/Discipline – Rosemary Voulelikas

As of this time, there has been 1 hearing and there is 1 hearing scheduled along with 1 special meeting scheduled.

Tier I (AAA) games are being tracked and reports are being sent to Rosemary from any USA Hockey sanctioned event. Game Misconducts on some of the tournament rosters are a bit more of a challenge, but once the Tier II (AA) teams on are regular season rosters, that will make things easier.

ADM – Ben Frank

There was a California Hockey Directors call held in October. There were additional representatives from USA Hockey on the call, but there were not many coaches from California on. Ken Martel inquired about the challenges that our clubs are facing. There could be things rinks or clubs have implemented during these COVID times that might be good ideas to keep moving forward.

Teresa will be added to the group to help take minutes so the CAHA board can keep updated with the topics discussed.

Jaime asked about meeting agendas as she would like to present a pilot concussion program opportunity to the group.

Pacific District Referee in Chief – Dan Ellison

Dan mentioned that things are pretty quiet at this time, but also said that once games resume we should have enough officials to cover.

Dan let the group know that Todd Llewelyn is retiring effective January 1 and that IHONC will be reforming into a new Association. More details will be provided as they become available.

Youth Council – Chris Hathaway

Youth Council is slow at this time. There is currently 1 waiver request under review.

Tournament Director – Bridget Hopkinson

Review/approval of Playoff Venues will be tabled until the January meeting. Tom has reached out to rinks in Las Vegas and Arizona to secure ice for NTB State Playoffs should we not be able to hold games in California.

Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson

Kevin reported that a majority of the Tier I teams are participating in games outside of California. Kevin will reach out to the Tier II teams next week to remind them of CAHA requirements.

High School Commissioner – Rosemary Voulelikas

Rosemary will be reaching out to the NTB HS teams soon. Rosemary and Matt Blanchart are discussing how HS will work this season based on whether or not games are allowed to be played in the state. There is an option of the NTB teams playing games in a local state that is open. There are a total of 6x 1A teams – 3 in the South and 3 in the North. All 2A teams are in the South.

Girls/Women's Commissioner – Bridget Hopkinson

Bridget suggested that we hold a Tier (Youth & Girls) and HS NTB Team Managers meeting via Zoom since there could be new managers who are unfamiliar CAHA requirements. Nancy suggested inviting Registrars so they can be familiar with the requirements.

After discussion of a Managers meeting, Nancy and Teresa will hold a combined SCAHA and NORCAL Registrars Zoom meeting.

Pacific District Chairman – Kris Knauss

Kris mentioned that this is a trying season for the entire Pacific District. Canceling things will be a little easier this year if needed. At this time the National Office is keeping with the current National events and dates. Nationwide, there are 187 Tier I teams currently formed and playing. There is currently no location within the Pacific District that can hold events. Nevada is the most active state within our district that is working with local government to obtain approvals for modified play (ie no check).

Registrations and revenue are way down. There are hopes that a vaccine will help boost things.

The USA Hockey board currently has 3 investigations open on Jim Smith. None are complete at this time. There has been a new law firm hired to handle one of the cases. One of the investigations is being handled by the US Center for Safesport. Jim's term is up in June, so the leadership structure could be changing.

The National Youth Council is looking into alternate locations for the 2 National events currently scheduled to be held in California. A decision is expected by 12/31. It is possible that a bubble sites could be used.

Changes to the required game counts and roster minimums are currently tabled. There is no black & white answer from USA Hockey. Affiliates will be leaned on for eligibility of their teams.

There is an upcoming special meeting to discuss Player Development/Select camps. Boys allocations remain the same as last season. The current plan is to send the players from last years list for the 15; 16 & 17 groups. The 14 group is currently on hold. There are hopes to be able to do something is summer 2021. Wayne Sawchuk is taking the lead.

Chris Hathaway confirmed that we are sending last years group and holding on the 14's and that there will be no new players moved on this season.

Rosemary mentioned that CAHA will need to create allocations from last years SCAHA and NORCAL selections. Tom mentioned that CAHA will work with each league to select players based on allocations. The District can allocate 20% At Large players.

Kathy McGarrigle and Steve Laing are meeting soon to discuss the Girls Selects.

At the National level the Governance Committee is working on new NGB guidelines of having a minimum of the board be Athlete Directors. These new requirements could change the structure of the board. USA Hockey currently has 91 board members which is the largest board of all NGB's. For reference the next largest board is 30. There is discussion of changing the weighting of Athlete Directors votes – ie their votes could count as 3. All of this could really change how USA Hockey operates.

USA Hockey Strategic Planning Committee is ramping up. The make-up of several sections could change. There are a lot of things up in the air right now.

Pacific District Coach in Chief – Flint DOUNGCHAK

All coaching clinics are virtual. Coaches can attend any clinic. The Coaching Program has been working hard to make the virtual clinics a success. Feedback has been positive. There have been ~10K coaches who have attended Zoom clinics.

Temporary cards are being issued upon request for all levels until 12/31/20. All temp cards will expire 8/31/21. There have been ~10K temp cards issued. There is an approximate 20% drop in coaches expected. The National Office is working on a way to identify coaches that have received a temp card.

As a reminder, effective in June 2020, all Level 4 & 5 coaches who are coaching Tier teams will have to complete 5 units/hours of continuing education every 3 years. If a coach is not coaching on a Tier team, then this will not apply.

We will find a way to get coaches into clinics if needed later than normal this season.

Karl Schoech has retired as an Area Director. Karl was awarded the Bob O'Connor Award for his many years of dedication in training coaches in Northern California and Northern Nevada. Chi Yin-Tse is the new Area Director for Northern California and Northern Arizona.

Pacific District – Steve Laing

Pacific District is currently committed to current dates for District events. Steve and Kathy McGarrigle are working on a process for the Girls Select Camp for this season.

There are several states in the upper north east that have completely shut down for hockey. Steve will email the details to the board.

Steve is part of a committee regarding Bylaw 10 and they are putting together templates for all districts and affiliates to use for hearing notification; hearing determination and appeals. CAHA is already handling things very well and in fact, the current templates that CAHA uses are acting as guidelines.

An updated Billeting Policy is being drafted and they will be clearly defining family members. Once again, USA Hockey wants to follow the process that CAHA has established and implemented.

Pacific District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein

Jon Gustafson's term as a Pacific District Director is up at the end of this year. Anyone interested in running should contact Wendy by 12/31/20.

All clubs should be aware that Nevada does not want California teams coming there for scrimmages.

New Business

Tom pointed out that many areas/states that are back tracking and tournaments/games are being canceled. CAHA will have flexibility on game counts (10/20; 10/14 & 5/10). We want teams to try to meet the current game counts. More discussion will take place at the January meeting, including revisiting minimum roster requirements; the CAHA (100%, 200%, 300%) game requirements.

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to allow the CAHA 1A teams to play geographically this season only vs state wide. 2nd by Kathy McGarrigle **MOTION PASSED**

CAHA will need to determine who we advance to Districts and/or Nationals.

Tier I application date is currently set at January 15. There will be a new format for the Tier I approval process will be presented at the January meeting.

Bridget Hopkinson motioned to move the Tier I application due date to April 15. 2nd by Rosemary Voulelikas. **MOTION PASSED**

Bridget pointed out that the Girls States are currently scheduled before the January CAHA meeting. Tom will schedule a special meeting for a Girls discussion. Steve Laing would like to have information for Districts before the end of December.

Kris Knauss mentioned that USA Hockey Youth Council will be having a discussion on Nationals in mid-December. CAHA will schedule a special meeting December 19 or 20.

Bridget Hopkinson would like to have Girls teams declare by December 20.

Chris Hathaway motioned to have Girls Tier II teams declarations are required by December 20. 2nd by Kevin Culbertson. **MOTION PASSED**

Wendy Goldstein recommended getting all teams/all levels on to regular rosters due to the amount of tournament rosters being submitted. This would also make tracking cohorts easier. There are examples of players playing on multiple tournament rosters with multiple clubs. NORCAL plans to digitally sign all A/BB/B teams on December 11 and stop tournament roster for the regular season.

Kevin Culbertson asked what happens with teams traveling without an approved travel permit. If they are using an approved USA Hockey 1-T roster and playing as a registered CAHA team name, then those details need to be passed on to Rosemary for disciplinary review.

Motion to adjourn by Craig Carlyle, 2nd by Nancy Hodge **MOTION PASSED**

Next Meeting January 30 in Irvine
Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm

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