



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 19, 2020

Location: Irvine Marriott, Irvine

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			Dan Granata
R			Chris Hathaway, 2 nd V.P.	X			Nancy Hodge
X			Rick Hutchinson 3 rd V.P.	X			Craig Johnson
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	R			Kathy McGarrigle
R			Dave Bigelow	X		1	Alex Morrison
X			Matthew Blanchart	R			John Paglia
	X	2	Curtis Brown	R		1	Vaughn Reuter
X			Craig Carlyle	R		1	Tyler Shaffar
X			Kevin Culbertson	R		1	Chi-Yin Tse
X			Rob Foster				
NON VOTING DIRECTOR				NON VOTING DIRECTOR/ GUEST			
Teresa Attebery, CAHA Secretary				Jaime Campbell, SafeSport/Screening/Member Services			
Wendy Goldstein, Pacific District Registrar				Dan Ellison, Pacific District RIC			
Steve Laing, Pacific District Director				Chris Hays, CAHA Treasurer			
Wayne Sawchuk, Pacific District Director				Louis Magnifico, LAHOA (R)			

*R above indicates remote attendance

President – Tom Hancock

Tom called the meeting to order at 9:10am, there are 11 voting directors in the room and 6 on Zoom, therefore we have a quorum. (Note: Craig Johnson joined the room later and Kathy McGarrigle joined the Zoom later getting us to 19 voting Directors in total).

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to approve the minutes with correction; 2nd by Craig Carlyle **MOTION PASSED**

Tom noted the divisive situation that COVID has put the board in. Our job is to govern hockey in California while also respecting each other's opinions. There are a number of teams traveling out of state. Travel permits and rosters are being submitted. Incorrect documentation is being found and those permits/rosters are not being approved.

Tom appreciates everyone's efforts as we are navigating the current landscape we are in.

Finances – Chris Hays

Chris handed out copies of current financial statements. Due to the current situation of not having teams formed and USA Hockey membership status the presentation of the budget for approval will be tabled to the November meeting.

USA Hockey registration in California is currently at 45% of normal seasons.

Member Services – Jaime Campbell

Jaime emailed the board and leagues the annual registration information earlier this week. Annual program fees are due no later than October 31. Due date for team fees will be adjusted based on when tryouts occur.

Legal Counsel – Geoff Leibl

Youth coaches are now OK under AB5 as independent contractors, unless they are working for a rink/club as employees. ABC Test still applies. AB1857 & AB2257 carved out exemptions, both passed unanimously.

Tom & Geoff will put together a matrix to send out to the board. Geoff will further research handling the status of paid board members (ie Commissioners, etc)

SafeSport & Screening – Jaime Campbell

Jaime sent email related to SafeSport to the board and leagues earlier this week. **All board members are required to be SafeSport and Screening compliant.**

There have been 5 SafeSport complaints this season – 4 of which are regarding illegal billets. There is 0 (zero) tolerance for this. This is coming from the USOC.

As a reminder Screening is now under SafeSport managed by the National Office. Jaime sent email related to Screening to the board and leagues earlier this week. California is at ~15% of normal for members screened.

Screening appeals committees are busy. The affiliates no longer manage or give input, they can only provide history when requested. The appeals committee will ask affiliate for history if they want when reviewing an appeal.

First time DUI offenders are now being included/captured even though they previously were not. Everything is coming up, they are no longer just looking back a set number of years.

Dispute/Discipline – Rosemary Voulelikas

There have been no penalty reviews at this time.

ADM – Ben Frank

Ken Martel is still holding regular meetings with select group of hockey leaders/coaches in California. Ben was requested to send a list of members and to provide meeting updates to Tom and the Registrars so we can be aware of topics being discussed and understand who is involved. Leagues can suggest adding additional members if wanted.

Youth Council – Chris Hathaway

There have been 3 player up requests so far this season. All were girls and all have been approved.

Wendy Goldstein requested that final decisions that have an impact on rosters are communicated to the Registrars (Wendy, Nancy Hodge & Teresa Attebery)

Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson

Teams have started playing games and we have had a few GM's to date. We need to discuss/adjust required game counts for playoff qualification should teams fall short due to COVID restrictions.

High School Commissioner – Rosemary Voulelikas

The High School committee met last Wednesday. Committee members are Chair: Rosemary Voulelikas; League Commissioners Matt Blanchart; Shane Galaviz and Mark Petrovich; Tom Hancock & Teresa Attebery

It is looking like CAHA will have 5 1A teams and 3 1B teams. Leagues plan to start playing in early January.

League Commissioners are canvassing the schools/teams for input on tryout dates. All High School teams regardless of division will be allowed to hold tryouts at the same time.

Girls/Women's Commissioner – Bridget Hopkinson

Nothing to report

Pacific District – Wayne Sawchuk

Girls Tier Pacific District tournament is being held in Fairbanks, AK Feb 18-21; Boys Tier I (18U, 16U, 15O and 14U) being held in Irvine, Feb 25-28.

Kris Knauss is on the USA Hockey sub-committee for Nationals and they would like to do everything possible to host the event on the current dates.

Girls Pacific District Player Development camp will be held in Henderson, NV April 8-11.

Kathy McGarrigle mentioned that there was a request to hold a separate camp for the Girls as the Pacific District was 60% of the multi-district camp, yet the Pacific District had no input. There were regular issues with dates that impacted the Girls who could attend. We want to be able to really showcase the girls from our district. There is big growth in Washington.

Boys Pacific District Player Development camp will be held in Nevada May 6-9.

Pacific District Goalie camp will be held August 6-8, location TBD. 06 & 07 birth years will be invited.

The next Pacific District board meeting will be held virtually.

Pacific District – Steve Laing

Steve reported that nationally there are 22K members screened and there have been 178 or .08% that have been disqualified.

This is a USA Hockey playing rule year. Steve may be writing a proposal to submit for consideration.

There is a big push from AAU to pull clubs/teams away from USAH.

There is no COVID insurance coverage. This is excluded from all policies and no insurance companies are providing coverage for this. USA Hockey insurance costs are increasing.

We are seeing changes in our sport and this administration needs to embrace the change. There are some areas in the US that are playing non-check.

Reminder of the declaration of safety, fair play and respect.

Kathy McGarrigle mentioned that all Pacific District Girls Reps are OK with a short turn around to Girls Nationals and supporting pushing the current dates out to allow more time for season play. Alex Morrison commented that moving the dates would allow for more flexibility to schedule more games. Steve will have a response in the next 7-10 days regarding a date change.

USA Hockey really wants Nationals to occur as currently scheduled and has mentioned the possibility of using "super sites".

Team fees for Pacific District events have not yet been set, but they will not be higher than last year and could even be less.

Pacific District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein

Wendy mentioned that current registrations are at ~50% of normal, but expects numbers to come back up to normal once California starts play.

Geoff Leibl asked additional questions regarding billeting and what triggers the billeting requirements to kick in. Per Jaime, it is any time a club/coach brings a player to the area with the intent to play.

Appeals

There were appeals from a club in both leagues regarding the decision to not allow A/BB/B tournament rosters. Appeal was approved and CAHA will allow/approve A/BB/B tournament rosters with appropriate Travel Permit and required documentation. Each roster submitted is being reviewed for team make-up and any team with 3 or more players from another club will be questioned by Tom.

Pacific District Referee in Chief – Dan Ellison

Dan reported that registrations for Officials is also down. The expectation is that once the state allows youth sports and games are being scheduled, that the registrations will pick up.

Dan requested that there is at least a 2 week notice for any special requirements (i.e. electronic whistles).

Any Official who gets suspended as a player has their suspension carried over to officiating. Since information regarding players and officials are in separate data bases, there are sometimes delays in Dan receiving this information.

Dan anticipates that there may be some challenges with the emphasis on the fair play/respect rule especially as it relates to celebrations. There could be some missteps. The 1st offense is supposed to be a warning.

Dan sees a lot of positives coming with the younger group of upcoming officials. Players being rewarded with being able to work playoffs is a great encouragement. Dan thanks CAHA for their support of the Officials.

CAHA calendar

Bridget Hopkinson motioned to move A/BB/B state playoffs to May 21-23; 2nd by Ben Frank **MOTION PASSED** (note: this does not impact tryout dates for the 21-22 season)

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to move non-NTB 12AA, 11AAA, 12AAA & 13AAA state playoffs to April 30-May 2; 2nd by Kevin Culbertson **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to move HS NTB (1B & 2B) & 12AA state playoffs to April 30-May 2; 2nd by Bridget Hopkinson **MOTION PASSED**

CAHA Select camp date discussions are tabled to the November meeting.

Updated Guidebook

We hope to have the updates to the CAHA Guidebook available for posting within the coming week. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Teresa Attebery.

New business

COVID Impact

If you receive a complaint or report related to a team or club going against current state and league guidelines, please email documentation to Tom. If there is enough information available, the complaint will be looked into.

USA Hockey will defer to the Affiliates for game counts for all NTB teams.

All teams should make every effort to meet game count requirements, ie 300% rule, but can submit waivers if unable to meet those requirements. Discussions regarding a blanket waiver prior to the end of the season will be tabled to the November meeting.

The Valencia rink should be open early next year. Work on the rink will not start until escrow closes.

The Ducks dropped their bid for the Escondido rink.

Fiduciary duties of board members

Geoff Leibl, as CAHA Legal Counsel, brought up his concerns regarding the fiduciary duties of the members of the CAHA board. He discussed conflict of interest of board members and duty to CAHA vs duty to home club.

As a reminder, CAHA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our duty as a board is to make decisions to benefit CAHA, even if in conflict with the club you are affiliated with.

Board members need to be educated regarding the California law and there needs to be a mechanism in place for members to recuse themselves in the case of a conflict.

In closing, Tom mentioned that remote accommodations for full board meetings are not preferred and are not planned to take place going forward.

Motion to adjourn by Rosemary Voulelikas, 2nd by Chi-Yin Tse **MOTION PASSED**

Next Meeting November 14 in San Jose
Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

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