



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes

Date: September 11, 2010

Location: Holiday Inn, Ontario CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

CAHA DIRECTORS PRESENT/ABSENT

| Present | Absent | DIRECTOR | Present | Absent | DIRECTOR |
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| X | | Steve Laing, President | X | | Jon Gustafson |
| X | | Ed Tar, 1 st V.P. | X | | John Hamer |
| X | | Therese Phillips, 2 nd V.P. | X | | Rick Hutchinson |
| X | | Tyler Shaffar, 3 rd V.P. | | X | Kathy McGarrigle |
| X | | Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P. | | X | Laura Ryan |
| X | | Bob Driffill, Treasurer | X | | William Stone |
| | X | Rosemary Voulelikas, Secretary | X | | John Thompson |
| X | | Sandy Blumberg | X | | Ron White |
| X | | Jim Burcar | | | |
| X | | Lance Burrow | X | | Nancy Hodge |
| X | | Chris Carcerano | X | | Mark Mauro |
| X | | Kevin Culbertson | | | |
| X | | Michael Donahue | | | |
| X | | Robert Doherty | | | |
| X | | Wendy Goldstein | | | |
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| | | USAH DIRECTORS | | | |
| X | | Dick Combs, District Director | | | |
| X | | Charlie Fuertsch, District Director | | | |
| X | | Turi Daniels, District Associate Registrar | | | |
| X | | Dan Rogness, District Director | | | |

- Steve Laing called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Steve Laing called for any additional items to the agenda. None were submitted. Steve Laing dedicated the meeting to 9/11 and those injured in yesterday's train accident. Steve introduced William Stone, a newly elected CAHA board member. Mr. Stone is affiliated with the Tri Valley Blue Devils and is in charge of the in-house program in Dublin, CA.

Approval of Minutes

Lance Burrow moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2010 meeting.

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

President's Report

Steve explained everyone is just getting started and there is not a lot going on as of yet, certainly no issues. He has been appointed to a National USA Hockey High School Committee. He is also currently working with Chris Carcerano to change the CAHA website to a new personal site, moving away from the USA Hockey website. The new website will have e-mail addresses for all directors to be used for CAHA

President's Report (Cont'd)

purposes. He attended the women's tournament in VACAVILLE. It is his desire that eventually CAHA would be able to put on an adult women's tournament. There have been issues regarding recruitment and he has heard that programs are suffering; however, he cautioned the Board that violations, or allegations of violations, are not always what they appear to be. People often won't name names when they allege recruiting, but it is essential for the investigation to occur. People need to work with their leagues directly with these issues.

With regard to CAHA director expenses, everyone is a volunteer and they should be reimbursed for their expenses and he doesn't want directors to "eat costs". Please be sure to turn expenses in to Bob and please be timely (meaning within the same season the expense was incurred). It's difficult when expenses are turned in several years late or kept until there is a large bundle of receipts. Bob Driffill asked that everyone cash their checks quickly so the checks clear the bank.

Financial Report

Bob Driffill presented and distributed the financials as of August 31, 2010. Bob Driffill read balances. Our CD is not with Imperial, it is with One West (typographical error on report). Bob Driffill asked for questions. There hasn't been a lot of activity.

Steve indicated profit and loss showed a profit last year of \$132,000. In reality we budgeted for a loss due to trophies and adult program in the amount of about \$9,000. The money we ended up with was due to money coming in from the CD and that we already had. We actually came in very close to what we budgeted.

Report of Finance Committee

Mark Mauro reported that the CDs matured in February and will mature next August. The CD's are for \$100,000 each. The fiscal tax year forms are complete and filed. Dick Coombs attended a class on tax form 990. There are disclosure requirements that trigger some problems and he said that it may be advisable to have an attorney review the 990. Charlie reported the new schedule is a lot more detailed (schedule O is a narrative which deals with conflict of interest, public inspection of financial documents etc...).

Dispute Resolutions and Penalty Review

Ed Tar received a call this morning and was informed there was a hearing earlier this year for an adult player that was suspended for a year and who is trying to register elsewhere this season. Ed has decided that he will notify rinks when an adult is suspended for a long period of time so the rinks will honor USA Hockey suspensions that are long term. Mike Donahue asked that Vada Burrows and Wendy Goldstein be notified as well (registrars for north and south). Ron White suggested we also post on our affiliate website. A question was asked if they should be removed from the screening compliance list. Ed Tar said they should be removed until the suspension is over and if screening is still valid at the end, they can be re added. Several directors felt they should be removed and have to re-screen when they return. Ed reported that another individual had a hearing and will be allowed to participate until his court date in the next week or so. The committee will get information within 72 hours of the end of that court appearance and will make a decision based on what the court decides.

Youth Council

State Championship Bids were awarded:

- Tier I, Peewees only (2/4 – 2/6) – Riverside
- Tier I, Bantams and Midgets (2/11 – 2/13) – Escondido
- Tier II, (all division) March 11 – March 13 awarded to Lakewood
- A/B (all divisions except mites) April 7 – April 10 awarded to San Jose

Youth Council (Cont'd)

Team Declarations:

1. Tier I
 - Peewee (2 teams) – Jr Kings and LAHC
 - Bantam (2 teams) – Sharks and LAHC
 - Midget 16 (7 teams) – Heat, Gulls, Jr Kings, Sharks, LAHC, Stars, OCHC
 - Midget 18 (6 teams) – Jr Kings, LAHC, OCHC, Sharks, Stars, Titans

2. Tier II
 - Peewee (15 teams) – Ducks, Jr Kings, LAHC, Stars, OCHC, Wave, Wildcats, Thunder, Cougars 1, Cougars II, Sharks, Blackhawks, Tri-Valey, Heat, Jr. Kings
 - Bantam (15 teams) – Gulls, Jr Kings, LAHC I, LAHC II, OCHC 1, OCHC 2,
 - Midget (.....) Therese stated she would have these e-mailed to us from the Tier II commissioner.

Youth Council had a request for a PDR waiver from the Jr. Kings for an 18AA player. This is similar to the Ducks request last year. This player played exclusively for the Jr. Kings for 6 years and didn't play last year due to an injury. He is returning and would be their needed PDR for this team. Youth Council unanimously voted to recommend approval of waiver. Ron White moved to approve the request for a PDR waiver. (motion **SECONDED and PASSED**)

Last year the Youth Council discussed rule 7.12 which was modified this past season. The Jr. Sharks had an 18AAA player who played and was never rostered. This was due to a registrar error. The rule says the "coach may be fined or suspended". In keeping with past practice the youth council decided to suspend the coach for 1 game. Turi Daniels reported that she did get the supplemental roster prior to the game which the youth council did not know. Laura Ryan was not in attendance, but clearly had not received the roster. The player played on 9/3 and Turi is verifying that it was received prior. We will send a letter to the coach because he clearly didn't have a roster with the players name on it, but he will not be suspended.

Ed Tar asked the status of the release request from a parent on the Jr. Kings 18AAA team. The league will not grant the appeal of the financial release request. This appears to be a contractual dispute between the family and the club and the appeal does not seem to have merit.

High School Commissioner Report

John Hamer is just getting started with High School for the State Level. He wasn't aware the J Serra team was playing with the league as a Ducks team which means they will get all their games in. We need to notify USA Hockey that we intend to participate in the National Championship by November 15th. We appear to have three-(3) pure teams (all players are from the same school) in Norcal and two-(2) teams in Southern California. Norcal has started to affiliate more closely with the High school league that is run out of San Jose. Suspensions in High School leagues are being honored in Norcal league and vice versa. Teams that are interested in Nationals will be getting information on requirements. Dual rostering has an exception for High School players. Bensonville in March (Nationals) should have a CA team! Steve would like to have a meeting for all the high school teams so everyone knows the 10-5 playing rule requirement and what the other requirements are. He would like a playdown weekend to select which team will represent CA at Nationals. Please let John know if you are aware of any teams that crop up. Steve is unsure whether residency is the requirement for the prep high school team. Pure teams are comprised of kids who live exclusively within the boundary of their school. The exception for the pure teams is home schooled kids. They can be on the team if their "home" school would be the team they are rostered on.

Adult Committee

Tyler Shaffar reported that the adult tournament is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011. Tyler would like to work on getting more SoCal teams. The application will go up on the website around October 1st. They will work on perpetual trophies and what should be handed out.

Girls'/Women's Report

Bridget Hopkinson reported that she has been in contact with all the girls/women's teams that she is aware of. She is trying to follow the boys' rules and will require schedules and rosters. She has sent out declaration forms which are due October 1st. She is still getting rosters and supplementals. Annie Pankowski from the Lady Ducks made the USA Hockey National team and that was a huge accomplishment and is applauded.

Steve said they've made some changes since girls/women's now falls under youth council. We are looking for some uniformity between the boys and girls teams. It will be a slow change to get everyone on board so the teams understand what is now required. With that in mind he explained that last year they started a girls/women's commissioner to have a second set of eyes to answer to Youth Council Chair and to create a hierarchy. This year, the difference will be that we will not have a girl's commissioner. Bridget Hopkinson does not have a girls' team at LAHC so we will opt out of having a girls/women's commissioner until we make all the changes this year. We will likely add the commissioner back next season.

Dick Coombs reminded everyone that Anaheim and San Jose will host some of the girls National Tournament.

Screening

Wendy Goldstein reported that there is a problem with people using old instructions for screening. The correct instructions have been on the website for 2 years now so it's unclear where they are getting them. Wendy asked that everyone make sure they are using current instructions. This causes a routing problem as well as missing information. Charlie Fuertsch thinks at least 50 went to him in error in the last month. Steve asked that Bob and Lance send something out to the leagues reminded them to use correct instructions for screening.

Steve reminded everyone that screening is mandatory in this affiliate. Regarding locker room attendees, California mandates that those attendees be screened, however, you do not have to be registered by USA Hockey.

Membership Services

Mike Donahue reported that the CAHA application renewal forms are out and due next Wednesday. He is trying to reconstruct records. He has gotten some questions about why these records are being requested and wanted to emphasize that he is only asking the form be submitted by Sept 15, but will give grace on the documents that are being requested. He is really looking to hear from everyone by next week. Bridget asked where documents from the past went. It appears to be a lot of information that disappeared at some point. As clubs apply for membership these documents need to be submitted, which means that they existed at some point. Charlie says these things were in storage and were destroyed at some point and he doesn't know where the old documents would be. It is likely that this information has not been requested in many years. Turi Daniels believes Rosemary Voulelikas may have prior documents (Rosemary is not in attendance today).

Director of Referee's Report

Mark Mauro reported that screening reminders were sent to the officials' organizations that their officials may need to be rescreened by 9/1 if they are on that rotation (3 year screening). There are also officials

Director of Referee's Report (Cont'd)

who turn 18 and they need to screen. It appears the associations are doing a good job with those notifications.

In the past, Mark has coordinated with schedulers in San Diego, LAHOA, and Norcal and he is anxious to begin working on the State Tournaments.

Ed Tar asked that Mark work with the officials organizations to ensure they file complete and appropriate reports when there is a match penalty. It was advised that Mark send a letter out to the organizations reminding them of proper handling of match reports.

Ed wondered if he's on the distribution for the match reports. He has now been added to the distribution for IHONC/NORCAL so he should be getting all the match reports for both adults and youth. Jon Gustafson voiced concern that refereeing needs to improve and that perhaps the State should look at helping to get the referees better in order to improve the game for our players. Steve Laing directed Mark to attend meetings of the officials' organizations in order to begin the conversation about improving their product. Also, the invitation should be extended for the referee association presidents to come to the CAHA meeting so we may begin to work together.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding officiating within the state. Jon Gustafson and Ron White have been tasked with bringing this back in November for further discussion and perhaps some recommendations for future action. Mark Mauro will compile our concerns and go back to the officials organizations for response.

Alaska is vetting a program to require coaches to take an abbreviated refereeing seminar.

Junior Hockey in California

Ron White presented a power point presentation (see attached) because the State of Illinois has generated legislation at USA Hockey with respect to Juniors which caused USA Hockey to tell them they couldn't roster certain birth years for juniors and it has caused a major issue with regard to Junior rules/regulations. There are 13 sanctioned leagues for juniors. All junior leagues are governed by the junior council at USA Hockey. The membership is about 22 or 23 teams. The goal of juniors is to move players on to college or professional hockey. This issue between the junior and youth council is in regards to which birth years are eligible to play juniors. A committee has been set up to handle this issue.

Coach in Chief

Chris Carcerano is working on verifying coaching certification. Wendy Goldstein and Nancy Hodge also work on this. He is working with Nancy so they don't duplicate the effort. He would like to make it automated so that CyberSport will feed into his program so it generates a compliance report. He is asking that Lance Burrow and Bob Doherty ask for preliminary rosters from each club be sent to him so he can begin that process. Supplementals should be sent to him only when it relates to coaches.

Helmet Policy

Steve Laing reported that everyone should know that helmets are required to be worn by coaches and it has been brought to his attention that during select camp weekend the coaches did not follow the rules. Steve read a proposed policy to the Board of Directors that he intends to send to the leagues for mass distribution. He will also send it out to all other contacts. Discussion followed regarding the sanctions he proposed in this statement.

Regarding the locker room attendant rule....it was brought up that there is the same frustration with rinks/clubs not following this rule and the potential liability that arises from this problem. A question was asked about what to do in terms of monitoring. It is impossible to have someone present from the club to monitor compliance at all times. Should we penalize the association instead of the coach directly?

Helmet Policy (Cont'd)

Kevin Culbertson moved to adopt Steve Laing's proposed Helmet policy as read (motion was seconded). Discussion followed regarding possible amendments to this proposal. After discussion the following was decided:

- 1st offense – coach suspended for 2 previously scheduled games (but may practice with team)
- 2nd offense – 30 day suspension and a \$250 fine to the association
- 3rd offense – coach will be suspended pending a hearing for both the coach and the association. The association shall be fined \$500 and the coach may be removed from coaching for a period of time as determined by the hearing committee.

Steve requested that everyone give him feedback on how the locker room policy is going and we will monitor what our reaction is or should be.

Steve Laing brought up an issue concerning concussions and head injuries. He asked what we would want to do in California to protect our players. Steve read a statement of policy to the board of Directors regarding concussions and head injuries. Mike Donahue moved to approve the policy (motion was seconded). After discussion, John Thompson moved to table this concept until the next meeting so we can do further investigation and bring back. Mike's motion was withdrawn with the consent of the director who seconded the motion.

Legal Council

Lance Burrow reported that there is a lot of misinformation about what the Medical/Liability and D and O insurance covers. He will give us more information after he does some research.

Website Construction

Chris Carcerano wants to subscribe to a web hosting service in order to get the new website constructed. Steve Laing said the project has been approved and they are moving forward with the website.

Pacific District Report

There was a Multi District Camp at Kent State University. We participated at the 14U level due to lack of interest at the 15U age level. We had 17 players participate at the Pacific District. We played in the championship game against Michigan. Players really appeared to enjoy themselves. We've been invited back next year and hopefully will get more interest. The players stayed in the dorms at Kent State and the cost was only \$410 dollars plus airfare. There was also a multidistrict meeting to see what each affiliate is doing and to work together to solve problems. The ADM was a topic as well as national screening, and midget junior issues, as well as Tier II Nationals. They also discussed the issue of the player issue at Pacific District Playoffs in Alaska. There is an agreement to work together to honor delinquencies but we need to communicate properly and do paperwork officially.

Dan Rogness handed out the Pacific District member counts by state. Total California registered players as of September 11, 2010 is 10,911. Youth accounted for 7,142 players and adults accounted for 7,261. Each year there are four-(4) District Directors and this coming year there are 2 positions up for election. Charlie Feurtsch and Donna Kaufman are up this coming year. Nominations will be due in December.

Old Business

No report at this time regarding agenda item District Wide Player Movement.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 2:54pm.

Next meeting is Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Hilton San Jose.