



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes - Annual Meeting

Date: June 22, 2024

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			Pat Manzer
X		1	Rosemary Voulelikas 1 st V.P.	X			Randy Meyer
X			Chris Hathaway, 2 nd V.P.		X	1	Alex Morrison
	X	1	Rick Hutchinson 3 rd V.P.	X			Mark Petrovich
X		1	Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.		X	2	Vaughn Reuter
	X	1	Dave Bigelow		X	2	Craig Sterling
X			Kevin Culbertson	X		1	Tommy Tartaglione
X		2	Rob Foster	X			Chi-Yin Tse
X			Shane Galaviz	X			Trevor Wada
X		1	Cameron Higley		X	2	Becki Winckler
NON-VOTING DIRECTOR				NON-VOTING DIRECTOR/ GUEST			
Teresa Attebery, CAHA Secretary				BJ Ringrose, National Office			
Wendy Goldstein, Pacific District Registrar				Byron Williams			
Nancy Hodge, Associate Registrar SCAHA				Scott Hannan			
Justin Slaten, Associate Registrar SCAHA				Kolton Aubol			
Matt Zucker, Director of Officials				Mark Mauro			
Lameka Bell, DE&I							

Thomas Hancock called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Thomas Hancock called for any outstanding ballots to be surrendered for voting. Thomas Hancock excused Teresa Attebery and Wendy Goldstein to tabulate the votes.

Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Voulelikas stated that the 14U/16U/18U section under Ben Frank's ADM 10U report should be moved since the discussion was about 10U half ice play. It was suggested that it should be adjusted for clarity. Randy Meyer motioned to approve the February 10, 2024, minutes as amended and Kevin Culbertson seconds it.

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

President's Report

Thomas Hancock stated that USA Hockey Congress did not make any changes to the amended Tier I rule. Signatures can be done electronically, provided the check box is signed by the player, parent and club. Tom advised SCAHA to insert the Tier I language into their SCAHA LOIs. Rob Foster will get with Bridget to better understand the Tier I requirements.

USA Hockey is reviewing its "vertical integration" rule. Vertical integration is a Tier I rule only and only between teams in the same organization at the 150, 160 and 18U age classification. USA Hockey is looking to change the language to incorporate tracking of penalty minutes. As soon as the new language comes out CAHA will review and decide on whether to adopt it in our rules.

Financial Report

No report at this time. Chris Hays is absent. Thomas Hancock stated that the end of the year Financials will be emailed to all.

Pacific District Reports

Disabled Section ~ Matthew Zucker

Matthew Zucker reported on Disabled Hockey. He is working on coming up with a standardized form for defining the different categories of Disabled hockey as well as the requirements of hosting events. Matthew stated that he received good feedback from the California officials at Districts.

They are trying to grow USA Hockey's National Warrior program. USA *Hockey's Warrior Hockey* Discipline is dedicated to injured and *disabled* US Military Veterans who have served our country and play the sport of ice *hockey*. They are looking at California and at the district level.

Vice President's and Committee Reports

Disputes and Resolutions/Penalty Review ~ Rosemary Voulelikas

Rosemary Voulelikas thanked Bridget Hopkinson, Helen Alex, Tom Hancock, Charles Smith, Lance Mehegan and Tyler Carreon for serving on the Disciplinary Committee consistently and passionately. Without their continued dedication and commitment, the good work being done would not happen. For the 2023-2024 season, June 25, 2023, through to June 22, 2024, CAHA has had a total of 130 Match penalties assessed: 62 involved Adult Players and 68 involved Youth and High School players. The Disciplinary Committee conducted a total of 73 hearings. Most of the Match penalties dealt with kicking, hateful language and helmet removal. In addition, we had the same number of Spectator Ejections as in previous years, about 10.

Select Camp ~ Rosemary Voulelikas

The Pacific District Camp Allocations to California were: 14U (2010) ~ 19-F, 10-D & 2-G; 15U (2009) ~ 17-F, 9-D & 2-G; 16U (2008) ~ 17-F, 8-D & 3-G; and 17U (2007) ~ 5-F, 4-D & 1-G. At the CAHA Select Camp a total of 281 participants registered for the camp. Out of the 281, 36 were from Out of District and 8 were injured and 2 were due to illness. 15 Alternates from the two league camps were placed. The League allocations invited to the CAHA Camp were: SCAHA Allocations – 21-F; 15-D; 6-G and NorCal Allocations – 9-F; 6-D; 3-G.

At the Western Regional Select 14U High Performance Camp – June 10-15, 2024 in Colorado, we sent 14U (2010) ~ 19-F, 10-D & 2-G and identified 3-F, 2-D and 2-G Alternates. All goaltenders that attended the affiliate camps were invited to participate in the Pacific District Goaltending Development Camp in August 2-4, 2024.

At the Pacific District Camp – May 9-12, 2024 in Las Vegas, the CA Players 15U, 16U and 17U that Advanced to National Player Development camp were as follows: **15U (2009)**: 8-F; 4-D & 1-G; Two of the forwards were Out of District CA Players. 1-F & 2-D were alternates from CAHA Camp that advanced. USAH National Player Development Camp July 17-22, 2024 in Amherst, NY; **16U (2008)**: 8-F; 2-D; Four Forwards & both Defenseman were out of District CA Players and in addition, 4 additional CA players were invited to the United States National Team Development Evaluation Camp and therefore received direct invitations to the 2024 USA Hockey National Player Development Camp in Amherst, NY July 9-15, 2024. Of the 4, three were from Out of District; **17U (2007)**: 8-F; 3-D; Two Forwards were from Out of District.

And finally, the USA Hockey 17U National Festival is a District Team based tournament format June 25- July 1, 2024 in Amherst, NY. Players will be evaluated and then selected to attend the Hlinka Gretzky Cup Camp on July 26-30, 2024 in St. Paul, MN. Players chosen during the Hlinka Camp will play for the US 18U Select team in International Competition in Hlinka Gretzky Tournament in August 5-10, 2024 in Edmonton, Canada.

Youth Council - High School ~ Rosemary Voulelikas

In Division 1A – Pure HS Teams, we had five (5) teams participate: Fairmont, Santa Margarita, Orange Lutheran, Tahoe Prep Academy and Bellarmine. In Division 2A – Combined HS Teams, we had three (3) teams participate: St. Mary's, Central Cathedral and Damien. And finally, we had one (1) team in the Girls' Varsity Division, St. Mary's. The CA State Champions were as follows: Division 1A – Fairmont; and Division 2A – Central Cathedral. Our Performance at USAH HS Nationals was as follows: Prep Division (New 3A Division) – 8-T participated; Fairmont round robin play; Division 1 (New 2A Division) – 12-T Participated; Central Cathedral lost in QF; and Girls Division – 12-T participated; St. Mary's lost in Championship.

Member Services – Karen Hackett

No report.

Diversity & Inclusion – Lameka Bell

Lameka attended the USA Hockey Women's Leadership Summit.

Legal – Rick Walden

Nothing to report. There are 2 appeals in process.

SafeSport – Scott Gray

There has been a flurry of reports.

Adult Chair – Rick Hutchinson

Rick was unable to attend. Two adult events were held with a total of 74 teams.

Youth Council – Chris Hathaway

Will table report to the next meeting

Boys Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson

Rosemary praised Kevin for the amount of work that he does. On holiday weekends, there can be ~400 games. She is truly appreciative.

Girls Commissioner & Tournament Director – Bridget Hopkinson

Bridget mentioned that going back to in person managers meetings helped and is glad that they are going to continue to be held in person.

There is no update from Alex Morrison regarding the Girls District Camp.

The CAHA Girls camp used outside evaluators. Rosemary was impressed with the level of professionalism, expertise and collaborativeness.

CAHA had 3 Girls AAA team at Nationals – Angels, Lady Ducks and Lions.

We had another successful PGHL season and will discuss potential PGHL changes at the next meeting.

In regard to CAHA tournaments, Bridget reiterated that we need more Directors to work.

USA Hockey National Office – BJ Ringrose

Officials' membership is off the charts. Growth is good, but we need to work on retention. If Officials make it to year 3, there is 90% retention. There is new staffing at the National Office for the officials' section and they are working on updating the Officials Education programs. They are working on outreach to the local associations and working on building best practices and mentorships. There are continued IT challenges with the education piece, but they are close choosing a new LMS (Learning Management System). For this season only, the online learning portion of the official's education is not required. All seminars will be held online. Skill and ability will be managed in game for this season with the burden falling on the local associations for the on-ice development. BJ is happy to talk with the local associations. Matt Zucker praised BJ for his efforts.

Tommy Tartaglione asked about the green arm band program, where new officials wear a green armband to show they are new/learning. BJ stated that it is a good program but could be better. Tommy stated he would be more willing to help someone if he knew they were new.

District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein

Wendy stated that we are still not back to pre-Covid numbers but are close. We have grown 14% since the 2015-16 season. The portal is scheduled to be released in late June/early July.

Matt Zucker – Director of Officials

Officials supported all 205 CAHA playoff games. 83 officials work more than 1 game.

Max Oppenheim from Tiburon represented CAHA working at USA Hockey Nationals.

Reminder that neck guards are required for all youth players and officials starting August 1.

New Business

Tom Hancock was awarded the John Beadle award by USA Hockey.

Tom recognized Nancy Hodge who has retired from her role as Associate Registrar, but will continue working with District as CEP Admin. Bridget Hopkinson motioned that Nancy be named a CAHA Director Emeritus, 2nd by Kevin Culbertson – **MOTION PASSED**

Chi Yin-Tse thanked everyone for their work for CAHA and youth hockey as he departs the CAHA board. He reminded everyone, that it's about what is best for the state, not your association.

Next Meeting will start at 11:30am

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am

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