



CAHA Board of Directors' Minutes - Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Date: June 24, 2023

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		1	Cameron Higley
X			Rosemary Voulelikas 1 st V.P.	X			Pat Manzer
X			Chris Hathaway, 2 nd V.P.	X		1	Randy Meyer
X			Rick Hutchinson 3 rd V.P.	X		2	Alex Morrison
X			Bridget Hopkinson, 4 th V.P.	X			Mark Petrovich
X		2	Dave Bigelow		X	1	Vaughn Reuter
X		2	Curtis Brown	X		1	Craig Sterling
X			Kevin Culbertson	X		1	Chi-Yin Tse
	X	2	Robert Field	X			Becki Winckler
X			Rob Foster				
X			Dan Granata				
NON VOTING DIRECTOR				NON VOTING DIRECTOR/ GUEST			
Teresa Attebery, CAHA Secretary				Kris Knauss, Pacific District Chairman			
Wendy Goldstein, Pacific District Registrar				Dan Ellison, Pacific District RIC			
Karen Hackett, Director of Member Services				Byron Williams			
Nancy Hodge, Associate Registrar				Matt Zucker			
Justin Slaten, Associate Registrar				Tomas Kaputsa			
				Thi Tran, RIC			

Thomas Hancock called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Thomas Hancock called for any outstanding ballots to be surrendered for voting. Thomas Hancock excused Teresa Attebery, Wendy Goldstein and Kris Knauss to tabulate the votes.

Approval of Minutes

Alex Morrison stated that he was in attendance for the February 11, 2023 CAHA Board Meeting. Kevin Culberston moved to approve the February 11, 2023 minutes as amended and Alex Morrison seconded it.

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

President's Report

Thomas Hancock stated that he will defer his report to Old Business so that he can expand on the DEI and Anti Bullying components of the Respect Modules. The goal is to have it reviewed and ready by August.

Financial Report

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

Pacific District Reports

USA Hockey High School Section ~ Rosemary Voulelikas

Rosemary Voulelikas reported on the USA Hockey High School National Tournament. The High School teams were placed in divisions by competitive strength. The "Prep" division had 8-teams and this division represented the most competitive level. The Division I had 12-Teams and not all of the teams were necessarily "pure" teams. And finally, Division II had 16-Teams participating. The Girls Division had 12-Teams. The District had three (3) boys' teams and two (2) girls' teams participate at nationals. In the Prep Division, the CA team Orange Lutheran lost in the Semi-finals to Shattucks. In the Division I the CA team Damien participated and in the Division II, the Nevada team Faith Lutheran participated. In the Girls Division, the AK team Anchorage and the CA team St. Mary's participated with St. Mary's losing to Shattucks in the Semi-finals and Anchorage losing to Shattucks in the Championship game. Of interest, the Shattucks Girls varsity team had two Post Graduate (PG) players playing with the team. The discovery of same occurred late enough that a waiver for this year only was granted for them to play. The Anchorage Girls team lost 2-0 and one of the goals scored by Shattucks was from the PG player and the goalie who played for Shattucks was also a PG player.

Three legislative proposals were submitted by the High School Section which included the following: 1) language to clarify that 5th year students and post graduate students are not eligible to participate on a High School team; 2) language added to transition from Prep, Div. I, Div. II and Girls to 3A, 2A and 1A in boys and Girls Division; and 3) expand the HS national tournament to 48 Teams in the Boys divisions and 48 Teams in the Girls division. This would allow for growth in the Girls Division without reducing the number of teams in the boys divisions.

Pacific District Growth Coordinator ~ Rick Hutchinson

Rick Hutchinson sits on the USA Hockey Member Services Committee. The committee reviewed strategic plans to get more leaders involved as well as to develop a better working relationship with the NHL clubs. Growth at the 8U level was discussed addressing the decreasing numbers in the boys level and increasing numbers in the girls. There was also discussion of allocating more resources to assist with the growth of membership. And finally, four (4) Committees are being formed and they are: 1) to review Club Excellence program; 2) to implement NHL grassroots best practices; 3) to review Communication, messaging, tech and IT processes and issues and finally, 4) Goaltender grassroots development. Steve Thompson presented at USA Hockey Congress. Some key factors are to request for a Goalie Growth Coordinator.

Disabled Section ~ Matthew Zucker

Matthew Zucker informed the board that they are moving away from tournament style format. Challenges included but not limited to securing volunteers for all of the various levels at the same venue. In 2024, Sled Nationals will be a separate event from the Warrior National Championships. They will be at separate venues. The overall disabled hockey program has grown at USA Hockey, and there are many changes in the future.

Dispute & Resolutions/Penalty review

Rosemary Voulelikas reported that the Disciplinary Committee which comprised of the following members; Thomas Hancock; Helen Alex; Charles Smith; Robert Field; Bridget Hopkinson; Tyler Carreon; and Berkley Hoagland held a total of 121 hearings for the 2022-2023 playing season. Rosemary thanked the committee members for their stellar support and volunteerism.

The hearings included the following analytics: 26 Level 1 Match Suspensions; 7 Level 2 Match Suspensions; 46 Level 3 Match Suspensions; and 42 Supplemental Disciplinary hearings. Under USA Hockey's Standardized Discipline Policy for Match Penalties a Level 1 deals with Abuse of Officials and Other Misconducts; a Level 2 deals with playing rule infractions dealing with reckless endangerment from boarding, charging, head butting, etc., and a Level 3 deals with Hateful Speech, Elbowing, Helmet Removal, etc. Supplementary Hearings are those type of hearings were an penalty infraction that was egregious occurred but was not called by the officials or for allegations of Hateful Speech/Slur occurring before, during or after a game or for Spectator Ejections.

Of the 121 hearings conducted during this past season, 50 were for Youth players; 45 were for Adult players; 14 were for Coaches; and 12 were for Spectator Ejections. We are still seeing 601(e3)'s being assessed for Hateful Speech/Slurs. There were a total of 16 Match penalties assessed under the 601(e3) and there were a total of 11 Supplementary hearings held for "he said/she said" 601(e3) allegations.

Member Services – Karen Hackett

SCAHA needs to send contacts for all club presidents and registrars to Karen.

We will be moving away from Rocky Mountain. Going forward there will be a 2 phase billing process. The first phase will be for the association fee then once teams are formed, they will be billed based on team counts.

Diversity – Lameka Bell

Lameka will be increasing her involvement with CAHA DE&I.

Respect Training will be launched soon. Players submitted on rosters prior to the release of the training can be approved, but once the training is launched everyone will be given a deadline to complete. Anyone not compliant by such date will be redlined and ineligible to participate until compliant.

At least one custodial guardian must complete before the player can be registered. The adult will receive a code that can be used to register the player.

Next season there will be training geared towards 3 age groups for more age-appropriate delivery.

Legal Counsel – Rick Walden

Nothing to report. Rick will be taking over the Appeals Committee.

SafeSport – Scott Gray

There are currently 2 safesport cases open

Rosemary Voulelikas – Select Camp

Wayne Sawchuk and Rob Foster ran a great camp. CAHA had 14 players move on from the District Camp to the National Camp.

Kris Knauss mentioned that California is the only affiliate where players have a 3-step process to get to the National Camp – NORCAL/CAHA; CAHA; District and USA Hockey is asking California to review this process.

Both SCAHA and NORCAL will move to an invite only process starting with AAA and filling in with AA.

*CAHA to create a focus group to work on the process going forward. There is the chance that the NORCAL & SCAHA camps may need to be eliminated.

ADM Report: Ben Frank

Ben sent an offer to all clubs to have Ken Martel do training.

Officials – Mark Mauro

State Playoffs

This year we utilized more officials than ever to meet and supply the unprecedented resource demands. We have developed a diverse, experienced, inclusive, talented, and enthusiastic roster in making these gains. At the same time, 18 new officials who had not previously officiated at state playoffs participated at one or more of the five championship venues.

Referring to the Recap table, 62 officials from throughout CA officiated across 172 state playoff games. This total is virtually unchanged from 63 officials in 187 games last season. However, both the pool of NorHOA and SDHRA officials increased sizably from the 12 and one, respectively, in 2021-22 to 17 and eight, respectively, this season – providing broader representation.

There were no significant incidents, performance or behavioral conduct issues, or other mishaps. At several of the higher-level events, I was advised that CAHA received more than a few complimentary accolades on officials' performances. This attests to the pride that officials selected take in these opportunities to contribute and be recognized for their skills and commitment.

AA Weekends

From September through February, the volume of AA preseason and regular season games pressured local capacity with unprecedented and overwhelming demands. This necessitated robust coordination and strong collaboration not only among the three CA organizations but outside the state. Officials from 10 states (FL, IL, MN, OK, ID, MT, WA, OR, NV, and AZ) were imported to supplement state resources. In total, 120 games in the North and 214 games in the South were staffed.

These efforts mandated immeasurable assistance and cooperation. A huge thank you to the three officiating organizations' Presidents – LAHOA's Louis Magnifico, SDHRA's Scott Morton, and NorHOA's Bill Palter - for their unceasing support throughout the campaign to meet the state's resource demands while tending to local needs on numerous weekends. We maintain a strong, collaborative working relationship with each of the local organizations. I also want to thank both Nevada President Dave Rocco (a newer relationship) for his organization's support at virtually each weekend and Matt Zucker (a much longer friendship) for his amazing travel facilitation talents and extended officiating relationships.

A special thank you to the CAHA directorate for supporting the events with a generous travel budget and rewarding officials with compensation surpassing the local organizations' rates.

My apologies for being unable to be at the annual meeting as we are attending our niece's much anticipated wedding in Rocklin. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the season.

12, 14, 15, 16, 18 AAA Playoffs – Irvine – 40 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	14	91	6.5
NorHOA	3	25	8.3
SDHRA	5	28	5.6
Total	22	144	

HS 1A, 2A & 2B Playoffs – Anaheim – 28 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	14	95	6.8
SDHRA	2	17	8.5
Total	14	112	

12, 14, 16, 18 AA Playoffs – Valencia – 32 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	12	67	5.6
NorHOA	4	25	6.3
SDHRA	4	20	5.0
Total	20	112	

A Playoffs – Valencia – 32 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	14	75	5.4
NorHOA	1	6	6.0
SDHRA	2	15	7.5
Total	17	96	

B, BB Playoffs – Vacaville – 40 games

<i>Organization</i>	<i># officials</i>	<i># slots</i>	<i>games/official</i>
LAHOA	2	17	8.5
NorHOA	14	103	7.4
Total	16	17	

Summary:

172 games

62 officials

LAHOA 37

(D.Freed, Watt, Cota, Norman, B.Freed, A. Kitano, Carreon, Yamaguchik, Wampler, Magnifico, Hill, B.Kaganovich, Sanchez, Bell, Llahmon, Zucker, Flick, McFarland, Fisk, Grinstead, Roberts, Liberotti, Waters, Rios, Z.Davis, Appley, Hay, Spear, Owens, Colbert, Tukalski, C.Martin, Gorelik, Monson, Wolf, Derdiger, Nichols)

NORHOA

17

(J.Davis, C. Jones, Murillo, Bove, Starke, Dibble, C.Bryson, Hernandez, Boeckman, Oldham, Woida, Rennert, Palter, Lyon, Pane, Tarter, B.Williams*)

SDHRA 8

(Shotas, Russell, J.Jones, Kloda, Morton, Bellin, Monje, J.Elleras)

* Oregon official

(some officials at multiple events)

Youth Council – Chris Hathaway

Youth Council is currently reviewing 3 waivers.

Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson

(info as of June 23 as well as completion of tryouts)

Tier I – Based on preliminary information, here is current information on the clubs/teams.

Referring to the qualified programs and the teams allowed to be fielded, the following programs have opted to NOT field the following teams:

- OC Hockey: 18U, 16U, 15O, 12U and 11O (fielding 14U and 13O only)
- Goldrush: 13O (fielding 14U and 12U only)
- Empire Hockey: 18U
- Jr. Sharks: Not fielding an 11O team (assuming all other divisions)

Here are the anticipated team counts per division – total 33 teams:

- 18U – 5 (Ducks, Kings, Sharks, Reign and St. Pats)
- 16U – 5 (Ducks, Kings, Sharks, Bears and SC Flyers)
- 15O – 5 (Ducks, Kings, Sharks, Bears and Wave)
- 14U – 6 (Ducks, Kings, Sharks, Bears, Goldrush, and OC Hockey)
- 13O – 6 (Ducks, Kings, Bulls, Sharks, OC Hockey and Wave)
- 12U – 4 (Ducks, Kings, Sharks, and Goldrush)
- 11O – 2 (Ducks and Kings)

Only the 13O and 14U Divisions will play a 200% schedule. All other Divisions the required 300% game schedule. With the 11O division anticipated to be only two teams, asking for a consideration be made to not require a 300% game schedule? And, perhaps eliminate 11O entirely starting with the 2024-25 season?

Per feeder requirements coupled with min. roster requirements, and per information currently available only for the SCAHA Tier I programs, the following programs are not yet able to field the minimum required Tier II teams (min. two teams required):

- Cal Golden Bears
- Goldrush Hockey
- Jr. Reign
- Rose City Pats
- Santa Clarita Flyers

Of course, still plenty of time to reach the minimums as rosters not due until August 15.

Tier II –

Based on preliminary information with direct info from SCAHA and as otherwise indicated below, here are the following anticipated teams, but note this is just a guess and that formal request for clubs to identify the teams they intend to field will not take place until July 15, thus some teams may yet be added while others removed:

Club (RED = Tier I)	Count	12U	14U	16U	18U
Blackhawks (via Teresa)	1	-	-	1	-
Bulls (via text)	5	2	2	-	1
Condors	2	1	1	-	-
Ducks	7	2	2	2	1
Empire	4	1	1	1	1
SC Flyers	3	-	2	-	1
SR Flyers (via phone call)	1	-	-	-	1
Golden Bears	5	2	2	1	-
Goldrush	3	1	1	1	-
Gulls	1	-	1	-	-
GSE	7	2	2	2	1
Heat	4	1	2	1	-
Ice Hawks (via email)	1	-	-	1	-
Kings	6	2	2	1	1
OC Hockey	4	-	1	2	1
Pats	2	-	-	1	1
Red Wings	1	1	-	-	-
Reign	4	1	1	1	1
Saints	2	-	-	1	1
SDIA	2	1	1	-	-
Sharks	4	1	1	1	-
Wave	4	-	1	2	1
Total	72	18	25	19	12

NOTE – I would like to request that Clubs fielding more than one team at any age group to ID those teams via COLOR rather than number. For example: Ducks 12U ORANGE and 12U BLACK. This will help more easily ID the teams, specifically when scheduling games versus other teams.

Since the leagues (NorCal/SCAHA) are taking the lead scheduling AA games as well as narrowing down the contenders v pretenders, at what point does CAHA have to start monitoring teams and the games they play? Will AA teams be doing any uploading of their schedule and games OUTSIDE of their respective leagues as has been in the past?

Girls Commissioner – Bridget Hopkinson
Pacific District Girls Player Development

Camp California had the following number of players advance to the USAH National Camp:

2006 Birth Year:

1 – Forward
1 – Defense
1 – Goalie

2007 Birth Year:

1 – Forward

2008 Birth Year:

7 – Forwards
3 – Defense
2 – Goalies

Pacific Districts Championship:

14U AA:
Jr Sharks Girls
San Diego Angels

16U AA:
None

19U AA:
Jr Sharks Girls
San Diego Angels

14U AAA:
LA Lions
Lady Ducks - Champions
Jr Sharks Girls

16U AAA:
Lady Ducks - Champions
Jr Sharks Girls

19U AAA:
Lady Ducks
San Diego Angels

USA Hockey Nationals:

14U AA:
Lady Ducks – Host

16U AA:
Lady Ducks – Host

19U AA:
Lady Ducks – Host

14U AAA:
Lady Ducks

16U AAA:
Lady Ducks

19U AAA:
None

Proposed Teams for 23-24 Season:

19U AAA – Lady Ducks, SD Angels, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

16U AAA – LA Lions, Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

14U AAA – LA Lions, Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

12U AAA – LA Lions, Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls, Tri Valley Lady Blue Devils

19U AA – Lady Ducks, SD Angels, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

16U AA – GSE, Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

14U AA – LA Lions, Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

12U AA – LA Lions, Lady Ducks, SJ Jr Sharks Girls

*These are proposed teams and not sure all are viable.

High School Commissioner – Rosemary Voulelikas

As of now, we have 14 NTB teams – 7 1A; 6 2A and 1 Girls 2A.

Per new CAHA rules, any out of state HS teams participating in a CAHA HS league will need to submit a waiver to participate as a guest.

All CAHA HS leagues need to collect and review players school ID and schedules per the dates in the Guidebook.

Tournament Director – Bridget Hopkinson

Playoffs went well. A/B States were not well covered.

Pacific District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein

Our membership numbers are increasing in the District. CAHA will now have 5 CAH series of numbers - 1 for NORCAL (CAH3); 3 for SCAHA (CAH1/CAH2/CAH4) and High School (CAH5).

Pacific District Chairman – Kris Knauss

USA Hockey governance formally changed from a board of 91 to 24 in January. Kris is on the board as a member-at-large with a current term until 2026. The new board is learning how to function.

Kris went to Washington DC with Mike Trimboli (USA Hockey President) and Pat Kelleher (USA Hockey Executive Director) to meet with Congress regarding SafeSport. The Center for SafeSport is not functioning well and has no oversight or funding/public money. The NGB's are paying them \$22M/year. They are asking for oversight of the Center and are expecting a new bill to be put through to Congress.

Kris is on the USA Hockey International Council. USA Hockey Women's won gold and the Men's team went 8-0 then lost their last 2 games. Insurance for pro athletes is a big cost for USA Hockey as they have to cover their insurance. This could have an impact on NHL players participating in the Olympics.

North America is not well seated with the IIHF. North America is looking at hosting more International events.

Kris is the Player Development Chair for USA Hockey. There were 6 Pacific District players who advanced to the National Camp – this is the most ever. No players from Washington advanced.

Rob Azevedo is out as the PNAHA President and has been replaced by Jody Carpenter.

Kris is also part of Youth Council for USA Hockey. Hats off to California for running great Nationals events. The Nationals handbook is being reviewed.

The BCHL has left Hockey Canada so is no longer recognized by USA Hockey. The one club in the BCHL, Wenatchee is moving to the Western Hockey League.

Glenn Hefferan has been named the Commissioner of the USHL. He was the president of the Atlantic affiliate.

Adult Section – Rick Hutchinson

We hosted 2 Adult tournaments – North & South. There was good turnout with 25 teams at each event.

Tom is on the USA Hockey Adult Council. USA Hockey has received a petition to protest Women's Nationals being held in Florida. The suggestion is that USA Hockey stay out of politics. Moving forward there will be a bid process for hosting.

New Business

Seating of new Directors. Curtis Brown and Bob Field did not run for re-election to the board. CAHA would like to thank them for their time and service.

Elected Directors for the 2023-25 term:

Kevin Culbertson
Shane Galaviz
Cameron Higley
Bridget Hopkinson
Rick Hutchinson
Tomas Kaputsa*
Tommy Tartaglione
Trevor Wada
Becki Winckler

Elected Director for 1-year term:

Alex Morrison*

***Addendum** – it was brought to our attention that we did not have a 1 year term open this election. This removed Alex Morrison from his seat as a Director. However there were 2 additional ballots submitted via USPS which were post marked within the appropriate time received and verified which changed the outcome of the election and Alex Morrison will take the seat of Tomas Kaputsa.

Moving forward, CAHA will no longer accept ballots via US mail.

Next Meeting will be June 24 at 11:30am in El Segundo

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am as motioned by Kevin Culbertson with a 2nd by Alex Morrison

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