



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

**Date: February 11, 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 <sup>st</sup> V.P. | X                                 |     |             | Pat Manzer       |
| X                                                 |     |             | Chris Hathaway, 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.     |                                   | X   | 4           | Lillian Marchant |
| X                                                 |     |             | Rick Hutchinson 3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P.     | Z                                 |     | 1           | Randy Meyer      |
| Z                                                 |     |             | Bridget Hopkinson, 4 <sup>th</sup> V.P.  | X                                 |     | 2           | Alex Morrison    |
| X                                                 |     | 2           | Dave Bigelow                             | X                                 |     |             | Mark Petrovich   |
| X                                                 |     | 2           | Curtis Brown                             | Z                                 |     |             | Vaughn Reuter    |
| X                                                 |     |             | Kevin Culbertson                         | X                                 |     | 1           | Craig Sterling   |
| X                                                 |     | 1           | Robert Field                             | X                                 |     | 1           | Chi-Yin Tse      |
| X                                                 |     |             | Rob Foster                               | X                                 |     |             | Becki Winckler   |
| X                                                 |     |             | Dan Granata                              |                                   |     |             |                  |
| NON VOTING DIRECTOR                               |     |             |                                          | NON VOTING DIRECTOR/<br>GUEST     |     |             |                  |
| Teresa Attebery, CAHA Secretary                   |     |             |                                          | Dan Ellison, Pacific District RIC |     |             |                  |
| Wendy Goldstein, Pacific District Registrar       |     |             |                                          | Byron Williams                    |     |             |                  |
| Karen Hackett, Director of Member Services - ZOOM |     |             |                                          |                                   |     |             |                  |
| Nancy Hodge, Associate Registrar - ZOOM           |     |             |                                          |                                   |     |             |                  |
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Meeting called to order at 9:01am. Quorum in attendance. Kevin Culbertson motioned to approve November meeting minutes; second by Rosemary Voulelikas – **MOTION PASSED**

### **President – Tom Hancock**

At the USA Hockey Winter meetings, there were 3 two-year pilot programs that were approved:

- 13O National Bound
- 18AAA rosters increased to 22 players
  - 22 players can be on the bench; no more than 20 skaters
- Vertical integration for Tier I 15O; 16U & 18U
  - Players would be able to play up for no more than 8 games until February 1 without being rostered
  - Game Misconducts received in games while playing UP would need to be served with the team the player is rostered on

Moving forward regular board meetings will not be held via ZOOM. Please plan accordingly for the 4 in person meetings per year. Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to approve; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Morrison – **MOTION PASSED**

### **Treasurer – Chris Hays**

Chris Hays will send reports

### **Member Services – Karen Hackett**

There are a few new member programs

### **Diversity – Lameka Bell**

Lameka is recovering from a medical issue and will be back soon.

### **Legal Counsel – Rick Walden**

Rick has not been receiving emails due to technical issues.

### **SafeSport – Scott Gray**

There have been 34 cases with 5 referred to the US Center for SafeSport. Many of the cases are social media/porn related. Things are less busy then last year.

Scott has been very impressed with the handling of all CAHA issues. The group is fantastic and knows what to do.

### **Disputes – Rosemary Voulelikas**

Since November 12, there have been 57 hearings. 32 Youth; 18 Adult; 8 Spectator; 4 Coach and 1 Admin. Hateful/discriminatory language; helmet removal; detrimental behavior.

There are 3 upcoming hearings for recruitment.

### **Rosemary Voulelikas – Select Camp**

Select Camp went well. Wayne Sawchuk and Rob Foster led the evaluators. 290 players were registered and 235 participated. 8 were injured and 2 opted to continue the process. 15 Alternates were placed. There were 44 out of district.

The language for out of district will be updated to include that player needs to be someone who would move on from the District Camp.

SCAHA is looking into allowing only AA or higher being able to participate.

### **ADM Report: Ben Frank** (report as provided)

1) Ken Martel, player development rep for California with USA hockey has offered to arrange coaches workshops for California on the following topics:

- coaching your goalies
- teaching skating
- physical literacy (off ice)

The Jr Sharks have already tested the coaching your goalies workshop and it was very successful.

It would be great to see a few clubs working together in each area to host these workshops (can take up to 30 coaches) and I would like to send out this option to all clubs in CAHA and help organize how I can.

2) I would like to revisit the boards thoughts/ideas on 10u half ice that is growing and gaining traction in our district and what, if any, steps that could be taken positively in this direction.

Ben will reach out to clubs for their interest and bring an action plan back to the board.

### **Officials – Mark Mauro**

The Tier II season was a challenge to cover. We ended up using officials from up to 10 different states. There was amazing coordination on travel.

For Tier I playoffs there are 21 officials representing all 3 officials' leagues.

High School and Tier II playoff invitations will be going out next week.

The leagues are providing their recommendations for other playoffs.

### **Youth Council – Chris Hathaway** (report as provided)

Chris was unable to attend in person or via ZOOM. Report submitted as follows:

There is no actual report to submit but I just wanted to make sure that the player movement limit of twice was addressed for goalies. Youth Council feels that the player movement restriction of being able to move up and down only twice should not pertain to goalies. With the emergency goalie requests not kicking in until January and the seemingly increasingly lack of travel goalies in CAHA we would like to see goalies excluded from the two time movement.

We did not really discuss what if any limit should exist for goalies and that can be something the full board can weigh in on.

### **Tier Commissioner – Kevin Culbertson** (report as provided)

Tier I – State Championships just concluded this past weekend IMO the event went very smoothly with no significant issues. Among all games, only one game misconduct and one spectator ejection. And while no complementing of the officials that I am aware of, I am also not aware of any complaints of such.

Tier II - 18U Play-In Weekend is this weekend with the final two teams going to States to be determined. Of the 4-teams participating, one advanced via tie-break with that tie-break coming down to the team with the fewest penalty minutes. States for remaining divisions are set, games are scheduled, and teams have been notified.

### **Girls Commissioner – Bridget Hopkinson**

Girls' season went well. PGHL went better this season and playoffs are next weekend in Vegas.

No CAHA State Playoffs are needed for Girls this season.

Girls Select Camp went well. There was a good group of coaches. 184 Girls registered and there were 11 out of district. Next year the Girls will be separate from the Boys.

Curtis Brown asked at what point is there a need for a vetting for Girls.

Bridget mentioned that all clubs need to make sure ALL Girls receive the information for the camp, not just those on teams.

### **High School Commissioner – Rosemary Voulelikas**

All players on National Bound Teams need to submit their school ID and class schedules. There have been reports of players on High School teams that are not full-time students. Any team found with players who are not full-time students may face further discipline.

Going forward, the ID and schedule submission will need to be sooner.

CAHA is sending 3 High School Teams to Nationals. One each in the 1A; 2A and Girls divisions.

### **Pacific District Registrar – Wendy Goldstein**

Wendy mentioned the 3 new pilot programs that Tom touched on. For the 130 Tier I National Bound, there will be a total of 12 teams at Nationals with no at-large. Each District can advance 1 team.

2023 District fee is \$2850. Invoices will be going out next week.

Teresa Attebery is now on the USA Hockey Tech Advisory Committee.

### **Adult Section – Rick Hutchinson**

Adult playoffs will be in San Jose in April 28-30 and June 2-4 in Lakewood. Info will be available on the CAHA website within the next week. Fee will be \$1000. Tom is working on sponsorship.

### **Officiating – Dan Ellison**

Dan was unable to attend.

### **Old Business**

Anti-bullying Committee (Tom, Lameka, Nancy, Rick, Becki, Mark & Flint) is working with Respect Group Inc. on a new mandatory training for 1 custodial guardian per player; player; coaches; managers and volunteers. Custodial guardian and player will need to complete prior to the player being approved on a roster. Adult training is ~75 minutes including registration and player training is ~25 minutes. In addition all teams will need to have 2 x 1-hour in person sessions per team per season.

Rick will send info out to the board.

### **New Business**

Director removal – Lillian Marchant has not attended any meetings since being selected to the board. Per CAHA Bylaws, attendance at meetings is required. Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to remove Lillian from her Director position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Granata – **MOTION PASSED**

Final CAHA draft of new Tier II weekends will be sent to the board and voted on within the next 60 days. The new process needs to be fair to ALL teams in California.

Tier I eligibility for the 2023-24 season:

- Jr Ducks
- Jr Kings
- Jr Sharks
- OCHC
- Jr Reign
- Gold Rush

The Competition Committee (Tom, Kevin, Bob, Rob, Tyler Shaffar) feels that the Reign should be ineligible for Tier I based on performance for the next 2 seasons. In season 3, if they qualify numerically and the Tier II performance in the prior season.

Kevin Culbertson motioned to separate 18AAA from the motion proposed above; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosemary Voulelikas. Per Ben the Reign were not planning on fielding any 14 or 15 Tier I teams next season regardless of the results of the proposed motion.

**MOTION PASSED** – the Reign may only field 18AAA for the next 2 seasons.

Approximately 48 hours after Tier II playoffs, all of the eligible Tier I eligible clubs will be posted.

The Rules Committee (Youth Council plus District and Associate Registrars) will meet within the next 2 weeks. Drafts of suggested changes will be emailed to the Board and a special ZOOM meeting will be scheduled to discuss.

Meeting will be scheduled with the High School leagues. One topic of discussion will be moving the High School season.

2023-24 Districts:

- Girls February 22-25 in San Jose
- 13, 14 & 15 Tier I February 22-25 in Seattle
- 16 & 18 Tier I February 29-March3 in Alaska

Grow the Goaltender due to the radical shortage of goalies. CAHA to support up to \$25K for equipment. CAHA clubs can submit an application for funds. This needs to be for complete beginners and only legitimate requests will be considered. Rick Hutchinson will chair this.

Rosemary Voulelikas motioned to approve; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chi-Yin Tse – MOTION PASSED

Next Meeting will be June 24 in El Segundo

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm as motioned by Alex Morrison with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtis Brown

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