

## NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 29, 2003

1. Approval of minutes, motion to accept as presented, by Jean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe, motion carried
2. Presidents report: Melissa will interject through out meeting as appropriate
3. V.P. Report – penalty review for appeal of Elliot Sykora to be received today
4. Treasurer Report – none
5. Secretary Report – none
6. Scheduler/Webmaster Report: Chuck – summer programs not posted since server is in transit. Clubs reminded to submit tryout dates as available. A short description with link preferred.
7. Roster Manager – Anne Wade- has been acting as this, but Melissa is looking for a support person to assist in maintaining current issues and coordinate credential checks at playoffs
8. Referee in Chief – Mark absent- Charlie reports that he would like feed back on 2 man crew vs 3 man crew.
9. Director of Coaches – Larry Cahn – absent
10. Girls Chair – Gold Rush Summer program continues to grow, especially in the 10 and under division. Also, Girls age divisions change this year.
11. USA Hockey- Dick Combs- he compliments growth and development of girls hockey and reminds clubs that you need to build your programs from the bottom up.
12. CAHA update –
  - a. The April 5 meeting will be focused on Tier program, and to be more organized, to facilitate a more structured scheduling process for league play. Intent is to integrate NORCAL teams with SCAHA teams. The Southwest league schedule to be implemented.
  - b. The 10-10-20 rule for rosters will be strictly enforced. Further discussion on implementing player movement and movement deadlines to continue. (A – AA only)
13. AHOC – Discussion regarding the development of youth officials. It has been revealed that 50% of new officials do not return due to the abuse of officials, and asks that clubs remind their parents and coaches about it.
14. Player appeal- Elliott Sykora. Review of his disciplinary action as set forth in by the penalty review committee. The guideline for the appeal was based on circumstances that led up to the physical contact.
  - a. Jeff Blair 2/22 was the penalty review meeting to discuss the allegation of the punching of the official at a game between Oakland and Belmont, at Oakland. Jeff presented materials used to support their disciplinary actions in regards to Elliott, based on the guidelines set for by USA Hockey, which are found in the Rulebook, section 601.G#. These materials included e-mails, officials report and videos. Susan Penway presented a statement in which she stated that Elliott was picked by his jersey and experienced strangulation by the official, which prompted Elliott to defend himself

- b. Motion to deny the appeal of Susan Penway on behalf of Elliot Sykora made by Leisle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Motion passed unanimously, on a club by club vote.
- 15. Stop Patches – Motion that individual clubs now responsible for acquiring stop patches to comply with CAHA guidelines. By Pete. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean. Motion carried
- 16. General Manager Job Search – Club presidents to be more active in recruitment's. Board as a whole will discuss potential candidates. Would like to get started by 5/15. Interviews to be conducted as specified by Pete. Jean and Dennis to help on committee
- 17. While the job search is on going, it was decided that Chuck be allowed to fulfill the role of GM until a candidate was secured. Motion to accept Chuck Collins as interim GM for Month to Month basis @\$1,000 per month. By Carla, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leisel. Motion carried.
- 18. IRS Audit. Dick Coombs handing this, is a typical questions regarding a form discrepancy on a previous filing.
- 19. Vacaville Skating Center – Melissa has recommended that a new membership application to start fresh as to program and administration from both Solano Steelhawks and VV Rink. Applications dues by June meeting. Currently both organizations are awaiting a decision from CAHA; as to which have the rights to the current CAHA membership number.
- 20. Team Fees Now Due, \$200 per team, Squirt thru Midget,\$100 per teams for Mites. Send payment to Lori Dang.
- 21. Nominating Committee. Joe Donati to assist Carla and Leisl in nominating committee
- 22. Next meeting set for 5/10 in Pleasanton.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:  
Joanne Holder, Secretary