

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Minutes from the May 10,2003 Meeting

- I. Minutes: March 2003 Minutes were not available for approval.
- II. Reports:
 - A. President's Report: Melissa Fitzgerald offered her appreciation for all of those who have stepped up and offered to help this year.
 - B. Vice President: Not in Attendance
 - C. Treasurer: Report given by Melissa Fitzgerald: IRS audit is complete. We do not owe any money, but the IRS does want NORCAL to report differently the way the tax forms are filled out. Dick Coombs has received specific directions in official records.
 - D. Scheduler/Webmaster: Chuck Collins sent a report to NORCAL stating:
 - 1. There is a need for a server next year even though it was not utilized this year.
 - 2. Plans to have a new travel permit tool on-line and a team info tool that would contain specific team info such as coach and team manager personal info for the 2003-2004 season.
 - 3. Request for any changes in presidents or club info by e-mail.
 - 4. Apologies were made for not getting summer hockey info up on the web.
 - 5. When clubs know their try-out dates, e-mail them to Chuck.
 - 6. Recommends a 7 week/8 game pre-season with an evaluation support structure similar to last year.
 - 7. The use of cross division games will not be used at the beginning of the pre-season.
 - 8. Please submit any calendar dates.
 - 9. Request made to ask club schedulers to try and get Sunday Bantam and Midget 1.5 hr. game slots.
 - 10. As acting General Manager, Chuck requested anyone with recommendations for NORCAL playing rule changes to please submit them.
 - 11. Topic of concern is whether NORCAL can control players playing on both a Junior B team and a NORCAL Midget team. General discussion seemed to agree that because they are competing towards different championships they could, but further investigation would be required.
 - E. Roster Manager: Ann Wade asked to announce to all clubs and teams that travel permits are NOT required to play league or CAHA scheduled games. It seems team managers filed permits to play at NORCAL and STATE.
 - F. Referee-in-Chief: Mark Mauro stated that AHOC provided officials for pre-season, regular, and post season play. Mark requested that if there are problems with referee for presidents to contact AHOC or himself. Received positive feedback from use of 2 man system over play-offs. Rule change year for USA Hockey. New rules books will be received this Fall.
 - G. Director of Coaches: Not in attendance

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H. Girl's Chair: Jean Wright stated that Tier girls rules were being updated to more closely follow Tier boys rules. Encouraged clubs to offer girls hockey.

I. CAHA: Liesel Nelson presented Notes from CAHA meeting: These items were approved by the CAHA board from recommendations made for rule changes. However, these are my notes and are not in final rulebook form. I have not included the rule changes that were voted down. I will provide the Norcal board with more complete information as I receive it from CAHA.

1. Tryout proposal for **04/05** season (not this season):
 - a) Tier I tryouts will be permitted to begin the second Saturday in May.
 - b) Tier II tryouts will be permitted to begin the third Saturday in May.
 - c) A, BB & B tryouts will be permitted to begin after the Memorial Day weekend.
2. No signing of scoresheets by players. Coaches will verify rosters. (CAHA will work on wording for coaches responsibility)
3. All teams are required to obtain an approved Travel permit from the CAHA Director of Member Services. All teams are required to submit a trip report and copies of all scoresheets to the appropriate commissioner. Refer to section 3.0. For teams not participating in a sanctioned league, the permit shall be submitted to the CAHA Independent Team Commissioner.
4. Remove 8.6 from guidebook
5. 8.13 E.3) Skaters on a A team may be counted as satisfying PDR if said player participated in the home rinks in-house league as evidenced by registration documents from previous season....
6. 10.7 at end of paragraph, All Tier I teams shall submit record of performance and all scoresheets and certified rosters by 2/1.
7. 10.8 Prior to submitting your record of performance, each Tier I team must play 100% of the teams (registered as of January 1st) in the state of California.
8. 10.13 delete from guidebook
9. Prior to submitting your record of performance, each Tier II team must play 100% of the teams (registered as of January 1st) in the state of California.
10. 11.9 last sentence, All Tier II teams shall submit a record of performance and all scoresheets and certified rosters by 2/1.
11. 11.2
 - a) A.) Prior to Dec 31st players may be added to a tier II roster if,
 - (1) The tier I or tier II team disbands
 - (2) The tier II team on which the player is rostered drops in playing level

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(3) The player is cut from a tier I or tier II team on which the player has been rostered.

(4) The player is a registered USA hockey player currently playing at the A, or B level

b) No lateral movement of Tier II players (including movement between teams within 1 member association).

12. 14.26A player registered & rostered on a Tier I or Tier II after 10/31 team of the current playing season may drop to "A" but will not be postseason eligible. Any tier II player who is cut or whose team disbands or drops or player is cut prior to 1/15 may be added to an A roster & be post season eligible.

13. 15.2.5 Any player registered and rostered on a Tier II team or after after 10/31 of the current playing season may drop to B but will not be postseason eligible.

14. 15.2.6 Any player registered and rostered on a Tier I team during the current playing season is ineligible for participation at the B level.

15. Any team that drops from Tier II to A or from A to B CAHA recognized leagues must be put into the remainder of the league schedule.

16. Recommendation for Girls' Tier I and Women's Senior B rules to be aligned with Youth, Tier I and II Commissioners (Girls committee to work on this).

17. Special Note: Both Tier II proposals were voted down. One was similar to a Southwest league format. The second was a proposal to play the NORCAL teams within the SCAHA schedule. NORCAL will pursue this option with SCAHA at league level, as we discussed in our meeting

18. Sykora Appeal to CAHA : NORCAL's decision was upheld and extended to March 31, 2004. Anyone who had previously voted on the issue was not allowed to vote. This included Liesel Nelson and Larry Kahn. Dick Coombs voluntarily removed himself from the vote.

19. CAHA reported they made money at the A & B playoffs, but lost money at tier.

20. CAHA Elections: Four nominees are Chris Hathaway, Larry Kahn, Jon Gustafson, and Liesel Nelson. Melissa Fitzgerald has offered to coordinate votes in a confidential manner and asked clubs to let her know if they would be willing to vote equally for candidates. She advised presidents to check with their registrar as to number of teams rostered last year to compare with what CAHA says. Melissa also stated that she would be willing to receive a copy of ballots and take them down to the CAHA meeting because there were problems with the NORCAL ballots last year.

J. AHOC: Charlie Idarola stated that this is a USA Hockey rule change year. New rules will be given to referees. Officials seminars will begin at

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the end of July. They would like to get all of the refs in for training before the new season starts. AHOC asked for clarification of STOP Patches rules. NORCAL stated that this is a CAHA rule and not a NORCAL rule. STOP Patches were to be enforced during league play games. When NORCAL teams play out of state teams, only the NORCAL teams are required to have the STOP patches.

K. Shark's Community: Not in attendance

III. Old Business

A. NORCAL Annual Elections: Carla Dickerson presented a slate to the Board.

1. Each candidate was asked to speak on their experience for their position. After, Joe Lundy motioned to accept the slate as presented except for the VP position which had two candidates. Liesel Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor without dissent or abstentions. Motion passed. The following positions were approved: Chris Hathaway/ President, Carla Dickerson/Secretary, Ann Wade/Treasurer, Mark Mauro/Referee-in-Chief, Jean Wright/ Girl's Chair, Lori Diaz/Roster Manager.

2. There were two candidates for Vice President, Pete Toft and Bob Dimicelli. Pete gave an accounting of his experience. Bob Dimicelli was not in attendance. A vote was taken and all clubs represented at this meeting by presidents or proxies voted in favor of Pete Toft. Pete Toft is the Vice President. Those clubs eligible for vote by attendance of president and/or proxy were: Tri-Valley, Cupertino, Santa Rosa, Fresno, Santa Clara, Belmont, Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco, San Jose, Solano.

B. General Manager: Pete Toft stated that there were four candidates currently expressing interest. The committee would still accept nominations.

C. Application by Vacaville Skating Center for Membership: Vacaville Skating Corporation submitted a membership application to NORCAL. At the March 2003 meeting both Vacaville and Solano were directed to submit applications by the next NORCAL meeting. Application was reviewed and found to be in good standing. Request was made to receive a written notice from Vacaville Recreation Corporation to state that Jason Harvey had permission to represent/vote on their behalf. Carla Dickerson motioned to accept membership. Ray Monk seconded the motion. Clubs previously mentioned in election results voted for membership with Solano voting against membership. Motion passed. Solano Steelhawks stated they believed the membership application was to be submitted by June 1st. Solano stated they would not re-apply for membership. NORCAL stated that they would welcome a membership application from the Solano Steelhawks if they changed their minds after the meeting.

D. Team Fees: Balance of team fees now due.

IV. New Business

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A. IHONC Presentation: Todd Lewellyn made a presentation to the NORCAL board regarding using IHONC instead of AHOC for officiating for the 2003-2004 season. Todd was asked to submit a contract outlining proposed cost and how youth officials would fit in. Much discussion ensued regarding putting AHOC on 30 day notice that NORCAL may be terminating their contract. It was decided that AHOC should be allowed to make their own presentation to the board at the June 2003 meeting and that no further actions would be taken by NORCAL until that time. Chris Hathaway stated that clubs may be asked to vote on this matter at the June 2003 meeting.

B. Points of Interest:

1. Roseville change of membership status? Will it be rink or parent run?
2. Eastridge: Is it closing? How will Eastridge's closing affect NORCAL? Talk of Santa Clara and Fremont Ice-O-Plex merging.
3. High Sierra may decided to skate out of South Lake Tahoe.
4. Robert Payne Derrick collapsed and died on the ice in S.F during an adult league game. There will be a memorial and potluck on Wednesday.
5. Request by Liesel Nelson for clubs to send them an estimate of the tier teams they plan to have for the 2003-2004 season.

V. Adjournment at 2:04 PM. Motion to adjourn by Pete Toft. Second by Liesel Nelson. Next meeting to be held at the Round Table Pizza on June 7, 2003 at 10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Wright
Girl's Chair/ Tri-Valley President