

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet
September 27, 2003 Meeting

Chris Hathaway	NORCAL President	P
Pete Toft	NORCAL VP/Penalty Review	P
Carla Dickerson	NORCAL Secretary	P
Ann Wade	NORCAL Treasurer	P
Chuck Collins	NORCAL Scheduler/Webmaster	
Mike Donahue	NORCAL M.A.L.	P
John Hamer	NORCAL Gen. Manager	P
Jean Wright	NORCAL Girls Chair	P
Lori Diaz	NORCAL Roster Manager	P
Melissa Fitzgerald	CAHA Director	P
Mark Mauro	NORCAL Referee In Chief	P
	NORCAL Director of Coaches	
Todd Llewellyn	IHONC President	P
NORCAL Club Representatives		
Liesl Songer-Nelson	1. Berkeley Iceland	P
Mike Benesh	2. Cupertino – Pres.	P
Ray Monks	3. Fresno – Pres.	P
Todd Morgan	4. High Sierra – Pres.– non-voting	
Andre Lacroix/Judy Lane	5. Oakland Ice Center	P
Mike Dewyea/Elizabeth DePalma	6. Sacramento/Roseville Skatetown	
Joe Lundy	7. Santa Clara – Pres.	P
Stephanie Richardson/Steve Woodson	8. San Jose – Travel/Tier	P/P
Mike Donahue	9. Santa Rosa – Pres.	P
Joe Donati	10. Stockton – Pres.	P
Jean Wright	11. Tri-Valley - Pres.	P
Mike Donnelly	12. Yerba Buena – Pres.– non-voting	
Jason Harvey	13. Vacaville Skating Center- non-voting	
Others in attendance		
Rich Wilcox	TriValley	P
Peggy Fowler	High Sierra	P
Tom Armstrong	Oakland	P
Dan Cudney – proxy vote	Capital Thunder	P
Monte Tiedemann	Berkeley Iceland	P

NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2003
General session called to order at 10:10am with introductions.

REPORTS

1. President – Chris Hathaway – none
2. GM – John Hamer
 - John reported that overall scoresheet compliance from clubs was very good. **Action Item:** Requested that club presidents go back and talk to scorekeepers to impress the importance of legible, accurate recording.
 - Outlined the first 3 weeks of suspensions.
 - Team placement evaluations will continue until mid-October, with recommendations being made in the form of a proposal to the board for an email vote, before the next meeting. However, John reviewed the need to discuss the U16 division and come a general consensus for moving forward based on the two following scenarios. 1) 5A/4B or 5B/4A, or 2) 1 single division proposed A that will play an imbalanced schedule as prepared by Chuck Collins. John recommended proceeding with a single A division, so as to increase opportunities of eligibility for players to participate in Select Camp.
3. Vice President – Pete Toft
 - Reviewed 02-03 NORCAL suspension to Fred Niday of Belmont and informed the board that the suspension is still currently in effect.
 - Outlined preview of two penalty review hearings scheduled to follow the meeting today.
4. Treasurer – Ann Wade
 - Distributed a balance statement, financial summary for the Constantine clinic and individual club billings for officials fees. **Action Item:** All bills are due and payable in 30 days from each club.
 - Joe Donati raised the question of concern regarding mileage fees associated with officials billings. Clarifications were made for the purpose of club budgeting.
 - Still collecting some team registration fees...clubs were notified.
 - Research on non-profit reserve restrictions revealed there are no restrictions regarding amount of carryover.
5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson
 - Distributed for approval minutes from 7/27/03 and 8/23/03. **Motion** to accept as presented, by Lori D., 2nd by Liesl., motion carried unanimously.
6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins
 - Chris read 9/26/03 email report from Chuck Collins which highlighted score reporting, scheduling for regular season, changing games, Mites schedule, publication dates and communications (see attached). **Action Item:** Carla to forward email to all club presidents.
7. Roster Manager – Lori Diaz
 - Action Item:** Lori will be scheduling a credential check meeting with all club registrars sometime in November.

8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro
 - Requested feedback on officiating quality. **Action Item:** Encouraged evaluations and issues be submitted through club presidents or coaching staff only please.
 - Noted that we should be seeing a lot of kids doing NORCAL games as a way to promote youth officials in the system.
 - IHONC will be sponsoring 2 off-ice youth training seminars, exclusive to youth officials. This is a FREE 2 hour session. Currently scheduled for 10/14 at Fremont Iceplex and 11/20 at Logitech Ice. Both sessions will be from 7-9pm.
 - Power skating sessions will be offered in the summer.
9. Director of Coaches - still need to recruit one.
10. Girls Chair – Jean Wright - no report.
11. USA Hockey Report – Betsey Crandall
 - Good report on Registrar’s job, missing 1 club. Distributed rule books and USA Hockey Guidebooks to all club presidents.
 - Outlined what tier teams should note constitutes a certified roster.
 - Went over add and drop procedures and the allowable waiting period.
 - **Action Item:** All coaches must have cards by 12/31/03 or they’re OFF the bench.
 - Tier level coaches who are required to carry an Advanced level card and don’t have one yet....are done and off the bench immediately. There are no more Advanced level clinics offered to satisfy the requirement.
12. CAHA – Melissa Fitzgerald
 - PDR discussed. Melissa described all PDR requests made at the state level were denied. The message was to encourage development from within each clubs organization to reinforce PDR.
 - Cross Ice money has been set aside for future programs. 2005-06 mandated state wide program.
 - Next CAHA meeting will be held in northern California Nov. 22. **Action Item:** Melissa will send info to all board members regarding meeting and strongly encourages NORCAL attendance to show our force.
13. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn
 - Seminars completed to date resulted in 308 attendees. 10/6 seminar has 60 preregistered to attend. 27 officials evaluations have been completed so far.
 - Revisited previous discussion regarding on-line evaluation process and stressed the importance of providing positive feedback to be used as a tool provided for constructive.
 - **Action Item:** Todd to send email to Carla for distribution to all club presidents regarding guidelines on evaluation process.
14. Sharks Fan Development – Mike Bruins – no report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) – will be invited to make a 90 min. Leadership training presentation from 11am-12:30pm at the next meeting.
2. Coaches Seminars – Ron White suggested going to the USA Hockey website for a listing of seminars. Need space and ice to facilitate seminars listed.

Action Item: If any club can donate icetime and meeting space in alignment with the schedule, please contact Chris Hathaway.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Player releases – Discussed player release issue with a Berkeley player. It was determined this issue needed to initially be addressed at the club level as NORCAL rules 4.10 – 4.14 indicate. No NORCAL involvement at this time.
2. Team placement – John Hamer
 - A. John presented that the Santa Clara request for exception to the block recruiting under Rule 4.15 regarding their Squirt B1 team. **Motion** to grant exception to the Santa Clara Squirt B1 team in view of the facts presented in the 9/23/03 letter and outlined player numbers by Lori Diaz. Motion presented by Mike Donahue, 2nd by Stephanie Richardson. The vote was 6 in favor, 1 no, 2 abstentions. In favor: Oakland, Sacramento, Santa Clara, San Jose, Santa Rosa and Stockton. The motion carries.
 - B. John presented the Santa Clara PeeWee team's request for exception and noted they are in violation of the current PDR rule. NORCAL cannot grant exception based on Rule 8.03 and any appeal needs to go directly to CAHA. Joe Lundy announced that Santa Clara would withdraw their request to NORCAL based on this information.
 - C. As discussed previously in the meeting regarding the U16 division a **Motion** to declare all 9 teams "A" and will participate in a balanced schedule. Motion presented by Liesl Songer-Nelson, 2nd by Judy Lane. The vote was 7 in favor, 2 no. In favor: Berkeley, Cupertino, Oakland, Sacramento, Santa Clara, San Jose and Stockton. The motion carries.
 - D. Final placement recommendations will be made with the next few weeks and a board vote will take place via email in lieu of the next NORCAL meeting not taking place before the regular season is scheduled to begin.
3. STOP Patches – **Action Item:** All players are required to have a STOP patch on all club jerseys for the first regular season games that begin October 25, 2003. Any player not in compliance will be asked to comply by the on-ice officials as part of their equipment check at the start of a game. Any player not in compliance will be asked to leave until in compliance.
4. Pre-Select Camp – scheduled to be held the weekend of 12/20-21.
5. High Sierra – It was noted that High Sierra has dropped to two teams. **Motion** was made to grant High Sierra a provisional membership status for the 2003-04 season with the opportunity to reapply for full membership status for the 2004-05 season. Provisional membership status is defined as entitlement to field teams with the league but with no voting rights on the NORCAL Board. Motion presented by Jean Wright, 2nd by Mike Donahue. Motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm
Next meeting set for 11/1/03 in Pleasanton.

Addendum to meeting: Email vote held 10/15/03 in response to the initial motion to accept the team placement recommendations made 10/12/03 (see attached) as presented by John Hamer and 2nd by Mike Benesh. The vote was 6 in favor and 1 abstention. In favor: Berkeley, Cupertino, Oakland, San Jose, Santa Rosa and TriValley. Abstention by Fresno. The motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted by: Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:

----- Original Message -----

From: "Chuck Collins" <cpc@chkpt.COM>
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2003 8:01 PM
Subject: Webmaster and Scheduler report

- > Webmaster:
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- > Score reporting is going smoothly.
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- > I have some plans for web site enhancements, but they have
- > taken a back seat to the schedule.
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- > Please check the "players needed" announcements and tell
- > me when they can be taken down. I'm going to drop them
- > all by 10/11 or so.
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- > It's important to inform me of all out-of-town games that
- > your teams play, including tier teams. I need date, time,
- > opponent and location. That allows me to add the game to the
- > NORCAL database, allows the GM to track game sheets and
- > suspensions, and allows your team to report the scores.
- > Please specify the opponent as completely as possible, in
- > terms of organization, city, state, age and level.
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- > Scheduler:
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- > Remainder of pre-season has been released. Most teams played
- > 8 games in 6 weeks, a pretty heavy schedule. Some games spilled
- > into week 08.
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- > Regular Season:
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- > Each team will play 18 regular season games. How many of these
- > count in the standings depend on the size of each division.
- > For a 7-team division, each team will face each other 3 times.
- > For a 10-team division, each team will face each other 2 times.
- > Divisions of 5, 6, 8 or 9 will include non-standings games
- > scheduled by the league. For example, a 9-team division will
- > play 2 rounds (16 games), plus 2 non-standings games. The

- > non-standings games will appear on the web site as "X" games,
- > exhibitions, but in the schedules released to your club
- > scheduler, they are "Y" games to differentiate them from
- > exhibitions scheduled by the teams.
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- > In most cases, if a team plays an opponent 3 times, and 2
- > rounds count toward standings, the first will be considered
- > a "Y" game and the last two will count toward standings.
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- > In rare case, two teams will play a game they believe
- > counts toward standings, and I later have to add an extra
- > game between the teams. In that case, the earlier game will
- > continue to count toward standings and the next game played
- > by the teams will be designated "Y".
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- > The regular season starts with week 09. Week 08 is the "tween"
- > week. There will be some pre-season games, and there will
- > be some "Y" games. But no week 08 games will count toward
- > standings. More games will be added for week 08 nwhen the
- > divisions are finalized.
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- > Changing games:
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- > Once the schedule is published, a game may be changed only
- > with the agreement of both teams. In order to make a
- > successful reschedule, I need to hear from both teams,
- > and the change has to include an agreed-upon alternate
- > ice slot: date, time and rink.
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- > Mites:
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- > The mites start in week 06. We have 8 teams, and each team
- > will play 12 games. We will start with one full round of
- > games, and once it is clear which teams are strong and
- > which teams are not, I will schedule the remaining 5 games
- > with an eye toward avoiding mismatches.
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- > I've been getting a number of requests for exhibition games.
- > It is important that the clubs clue in the new parents involved
- > with the mite teams. They need to understand what it means to
- > be registered with USA Hockey. I keep getting requests for
- > games with the Ice Oasis Polars. I don;t know for sure, but
- > I find it highly unlikely the Polars are USA Hockey. Oakland,
- > on the other hand, is a USA Hockey team.
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- > If the NORCAL mite teams are also registered with ISI as well
- > as USA Hockey, then there can be no objection to them arranging
- > a game with an ISI-only team. But the league will only request
- > referees for games in which both teams are USA Hockey. Please
- > explain this to your mite teams. Also please explain to
- > them how to arrange an exhibition through the proper channels.
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- > Publication dates:
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- > Week 08 games will be added as soon as I know which divisions
- > need "Y" games.
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- > Week 09 games will be published about 3 days after the
- > divisions are finalized.
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- > Weeks 10-13 (up to Thanksgiving) will be published next,
- > followed by the remainder of the schedule. I have promised
- > the officials that each section will come out with a minimum
- > of 10 days' notice. I've been late once so far (yesterday).
- > Week 09 may cut it tight, depending on when the divisions are
- > finalized.
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- > Communications
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- > I've been having trouble with some clubs receiving responses
- > in a timely manner. Again, your club scheduler needs to be
- > reading email several times a day. If a club is repeatedly
- > late in responding, it greatly increases the amount of work
- > required, and greatly increases the likelihood that a team
- > travel to a non-game. So it's serious business. None of us
- > wants 17 families to travel 75 miles or more and not have a
- > game to play. And also remember we are managing a \$650,000
- > resource (all the ice times and referee fees). So I have
- > little appreciation for people who tell me testily that they
- > were more worried about "business" than "recreation."
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- > Please be religious in sending back confirmations to schedule
- > changes.
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- > Submitted,
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- > - Chuck Collins
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----- Original Message -----

From: <hamer.j@att.net>

To: <dickerson.hockey@worldnet.att.net>

Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2003 2:15 PM

Subject: Team placement proposal for board

- > NORCAL Board:
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- > Rule 5.06 requires approval of team placement by the full NORCAL Board.
- > Based on the board decision on 9/27, this recommendation is being made via
- > email because the regular season will start before the next full board
- > meeting.
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- > Based on the club expressed preferences and analysis of games through October
- > 12 by Chris Hathaway, Mark Mauro, Pete Toft, Andre Lacroix, and me
- > attached is the proposal for the A and B divisions from Squirt through
- > Midget17.
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- > Notes:
- > -- No team has been moved from A to B against their club's original placement
- > preference.
- > --Three teams have been moved from B to A: OK10B; SJ12B2; CT12B.
- > --SC12B is an exhibition team in the A division because of CAHA Player
- > Development Requirement.
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- > John Hamer
- > Norcal General Manager

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> Squirt A	Squirt B	
> BK10B1	BK10B2	
> FR10B	CU10B	
> OK10B	SJ 10B2	
> SC10B1	SR10B	
> SJ10B1	TV10B	
> VV10B1	VV10B2	
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> PeeWeeA	PeeWeeB	
> BK12B1	BK12B2	
> CT12B	CU12B2	
> CU12B1	HS12B	
> FR12B	OK12B	
> SC12B	SF12B	
> SJ12B1	SR12B	
> SJ12B2	ST12B	
> TV12B1	TV12B2	
>	VV12B	
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> Bantam A	Bantam B	
> CT14B1	BK14B	
> CU14B1	CT14B2	
> FR14B	CU14B2	
> SC14B	OK14B	
> SJ14B1	SF14B	
> TV14B1	SJ14B2	
>	SR14B	
	ST14B	
	TV14B2	
> Midget16A	Midget 17A	Midget 17B
> BK16B	CU17B1	CU17B2
> CT16B	HS17B	FR17B
> CU16B	OK17B	FR17B
> OK16B	SC17B1	OK17B2
> SC16B	SJ17B	SC17B2
> SJ16B	SR17B	ST17B
> SR16B	TV17B	VV17B
> TV16B1		
> TV16B2		
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