

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet
March 13, 2004 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
Paul Bates	NORCAL Director of Coaches	P
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
Elizabeth DePalma/Irene Kercher	6. Sacramento/Roseville Skatetown	
Joe Lundy	7. Santa Clara – Pres.	P
Stephanie Richardson/Steve Woodson	8. San Jose – Travel/Tier	P
Mike Donahue	9. Santa Rosa – Pres.	P
Joe Donati	10. Stockton – Pres.	P
Jean Wright/Rich Wilcox	11. Tri-Valley - Pres.	P
Mike Donnelly	12. Yerba Buena – Pres.– non-voting	
Jason Harvey	13. Vacaville Skating Center- non-voting	
Others in attendance		
Brett Bicksler	Fresno	P

NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2004

General session called to order at 10:00am with introductions.

REPORTS

1. President – Chris Hathaway – see below
2. GM – John Hamer
 - John gave an overview of the Mite Jamboree held 3/6 and 3/7 in Vacaville. The A flight championship ended in a match up between Santa Clara and San Jose, with a shootout victory going to Santa Clara. Competition was great and the skills competition that was run for the runner up teams in the B flight was a huge success. Thanks to Paul Bates, our new Director of Coaches for facilitating such a great event!
3. Vice President – Pete Toft
 - Three penalty review hearings scheduled for today following the meeting. Thank you to Joe Lundy for arranging meeting space for us at Fremont Iceoplex.
4. Treasurer – Ann Wade
 - Dues are up to date for most clubs. Capital Thunder owes for Nov-Jan. **Action Item:** Chris Hathaway to draft a letter to Sacramento regarding a reminder regarding their member in good standing status.
 - Gold Rush accounting records reflected an error in the number of teams.
 - Ann and Stephanie Richardson to discuss the status of the San Jose Girls teams fees and resolve.
 - Ann thanked all the club treasurers for their diligence in getting payment to her. She will present a monthly report at the April meeting.
5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson
 - Distributed for approval minutes from the February 7, 2004 meeting.
 - Motion** to accept as presented, by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy, motion to accept minutes as prepared carried unanimously.
6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins
 - Requested that clubs report scores immediately following final games this weekend. Chuck expressed an interest in continuing as Scheduler/Webmaster for 04-05 season. Details surrounding his proposal will be discussed at the April meeting.
7. Roster Manager – Lori Diaz
 - Lori has been in contact with all teams who still owe her information to complete their credentials binders. Teams were asked to get her their scoresheet allocation by today's meeting. She was only missing a few from the teams who are on the bubble.
8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro
 - Mark reported that NORCAL "A" playoffs in Roseville will be staffed with 12-13 level 5 and 6 officials. NORCAL "B" playoffs in Oakland will consist of level 4, 5 and 6 officials. All games will be a two-man system.
 - Reminder to clubs that the mouthpiece rule will be in effect. Clubs were instructed to inform their teams that this rule will be enforced. Melissa interjected that this rule will in fact be strictly enforced at the state level, so it's a good idea to just get teams geared up it.

9. Director of Coaches - Paul Bates
 - Jamboree was great. Paul noted that he saw great development and good sportsmanship traits exhibited.
 - With regard to the recent Bertuzzi incident, Paul suggested NORCAL may want to consider imposing a malice rule for 04-05.
 - Reported that while attending a PeeWee level game, an official commented that he felt demoted to officiate a PeeWee level game. Todd Llewellyn asked that if this ever occurs in the future, please drop him a note describing specifics.
 - **Action Item:** Paul asked Lori Diaz if she could please send him a list of all NORCAL Midget level coaches who have rostered 3rd year Midgets who are aging out. He's looking for a candidate to recommend for the Jordan Kocian award.
 - Noted importance of random checks of coaches cards as there have been a few incidents of non-registered coaches being on the bench.
 - Recommended CPR training be offered to all NORCAL coaches for the 04-05 season. Ray Monks added that all rink facilities should be considering installing AED monitors in every rink. Group discussed ensued regarding optional training vs. making it a mandatory requirement for coaches and the potential liabilities involved.
10. Girls Chair - Jean Wright – no report
11. USA Hockey Report – none
 - CAHA – Liesl Songer-Nelson/Melissa Fitzgerald
 - AA teams did well. Congratulations to the San Jose Bantam Majors for winning. They advance to Nationals at the end of the month. Also to the Gold Rush 16's.
 - It was noted that the AAA teams didn't do as well. Discussion regarding questioning strong criteria for clubs making a decision to field AAA teams vs. strong AA teams. Melissa Fitzgerald noted that we need to be questioning whether or not we really have the growth in northern California to field strong competitive AAA level teams.
 - Annual CAHA elections are coming up. Interested individuals should have a strong desire and commitment to be an active member. If interested in a position contact Chris Hathaway, Melissa or Liesl.
 - CAHA A & B playoffs are going to be held in San Jose the weekend of April 3 & 4. **Action Item:** Anyone interested in volunteering should contact tournament director, Steve Laing at stlaing@aol.com . **Action Item:** Chris Hathaway noted that NORCAL will be purchasing a full page ad for the CAHA program. Therese Phillips is the CAHA contact.
 - **Action Item:** CAHA rule change suggestions should go to Melissa Fitzgerald at hockeyinfo@aol.com . Deadline to submit to her is 3/29.
12. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn

Todd noted that all officials who will be covering games the last two weeks of the NORCAL regular season, have been reminded about "pre-playoff" bad behavior that could potentially present itself.
13. Sharks Fan Development – Mike Bruins – no report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scoresheets – done. New sheets will be used at NORCAL. All clubs were asked to have their teams come prepared with 18 labels per team from Cybersport (or the like) roster stickers that will be used on all game sheets during playoffs.
Action Item: Chris Hathaway to get communication out to all club presidents reminding them of this next week.
2. Rules Committee - The NORCAL rules committee, which consists of John Hamer, Lori Diaz, Mike Donahue, Mike Benesh and chaired by VP Pete Toft is still accepting recommendations for 2004-05 rule changes. These will most likely be presented for approval at the June meeting.
3. **Action Item:** Lori Diaz will re-send the finalized version of the "Scholarship Application" form to Club Presidents one more time. This should be used for consideration during the 04-05 season.
4. IHONC 04-05 Contract – Todd Llewellyn made his presentation for a new 2-year contract to go through 05-06. Chris outlined all the specifics and logistics as were discussed in executive session regarding the fee increase in year 2. Pete noted the minor revisions from the previously submitted contract for the 03-04 season. **Action Item:** Pete to send out the amended contract to all club presidents. **Motion** was made to accept the IHONC proposal as presented with the changes to the original contract by Ray Monks, 2nd by Liesl Songer-Nelson. Motion to accept carried unanimously.
5. Playoff Assignments – NORCAL board members will be working various shifts during the playoffs in Roseville and Oakland. Chris reported to the board the discrepancies in the scheduling for the "A" playoffs, most notably the game start time on Friday 3/19. The bid proposal outlined games not starting before 6pm. All those in attendance remember the discussions during the bid presentation process and Sacramento's request that was granted, for some flexibility in the timing of games starting on Friday....1 hour at the earliest. Clubs were very disappointed in the final schedule released, which shows games starting at 2:15pm on Friday 3/19 and not concluding until 9:15pm on Sunday 3/21. Now parents are forced to take their kids out of school early on Friday to make it to games. **Motion** was made that Capital Thunder not be allowed to submit playoff bids for the next 2 seasons, unless they honor their current contract. Motion was made by Ray Monks, 2nd by Mike Benesh. The motion carried with a vote of 8 in favor (Berkeley, Cupertino, Fresno, Oakland, Santa Clara, San Jose, Stockton and Tri-Valley). 1 vote opposed by Santa Rosa.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominations Committee – VP Pete Toft to chair. Carla, Lori and Mike Benesh volunteered to serve. Nominations will be made at the April meeting. Anyone interested in serving for the 04-05 NORCAL board should contact one of these committee members. Positions open for election are President, Vice-President, Member-at-Large, Secretary and Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chris Hathaway at 12:00 noon.

Next meeting – Saturday April 24, 2004, Round Table in Pleasanton

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary

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