

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet
November 13, 2004 Meeting

Pete Toft	NORCAL President	P
Ann Wade	NORCAL VP/Penalty Review	P
Carla Dickerson	NORCAL Secretary	P
Irene Kercher	NORCAL Treasurer	
Chuck Collins	NORCAL Scheduler/Webmaster	
Stephanie Richardson	NORCAL M.A.L.	P
John Hamer	NORCAL Gen. Manager	P
Open	NORCAL Girls Chair	
Lori Diaz	NORCAL Roster Manager	
Melissa Fitzgerald	CAHA Director	proxy
Mark Mauro	NORCAL Referee In Chief	P
Open	NORCAL Director of Coaches	
Todd Llewellyn	IHONC President	P
NORCAL Club Representatives		
Liesl Songer-Nelson	1. Berkeley Iceland	
Chris Hathaway	2. Cupertino – Pres.	P
Brett Bicksler	3. Fresno – Pres.	P
Todd Morgan	4. High Sierra – Pres.	
Andre Lacroix	5. Oakland Ice Center	
Ray Monks	6. Sacramento/Roseville Skatetown	P
Joe Lundy	7. Santa Clara – Pres.	P
Stephanie Richardson	8. San Jose – Rep.	P
Deanna Branski	9. Santa Rosa – Pres.	P
Anna Lane	10. Stockton – Pres.	P
Rich Wilcox	11. Tri-Valley - Pres.	P
Mike Donnelly	12. Yerba Buena – Pres.	
Shane Hicke	13. Vacaville Skating Center	
Others in attendance		
Jill Miller	San Jose Travel	P
Jody Kutz	Fresno	P
Peter Olney	Yerba Buena/San Francisco	proxy
Scott Scherer	High Sierra	proxy
Bill Raimondi	Oakland	proxy
Bernt Jonzzon	San Jose	P
Bob Tankard	Vacaville	proxy

NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2004

General session called to order at 10:05am with introductions.

Some items may not be reported in the order by which they were presented.

REPORTS

1. President – Pete Toft
Coaching clinic to be held 12/3, 4 and 5 for Level I, II and III by Warren Smith in San Jose. **Action Item:** Stephanie Richardson to follow up with Deanna Branski and Warren Smith regarding ice availability in San Jose.
2. GM – John Hamer
 - Pre-Select Camp to be held 12/18. Invitations to be mailed out this week to the 403 eligible players. The fee is \$50.00 to attend. No walk-ins will be accepted. Pre-registration only. **Action Item:** John to send a flyer to club presidents to distribute, to encourage early registration.
 - **Action Item:** John is recruiting coaches for this to be evaluators, etc. as the list that was previously being created is not accessible.
 - Eligibility criteria is, 1) US citizenship, 2) California resident and 3) USA Hockey registered "A" or above in birth years 88, 89, 90 and 91.
 - John outlined the following schedule:
 - 8-9:15am and 4:15-5:30pm, 88's
 - 6:30-7:45am and 2:45-4pm, 89's
 - 1:15-2:30pm and 8:30-9:45pm, 90's
 - 11:45am-1pm and 7-8:15pm, 91's
 - 9:30-11:30am, Rob Zettler/Derek Eisler seminar
 - Each session will consist of 20 minutes of stretching, warm-ups and drills and then the remaining time will be scrimmaging.
 - **Action Item:** Todd Llewellyn to check on any discount that may be provided for officials for the day.
 - ? by Anna Lane regarding players who thought they were going to "A" but are now "B" based on the competition committee findings and team placements. Melissa Fitzgerald said this was a dead issue. The state will not allow "B" rostered players to participate.
 - John outlined the selection process being 13 in each division (6 forwards, 4 defensemen, 3 goalies) that are invited to advance on to CAHA Selects to be held 1/28, 29 and 30 in southern California. The deadline for those to accept is 1/10 to CAHA. The cost of that camp is \$90.00. Those who are selected that weekend are invited to the Pacific District Camp, then some advance on to the National team where there are Division I coaches present.
3. Vice President – Ann Wade
 - No penalty review hearings today.
 - Sharks Scholarship Update – Feedback was requested by November 6th from club presidents on the draft scholarship application. She heard from 2 people who offered input. One item of concern was the GPA of 2.3 and no D's or F's without reasonable explanation.
 - No more regular scholarship funding is available for this season. Emergency scholarships are available from the set aside, as requested by the board. Seven (7) recipients were recognized at the November 9th

Cleveland Barons game at the Shark Tank where they watched the game from a penthouse suite, food and drink and got a visit from Sharks GM Doug Wilson.

- \$4,000 is currently in reserve for next year. \$828 left in reserve for this year and the committee made a recommendation to distribute those funds to any of the 22 applicants advancing to post-season playoffs. Pete asked for a show of clubs who currently budget for post-season fees in their dues and there were a few who do. **Motion** to evenly disburse the \$828 to any of the 22 applicants who advance to post-season playoffs made by Ray Monks, 2nd by Brett Bicksler. With a vote of 6 in favor (Berkeley, Fresno, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Yerba Buena) and 7 opposed (Cupertino, High Sierra, Oakland, Santa Clara, San Jose, Tri-Valley and Vacaville), the motion is defeated.
4. Treasurer – Irene Kercher – not present
 - Carla communicated as requested by Irene, to the three clubs who still had invoices outstanding and reminded them of when their invoices were due to avoid late penalties.
 - No budget report available.
 - **Action Item:** IRS update at January meeting.
 5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson
 - Asked for approval minutes from the October 16, 2004 meeting.
 - Motion** to accept as presented, by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy, motion to accept minutes as prepared 11/2/04 carried unanimously.
 6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins – not present
 7. Roster Manager – Lori Diaz – not present
 8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro
 - Training sessions – 11/10 in San Jose was attended by 18. Next session 11/18 in Dublin and will run from the 7:00-8:30pm.
 - Mark noted that he will be scheduling officials for both the upcoming South Lake Tahoe and Winter Classic tournaments.
 9. Director of Coaches - none
 - Pete reminded club presidents that NORCAL is currently seeking a new DOC. He reviewed the job description including Pre-Select Camp camp duties.
 10. USA Hockey Report – none
 11. CAHA – Melissa Fitzgerald
 - Melissa reminded the board that the next CAHA meeting will be November 20th at the Radisson Hotel in San Jose. Melissa encouraged NORCAL representative attendance to make a statement that northern California cares about the process of decision making at the state level.
 12. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn
 - ? by Anna Lane regarding concern over anonymity through website complaints. Distribution of complaints go to club presidents of both teams, John Hamer, Pete Toft and officials Mark Mauro, Dan Vosnik, Randy Meyer, Tod Llewellyn and all officials who officiated the game. Pete suggested that what is more helpful information is construction comments, whether positive or negative.

13. Sharks Fan Development – Rob Jaynes – not present
Pete commented that Rob has been extremely helpful in coordinating things with the scholarship committee and is making suggestions regarding future fundraising recommendations and opportunities. We appreciate his time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Select Camp progress – See Item #2 above
2. Sharks Scholarship Update – See Item #3 above

NEW BUSINESS

1. CAHA Meeting – See Item #11 above.
2. Code of Conduct – Pete presented the fact that the NORCAL Code of Conduct should be revised/updated and asked for feedback from the club presidents. It's currently posted on the NORCAL website under the forms section.
3. California Hockey & Skating Ads and Articles – clubs encouraged to submit articles for publication to increase NORCAL exposure.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

1. Teams were reminded to file travel permits with John Hamer if they are playing any NON-NORCAL teams. CAHA requires no permits. Traveling to Canada permits go to Mary Nash of CAHA.
2. Deanna Branski noted that Santa Rosa Mite and Bantam house teams are looking for games.
3. Melissa Fitzgerald questioned top heavy player base concern with Midgets going on and losing player base.
4. ? regarding possible proposed territory discussion for Mites and Squirts next year.
5. Anna Lane noted Bill Davis at the Admiral Room 12/2. **Action Item:** Anna to send invite out to all club presidents.
6. Discussion about creating a generic flyer for all clubs to use to recruit ice hockey players in their communities to their house league programs.
Motion to form a committee to develop programs to promote hockey to non-hockey players in northern California made by Melissa Fitzgerald, 2nd by Deanna Branski. Motion carried unanimously. Ray Monks, Pete Toft and Chris Hathaway agreed to chair this committee to begin researching.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy at 12:20pm.

Next meeting – Saturday January 22, 2005, Round Table Pizza in Pleasanton

Respectfully Submitted by Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary
Draft Revisions 1/3/05