

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet
January 22, 2005 Meeting

Pete Toft	NORCAL President	P
Ann Wade	NORCAL VP/Penalty Review	P
Carla Dickerson	NORCAL Secretary	P
Irene Kercher	NORCAL Treasurer	P
Chuck Collins	NORCAL Scheduler/Webmaster	
Stephanie Richardson	NORCAL M.A.L.	P
John Hamer	NORCAL Gen. Manager	
Open	NORCAL Girls Chair	
Lori Diaz	NORCAL Roster Manager	P
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		
Ray Monks	Fresno	proxy
Peter Olney	Yerba Buena/San Francisco	proxy
Bob Tankard	Vacaville	proxy
Dave Denton	Oakland	proxy
Bernt Jonzzon	San Jose	P
Non attendance notation	High Sierra	

NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2005

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

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

REPORTS

1. President – Pete Toft
 - Pete recommended those club president's track penalties on all their team's scoresheets. He encouraged they act on excessive issues at the club level. Incidents of high penalty numbers will be seen as we approach post-season play.
 - NORCAL is ordering more scoresheets that will carry us through the remainder of the season, playoffs and into 2005-06. Pete encouraged any old scoresheets can be used for tournaments or exhibition games.
 - Midget coaches should be considering recommendations for 2005 Kocian award for last year midget players. **Action Item:** Pete to forward candidate criteria to club presidents for distribution to their Midget 18 coaches. Deadline to submit candidates to Pete Toft is **February 28th**.
 - Pete noted that Fresno club was being assessed a \$50.00 fine for inappropriately canceling the 10/30 Squirt game.
 - Question regarding getting in and out of Reno to play games and who has the burden of the expense of unused ice. Ray Monks suggested some compensatory relief fund by NORCAL. Melissa Fitzgerald suggested sharing the burden between both teams. **Action Item:** It was requested that this item be tabled for discussion for the 05/06 budget and rule change considerations.
2. GM – John Hamer – not present
3. Vice President – Ann Wade
 - 3 penalty review hearings today.
 - Ann echoed the importance of reviewing scoresheets in an attempt to derail potential penalty review candidates.
 - A friendly reminder regarding attending Canadian tournaments...USA Hockey and Canadian rules apply. If pertinent, players receiving game misconducts must serve penalties here when they return. Report all game misconduct penalties to John Hamer ASAP to avoid additional suspensions. Reference to CAHA Rule 7.8.
4. Treasurer – Irene Kercher
 - Irene circulated a new sign up sheet for clubs to update their club treasurer contact, including email and telephone numbers. Some clubs have made some changes and Irene wants to make sure she's communicating with the correct individual.
 - Distributed some January invoices.
 - Balance in account is currently \$54,024.
 - IRS tax filings for 02-03 are done. Extension filed for 03-04.
 - **Action Item:** Irene will present an expenditure budget/actuals update at the next meeting.

5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson
 Asked for approval minutes from the November 13, 2004 meeting.
***Motion** to accept as presented, by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy, motion to accept minutes as prepared and revised 1/3/05 carried unanimously.*
6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins – not present
7. Roster Manager – Lori Diaz
 - **Action Item:** Requests top 6 in each division by 2/15, so look and see where your teams are in the standings. Mail packets by each team no later than 3/1. Lori will send a reminder email to all club registrars with specific date request information.
 - **Action Item:** Lori to provide club presidents with a list of aging out Midgets for consideration for the Kocian award.
8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro
 - Mark reported scheduling officials for 85 games at the Winter Classic tournament in San Jose and 57 games at the MLK girls event in San Jose. Will be doing the Battle by the Bay tournament in Oakland and the Wine Country Face off in Santa Rosa over the February President's holiday.
 - Scheduling officials for tier playoffs in San Jose February 25-27.
 - NORCAL playoffs will again be running a two-man system for all games.
 - Irene Kercher asked Mark how he schedules officials for more intense games? How does he choose them? Mark replied with cost consideration, location, impartiality and conflict of interest. Playoffs can be managed with more flexibility. Irene suggested for tier level games next year, that a neutral location be chosen for playoffs.
 - Mark suggested that clubs need to bring specific concerns to officials through their club presidents.
9. Director of Coaches - none
10. USA Hockey Report – none
11. CAHA – Melissa Fitzgerald
 - Refer to Pete Toft CAHA meeting notes from November 20th meeting regarding a prototype schedule for Midget scheduling.
 - Tier playoffs, February 25-27. A & B, 2nd weekend in April.
 - Melissa reviewed the state ruling on tryout dates. Tier I cannot be held any earlier than the 2nd Friday in July, Tier II tryouts cannot be held any earlier than the 3rd Friday in July and A and B tryouts cannot be held any earlier than the 1st Friday in August. **Action Item:** All 2004-05 Guidebooks that were distributed need corrected dates changed on Page 44, Rule 7.10.
 - Club Presidents were reminded to familiarize themselves with the CAHA rules so as to make sure your teams qualify.
 - Anna Lane asked for clarification on CAHA rule 7.11 regarding 3 goalies. **Action Item:** Melissa will email the board the writings on this from the ruling at the tier level. Mark Mauro cited USA Hockey rule 201(a). Club presidents were instructed to educate their Midget level coaches regarding this rule, so as not to cause future delays of incorrect rule interpretations before the start of a game.

- D&O Insurance – clubs and leagues will be getting new bills.
- Performance records due 2/1. 100% rule by 1/31. List will be distributed second week of February.
- Berths for California teams into the Pacific Regional Championships:
 - PeeWee Tier I: 2**
 - Bantam Tier I: 2**
 - Midget 16 Tier I: 2 + Host**
 - Midget 18 Tier I: 2 + Host**
 - PeeWee Tier II: 2 + Host**
 - Bantam Tier II: 1 + Host**
 - Midget 16 Tier II: 1 + Host**
 - Midget 18 Tier II: 2 + Host**
 - Girls 12U Tier I: 1 + Host**
 - Girls 14U Tier I: 1 + Host**
 - Girls 16U Tier I: 1 + Host**
 - Girls 19U Tier I: 1 + Host**
 - Women’s Senior B: 1 + Host**

12. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn – no report
13. Sharks Fan Development – Rob Jaynes – not present

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pre-Select Camp Results –

Pete reported on behalf of John Hamer disappointment in 9 San Jose players who were selected to advance and declined their offers. Pete noted that we apparently failed to get the message out, about the importance of fielding the 16 spots NORCAL is slotted to send in each birth year eligible. Irene Kercher said that there should be a commitment made. Ray Monks noted that clubs need to work on educating kids more about the selection process and the expectations of attending it.

Action Item: Players selected who accepted to advance, should be posted on the NORCAL website. Also noted was that the invite mailer distributed for 05-06 needs to have more information included in it about expectations of advancement.

2. Code of Conduct Update - Pete Toft reviewed suggested changes as proposed. He discussed adding off-ice officials to parent section.

- Peter Olney asked why don't we have them sign the CofC.
- Chris Hathaway suggested it be a part of the credential packet.
- Pete noted that requiring their signature isn't the only thing that holds them accountable.
- Chris Hathaway suggested each rink enlarging the CofC and posting it in their rink, therefore making a blanket statement to all those on the premises.
- Melissa Fitzgerald noted that the league may look into developing a coaches code of conduct which initiates a pro-active statement for adequate playing time. Also look at rules outlining respecting rink facilities.

Action Item: Pete asked for club presidents to review it in detail and email him with any additional proposed changes no later than February 6th.

3. Grass Roots Program Update – Ray Monks reported his idea of developing several surveys for the board to review. **Action Item:** Ray will continue to gather information from his committee members which include Melissa Fitzgerald, Pete Toft and Chris Hathaway. He will email out a draft to club presidents and the board by February 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2005-06 Tryout Dates – **Motion** made to align NORCAL tryouts with CAHA rule 7.10 made by Chris Hathaway, 2nd by Anna Lane. Motion carried unanimously. Lori Diaz recommended that clubs schedule and hold their tryouts as early in August as possible, to accommodate registrar deadlines.
2. Posting Material on Web Sites – Pete directed club presidents to check the content of all material posted on their club websites. He asked them to continually monitor homepage postings as well as individual team sites which may be linked through your site. Content posted should not be demeaning in any way to any individual, but should remain appropriate, positive content.
3. Mite Jamboree Skills Competition – **Action Item:** Pete asked for club presidents to inquire about seeking out any individuals who may be interested in the planning and implementation of the skills competition for the Mite Jamboree scheduled to be held in Vacaville March 5th and 6th. Interested individuals should email Pete no later than February 6th.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

1. Question regarding CAHA possibly entertaining the idea of tier scheduling at the PeeWee and Bantam levels next season. Melissa Fitzgerald noted that CAHA needs to see how it will go at the Midget level first to see how it will work for the coming season.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chris Hathaway, 2nd by Joe Lundy at 12:35pm.

Next meetings – Saturday February 26, Round Table Pizza in Pleasanton
Saturday March 19, Logitech Ice at San Jose during Playoffs

Respectfully Submitted by Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary
Draft 2/4/05

JUST FOR FUN...

MEETING VOCABULARY WORDS

Anomaly – departure from the regular arrangement
Domicile – a customary dwelling place
Fervently – to glow, boil or rage
Feverishly – greatly excited or agitated
Neutrality – the quality, state, or character of being neutral

USED IN A SENTENCE:

We want non-domicile refs when playing in a feverishly very important game.