

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet
February 26, 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	P
Open	NORCAL Girls Chair	
Lori Diaz	NORCAL Roster Manager	P
Melissa Fitzgerald	CAHA Director	P
Mark Mauro	NORCAL Referee In Chief	P
Open	NORCAL Director of Coaches	
Todd Llewellyn	IHONC President	
NORCAL Club Representatives		
Liesl Songer-Nelson	1. Berkeley Iceland	P
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	
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.	
Rich Wilcox	11. Tri-Valley - Pres.	P
Mike Donnelly	12. Yerba Buena – Pres.	
Shane Hicke	13. Vacaville Skating Center	
Others in attendance		
Scott Scherer	High Sierra	proxy
Jody Kutz	Fresno	proxy
Jennifer Clark	Yerba Buena/San Francisco	proxy
Bob Tankard	Vacaville	proxy
Laura Morrison	Oakland	proxy
Erlyne Osburn	Sacramento/Roseville	proxy
Bernt Jonzzon	San Jose	P
Non attendance notation	Stockton	

NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2005

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
 - Pete recommended club president's to submit rule change recommendations to him for 2005-06 consideration.
 - Midget coaches were asked to consider recommendations for 2005 Kocian award for last year midget players. To date Pete has received two nominations. **Action Item:** Pete is extending the deadline to submit additional candidates to no later than **March 1, 2005.**
 - Pete reminded club presidents to review the CAHA meeting notes he distributed from the January 29, 2005 meeting.
2. GM – John Hamer
 - See Old Business Item #3.
3. Vice President – Ann Wade
 - 2 penalty review hearings today.
 - Ann asked clubs to remind particularly midget coaches about penalties accrued at the end of the season.
 - Ann solicited interest for any other club president's who may want to make themselves available for sitting on any future penalty reviews.
 - There was mention of concern over unnecessary injuries to players as the season nears the end and teams jockey for playoff spots. Club presidents were urged to convey the message to their teams that safe play is of foremost importance. **Note:** Liesl Songer-Nelson noted that game misconducts during playoffs will be passed on to the appropriate district level for review.
4. Treasurer – Irene Kercher
 - Presented year to date Budget Overview and Profit & Loss which currently indicates \$16,951.65 net income.
5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson
 - Asked for approval minutes from the January 22, 2005 meeting with the noted correction of the February and March meeting locations.
 - Motion** to accept as presented, by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy, motion to accept minutes as prepared and revised 2/22/05 carried unanimously.
6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins – not present
7. Roster Manager – Lori Diaz
 - Packets as requested to club registrars are coming in for teams in the top 6 in position to advance to playoffs.
 - All NORCAL teams are cleared on PDR.
8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro
 - Mark reported scheduling officials for 24 games at the Battle by the Bay tournament in Oakland and 33 games at the Wine Country Face Off in Santa Rosa. Deanna Branski noted that the officials for the Santa Rosa tournament were outstanding.
 - Noted increase in scheduling extra games and impressed importance of scheduling in advance to be able to provide officials.

- Mark questioned who the bill for officials for the Mite Jamboree will go to. Irene responded that it should come to NORCAL.
9. Director of Coaches - none
 10. USA Hockey Report – none
 11. CAHA – Melissa Fitzgerald
 - Melissa thanked Stephanie Richardson for spearheading the tier game scheduling concern, which has now resulted in Midget level games being scheduled for 05-06. This is an attempt to get scheduling facilitated at a broader range (PeeWee and Bantam) in the future. Specific criteria will come from CAHA.
 - CAHA will be looking at a proposal to allocate designated weekends to leave themselves available to play games. This will provide a boost for northern California teams to complete the 100% rule. There will be an option to opt out with the exception of the last weekend in January. Teams may petition the Youth Council after regularly scheduled games have been played.
 - Youth Council will meet in April/May to review the proposed rule changes for 05-06. Rules will be proposed at the June meeting after the annual USA Hockey Conference. **Action Item:** Feedback for rule change consideration should be directed to Melissa or Pete.
 - Pete mentioned discussions regarding setting the tier playoff date in January prior to the season beginning. The CAHA requirement is to play every team one time. Date will be after final teams can roster.
 - Pete also noted that clubs fielding tier teams should be cautioned about choosing their managers wisely with regard to understanding the CAHA tier rules. He noted the requests at the Youth Council have been incredible.
 - Melissa invited club presidents to stick around at Logitech to watch some exciting tier playoff games as well as meet some of the CAHA officials who are in town for the weekend.
 - CAHA board elections will be coming up and there will be a few seats open. There is no requirement for serving as a member. Your commitment is to attend 4 meetings per year, most likely 3 of those will be in the southern California area. **Action Item:** Interested individuals should let Melissa know.
 12. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn – no report
 13. Sharks Fan Development – Rob Jaynes – not present

OLD BUSINESS

1. Code of Conduct Update - Pete distributed for review via email the final document with suggested changes as proposed. **Motion made to accept the newly revised NORCAL Code of Conduct made by Liesl Songer-Nelson, 2nd by Rich Wilcox. Motion carried unanimously. Note:** Presidents need to take back to their clubs that they will be held accountable for understanding the terms of this document, regardless of obtaining a signature. **Action Item:** Chuck Collins will update the NORCAL website with the new document.

2. Grass Roots Program Update – Pete reported that Ray Monks is still working on gathering information and should have something to present at the March meeting.
3. Mite Jamboree – John Hamer reported that Berkeley, Capital Thunder, Cupertino, San Jose, Santa Clara and Tri-Valley will all be participating. Every player will receive a trophy. Highlight will be the 6 to 7 event skills competition where the top two finishers will be awarded points in standings. Thank you to the Tri-Valley coaches for stepping up to volunteer to plan and facilitate this exciting event.
4. D & O Insurance – Effective 1/1/05. Email was sent out to all clubs including the spreadsheet itemizing the amount owed per club that is due to Curt Castagna of CAHA.
Action Item: Carla will re-send the original email to all club presidents.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2005 NORCAL Playoff Rules – Pete noted the draft rules had been distributed to all club presidents for review, noting the minor revisions that were made. **Motion** made to accept the 2005 NORCAL Playoff Rules as prepared made by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy. Motion carried with 1 abstention from Oakland.
2. Mite Schedule for 2005-06 – Pete reported that further research showed that USA Hockey was not mandating a cross ice program for 04-05 as was previously discussed.
 - Pete reported that the feedback received from the clubs who responded when questioned about what the appropriate number of games should be for the Mites for the coming season...the consensus was to keep them at a 12 game schedule. In addition, Melissa Fitzgerald noted the need for a strong line to uphold the integrity of development in the mite programs. **Action Item:** Melissa will come back to the board with a concrete proposal for a 12 game schedule plus a minimum of 3 weekends of skills and drills that will begin in October and rotate at different club sites.
 - Chris Hathaway echoed advocating the league looking at this program as this age level should have more practice time than game time for 05-06.
 - **Action Item:** Pete will check with Chuck regarding the number of ice submissions that would have to be made by the Mite teams in order to accommodate this proposal.
3. 2005-2006 Age Ranges – Age ranges for next season have been updated and posted on the NORCAL website.
4. USA Hockey Fee Increase – USA Hockey fees will increase to between \$25-\$30 next season. Update on electronic registration is unsure at this point as there have been some glitches in the system. Anticipate 05-06 to be done as in previous years, but the movement will be to go electronically.

5. NORCAL Playoff Advertising – **Action Item:** All clubs were asked to purchase a minimum of 1 ad for the upcoming NORCAL playoff program. Information will be redistributed by Carla with the details on where to send ads to Zac Lytle at Logitech. Deadline is March 24th.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rich Wilcox, 2nd by Joe Lundy at 11:45pm.

Next meetings – Saturday March 19, Roundtable Pizza, Pleasanton

Respectfully Submitted by Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary
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