

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet  
July 16, 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	
Jennifer Clark	NORCAL M.A.L.	P
John Hamer	NORCAL Gen. Manager	
Open	NORCAL Girls Chair	
Lori Diaz	NORCAL Roster Manager	P
Melissa Fitzgerald	CAHA Director	
Mark Mauro	NORCAL Referee In Chief	P
Open	NORCAL Director of Coaches	
Todd Llewellyn	IHONC President	P
<b>NORCAL Club Representatives</b>		
Liesl Songer-Nelson/M. Fitzgerald	1. Berkeley Iceland	P
Chris Hathaway	2. Cupertino – Pres.	P
Bobby Barlow	3. Fresno – Pres.	P
Todd Morgan	4. High Sierra – Pres.	
Andre Lacroix/Mark Balsi	5. Oakland Ice Center	P
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.	
Mike Stoley	11. Tri-Valley - Pres.	P
Jennifer Clark	12. Yerba Buena/S.F. – Pres.	P
Shane Hicke	13. Vacaville Skating Center	
<b>Others in attendance</b>		
Marcie Conroy	San Jose parent	P
Jill Miller	San Jose Travel President	P
Dick Coombs	Pacific District Director	P
Dan & Cindi Stringari	Stockton Colts	proxy
Bob Tankard	Vacaville	proxy
Jim Hoyt	High Sierra	proxy
Frank Lang	Pacific District Director	P
Non attendance notation		

## **NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2005**

General session called to order at 10:15am with introductions.

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

### REPORTS

1. President – Pete Toft  
Pete asked if there were any individuals interested in the still vacant Treasurer position, which would take over for Irene. Deanna Branski expressed an interest. Pete accepted and appointed Deanna as the new Treasurer for 2005-06.
2. GM – John Hamer – not present
3. Vice President – Ann Wade – no report
4. Treasurer – Irene Kercher
  - Proposed budget distributed and reviewed by line item. Notable changes were NORCAL Scholarships, NORCAL Selects, Web Communications, Travel, Coaching and adding Playoffs. Bottom line budget \$54,635 with changes. **Motion** was made to accept the proposed 2005-6 budget as presented with changes made by Jennifer Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Hathaway. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Irene did make a point of mentioning that the board needs to strongly reconsider budgeting costs of the Kevin Constantine clinic. In addition she suggests raising fees next year to avoid having zero in approximately 3 years.
5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson  
Asked for approval minutes from the May 21, 2005 meeting with the noted corrections reflected in the 5/27/05 draft.  
**Motion** to accept as presented, by Joe Lundy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Monks, motion to accept minutes as prepared carried unanimously.
6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins – not present  
However, Chuck asked Carla to relay a few **Action Items**:
  - Needs an ice scheduler contact from each club. This individual must monitor email frequently, at a minimum daily.
  - Also requested a cell phone contact for each team, at the conclusion of tryouts.
  - Is willing to post tryout information on the NORCAL website from each club, but it should only include tryout date range, what ages or levels you plan to serve, website link information and a contact person and telephone number for questions or inquiries.
7. Roster Manager – Lori Diaz
  - Lori does not have a date set for the registrar's meeting as she has been unsuccessful in reaching Betsey Crandall. No rush for preliminary rosters to be due, based on the later start date for the season.
  - Register on-line. Make sure your members know how to register. Remember all USA Hockey cards are good until August 31<sup>st</sup>, so for tryouts, you're only concerned with individuals new to hockey who never played previously.
  - Per Liesl, information going out shortly on tier rosters. Deadline is 8/15 for preliminary rosters.

- **Action Item:** Still waiting to hear from a few clubs on delinquent players to add to the list. Please make sure to provide a contact individual for your club as well, should these players show up at tryouts at different clubs. All accounts must be settled before players can be allowed on the ice. Any questions or concerns from families in questions, should be directed to John Hamer.
  - **Action Item:** Please notify Lori asap, if your club registrar contact has changed.
8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro
- Referee clinic dates are still being established. Should be late August-mid September.
  - Mark noted this is a USA Hockey rule change year. There are various new rule changes.
  - Reminded club presidents that all scheduling changes need to go through Chuck Collins and should be done sooner rather than later.
  - Notification regarding upcoming tournaments to be hosted should be done as early as possible to schedule from the largest pool of officials.
  - Encouraged youth players to become officials and also they are looking for higher level officials to add to more depth. An email will be coming out soon targeting midget players who have aged out and adult league.
9. Director of Coaches - none
10. USA Hockey Report – Dick Coombs, Frank Lang
- Rule change year – summary has been circulated. Should pick up the pace of the game. Dick noted the tag-up rule was the most controversial.
  - Each district is entitled to 4 directors.
  - Western teams did well at the national level this past season. At the girls/women’s tryout camp, 7 made it of the 40 selected from Lake Placid.
  - Women’s hockey has grown 900%.
  - Explained the disabled hockey sector and how it involves the hearing impaired, sled, autistic and amputee programs.
  - There was some controversy over insurance coverage – any questions you can review a summary of coverage on the USA Hockey website in the Member Benefits section.
  - Frank spoke about tournaments. Noted they are scattered. Refer to Pete’s CAHA meetings notes (email dated 7/13.05).
  - Outlined Super Sites. Refer to Charlie Fuertsch’s meeting notes.
  - Ray Monks asked Dick why are we different from other districts regarding boundaries? Dick replied that we’re one affiliate vs. multi affiliate. From a numbers perspective, we’re more spread out as a district. Chris Hathaway pointed out what we’re doing as a league to try and take baby steps, most notable the survey we’ve created that will go out this year and our mite travel restrictions. Dick mentioned to Ray that Ray Briggie would be a good resource in USA Hockey if Ray had more questions.
  - Liesl asked a question about proprietary insurance. Dick said USA Hockey now has a captive insurance company to attempt to reduce fees.

11. CAHA – Melissa Fitzgerald – not present
  - Liesl reported that all 6 northern California directors were elected to the CAHA board. They are Eileen Castagna, Carla Dickerson, Chris Guerra, Jon Gustafson, Chris Hathaway and Liesl Songer-Nelson.
  - Unfortunately, the CAHA meeting ran very long, due to half a day of hearings, so the new proposed rules by the Youth Council were deferred to a special August meeting, which was then ultimately cancelled. The Youth Council withdrew their proposal for any new rules to be considered for this year, with the exception of all of those previously voted in at early CAHA meetings..
12. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn
  - Ucoming officiating seminars scheduled for Fresno 8/27, Santa Rosa 8/28 and Roseville 9/10. There will be more coming.
  - Level 4 officials seminar in San Jose 9/25 or 10/2. More info to come
  - There will be mid-week classroom seminars (2 nights) to be determined.
  - Reminded club president's that this is a new contract year with IHONC and game fees will be increased somewhat to be more in alignment with southern California.
  - Reminded clubs that IHONC senior officials are available to come speak at club/team group functions, tryout parent meetings, etc
  - All scheduling of games needs to go through Chuck Collins.
13. Sharks Fan Development – Rob Jaynes – not present

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Tier Playoff Scheduling – **Tabled discussions again until September 10th** as information vital to this discussion needs to be presented by John Hamer.
2. Kevin Constantine Clinic – Carla reported that the clinic was filling up and that because of hotel constraints and meeting space, a maximum of 45 attendees could be accepted. Discussions should take place before next season to review cost, attendance totals, etc. to meet projected budget expenditures.
3. Capital Thunder Junior B Team – Ray Monks  
Ray noted the Jr. B team is still looking for players.
4. 2005-06 Bylaw Changes – Pete presented proposed bylaw changes as outlined in his 7/6/05 email. **Motion** to accept Bylaw changes made by Stephanie Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanna Branski. With a vote of 11 in favor and 2 absent (Berkeley and Sacramento), the motion carries.
5. 2005-06 Playing Rule Changes – Pete presented proposed rule changes. **Motion** to accept as presented pending clarification on 6.03 presented by Deanna Branski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Lundy. With a vote of 11 in favor and 2 absent (Berkeley and Sacramento), the motion carries.
6. 2005-06 Calendar Review – **Action Item:** Pete asked club presidents to review the calendar as published on the NORCAL website and respond with comments to him or Chuck Collins no later than July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
7. Grass Roots Program Update – **Tabled to September 10<sup>th</sup>** due to Ray Monks having to leave early. **Action Item:** Ray will report on follow up to May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting which includes a final draft of the proposed Parent Survey. Ray will also report on status of contacting John Radke, who offered to set up the form on-line with a link to it posted on the NORCAL website.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. NORCAL GM Contract Renewal – Pete indicated John Hamer is willing to continue on as GM for the 2005-06 season. **Motion** to renew the current GM contract of \$12,000 plus NTE \$1,200 expenses made by Chris Hathaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Lundy. Motion carried unanimously.
2. 2005-06 Budget – See Item #4 under Reports.
3. Future Meetings – It was discussed and determined that the general board would not necessarily meet monthly, however stay in alignment with Bylaw requirements. It may be necessary for the executive committee to meet more frequently, in addition to holding penalty reviews.
4. Chicago Showcase – **Action Item:** Pete will research and report back.
5. National Selects – The board discussed using some available sponsorship funds for NORCAL players advancing through the national select program. Stephanie reported her knowledge to be 3 boys and 2 girls. **Motion** to reimburse \$200 to the 5 players made by Chris Hathaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanna Branski. Motion carried unanimously. **Action Item:** Stephanie to provide Carla with the contact information on each player to dispense a letter with accompanying sponsorship check to.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made Chris Hathaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Lundy at 2:50pm.

Next meetings – Registrar's Meeting – date TBA, location TBA  
Sat. September 10, Logitech Ice in San Jose  
Sat. October 22, location TBA

## ADDENDUMS

7/18/05 - Pete Toft called for a board vote to his Treasurer appointment. A **Motion** by email to confirm Deanna Branski's appointment as Treasurer for 2005-06 made by Jennifer Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liesl Songer-Nelson. The votes by email were **8 YES , 5 NON RESPONSE** (Cupertino, Fresno, High Sierra, Santa Rosa and Vacaville). The motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted by Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary  
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