

NORCAL Hockey Board Sign-In Sheet  
December 3, 2005 Meeting

Pete Toft	NORCAL President	P
Ann Wade	NORCAL VP/Penalty Review	P
Carla Dickerson	NORCAL Secretary	P
Deanna Branski	NORCAL Treasurer	P
Chuck Collins	NORCAL Scheduler/Webmaster	
Jennifer Clark	NORCAL M.A.L.	P
John Hamer	NORCAL Gen. Manager	P
Open	NORCAL Girls Chair	
Mike Donahue	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	P
<b>NORCAL Club Representatives</b>		
Liesl Songer-Nelson/M. Fitzgerald	1. Berkeley Iceland	
Chris Hathaway	2. Cupertino – Pres.	P
Bobby Barlow	3. Fresno – Pres.	P
Todd Morgan	4. High Sierra – Pres.	
Emery Lykins	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
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>		
Mark Balsi	Oakland	proxy
Scott Scherer	High Sierra	proxy
Mike Holmes	Tri-Valley Director of Coaches	P
Paul Bates	Tri-Valley	P
Bernt Jonzzon	Cougars Parent	P
Non attendance notations	Berkeley, Vacaville	

## **NORCAL BOARD MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 3, 2005**

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

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

### REPORTS

1. President – Pete Toft
  - Thank you to San Jose for hosting the meeting today. **Action Item:** *Pete is looking for a new meeting location for the 1/21 meeting. Any club willing to provide space and accessibility to provide lunch (compensated by NORCAL) please email Pete ASAP.*
  - Pete noted he is looking at a couple of candidates for Director of Coaches who have expressed interest. Is doing research to find out how interested they are.
  - See #11 below for CAHA Report.
  - Ed Tar congratulated NORCAL for doing a great job at penalty review. CAHA is looking for the leagues to take care of their own problems. Getting players to penalty review, looking fairly at things, etc. From CAHA to USA Hockey, the only time USA Hockey throws something back at the state, it usually has to do with process.
2. GM – John Hamer
  - See Old Business
3. Vice President – Ann Wade
  - Ann had a comment regarding incident reports coming in from IHONC. She asked that club president's discuss with coaches that they need to educate themselves on the rules. Coaches take for granted that the kids know the playing rules and the emphasis changes as they grow. For instance, a kick is a match penalty. First to intervene seems to be coming up a lot and at the end of the season last year a lot checking from behind, which is potentially a very dangerous penalty.
  - Scott Scherer mentioned that he thinks the check from behind is being called more, which is good, but there's going to be an adjustment period for the players. Ray Monks noted there are a lot of kids going head first into the boards. Stephanie Richardson noted that she had Mark Mauro and some of the senior officials come in and talk to some of the teams to help try and educate the coaches to not put the kids in those situations.
  - There are two penalty review hearings today.
4. Treasurer – Deanna Branski
  - Presented financial statements as of November 30, 2005. Current balance in checking account is \$73,022.82.
  - Deanna outlined the Constantine expense breakdown. None of the revenue from the clinic is in this report, because it went in the prior year. The expenses will then get picked up next July. **Action Item:** *Deanna will bring a recommendation to the January meeting of how we can still continue to do this even cost effectively.*

- As far as the balance sheet goes, it's pretty straight forward. The receivables, over \$5,000 of that came in today, some of it was overly delinquent. Clubs were reminded there were fees associated with late payables.
  - Noted P&L statement November column is not complete, so therefore not accurate. August and September are firm.
  - It appears as though we late filed 2 years worth of tax returns for 02-03 and 03-04. The IRS did send a letter and Irene sent a letter back asking those late fees be waived. Deanna's personal experience is that they will waive this fee, but we haven't received that formal letter yet.
5. Secretary - Carla Dickerson  
 Asked for approval of the minutes from the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
**Motion** to accept 10/22/05 Minutes as presented, by Joe Lundy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Monks. Pete noted a possible error on page 9 regarding Stephanie's comment on the Midget 16 B playoffs...after discussion, it was determined the statement was correct as it relates to NORCAL playoffs. Motion to accept minutes as prepared carried unanimously.
6. Scheduler/Webmaster – Chuck Collins – not present  
 - Pete read Chuck's 12/2 email that was sent out:

**Website**

- Score reporting is going very smoothly.

- I wasn't sure how to display the standings for the Midget16 split divisions, but to date I have not gotten a single question about it. Probably will leave as is until the season is winding down, and then just do a front-page announcement. As it stands now, the top 4 include 2 teams from each division. As long as both divisions are represented in the top 4, the division split is not a factor.

- Several clubs are taking advantage of the "club-approved" posting facility on the web site. I'm especially interested in having local tournaments and hockey clinics posted. The clubs that are not utilizing it, please take a quick look at what the other clubs are doing.

- Tournament schedules. Teams informing me of their tournament schedules went smoothly for Thanksgiving. Seems 80% of the teams were in Silver Sticks, and getting the schedule directly from San Jose helped. I sent an email to all the team managers on how to describe their schedules. They should use the same process for Christmas tournaments too!! No attachments!! Just describe the games in the body of the email.

**Action Item:** *Reminder from Pete that all NORCAL teams who play in tournaments, need to let Chuck know so that a NORCAL game number can be assigned to that game. Those game numbers need to be on the scoresheets that go to John. If your team plays games anywhere, scoresheets need to go to John. It's your responsibility as a club to get your scoresheets into John. If you go to a tournament and the tournament director says "yes, I'm going to send all the scoresheets in", you need to follow up with John.*

*Ray Monks asked about clarification on teams playing in SWYHL. A kid gets a penalty in the first game of the tournament in Southwest, he serves his penalty there...he's done right? John Hamer said yes, he's done. Pete said if it's the last game of the tournament then he's got to serve his USA Hockey penalty for the game suspension, then there's the NORCAL rule on top of that that applies to leagues games. So, if you get a game misconduct in your last game before you go to a tournament, the kid sits the first game of the tournament to satisfy the USA Hockey rules, then*

*he sits the next NORCAL rule to satisfy the NORCAL rule. That's the only place where you get into that double whammy situation.*

## **Scheduling**

- A/B schedule is done.

I've produced the schedule for three years, and both last year and this year I've produced the schedule almost exactly on or ahead of the dates I promised. Yet every year I get abusive emails and phone calls from parents about when the schedule will be ready, and comments in last month's minutes indicate the presidents are unhappy with the process as well.

I have no clue how it could be done differently or better. The pre-season is used to place teams in their appropriate flights. The reduced pre-season this year effectively compressed the process into three weekends. The divisions were published on October 22, and arguments continued into the following week. Yet the full season schedule was published on November 9. When did they think it ought to have been published? The evening of the 22nd I suppose?

What could be done better is communication from the board to the teams. Time and again, when I asked people what their club had told them about the schedule availability, they said their club knew nothing. Yet I can easily produce all the emails in which I made the effort to keep the clubs informed.

*Pete commented that Chuck is a little bit frustrated with this. Maybe we need to look at the way we're doing the preseason vs. the regular season. What happens is everybody is very clear on it in here...we talked about it. We're going to play preseason games up to here, Chuck produces the first weekends schedule, which is the next weekend there. Then he gets out the next two or three weeks there and then he gets out the rest of the season. He's done that 3 to 4 years in a row and every year he takes abuse from parents because from that last week of preseason until that weekend, he's getting parents sending him pissed off emails because they don't have that game schedule. It's up to you guys to educate your teams and your parents about what the schedule is. We're not doing anything different than we've done in the past and they need to know. As long as we're doing a preseason here and a regular season there...that's how we have to do it. If we as a league want to change that, and provide like a weekend gap in there, then that would be up to us. It's not fair that Chuck gets the abuse on this stuff.*

- Tier seeding games. At this point nothing has been done. We need to schedule: 2 games (plus an "if" game) in 12AA and 18AA; 6 games in 14AA. Quite frankly I've been avoiding it since it was such a circus last year. The teams involved should propose to ME (not each other) their open dates and ice.

*Stephanie Richardson asked, so each team is supposed to submit their availability for December? One of them says the games have to be played between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>s</sup>. Pete noted that's not correct. The actual playoff games for this have to be done after the rosters are frozen which isn't until December 31<sup>st</sup>. So these have to be done between December 31<sup>st</sup> and when CAHA requires we have provide our NORCAL winner. Which is usually in the first three weeks of January. Stephanie asked if we're going to instruct the teams to do something...Pete said they need to get that stuff to Chuck now, so we can get a schedule for like the first three weeks of January. Stephanie asked are they supposed to submit ice? Mark Mauro said his email said yes, to submit dates and ice. Stephanie asked how much ice? Chris noted that's why Chuck was noting the number of games there were. **Action Item:** John Hamer and Pete Toft will clarify how much ice he's actually needing.*

*Mark Mauro asked about neutral ice playoffs, can we establish that early? Stephanie said that's always a problem...it's never neutral ice. Pete said no one wanted that in the rules. John said it's impossible. Stephanie wanted to be on put on the record again that we need to consider scheduling a NORCAL bid tier playoff weekend. It's bid just like A/B playoffs and everything*

*else...you can't schedule games. Pete noted that ought to go into the rules. If you can get your peers to support it. **Action Item:** John said send the rule change suggestion to John and he is keeping a folder on it.*

#### 7. Roster Manager – Mike Donahue

- Mike noted he purchased a fax machine and will be hooked up soon. Stephanie asked about the fact that there is presently no one at the state level in the position of a Roster Manager. So, there's nothing to submit to the state. Are you going to do some sort of binder check? Mike responded that he was going to do some sort of binder check sometime after the first of the year. **Action Item:** *I'm going to send an email out to the registrar's sometime in the next week or so, telling them what I need for records to certify rosters and restating the dates when the rosters need to freeze. I don't have them all at my finger tips but, I think December 31<sup>st</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>, but I'll get the correct dates out.*
- Stephanie asked about a form that has been foreign to her this year. Does anyone look for an IIHF Transfers? Who checks these? Mike noted that he doesn't use those. One of the things we have to do when you certify a roster, check any non-US citizen, you have to establish that they have a right to play in the United States. For certain people, that form is the one. Mike asked for a copy of those mailed to him, a copy should be in the team binder and a copy to the parent to keep.

#### 8. Referee in Chief – Mark Mauro

- IHONC provided officials for approximately 140 games for the Silver Sticks tournament. We've had better experiences in various ones in terms of both scheduling and some incidents that occurred. I would just encourage every club if you're going to have a tournament to establish a schedule, provide it and make fairly reasonable certain that that's the final schedule. We received 6 final schedules in the last 7 days of this tournament...3 of which came within 24 hours, one of which were changes we were never notified including a switch between a Mite and a Bantam game, so you can understand how difficult that was. Whoever is putting on the tournament, needs to communicate. We have numerous tournaments coming up, Winter Classic the end of January. MLK weekend is a big tournament. February we usually have two tournaments, the Santa Rosa and possibly Oakland. That's real important to get us schedules.
- IHONC will provide officials for all 8 slots for Select Camp Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A question came up since the last meeting about NORCAL's requirement for having a coach on the bench at all times during the game. We looked it up in the rules. The question arose because there's only one coach on the bench and for whatever reason that coach isn't able to continue during that game, what are the officials supposed to do? Are they supposed to allow the game to continue...there was some thought and discussion whether or not someone else could step in as long as they had a coaching card, so what are the officials supposed to do? Should the officials suspend the game? After much discussion and John

Hamer referencing USA Hockey Rule 2.01 and NORCAL Rule 5.13 a **Motion** presented by Scott Scherer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Clark if a team cannot provide a properly registered and certified coach in a reasonable amount of time the referee will stop the game and the game will be declared a forfeit. **Amendment to the Motion** presented by Ann Wade, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Hathaway that in the case where the offending team is losing, that the score shall be recorded as is at the moment of stop play. With a vote of 5 for (Cupertino, High Sierra, Oakland, Sacramento and Santa Rosa) and 5 against (Fresno, Santa Clara, San Jose, Tri-Valley and San Francisco) and 1 abstention (Stockton), the motion fails. With a vote on the original motion of 11 in favor, the motion carries unanimously.

- Coaching card requirement is December 31, 2005. Mark is planning on sending an email to all the officials that after December 31<sup>st</sup>, no coach can be on the bench if they have not provided the proper information on the scoresheet.
  - Stephanie questioned a note on the NORCAL website under Scoresheets, that references riot games. **Action Item:** John Hamer will review with Chuck and review and remove if appropriate.
9. Director of Coaches - none
  10. USA Hockey Report – none
  11. CAHA –
    - CAHA Meeting – 11/19/05 meeting notes were sent out by Pete via email.
    - Playoff locations – B Playoffs – Glacial Gardens, A Playoffs – Escondido, Tier I and Tier II both in San Jose. **Action Item:** The dates will be updated on the NORCAL calendar.
    - Pete noted that he notified Ed Tar of our board decision regarding Chicago Showcase.
    - Pete referenced the CAHA long range planning meeting and at Youth Council with respect to how well tier is going within the state of California. Is it really doing what it's supposed to do, which is produce the best possible teams that can play for state, national and district championships. So there are some questions if tier is set up the right way. Each of the leagues is going to be asked to come back with feedback on what their leagues see is working in their area, what's right, what's not right. I sent out a note yesterday to all the club president's that have tier teams, asking them for feedback of what they think is working. Is Tier I good or not good, is Tier II good or not good. If anyone else is interested in responding to that, I can send you that. All I'm looking for is some informal information from you on what we can send back to CAHA. One of the questions that has come up is should the leagues go back to what NORCAL did up until about 5 or 6 years ago and that's run it as a Rep club, instead of having individual tier teams. There's nothing underway, it's just information we're gathering. **Action Item:** Feedback is due to Pete by December 31<sup>st</sup> and this information will be presented at the Youth Council meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> in LA.

- We're also doing some investigation on the Player Play-Up forms. I was told at the CAHA meeting that for tier players requesting to play up a level it actually is supposed to have a league sign off. Our form was changed a few years ago to just have player, parents, league president, team, coach below/above and we actually took off the league signature. I was told that SCAHA has two different forms, one for tier and non-tier, so I'm doing some investigation. CAHA informs me that they need to have the league signature on tier forms as that indemnifies them, when they sign it.
  - Screening & Abuse – Carla reported that mandatory screening will be implemented this year. CAHA has directed to be in compliance with USA Hockey requirements, that all coaches, managers, club administrators and other adults that come into contact with children will need to be screened. CAHA will be picking up the expense for that for this year which is roughly \$6.50 per person. Choice Point will be the administrator as a program is already established through them. \$6.50 will provide a search for California court judgements and federal court judgements. If you have a new coach coming in from out of state, Choice Point charges an additional fee. CAHA will only be looking for California judgements. Ron White will be the handler and on-line entry personnel of all applications. He is the Pacific District USA Hockey Director of Coaches. He has been involved with USA Hockey and CAHA for sometime. He is also the owner of the Glacial Gardens rinks. **Action Item:** *The form is being finalized right now and it will be coming your way most likely mid January.*
  - Next meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup> in Lakewood during Select Camp weekend.
12. IHONC – Todd Llewellyn – no report
13. Sharks Fan Development – Rob Jaynes – not present

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Select Camp –

- Thank you to all the registrars from all the clubs who turned around the A eligible players in a very short period of time, which enabled me to mail out letters to 433 A eligible players. The application was posted on the website prior to the mailing, which has already brought in 34 registrations. Deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>, NO WALK-INS.
- Location will be in Vacaville December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Ice slots are:
  - 92's – 9am and 3pm, 91's – 10:15am and 4:15pm, 90's 11:30am and 5:30pm, 89's 12:45pm and 6:45pm. Each slot is 1 hour.
- Officials have been arranged. John mentioned having a fairly complete slate of evaluators. **Action Item:** *He would like to get 4, a minimum of 2 goalie coaches to participate on ice for the morning sessions. Also, he'd like to have 4 on-ice coaches who can commit to being on the ice who will lead the drills, work the benches in the scrimmages, be with the kids the whole day including helping in the evaluating process. The evaluators lined up have the option of being on the ice. The time commitment will be from about 8:30am-9:45pm.* He'd like to run it a

little different than in the past 2 years where they have been scrimmage sessions. He feels it's important to send kids to CAHA who have sound fundamentals, who have good practice habits, who are coachable and who look like they are working hard in practice rather than just guys who like to play hockey. We want to send complete players. So, we want to have at least the better part of the first session to be drills and fundamentals and hard work. We want to work them until they drop to see who stands up last. The first year I did this, we had goalie coaches and it was real reflective of who the good goalies were.

- Because CAHA has mandated this year it will be absolutely, rigorously and unsympathetically enforced that there's no invitation to CAHA without attending the Vacaville camp. If we're going to do that we've got to make sure that we are selecting kids to advance based on how they perform in the tryouts. CAHA Select Camp is January 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> in Lakewood.
- A kid playing back east can petition directly to Ed Tar. It's a little bit different this year then it is last year, in that anyone in the Pacific District can tryout out, so kids from Nevada who in the past who were not allowed, kids playing in California, living in Nevada can tryout in the NORCAL camp. Kids playing out of district need to make other arrangements. This camp is the main gate.
- Remember SCAHA and NORCAL have their own Select Camps, we select a certain number of players to go to the CAHA camp where people get selected to go to Pacific district along with kids selected from Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii and Alaska. Those kids then can get selected to go to National camp.
- Last year we had a disappointing situation where we had a number of the kids we selected, turned down invitation. Most of the time it was because their teams had other commitments for the weekend of the Select Camp. Some were discouraged by their coaches to attend the CAHA camp. It was really a disappointment because players that we selected that we thought were the best of the group, thumb their noses at NORCAL and not go. As a point of honor, any player selected out of this camp should be ready to go to CAHA. The CAHA process gets a bad rap that NORCAL kids can't make it...NORCAL kids HAVE made it. On the coaching side of things, we ended up with NO NORCAL coaches at CAHA...so that's our fault.
- Pete interjected about this camp. Kids don't always have the opportunity to play A hockey. If a kid has the opportunity to go this year, I would suggest that they go. There's no reason for them not to go, we even hold up our schedule for that weekend, so kids can go. I will add that Chuck is even amenable to working out schedule issues if there's a conflict on the CAHA weekend. It's a problem if the clubs aren't pushing this and it's a problem if the coaches aren't encouraging it.
- John concluded with the notation that we have several clubs who this year have A teams, who haven't had A teams in the past...those kids need to be going to this camp.

- **Action Item:** *We need evaluators that are willing to go down to the CAHA camp weekend January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Ed Tar is willing to take NORCAL coaches. Anyone who has any inclination who is interested in attending the CAHA camp, they **MUST** attend the NORCAL camp as a coach or evaluator. So get in touch with John if you're interested.*
  - Mike Stoley asked about a delinquent player who may be attending the Select Camp, how does NORCAL want to handle that. John noted that there were several issues here, there's a few names who've popped up over the course of the season. Some have appeared before penalty review, etc. The kid has to be on a NORCAL A level roster, if somebody is dropped off, they won't be eligible. We're not going to run their finances at the camp. Probations aren't an issue. Suspensions would be. We would have to ask CAHA. Any player serving a MATCH penalty would not be eligible as this is a USA Hockey event.
2. Playoff, Mite Jamboree Bids –
- We have NORCAL playoffs scheduled for 3/17-19 and 3/24-26. Two weekends were scheduled as 3/17-19 were if both were scheduled in the same place. The 3/24-26 would be used if two venues were selected. Two clubs (San Jose and Vacaville) bid on the A and B playoffs. John presented playoff bids and after discussion a **Motion** to accept the *Logitech Ice at San Jose combined playoff bid for the weekends of March 17-19 made by Chris Hathaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Richardson. With a unanimous vote, the motion carries.*
  - We received two bids (San Jose and Fresno) for the Mite Jamboree for the weekend of March 4-5. After discussion a **Motion** to accept the *Fresno bid for the weekend of March 4-5 made by Ray Monks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna Lane. With a vote of 9 in favor and 2 abstentions (Santa Clara and Santa Rosa), the motion carries.*
3. Scholarship Update – Scott Scherer
- The scholarship committee met and voted to award 12 scholarships in the total amount of \$3,850. 7 different clubs applied. The recipients have all been notified by letter and the club presidents were notified by email.
- Action Item:** *Scott will resend his breakdown email to club presidents as well as follow up with Rob Jaynes regarding a recognition night at a future Sharks event.*
- Scott also mentioned that chairing this committee was a commitment of approximately 30 hours. Approximately \$1,500 remains in the account for emergency considerations. There was discussion then about some possibilities to replenish this fund for future distribution.
4. Ace Coordinators –
- Pete has received names from every club. Is just waiting for contact information from a couple of the clubs. I would look to a future NORCAL DOC to find out what USA Hockey really offers in that ACE program. They offer training materials, videos, etc. Getting it funneled down through CAHA to NORCAL, would be a valuable tool to provide information to our coaches.
5. Jordan Kocian Award –
- Pete informed the board that we had one candidate submitted and in some respects this is one of the difficulties of doing this to select a candidate so

early in the season. We do have an excellent candidate and I've submitted his name to the Kocian's for review. Pete will get the information out to you all when it's confirmed. The presentation will be made at the annual New Year's tournament in Berkeley. **Action Item:** *It has been suggested that we invite all past recipients to come to this event as well, so Pete will work on getting those letters out.*

6. Grass Roots Meeting –

- If you note it says meeting, not discussion. If we're going to keep going forward with this, a separate meeting needs to be held devoted entirely to this subject. We need to set aside a half day or a long evening. We started discussions on this subject one year ago. There needs to be some formality to it. Right now, we have a lot of problems, but I don't think we have a real good set of solutions. Ray Monks agreed to chair up this group. **Action Item:** *After discussion it was decided to locate a central location where the majority of the group could meet and phone conference call in the rest who would like to participate. Ann offered to assist Ray with coordinating a meeting location for the people in the bay area. The date Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> was penciled in with the location possibly in San Francisco. Ray will email everyone with the specifics.*
- Critical information will come out of this meeting which will be vital to the discussions of length of season and tryout dates which will be discussed at the January NORCAL meeting.
- Anna noted that another part of this discussion was the Mite travel restrictions, which never got in the rules and she thought we voted on this. Pete noted that the problem was that we voted it in as a rule change minus the distance. That was determined a month later when people were already holding tryouts. Anna asked will it be enforced for next season? Stephanie noted it needs to be adopted in the rules and the word needs to get out on the NORCAL website before tryouts.
- Anna noted that this originally was discussed a year ago to create a tri-fold brochure to be produced by NORCAL to distribute out to promote grass roots and youth ice hockey in our communities and get the information out. Pete noted the survey was part of that too. This committee will come back with recommendations to the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Walter Kellerman Donation -

Pete reminded the board of who Walter Kellerman was and touched on his contributions to NORCAL over the past several years. **Motion** by Anna Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Stoley to make a contribution in the amount of \$150.00 to the American Cancer Society in Walter Kellerman's name. Carried unanimously.

2. Length of Season and Tryout Date Reminder -

- In the January meeting, according to our Bylaws, we set when we're going to hold tryouts for the 2006-07 season. At a minimum, when would you want to do tryouts for next year. If you keep the season the same length...do you do them a month later and September is the tryout month. Now is the time to be thinking about that recommendation, because we need to answer that at the January meeting. Also things to consider from

- Chuck. His issue about should we provide more time between the exhibition season and the start of the regular season, like an additional week, so people do have a chance to decide where they want to go.
- Length of season, we changed it to 20 games this year. Now's the time to start talking about with your club, you need to be thinking about what recommendations you want for next year. My point is do you want to go to 10 games, do you want to go to 30, do you want to go to 50, do you want to leave it at 20. I'm not talking about a 1 game adjustment, I'm talking about as a league, we made a significant decision to drop like a month and a half out of the schedule. Since we made it late enough, we did not move tryouts, so we really didn't shorten the length that people participated, but we did shorten the length of time that people played in games. This was a value in some areas because it got kids to come out for hockey who were playing football, who wouldn't normally have come out.
  - The only thing we're required to do at the January meeting for this is to set the date of the tryouts. A discussion item for January would be the length of the season. Now's the time to think about it, that's why I'm reminding you.
  - Mike Stoley noted that the CAHA rules don't allow them to be held before the first weekend in August. Pete noted that was correct, we can hold them later, we just can't hold them earlier.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made Joe Lundy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Monks at 1:10pm.

Next meeting – Sat. January 21, location Oakland

#### ADDENDUMS

#11. Screening & Abuse – Authorization/Consent form has been finalized and approved by CAHA for posting. Ron White has informed me that he will scan each document received to archive it, no paper files will be kept. His server is firewalled, encrypted, and for the most part more difficult to break into than stealing the US mail.

Respectfully Submitted by Carla Dickerson, NORCAL Secretary  
Draft 12/14/05