

## **March 1, 2008 Norcal Meeting Minutes**

Scott Scherer brought the meeting to order at 10:17AM

### **Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2008 meeting.**

Minutes for January were approved. Jennifer motioned to approve the minutes and Ray Monks second the motion. Motion approved.

### **President Report:**

Scott reported that extraordinary sportsmanship was shown at Santa Clara vs. Cougar game. A Cougar player was down on the ice and a Santa Clara player drop his gloves and stick and took it upon himself to help the Cougar player. This type of sportsmanship is commendable.

If you witness story of good sportsmanship, please get them to us. We would like to promote more good deeds within the hockey community. We would like to consider posting the stories on the Norcal website and discuss possible giving an award at the end of the year. We would like to see more positive feed back going into next season.

North Colorado – Is having a Spring Tournament. Scott handed out the information.

Coaching Cards – We are having problems with coach's cards and we need the presidents of the clubs to help clear up the issues. There have been three cases where the Registrar never got back to Mike Donahue with the information he requested. There were eight coaches that did not show up as screened. We need to have these coaches cleared by no later than March 8, 2008. Games will be forfeited if not cleared up if they plan on playing in the playoffs the next weekend.

The CEP card must have the current sticker on the card. The coaches can renew online. It's best to remove the coach from the roster if their screen is not cleared up.

All teams need to have their certified rosters for the playoffs. If you are not going to be able to clear up the discrepancies before Friday, it is best to remove the coach from the roster.

You must deal with the issues even if the team is not going to the playoff. If the clubs have not responded to these issues the Clubs/Coaches may be fined.

### **General Managers Report:**

Mites Jamboree is this weekend. The pond hockey will be at 6PM tonight.

**Playoffs:**

- Coaches' eligibility must be cleared up before the playoffs.
- We need the support of the Norcal Community to run the playoff effectively.
- All clubs will be responsible for providing one of your board members or a knowledgeable person to help work the NORCAL table.
- Each club will work one shift at the table.
- The slots will be four hours each and one person each shift
- Slots will begin at 6PM on Friday night and end at 4PM on Sunday.

The sign-up sheets will be sent out with the playoff schedule.

Game Directors – Each club will need to provide a Game Director for as many teams as they have in the playoffs. The Game Directors will have the authority of NORCAL and must have knowledge and be a neutral observer. They may not monitor their own clubs games.

Duties to include:

- Defuse parent problems
- Contact on ice officials if you need to have a person removed
- Responsibilities will include:
  1. Defusing parent problems
  2. Notifying the on ice officials if you need to remove a person from the stands
  3. Delivering score sheet to the box and return it to the desk after inspecting the sheet and verifying that all information has been notated and referees have signed.
  4. Introducing game monitors for both teams
  5. Informing both teams and referees if the games will start early

John Hamer will be sending out the time slots for the Norcal table. The slots will be four hours.

**Mandatory Coaching meeting:**

There will be two coaches meeting. They will be held at 3PM and 9PM; Coaches must attend the meeting before their first game. They will be given special playoff rules and coaches will need to sign that they have received the rules.

**Fighting Rule:**

The fighting rules have come in to place due to the players that are aging out and won't be advancing to the Norcal playoffs or the State playoffs. Norcal has implemented more severe penalty on the end of the season fighting. They have strengthened and increased the penalty that will be assessed. Not only will they receive the game misconduct they may be sanctioned on the coaches also. (See rule 6.031)

We are sending out the message that we are serious about enforcing the rules and its effect on the other players. Let the IHONC officials know if there may be potential problems that you are aware of ahead of time.

**Vice President Report:**

There has been a lot of penalty reviews this season. We are seeing quite a few match penalties. Players making bad choices and do not seem to show any remorse for their actions. There has been several repeated behavior this year.

Ray wanted to know if the club should be penalizing the players. We are trying to get clubs more involved before it comes to the board. It would help if the clubs try to defuse the behavior before it gets out of hand.

Playoffs could possibly be serious problems. We need to get information from team manager to advise us on parents that have had bad behavior through out the season.

There was additional discussion on tier fighting. It was reiterated that if you go near the fight you will get a match penalty. Lance noted that the last fight was dropped to one game misconduct. But, the point is that these kids will mess up in a game(s) in the playoffs. There is not enough discipline from the coaches. Coaches should be able to hold their players to the bench.

We may have an announcement made in the locker rooms.

**Treasurer Report:**

Referee's bills are going out tomorrow.

Playoff fees will probably be around \$1100.00 and the fees are due before the team's first game. Clubs must be in good financial standing. If you allow a player to participate in

the playoffs that still owes the club money, you can not add that player to the delinquent list.

**Secretary Report:** No report

**Webmaster Report:** Chuck Collins may not be able to make the playoffs. We should no for sure in a few days.

**Roster Manager Report:** Mike reported that they are not going to have the team managers send in photo copies of the binders. He is emailing the registrars that they should have a looks at their teams binders before hand them in. They have the detailed list of what needs to be included in the binder for the playoffs. They must include their certified roster that was signed off by Jill Miller. No coaches will be on the bench if they are not on the final certified roster.

**Referee in Chief Report:** Mark reported that they are preparing for the playoffs. They are scheduling the best officials that we have.

**IHONC Report:** Both Todd and Mark will be at the playoff games to observe the referring. In the last 60 days they have received 2 or 3 comments in regards to official conduct: uses of foul language with coaches and players. They are sending out a reminder message to all refs that foul language is unacceptable behavior.

Todd is reminding all outlining area clubs to please encourage your aging out players to consider becoming officials. Fresno has lost a senior official. The last one got transferred to Las Vegas. Tahoe has gotten better with their officials. Santa Rosa got one extra official and Vacaville is doing well.

IHONC may possibly be holding a clinic in the summer. The problem is they can't do it without the material and they normally don't get the material until August. It was suggested that they try to get the information out earlier. Todd has asked many times to hold the clinics in July and has been told absolutely NO.

It was also suggested that they get some generic information out earlier and have it posted on the website. Need to visualize it in the rink and pushing the adult league players to get involved as officials.

Mark will be scheduling the IHONC officials for states in Escondido. The fees for the officials are set by IHONC. Next meeting the contract comes up for renegotiation. LA is actually higher then Bay Area. Ever two years is when they look for rate increase. IHONC current contract is through 2009.

USAHockey – District Representative – Frank Lang campaign speech:

- Been part of USA Hockey for 25 years
- Needs votes – Charlie will get a lot of votes in Southern California

- Past CAHA president
- USA Hockey listens to what he has to say
- USA Hockey listens to him on the Adult Counsel and Legal Counsel

Questions and discussion followed.

Todd and Scott both asked Frank to support us (Norcal) by getting mark and Steve on the same page. Scott noted that we are still confused as to why officials can be chosen for these high level events, with no input from Todd or mark giving feedback on the best officials from this area.

### **CAHA:**

Board Nominations:

John Hamer – will run for re-election

Therese Phillips – will run for re-election

Joe Locolli – will run for re-election

Todd Llewellyn – is interested in Running

CAHA ballots will go to who is listed as the club contact in the CAHA guideline.

It was mentioned that the Norcal President should run for the CAHA board. It was also mentioned that they are automatically on the Youth Council.

### **New Business:**

Mike Donahue announced that he will not be returning as Roster Manager and the position will be open for the elections at the May meeting.

### **Jordian Kocian Award:**

They were four application submitted and have been sent to the Kocian for their recommendation. There will be an on ice presentation during the Midget 18A game.

**Next Meeting:** May 17, 2008, location to be determined.

**Meeting adjourned: 12:18PM**