

December 6, 2008 Norcal Meeting Minutes

Lance Burrows brought the meeting to order at 10:05AM

Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2008 meeting.

Minutes for October were approved. Greg Swyt made a motion to approve the minutes and Jennifer Clark second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

President Report:

Lance brought up the subject of monitoring practices and games where he has seen many things happen that aren't appropriate. He has seen teams practicing without coaches instead he sees parents that are out with the players.

He would like to remind everyone that to be on the ice with the players USA Hockey requires that they are:

- A) USA Hockey Registered
- B) CAHA Screened
- C) Wearing Helmets
- D) Has a coaching card at the right level for the team.

If CAHA/NORCAL official sees a person on the ice that they do not think they are registered or screened or doesn't have a coaching card, they should be able to ask to see the team book to see their credentials.

Even if the assistant coaches that may only help out occasionally still needs to have all credentials in the team book, whether or not they are on the official roster.

Our Roster Manager was reviewing the team books for the Silver Stick and she was not impressed with what she saw. All team managers should be instructed to read the NORCAL/CAHA rules to see how the book is to be organized. NORCAL wants to see every clubs teams to follow the rules.

Club Websites: Lance was concerned that some clubs team website out password protected, locking out others from viewing them. Discussion followed.

The club in question offered to make accommodation for the NORCAL board member.

General Manager Report:

Stats for Pre-Select:

- A) Each team can have a maximum of forty skates and 6 goalies
- B) We have 169 out of 184 registered.

- C) Registration went out to all players A and above got the invitation by mail. They also had the option to download the registration from the NORCAL website and they could also request it from the Presidents of the clubs
- D) Personal invite were first but a large increase came from the club president, most from tier player @SJ coaches so personally gave the invites out to their players.
- E) Each player will receive a water bottle and jersey.
- F) This is the first step toward the National Team and should be an elite event.

A lot of the A players don't want to come due to the evaluation process. John wants to make sure that the A players know that they have a chance. We are working on improving the experience for everyone.

We have sent more evaluators to the CAHA Select since they feel that even though they have made it to CAHA, they don't have a chance. We are training our evaluators to send more experience coaches.

Game Stats: John is keeping records of Goals and Assists:

Accepted games:

- A) Only completed game sheets get recorded.
- B) Has to be turned in before the next Saturday
- C) If you're a visiting team and the home team messed up, they have messed up the visiting team also
- D) If you have a question as to why their game was recorded and you can contact John and he will let you know why.

John handed out a description of an incident report and instruction on how the situation should have been handled, that happen a few weeks go where a coach pulled their team of the ice. He wanted to point out that the coaches were quite surprised when they received a match penalty for this action. The PRC was to discover that none of the three coaches were aware that it was an Automatic Match Penalty.

Please remind all your coaches: A match penalty is the most serious penalty in the book. It requires immediate separation from ALL hockey activities until a hearing and allows additional punishment. It is reserved for action that have no place in hockey – they are definitely NOT part of the game: spitting at an opponent, physical assault or threat on an official, deliberately attempting to injure an opponent, kicking, and refusing to play.

Vice President Report:

No Report

Treasure Report:

No Report

Secretary Report:

No Report

Webmaster Report:

If there are any teams traveling to another level of Silver Sticks, and have scheduling conflicts with their NORCAL games, he has not been informed. He needs to be in on the process from the beginning

Roster Manager Report:

October 30, 2008 – Final roster must be submitted with minimum required players.

Referee in Chief Report:

No Report

IHONC Report:

Clinics are done for the season. Ten sessions were completed. This was the first year that they were in charge.

Ten more request to officiate where we would normally get two since the mileage change. In January or February we will probably drop the mileage and IHONC will drop the rate accordingly to the federal change. They will submit a new contract at that time.

Jerry mentioned that he gave the travel kids a discount to register to take the seminars.

Part-time people are okay.

Dropped Referee's – they need to let IHONC know they got their new cards/credentials.

Several clubs asked if they could get list of players that are referring in their area. Todd said he couldn't do it by rink.

If you are going to evaluate the ref's, please make it constructive evaluation. If there is a trend with an official they will have him evaluated. IHONC website lists captains as eligible to evaluate, but it is meant for coaches at youth level.

Club Presidents – pick up the phone and call Mark if there is an issue with officiating and if it elevates call Todd.

AA-CAHA - 3 Man Systems

NORCAL - 2 Man Systems

They try to do three men where they can – they try to make the striped guy the most experience with one line man with good experience and one that is learning the system.

CAHA:

Steve Laing - CAHA President was present at the meeting. He is wanted NORCAL to know that he is going to change the face of CAHA. Steve will lead CAHA in growth and will make the Pacific District know that Northern California is here.

Steve has been on the CAHA board for 10 years and has been involved in hockey for 15 years.

Thirty five people were present at the CAHA meeting in San Jose and he encourages the NORCAL clubs to come to the meetings. You as NORCAL are very well represented at the CAHA meeting. He does not like a board that just nods their heads; he likes a good discussion on all the issues. There is no doubt in his mind that he will work for us.

Increase hockey in the First Step program and will put \$13,000.00 in to this program for the second year.

His biggest concern is to grow hockey statewide. Building NORCAL hockey is his priority. Lots of smaller kids are coming in to replace the aging out players.

Girls' hockey is another one of his top priority.

He hope you are all looking at your hockey programs and seeing how you are going grow your program. If you have any questions call him.

Rules: Sensitive subject on Rules – USA Hockey has a book two inch thick that we follow. The registrar's are watched very closely at the Pacific District and the Pacific District is watched closely with USA Hockey. The system is in place to help get it done correctly and help is only an email away.

There is a perception that CAHA is only interested in Tier hockey. That's not true. They are very interested in A/B Travel and Steve is very interested in the Mite Programs. USA Hockey is changing their attitude and realizing that the A/B is their bread and butter.

A new structure for Tier One has been tabled again. Tier Two will start having Tier Two National Playoffs. Most games will be on the East Coast to start. By 2011/2012 it will be on the West Coast. Forty six are entered for the 2009/2010 season.

The Board of Director is getting involved in girls hockey. Washington State and Alaska wasn't happy.

If you have CAHA or Pacific District questions get a hold of Lance Burrow.

USA Hockey Conference – He is going to encourage more people to go. NORCAL should send someone. He is going to send two CAHA board members, probably from the Youth Hockey.

Helmets- MUST BE WORN or get them off the ice if they aren't wearing a helmet. Our insurance is going to be increased and we may have to put in a fine for ignoring the rule.

Screening in California has been the model for the USA Hockey Screening.

There has been discussion from the Pacific District about playing rule changes. Who do we funnel the question to: The Committee Members that represent you is Pacific District member from Washington: Lynn Bealer. Send concerns or changes to Steve before the end of December. He will email Lynn Bealer to send the proposed changes. One rule they are looking at again is the touch up rule. Make your suggestion on how you feel about it.

USA Hockey tends to follow the NHL two to four years later. Hockey conference in June and it's usually done in the youth council. Sandy Blumberg is the new Tournament director. CAHA board members would be at each of the tournaments.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Next Meeting will be held on January 24, 2009, San Francisco Sabercat's will host at Jennifer Clark's office in Burlingame.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14PM