

February 26, 2011 Norcal Meeting Minutes

Lance Burrows brought the meeting to order at 10:07AM

Chris Hathaway made a motion to approve the October 2010, November 2010 and January 2011 minutes. Robert Grande second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

President Report:

Lance introduced our new board members Larry Cahn GM for Vacaville and Doug Richesin, President of Stockton.

Next year is the 75th anniversary of USA Hockey.

Couple of rule changes will be voted on in June:

- 1) No checking until Bantam. Probably will pass and be effective 2011-2012 season.
- 2) No more tier Peewee
- 3) Removal of the word fisticuffs.

Ihonc and coaches should meet and discuss the new rules.

If a coach is removed from a game, you can put a responsible adult that has been screened on the bench for the rest of the game.

CAHA has changed their website. Go to www.caha.com to view.

ADM – primary focus on Southern California, Northern California is following the ADM and Southern California has not. ADM is not going away.

Vacaville did a great job at the Bantam play down and handled issues well.

Lance handed out the check register and announced that Jennifer Clark has not sent him anything. Went to bank and got copies of statement and asked for copies of particular checks. Passed out suspect checks.

Instead of appointing someone as treasurer, we will elect a treasurer at the May meeting to hold a position for one year. Please ask any in your club if are interested. Darisa brought up the bylaws that requires some to have 2 years of serving on a board and that

most individuals with any qualification does not have the requirement to be voted on the Executive Board. Chris Hathaway stayed that we should change the bylaws as those requirements were put into place many years ago, to make it harder to replace that current board.

General Manager Report:

General Manager's Report:

I'm in Panorama City overseeing the CAHA Peewee AA Play down weekend. TriValley and Cougars are the NORCAL teams participating. The top 8 teams in the division are divided into two flights. After a round-robin, the top team in each seed is in the CAHA playoffs as are the winners of a crossover game between the second and third place teams in each flight.

John Beaulieu will give details about the CAHA Select Camp and the good number of NORCAL players going to the Pacific District camp or on the bubble as alternates.

I will have a fuller assessment at the next meeting of our first tier season. This weekend, there are NORCAL teams playing at every level of the play down: 3 14AA teams (SC, TV, SJ); 2 12AA teams (CU, TV); and one team each from 16AA and 18AA (SC, TV respectively).

Next week is the Mite Jamboree in Santa Rosa. There has been some discussion about participation in this event. It is intended to be a season ending celebration and reward for the players who took part in the NORCAL events during the season. Even though it is not a playoff or championship event, NORCAL has always restricted the event to teams and players who were regular participants in NORCAL events through use of Rule 8.4. Betty McHugh has a good handle on past practice and current status.

Standings in the Travel Leagues are closer than they have been in years. Playoff races in A and B are still contested in all but 10A, 12B, 14B, and 18A. Especially frantic times are ahead for 10B (both East and West); 14A where nothing is settled; and 16A where three teams are contending for one remaining place.

Vice President Report:

Thanks to John Hamer for facilitating a conference call hearing recently at the request of CAHA, for a coaching suspension.

Also, thanks to John for making a personal appearance recently at one of our rinks to pay a visit to a player and his family. Sometimes these moments are teachable ones and it may save us from having to see someone before penalty review.

We will be holding a Match Penalty Player hearing in Santa Rosa during the Mite Jamboree.

Reminder to club presidents to continue to educate your membership that they need to bring issues, concerns, complaints, etc. through the proper channels which is to YOU, before they come to the board.

As of this writing, we have no submissions for the Jordan Kocian Award this year, so therefore there will not be an honoree. I think I speak for everyone on the board, that we'd rather have you bring an individual who is deserving of this most prestigious award, instead of nominating someone just for the sake of doing so. You've had 2 months to get this to your MG18 coaches for consideration and time has run out for me to adequately submit a nominee to the Kocian family and prepare the awards to present. There's always next year

I'm thrilled to be traveling to Santa Rosa next weekend to assist at the Mite Jamboree. Watching these little guys truly makes me remember why I've spent so many years doing what I do in a volunteer capacity. I will not be in Vacaville for B Playoffs as I'll be in San Jose helping with the ACHA D2 National Tournament. I'll be up in Oakland for A Playoffs March 25-27, so I'll see some of you then.

As I've reminded you all on numerous occasions, this is my last season as a NORCAL volunteer.

If I don't get the chance to see you personally as our season winds down to a close, please understand that I will miss you all very much. I appreciate everything you do for the organizations to which you serve and I'm hopeful that our paths will cross again, sometime in the near future.

Treasure Report:

No Report

Secretary Report:

Stockton Thunder Three Stars are star home games will be starting soon. Please get the information to either John Thompson, Larry Low or myself.

Webmaster Report:

No Report

Roster Manager:

Need Binder & credentials for playoffs.

Referee in Chief Report:

Please send your Ihonc payments to Norcal.

Norcal B playoffs: Vacaville – 18 games – 3 Championship games

Hotels required for all out of area referees.

21 Round robins - 2 man system
3 Championship games - 3 man system

Norcal A playoffs: Oakland – 24 games 8 Championship games

Squirt / Peewee 2 man system for Round Robin 3 man system for Championship
Bantam and up 3 man system for all games

Ihonc supervisor for Referee's.....

Todd will be coordinating the Vacaville playoffs as I (Mark) won't be there.

It was suggested that we have for the Norcal playoffs an officiating evaluation forms for coaches to complete at each game.

IHONC Report:

No Report

CAHA/USA Hockey:

Vada Burrow reported that we still had Norcal Coaches that were not screened on rosters. If you have any that do not have their coaching credentials, these coaches need to be removed from the roster.

Director of Coaches:

CAHA select camp 21 players going to Pacific District. We should try to switch up the coaches. John Beaulieu would like to get more Norcal coaches involved in the CAHA Select Camp. Want coaches that will speak up if there are problems.

New Business:

Playoff Travel expense for Chuck:

Mark Keil made a motion to have Norcal pay for Chuck Collins expense for the A playoffs. Chris Hathaway second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Mites:

Mites – It was suggested that a rule change to prevent Mites from moving up be implemented. Also, limit Mites only 15 games maximum.

Sharks:

Sharks are changing team structure: San Jose is not offering AA only AAA by birth year. AAA trying out will be July 8, 2011 and A/ B tryout the weekend of July 29, 2011. If a team A team is relegated up, they will play in Norcal league.

April Meeting: Nominating committee needs to be formed: Offices up for election are Vice President and Secretary. We will also a one year term for Treasure. Elections are held in May.

Old Business:

ADM clinic: Joe Doyle was very good and answered all their questions. It would have been nice to see more teams present.

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2011

Tony Zasowski made a motion to adjourn. Tom Hancock second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.