



Northern California Junior Hockey Association Board Meeting

August 27, 2011 – Vacaville Ice Sports

Introductions:

Phil Sorenson – new Tahoe President

Motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2011 – Robert Grande. Second – Mark Keil. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

President Report: Lance Burrow

- Rule for Playing up through bantam checking barrier. Per Steve's Laing's policy, Lance has been clear about rule. Exceptions have been:
 - I. Pee wee goalie playing bantam with parental waiver and release because goalie had nowhere to play
 - II. LA hockey club pw AAA played in bantam tournaments (Quebec) wanted to play in bantam. Have been permitted to play in non-checking bantam tournaments.
- Reminder to coaches to be sure they're screened. There are lots of expirations this year. Fines will be levied for failure to comply.
- Reminder that locker room attendants, drivers or anyone with regular contact with players must be screened.
- Norcal minutes will now be posted online for public review after approved by the board.
- Concussions: Jon Gustafson presented: movement to educate players, parents and all involved regarding the risks and preventions of concussion. Pittsburg Penguins have been leaders in implementing program to help. Penguins has committed to baseline testing of all local players. Chicago has now committed to testing 25,000 children in Chicago. Tri-Valley (William Stone) & San Jose Jon Gustafson) are taking an active role in providing educational materials. Documented that kids with head trauma 12-16 has significant damage. At this age group this does 10x more damage than head trauma in older children.
 - Lance - AB 25 will be mandated that all state and local jurisdictions require helmets and follow concussion policy.
 - Steve Laing - CAHA will take position and develop policy. Two years ago provided information.
 - William Stone – previously worked with Wells Fargo on “return to play policy”.

General Manager Report - John Hamer:

- Bid for playoff for mite jamboree will go out.
- Placement committee has met and will meet again this week to look at pre-season games. Everyone will be called "B" during this placement process. Presidents, please make sure parents understand this is not an insult, but simply to support administrative process.
- Score sheets – must be sent by USPS – team managers need to send original with signatures to John Hamer for Norcal games. Responsibility is that of home team (Wednesday after game was played). For non-NORCAL games, all score sheets (home or visitor) must send a legible copy to John Hamer.
- Travel documents – not permissions, but for informational purposes. Let Norcal help you make sure you're playing USA Hockey registered teams. If playing non-Norcal use form on Norcal website, please provide copies to John Hamer. If playing outside the US, then travel permission is required and form needs to be submitted to John Hamer.
- Rules - Points of Contention during this pre-season: how do we look at rules and process to address these recurring issues? The opportunity is to address these suggestions regarding rules etc. for consideration at next rules review process.
- John Hamer prefers to be escalation point from club presidents vs. parents etc. Request to presidents to assist in filtering questions prior to escalation. William Stone suggested parent escalations be re-routed back to club presidents which John will do.
- Lance Burrow will no longer answer hypothetical questions because context isn't always clear. Will direct inquiries back to club Presidents.

Vice President Report: Tom Hancock

Scholarship package was communicated by e-mail to all club presidents. Has also been posted to Norcal website. Shannon requested that policy statement will be made on website to confirm that all personal and financial data will be destroyed after process is complete

- A) Scholarship committee – will follow current criteria
 - a. Mark Keil
 - b. Darisa Watson
 - c. Tom Hancock
- B) Review application – Chuck Hammond requested academic consideration be removed from selection process because it may deter submissions. Darisa confirmed that this has been part of selection for many years. Steve Laing says this has been typical. Tom Hancock would like this to be reviewed by committee for future criteria.

Treasurer Report: Acting – Lance Burrow

Billing for Team Fees: Lance will provide invoice to each club – Oct. 1st (each team = \$675.00).

Secretary Report: Shannon Nadasdy

Norcal Score-sheets available at the end of the meeting. Please direct requests for any additional score-sheets to Shannon.

Scheduler Report – Chuck Collins:

- Website – designed 12-14 years ago. If anyone wants to offer to update site, Chuck is open to assistance.
- Working on list of Norcal players and their history to be published on website when completed. (Players who made it to the NHL). Wants to list history of rinks, legacy of players etc. Please provide information to Chuck for all Norcal historical information.
- Schedule – Chuck will publish to club schedulers the “schedule to the schedule”. Schedule is produced in 1-3 week increments with 10 days notice (minimum). Exception is first week of regular season due to bubble weekend.
- Communication – in general Club presidents speak to league. Club schedulers to speak to Chuck. Will not respond to parents typically. Requests for change or ice allocation must come from club scheduler. Responsible to be sure changes are communicated down to the team. Chuck appreciates formal communication channels.
- Local games requiring referee need to go to Chuck (clubs should not go directly to IHONC). Exception is tournaments. Officials for In-House should be scheduled directly with IHONC. Chuck will assist if requested. At William’s Stones’ request - Chuck will assist with High school official requests if asked.
- Chuck & John would like to be in the loop for all games played. This way game #'s will be assigned. Laura discussed that game # on score-sheet for Tier teams match the CAHA #. (Tier II is the same and Tier 1 will be two different #'s)
- Chuck needs contact lists for coaches, managers. Wants cell phone & e-mail contact information.

Referee In Chief Report: no report

Registrar Report: Betty McHugh

- a) Clubs are doing a good job submitting preliminary rosters. Coaches cannot be placed on roster until they appear on CAHA compliance list.

IHONC Report: no report

CAHA & USA Hockey report – Steve Laing – CAHA President

- Play-up policy to checking division. Will review and consider each request submitted for exception, intent, player- situation (i.e.: goalie exception). Exceptions are not a blanket approval. Reason and intent will be considered. Open minded about rules.
- Pee Wee tier teams playing in non-checking bantam league, tournaments etc. Perceived problems with situation but still will be considered and reviewed.

- Checking is being taught in the pee wee division in preparation for bantam level. Process for this year will be difficult since it is transition year.
- Appeals are dropping off now. One appeal remaining from Norcal that is still pending review.
- USA Hockey is supporting CAHA's policy on this rule. Safety and opportunity to play are primary considerations.
- Concussions – CIC online – currently 6000 players in CA so it's ambitious to try to put all players through baseline testing.
- Player Stats – Steve distributed them
- Sept. 10, November 12 (San Jose) – next CAHA meetings
- CAHA has a new website. Please visit it. USA Hockey website format is being abandoned. Working on mobile website application.
- Advertising – on jerseys is permitted by both USA hockey and CAHA. Must be approved by Steve Laing for appropriateness. Must not take away from players' names or numbers. May not be permitted to Nationals.
- USA Hockey - adult players have increased by 10%, top 25 (#1 is San Jose, #9 Anaheim, #17 Lakewood, & #5 LA Kings)
- High School Hockey – working on a state championship this year.
- Promoting adult hockey at the state level. CAHA board directed that this was subsidized by CAHA.
- Working on the same CAHA state tournament for women
- Disability & sled hockey – CAHA will start developing a program. October 8-10th training program in Las Vegas. Anyone interested in helping as an administrator, please speak to Steve Laing and he will provide flyer.
- Jr. Hockey- Western States Hockey league has gone to AAU – has withdrawn membership from USA Hockey. Strictly a business decision between owners and will not affect CA youth players.
- CAHA is the governing body over Norcal. Open door policy. Should be able to contact a director at any time for any reason. If you have any questions regarding youth rules, please direct them to Youth-Council Chair – Laura Cahn.
- Steve thanked Norcal members for his re-election for a 2nd term. Has been with NHL league as official time-keeper. Did 03 & 07 Stanley Cup finals. Was awarded a Ducks Stanley Cup ring.

Director of Coaches Report: John Beaulieu

- Age specific coaching modules – will be posted in Sept., must be in compliance. Reference coaches to USA Hockey website. Chuck to send John B. list of coaches contact information.
- Level 4 – Las Vegas Sept. 8-11
- Level 1-3 – multiple Social and Norcal listings on USA Hockey.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Team declarations

Clubs	Mit e	10 B	10 A	12 B	12 A	12AA	14 B	14 A	14AA	16 A	16AA	18 A	18A A	Club Tot
CT		x		x	x		x		x	x		x		7
CU	x	x		x	x		x	x	x		x			9
FR	x	x		x			x					x		5
LT		x			x		x							3
NS	x													1
RC	x	x	x	x										4
SC	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	11
SF	x	x		x										3
SJ		x	x	x	x	aaa	x	x	aaa	x	aaa	x		8
SR	x	x		x			x					x		5
ST	x	x		x	x		x			x		x		7
TV	x	x	x	x		x		x			x	x	x	9
VV	x	x		x			x							4
OK	x	x		x			x			x		x		6
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Tot:	11	14	4	12	5	a)	10	4	a)	5	a)	7	2	82

Appeals:

- A. San Jose Block Recruitment appeal: Denied: 10-No Votes, 1- Yes vote, 1-Abstain Vote
- B. VV Bantam Block Recruitment appeal: Approved: 8-Yes Votes, 2-No Votes, 2-Abstain Votes
- C. VV Squirt Block Recruitment appeal: Denied: 10-No Votes, 2-Yes Votes
- D. Stockton Midget 18 PDR appeal: Motion to table for future consideration: William Stone, 2nd: Lance Burrow. All in favor. Motion passed
- E. Oakland Block Recruitment appeal Midget 16: Approved: 12 Yes votes
- F. Santa Clara waiver rule 4.9b -request Bantam AA participation in Bauer Invitational tournament: Approved: 1-No Vote, 8-Yes Votes, 3-Abstain Votes

IHONC contract:

- 1) IHONC committee to review contract:
 - a. Larry Cahn
 - b. Robert Grande
 - c. Doug Richeson

d. Robert Savoie

Norcal Restructuring:

Lance handed out proposal from The Heritage Law Group regarding Norcal corporate restructuring.

Norcal non-profit status is already in a frozen status with the CA Secretary of State; therefore Norcal is requesting to rewrite by-laws, re-file a new corporation but not as non-profit. Requesting approval to proceed to consider

Also wants to engage CPA to set up books for treasurer.

Steve Laing raised concerns regarding requirements to wind up non-profit organization including board member accountability & fines due to the CA Secretary of State.

Motion: Doug Richeson moves to approve engaging Roger D. Wintle (tax lawyer) to review the existing Norcal corporate records and to engage a CPA to look at solutions for board consideration.

Recommendation will come back to the board for direction. 2nd: Robert Grande. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Score-sheets: Laura has package of CAHA score-sheets for all Norcal clubs

Next meeting – Oct. 1st San Jose

Doug Richeson made a motion to adjourn at 1:40pm. John Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.