

# **Northern California Junior Hockey Association Board Meeting**

**Oct. 1, 2011 – San Jose**

## **Introductions:**

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

Doug Richesin moved to approve minutes, Robert Grande second – all in favor

## **President Report: Lance Burrow**

- CAHA awarded - A/B State championship bid to San Jose
- CAHA awarded - PW Tier I States bid to South Lake Tahoe
- Steve Laing reminded Norcal clubs that new “touch-up” offside rule is mandatory. Teams cannot opt out of this rule.
- Reminder that locker attendants must be screened, coaches must be screened and wear helmets on the ice.

## **General Manager Report - John Hamer:**

- Final A/B Placement Squirt, PW & Bantam will be made Oct. 2 by midnight.
- Results from this weekend will determine division placement. Tomorrow at 9:00pm call is scheduled by placement committee to discuss results.
  - Squirts – 19 teams
  - PW – 17 teams (7 teams A – Eastern B – 6 or 7 teams, Western B – TBD)
  - Bantam – 15 teams (7/8 A and 7/8 B division)
- Tony Zasowski expressed concern regarding relegation process.

## **Vice President Report: Tom Hancock**

Scholarship applications (47/48 applications) submission closed Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. Committee decisions will be announced when review is completed. Total scholarships available \$7500.00. This is consistent with last years’ submissions.

- A) Scholarship committee – will follow current criteria
  - a. Mark Keil
  - b. Darisa Watson
  - c. Tom Hancock
- Penalty Reviews – none to report
- Reminder by John Hamer regarding fighting offense Norcal Rule 6.15f - 2 fights is 3 game suspension, 3 fights requires
- New rule – helmet off during altercation is a match penalty to either player.

## **Treasurer Report: Acting – Lance Burrow**

Norcal is still looking for a volunteer treasurer.

**Secretary Report: Shannon Nadasdy**

Nothing to report.

**Scheduler Report – Chuck Collins:**

Per e-mail sent: 10/1/2011

Chuck plans to publish week 12 of games by [Tuesday 10/4](#). Week 13 will follow shortly after that, [Thursday 10/6](#) at the latest.

Prior to publishing, remainder of the season schedule will be sent to clubs schedulers for and extended, in-depth review. He's hoping to have it out by [Saturday, 10/8](#) and is hoping to publish the entire schedule by 10/16 pending conflicts.

If Chuck does fall behind this schedule, he will release the following weekend, week 14, with 9 days' notice and then finish the review of the remaining weeks.

All of this assumes that the league finalizes the structure of the divisions by [Monday 10/3](#). If any of the divisions get restructured or realigned after that date, the schedule will be delayed.

**\*\* Number of games in the season \*\***

(Almost) every team will have played 4 pre-season games. The games being played this weekend (10/1-2) are above the allotted 4 pre-season games.

The regular season consists of 16 games scheduled by the league. Depending on division size, not all of those games will be for standings. For example, if there are 6 teams in a division, they will play each of the 5 opponents 3 times (15 games), and one game is left over. That game will still be scheduled by the league and will be listed as an "X" game, and not count for standings.

If a division ends up with 7 or 10 teams, these groups will extend the regular season by 2 games to 18, to accommodate 3 rounds for standings (for a 7-team division) or 2 rounds for standings (for a 10-team division).

**\*\* Why is our first game listed as an exhibition? \*\***

See above. The extra non-standings games at the front of the season, but not always. These are called "Y" games by me, but appear as game type "X" in the NORCAL web site pages.

**\*\* Why are our home and away games unbalanced? \*\***

The league guarantees that of your 16 games, 8 are on the road and 8 are home. We do not guarantee that your games against a given opponent are equally balanced, although I try. Travel and other considerations trump balanced home/away per opponent.

**\*\* Games against the girls teams \*\***

Except for squirts where the girls are eligible for playoffs, teams in a division that will face the girls will play them once at home and once at [San Jose](#). These games will not count for standings. Games played during the pre-season are counted as part of the 2-game series.

In some cases, the girls' teams will play against teams in other divisions to use up the other teams' odd non-standings games. For example, the 12-U girls may play some Squirt A teams as well as Pee Wee teams, and 14-U girls may face some Pee Wee A teams. The decision will be based partly on division sizes and number of non-standings games each team must play.

**\*\* Travel to outlying clubs \*\***

Games in [South Lake Tahoe](#) are (almost) always scheduled in pairs, one game [Saturday afternoon](#), one game [Sunday morning](#). We also always send 2 teams there on any given weekend.

Games in [Fresno](#) are often done the same way with a Saturday/Sunday double header, but not as often. If any team has a strong preference to either go there for single games, or go there for 2-game sets, please send me an email so requesting and I'll try to accommodate.

Similarly, the Fresno and [Lake Tahoe](#) teams will play 2 games per weekend when they are on the road. Some exceptions may happen.

Sometimes we do double headers in [Roseville](#) or [Santa Rosa](#). Feel free to request a setup like that on behalf of your teams.”

**Referee In Chief Report: no report**

- Reminder was sent to all officials as a reminder that no peewee players are to be playing in a checking division.
- CAHA ruling has changed position that for PW to play Bantam youth council approval is no longer required. Game must be played by PW rules.
- CAHA Non-checking rule now extends to Canada. CAHA PW teams cannot play in checking divisions in Canada.

**Registrar Report: Betty McHugh**

Betty is still getting a number of rosters and roster changes. If there are immediate needs, please ask registrars to call Betty so that she is aware of urgent needs.

Betty Plans to increase registrar training next season.

**IHONC Report: no report**

- Completed 10 seminars this season. One last seminar in San Jose weekend 8/9.
- Disappointing year in outlying areas to get new officials. Adult hockey leagues and club presidents did reach out to their constituents but still low results.
- Need older officials who can skate to officiate older games.

- Did not hold a seminar in Stockton this season.
- Lots of new rule changes this season and efforts are being made to educate both officials and coaches in all clinics.
- 2 new rules need League clarification for IHONC:
  - No option for 1:30 penalties in Norcal. If this is required, Norcal will advise prior to game.
  - USA Hockey rule 501 allows IHONC to assign two refs and two linesmen when required. Will be considered when requested by two teams requested through John Hamer and Norcal approves request.
- Labor Day jamboree – Stockton – Larry Low commented that officials were very good. This event was attractive to officials due to multiple ice-slots.

#### **USA Hockey: Vada Burrow**

- Reminder that new coaches have with new CEP have until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to show up on roster.
- Darisa requested additional coaching clinic for consideration.
- Fresno may have late Nov/Dec. level 1 coaching clinic.
- Norcal rule says there's a requirement to have proof of registration if they don't yet have CEP confirmation.

#### **CAHA Report:**

No report.

#### **Director of Coaches Report: John Beaulieu**

- Will be sending out request to coaches who would like to be Norcal

#### **Old Business: none**

- Norcal restructuring: Lance has been meeting with attorney regarding tax filing resolution and recommendations for new structure. Lance will provide

#### **New Business:**

- Larry Cahn discussed Oct. 26-28<sup>th</sup> clinics with Joe Doyle for U8 and 12U coaching development. Larry is looking for sponsor clubs. Larry will communicate information once details are finalized. Focus is to educate coaches as to how to develop players and develop athletes. Please encourage coaches to attend since this is a great opportunity.

Scoresheet modifications: Lance is recommending that next season Norcal consider CAHA scoresheet format.

- CAHA requires numerical, Norcal current requires alphabetical.
- Norcal decided that Score-sheets will now be **numerical** on stickers and next season will be changed to follow CAHA format.

### **Appeals:**

- A. Santa Clara Bantam Block recruitment waiver: Motion made by Chris Hathaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Low - Approved: 10-Yes Votes, 2 – No votes
- B. Stockton Midget 18 PDR & Block Recruitment Waiver: Motion made by Chris Hathaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Darisa Watson: Approved – 12 Yes votes
- C. Stockton Midget 16 PDR and Block Recruitment Waiver: Motion made by Larry Low, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Hathaway: Approved – 12 Yes votes.

### **Rules:**

Non-rostered Norcal Squirt team has been requesting exhibition games with Norcal member club teams. Teams must be formed to comply with USA Hockey, CAHA and Norcal rules. Non-compliance will subject Norcal member clubs to penalties and suspension.

All games must be scheduled through Chuck Collins to be assigned a game #.

Member clubs are being asked to ensure that they be aware of the rules and not schedule games with non-certified teams. Norcal member clubs are subject to associated penalties if they schedule these games.

### **Electronic Scorekeeping:**

Presentation: Bill Palter

Scoresheet & Clock- Bill has developed control software that combines activities and tracks game details electronically.

Santa Clara – Mark Keil will donate touch-screen laptops to run software to review the tool. There are unique issues with Vacaville and Tahoe that Bill will investigate to try to resolve.

[www.timetoscore.com](http://www.timetoscore.com) – palter @timetoscore.com – Bill will provide demo version software. E-mail him your requests and he'll provide the demo link for you to install.

**Preselect Camp:** Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Oakland, still don't know who is eligible. Registration & payment will be online this year.

**Mite Weekends:** November 5<sup>th</sup> – Oakland, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Vacaville. Dues have already been paid for in Norcal fees collected.

**Mite Jamboree:** March 2-4<sup>th</sup> - two bids currently from Lake Tahoe & Vacaville for final event.

Bids

\$5040 Vacaville – Tahoe \$4000

Member clubs to send location preference to John next week. Shannon & John will facilitate the electronic vote.

**A/B Playoffs: March 3/31-4/1:** Oakland, San Jose & Vacaville bid – all requested they were on same weekend. John's preference is to have it weekend consolidated as well. This helps with keeping costs lower as well.

Oakland: \$ bid for both A/B - \$34,000

San Jose: \$ bid for both A/B - \$35,340

Vacaville: \$ bid for both - \$29,670, free skate sharpening all weekend and have weekend vendor for gear. Vacaville will provide comp hotel rooms which can reduce officials' mileage costs.

Officials' costs are excluded:

Chris Hathaway motion to hold playoffs in Vacaville, Darisa Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vacaville: Approved 10- Yes, 2 – No

Larry Cahn made a motion to allow all teams that didn't get a schedule should get reduced fees . Will be tabled until next meeting .

Reminder that agenda items need to be submitted to Secretary and President prior to meetings in order to be agendized for board action.

Next meeting – Stockton Thunder Arena – Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Doug Richesin made a motion to adjourn at 1:40pm. Robert Grande seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.