

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

## **March 10 2012 – Vacaville**

### **Introductions:**

Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2011– motion to approve: Doug Richeson, second: Darisa Watson. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

### **President Report: Lance Burrow**

- USA Hockey conversation with Steve Laing:
  - Player Safety – Locker Room attendant – Steve will appoint Safety officer for CAHA. “Fine System” may be implemented to ensure all CA teams have attendants in place.
- Tier II – Golden State Elite Eagles collaborative teams between three clubs: Vacaville, Tri-Valley, Cupertino - [www.goldenstateelitehockey.org](http://www.goldenstateelitehockey.org)
- Mite Jamboree: great event, thank you to everyone that participated.
- CAHA Election: 5 seats for re-election
- District Election: may be another seat up for election at District level. Larry suggests Collin Wallace for District Board.
- Norcal Election: Lance will not actively seek re-election for President but will continue with role of Treasurer and ask to be elected/appointed.
- Coaches not meeting CEP requirements: no CAHA appeals were approved, but some allowances were made prior to CAHA meeting. – moving forward clubs need to prioritize this requirement.
  - Ken Coleman - Santa Rosa appealed to USA Hockey and Steve Laing was given 20 days to respond and he responded in 23. Meeting was held March 9<sup>th</sup> and recommendation will be made Monday March 12.
  - Chris Hathaway – concerns that USA Hockey age specific modules went down Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. When coaches pay for modules, they should have continued access to the video information.

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

- Norcal playoff fee is \$1200 for both A & B divisions. Have team managers bring checks to first game and give to Lance Burrow directly. Notification of final standings will be up Sunday evening March 11<sup>th</sup>. Playing schedules will be posted Sunday evening as well.
- Darisa Watson & Larry Cahn, thank you very much for your work on the mite jamboree coordination and preparation.
- CAHA statewide high-school program: 2 Norcal & 2 Socal teams - round robin tournament with championship in Honda Center. Both Norcal teams were very competitive. Bellermine (16 players are dual rostered) vs. Santa Margarita Catholic (no dual rostered players). Excellent tournament & successful season. Santa Margarita will play in National Championship March 21<sup>st</sup>.

- B playoffs – opening ceremony puck drop will be by Willie O’Ree: request all 4 teams to be present for ceremony.

**Vice President Report- Tom Hancock**

- Norcal trophies discussion: Champion Awards Enterprises (Robert Grande) will provide trophies. Provided lower bid and reviewed samples.
- Jordan Kocian Award: 4 nominees. Tom is collaborating with Mr. Kocian and will be awarded in Oakland. Tom is looking for perpetual cup – clubs are looking for its whereabouts. Tom has invited the Kocian family be at presentation event this year. Tom Hancock to write up citation for award presentation.

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

**Secretary Report - Shannon Nadasdy**

- Score-sheets: available today for pick up.

**Scheduler Report – Chuck Collins:**

- Lance will speak with Chuck about updating website. John Beaulieu will be conducting internal audit to make sure we have contingency built into our servers. Will also review website communications to ensure timely postings to website. John Beaulieu requested clubs to pass along anything outstanding that they still need posted to the Norcal site.

**Referee In Chief Report: Marc Mauro:**

No report.

**Registrar Report: Betty McHugh:**

- Betty has two learning sessions scheduled for: Oakland May 5 & June 24<sup>th</sup> – binder reviews for playoffs have revealed need for additional registrar training. Vada Burrow will assist.
- Lance suggests that club registrars sit down with each manager and review binders before they get to playoffs.
- Betty taking orders for USA Hockey patches from clubs.
- Delinquent list – reminder to send information to Betty prior to playoffs.

**IHONC Report: Todd Lewellyn:**

- No report.
- Larry Cahn requested update on the IHONC contract renewal discussion and process.
- Multiple directors expressed Concerns regarding head contact and hitting from behind. Requested IHONC to pay close attention to these calls.

- Need to more actively mentor and provide feedback (positive and negative) for all IHONC officials.
- Chris Hathaway wants IHONC to provide a complete list of playoff officials and their ranks. Chris & Lance will follow up with Todd Lewellyn.
- John Hamer discussed need for official evaluation to be completed every game.
- Robert Grande, Robert Savoi, Doug Richeson & Lance to coordinate meeting with Todd Lewellyn to discuss quality control of officials from IHONC.

**USA Hockey Report:**

No report

**Director of Coaches Report: John Beaulieu**

- District Selects coming up.

**Old Business:**

- Corporate Status – Norcal is resolving non-profit status with CA Secretary of state and resolving outstanding prior tax filing requirements.
- Chris Hathaway - review of playoff format: Week 35 – proposes seed 1 & seed 2 in round robin for playoff to be hosted by 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team. For West and East divisions, there will still be a play-in game. Needs to be discussed with Chuck Collins for scheduling implications. This change could also assist in enabling single sheet facilities to bid on playoffs eliminating the first game of the round – Chris Hathaway to provide a written proposal for next meeting discussion.

**New Business:**

- Playoffs: every team that has a team playing in the tournament must provide volunteers for the event.
- Appointment of Bid Committee: Executive Committee will act as the bid committee.
- Appointment of Nomination Committee:
  - Doug Richeson – Chairman
  - Larry Low
  - Mark Keil
- Rules Committee Update: Mark Keil requested that if any board member has any issues with existing rules that need consideration for review, please submit those items to John Hamer and Rules committee as soon as possible.
- CAHA election April 5th: Chris Hathaway will consider and submit form to Rosemary.

Next meeting – April 21 – San Jose

Doug Richeson made a motion to adjourn at 1:00pm. Tony Zasowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.