

Northern California Junior Hockey Association Board Meeting

June 23-2012 – Oakland, CA

NORCAL Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tom Hancock 10:01 am

Determined a quorum was present.

- Announcement that Lance Burrow has resigned as treasurer effective immediately.
- Tom will be making an announcement to Norcal thanking Lance for his service to the league and to advise club treasurers.

Introductions:

President Report: Tom Hancock

- Motion made by William Stone to approve April Minutes John Thompson second.
Approved by voice vote. Abstain – Robert Grande
- CA Secretary of State Revivor application has been submitted.
- Will be approved pending updated tax filings. Expect \$750/year for past three years as possible penalty for prior delinquent tax filing fees.
- Corporation status was in suspension and will be reinstated. Updates will be distributed from Franchise Tax Board, IRS and CA Secretary of State.
- Has been added to signature authority on General Fund with Bank of America. John Beaulieu and Chris Hathaway will be added as signators to the account as well.
- Account will become dual custody to create self monitoring controls.
- Distributed Income and Expense report to date prepared by Lance (attached). Will be reconciled to account statements and will issue an updated year end statement at July meeting.
- General Fund balance approximately \$9800 and currently have about \$6000 checks issued against that.

General Manager Report - John Hamer:

Defer to rules committee

Vice President Report- Mark Keil

Treasurer Report: Vacant

Secretary Report - Shannon Nadasdy:

- Will distribute Norcal edits to CAHA scoresheet format for board approval and will place order for hard copy scoresheets

Scheduler Report – Chuck Collins:

- Attached e-mail update provided
 - *Main item I'd like to report is that I need input in order to update the NORCAL calendar on the web site. When dates are established for tryout dates, season start, season finish etc. I will post a new 2012-2013 calendar.*

I'd also like to recommend that the proposed rule about who is responsible to report scores to the NORCAL web site not be added to the rules. There is nothing wrong with the process in place and there is no need for a rule, and the rule contradicts the way we've been reporting scores for most of the last decade.

- Chuck

- Looking at proposals for webmaster role. Considering possibility of splitting webmaster responsibility from scheduler responsibility.
- Chuck Collins is integral to scorekeeping for Norcal.
- Interface between electronic scorekeeping, webmaster and scheduling duties being evaluated by Mark Keil, John Beaulieu & John Hamer.

Referee In Chief Report: Marc Mauro:

Registrar Report: Betty McHugh:

- Registrar meetings Sunday scheduled for Oakland 6-24-12

IHONC Report: Todd Lewellyn:

- IHONC seminars have been announced and flyer distributed to all clubs. Tom to redistribute to all club presidents. Revising format and content this year with a focus on rule changes and communication skills.

USA Hockey Report:

CAHA Report : Steve Laing

- Will try to attend 3-4 Norcal meetings each year.
- Olympic Committee mandated 100 day requirement for USA Hockey to author Safesport Handbook and program.
- Provided copies of draft USA Hockey Safe Sport Program (attachment).
- Sandy Blumberg will be state coordinator for Safe Sport program to present to all clubs. Hoping that associations and members to be in attendance for her presentation. She is preparing powerpoint presentation on the program.

- Norcal will be required to provide a liaison with state to implement. At the association level, request is that every club also name a liaison to ensure screening is completed and to report on screening certification to the state.
- In the annual USA Hockey guide there will be a 1 page policy regarding Safesport and there will be separate Safesport handbook.
- America Showcase Tournament – CA sent a team which was successful. Girls' teams will now be allowed to participate and will accept 6 girls' teams to compete in a women's division. CA has a spot secured for CA. Steve has also been asked to consider it be a district wide team for this slot. He will re-evaluate during the season and determine.
- ADM – has not yet been mandated by CAHA and is pending USA Hockey mandate. CA is already a model of ADM . Recent USA Hockey legislative proposal effective 2012-2013 shall mandate ADM (8 & under). To become effective by September 2013. Caveat is that association can request an exception for a limited number of full ice games during a season. A request will need to be submitted to CAHA Youth Council for approval. Steve will be providing Youth Council with guidelines.
- Steve suggests that Norcal take a position and will recommend that SCAHA do the same.
- Try Hockey For free program coming up again. November 3 & Feb. 16th . Has been a great success. Feedback regarding concern that Presidents Day Weekend conflicts because of tournament commitments.
- Will get 60 new sets of equipment to distribute to rinks that have made the most impact to this program.
- Exciting to see that this program increased association of players and retained 993 new players in CA.
- Hoping to see impact from LA Stanley Cup win with increase in new players in the coming season.
- New ADM website: www.usahockeyparents.com.
- New rule for officials effective Sept. 1st – penalty for head contact 620a – will increase to 2 minute minor and a 10 minute major OR a 5 minute major and a game misconduct. Will not be a rule in district or national. All review groups overwhelmingly approved this rule. 900+ head contact minor penalties last season.
- New rule – foreign players will be allowed for national bound teams effective 2013-2014 season. CAHA rule remains at 2 out of state players on a roster. Can be appealed.
- CA has been requested to send a team to Russia so CA & MN are sending a joint team (boys & girls). Will be paid for and is a goodwill ambassador event. Will be held in October (tentative 5-14th). Deadline for application is the end of June. Requirement is high school age. Looking for Coaches/Team Managers.
- CAHA has new logo.
- Richard Ramiraz – official in Socal who passed. LAHOA is preparing memorial. Norcal & IHONC will send condolences.
- Block Rent money to spend – increased /player left CA with 50K increase to spend on hockey. Will be contributing to One Goal program equipment. Will be contributing to adult hockey

tournament. Becoming involved with disabled and sled hockey program and will be purchasing about 12K in equipment and will contribute to any rink who would like to host an event. Oakland has existing program on a weekly basis.

- William has done a tremendous job of the concussion program for CA. 4K was set aside for Concussion Committee for training, videos etc.
- Grant funding – will be presenting a 6K check from CAHA to contribute to the Norcal program.
- New rule - Racial slur – current issue that is often missed because official doesn't hear it. When official is made aware this year, they will be instructed to communicate to coaches. If it is heard, official will call a game misconduct and CAHA will make it a match penalty for purposes of holding a hearing to deal with the issue. Official has authority before, during and after game as long as official is on the ice.

Director of Coaches Report: John Beaulieu

Old Business:

New Business:

Rules Committee: Larry Cahn to approve the Rules Committee report, seconded by Mark Keil.

1.4 & 3.3	Motion: Larry Cahn, Second Mark Keil	8 yes, 0 No, 2 abstain – voice vote
2.4A	Motion: Mark Keil, Second Robert Grande.	9 yes, 0 No, 1 abstain – voice vote
2.4Ai	Motion: Robert Grande - remove 2.A i and II second Larry Cahn	10 yes – voice vote
2.4B	Motion: Jason Nutt, 2 nd William Stone	7 yes, 5 no – roll call vote attached.
3.7/3.8A/3.9	Motion: Robert Grande with corrections discussed, 2 nd Darisa Watson	10 yes – voice vote
3.12	Motion: Robert Grande 2 nd William Stone	10 yes – voice vote
3.2	William Stone: motion that Tier II pays 50% of annual dues, 2 nd Mark Keil.	10 yes – voice vote
	Motion: William Stone to remove AA reference from all rules where it pertains to Norcal AA league. 2 nd mark Keil	10 yes – voice vote

4.1		
4.2		
4.5		
4.7	Motion: Mark Keil, 2 nd Darisa Watson	9 yes, 1 No – voice vote
4.8a & amend 4.8B from 5.10 to 5.7 and remove last sentence	Mark Keil Motion to remove, 2 nd William	10 yes – voice vote
4.12		
	Motion: Robert Grande to keep A & B at 50% PDR, seconded Darisa Watson	10 yes – voice vote
4.13		
4.14	Motion: Larry to insert Tier I & Tier II and omit last sentence: 2 nd Doug Richeson	10 yes – voice vote
4.15		
4.16	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd Mark Keil	10 yes – voice vote
4.19	Motion: Doug Richeson to disallow block recruiting and it has occurred when 25% or 4 players on a single team roster. Rejecting proposed change, 2 nd Robert Grande	8 yes, 3 No – prior season rule will not change – roll call vote attached.
4.17/4.18	Motion: Mark Keil, 2 nd Darisa Watson	10 yes – voice vote
Pied Piper	Motion: Darisa Watson, 2 nd Mark Keil	10 yes – voice vote
	Motion: Larry to insert Tier I & Tier II and omit last sentence: 2 nd Doug Richeson	10 yes – voice vote
4.20b	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd William Stone	10 yes – voice vote
4.20C	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd William Stone	10 yes – voice vote
5.4D	Motion: Robert Grande, 2 nd Doug Richeson	10 yes – voice vote
5.11a	Motion to remove this section: Robert Grande 2 nd Doug Richeson	10 yes – voice vote

5.11B	Motion to remove this section: Robert Grande 2 nd Doug Richeson	10 yes – voice vote
6.5	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd Larry Cahn	10 yes – voice vote
6.6	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd Larry Cahn	10 yes – voice vote
9.3	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd Larry Cahn	10 yes – voice vote
9.4	Motion: Doug Richeson, 2 nd Larry Cahn	10 yes – voice vote

Motion to approve rules as proposed with changes above by Doug Richeson, 2nd Darisa Watson, **all in favor, none opposed, motion passes voice vote.**

IHONC Contract – Proposed new 3 year contract (attached) provided to review.

- Major change #15 regarding quality control of officials.
- Much of the contract is similar.
- Fees will increase this season. USA Hockey has no oversight over any officials across the country. Fees are not set by USA Hockey.
- IHONC has one of the highest levels of official retention in the country.
- Still significantly behind SOCAL in comparison to rates at the senior levels.
- Each official will now have required identifiable # so that calls can be tracked by official via electronic reporting. New decals for helmets will be assigned and provided at seminar this season. Will be adopted for all leagues, not just Norcal.
- Concern raised regarding how to handle a single official show up.
- Concern raised about cost of playoff games. Motion made by Robert Grande to raise playoff fees to 50% from annual base. Seconded by Darisa Watson. **Motion withdrawn by Robert Grande.**
- Contract to be tabled for further review.

Presentation regarding electronic scorekeeping: Bill Palter

Cost for converter box: 300.00 one time fee (one for every circuit). Requires wireless internet access to run application.

Pricing per game usually \$3.00-\$6.00/game. Likely Norcal will be a \$4.00/game. League cost \$5000.00.

Motion to move forward tpo develop Emily , 2nd Mark Keil. **All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.**

Budget is tabled and will be distributed by e-mail.

Next meeting – July 28th – San Jose – Shannon Nadasdy will be absent – somebody is required to take minutes.

- **Motion to adjourn by ??? 4:15pm**