



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 May 11, 2023  
 TELECONFERENCE CALL

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner); Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner); Nancy Hodge, Member Services; Bridget Hopkinson (Director); Jim Burcar (Mite Director); and Olivia Meyer (Social Media Director).

**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total Consec Abs	Club	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total Consec Abs	Club
X				Anaheim Jr. Ducks	X		3	2	Los Angeles Jr. Kings
X				Aliso Viejo Avalanche	X				OC Hockey Club
X		4	2	Bakersfield Jr. Condors	X				Ontario Moose
X				Bay Harbor Red Wings	X		1		Pasadena Maple Leafs
X				California Bears	X				San Diego Ice Arena
X		1	1	California Gold Rush	X				San Diego Jr. Gulls
X		1		California Heat	X				San Diego Saints
X				California Wave	X				Santa Barbara Ice Hawks
X		1		Coachella Valley	X				Santa Clarita Jr. Flyers
X				Empire Hockey Club	X				Ventura Mariners/Titans
X				Jr. Reign Hockey Club					

Dave Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are twenty presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

**Minutes**

Joel Henderson motioned to approve the March 15, 2023 minutes and Howard Drymon seconds it. (motion **PASSED**)

**Guest**

Louis Magnifico LAHOA President  
 Thomas Hancock CAHA President  
 Paul Geffre VP Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey  
 Gretchen Seibert Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey

Dave Bigelow informed the board that on appeal, on April 18, 2023, CAHA vacated SCAHA's March 15, 2023 vote that denied SCAHA Membership status to Aliso Viejo. Dave Bigelow welcomed Nick Silver, Club President for the Aliso Viejo Avalanche Hockey Club.

**LAHOA Report**

Louis Magnifico informed the board of the upcoming LAHOA Officiating Seminar Schedule (see below).

Louis Magnifico stated that the LAHOA Contract is up and the only real changes being proposed are the travel fess; Palm Springs, Bakersfield and Santa Barbara. Also, LAHOA is looking for a small rate increase of \$1 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$2 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

## **2023-2024 LAHOA Seminar Schedule**

Valencia Level 1 - June 24, 2023  
Virtual Level 2 & 3 – June 24, 2023  
Irvine Level 1 – July 8, 2023  
Virtual Level 2 & 3 – July 15, 2023  
Palm Springs Level 1 – July 23, 2023  
Virtual Level 2 & 3 – August 2, 2023  
Virtual Level 2 & 3 – August 9, 2023  
Lakewood Level 1 – August 12, 2023  
Virtual Level 2 & 3 – August 15, 2023  
Virtual Level 2 & 3 – August 22, 2023  
Westminster Level 1 – August 26, 2023

### **Treasurer Report**

No report at this time. Helen Alex is absent.

### **Deputy Commissioner Report**

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that the Rule Change Proposals Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Those interested on serving on the Rules Committee to email Rosemary Voulelikas. Nick Silver, Byron Williams, Lance Mehegan and Mike Santiago volunteered.

### **Statistician Report**

No report at this time. Rob Foster is absent.

### **Member Services Report**

Nancy Hodge stated that the Delinquency list has been published (access limited to club registrars and presidents) as of May 1, 2023. Nancy informed the board that the off season is almost its own new season. Nancy has processed just over 212 rosters at this time in preparation for upcoming Memorial Day Tournaments.

### **Mite Director Report**

Jim Burcar stated there are a couple of items dealing with scheduling that he will defer to the Ice Convener Report.

### **Director of Managers**

No report at this time. Monica Gordon is absent

### **Commissioner's / Ice Convener report**

Dave Bigelow presented the proposed SCAHA Calendar for the 2023-2024 season. Dave Bigelow discussed the AA Format being proposed by the CAHA Competition Committee that both Dave Bigelow and Rob Foster were members of. Dave sent the club presidents an email on May 9, 2023 that highlighted some of the key elements of the AA proposal.

### **May 9, 2023 Email:**

*CAHA will be holding a special meeting this coming weekend to review and approve. SCAHA will discuss this during our Thursday meeting. The decision making*

process was driven around saving \$\$\$ and giving those dollars back to the teams/clubs to spend as they see fit.

Summary:

SCAHA relegates its own teams not all AA teams will survive the season and be nationally bound

SCAHA takes care of its own league schedule and games will count towards their 100%.

SCAHA teams will only play cross over games for teams that are national bound teams.

SCAHA teams will most likely play in only ONE cross over weekend to play the north.

SCAHA teams will only pay for the games they play in and nothing more

CAHA will take the top 6 teams and advance them to states and eliminate play on weekends.

SCAHA team's cost to meet the 100% rule will be approx \$2,500 + travel up north one time.

Some more Detailed Notes:

1. CAHA has simplified the AA divisions and eliminated the CAHA weekends as we know it.
2. CAHA's primary rule for measuring hat for nationally bound teams, each qualifying team must adhere to the 100% rule.
3. After 100% of games are played for the national bound AA teams, the top 6 will advance to states in postseason play
4. CAHA has potentially eliminated play-in weekends.
5. CAHA will organize the minimal set of cross over weekends to simplify getting crossover games played.
6. Each game played will cost the team approx. 625 to play.
7. Only crossover games will be held during these events.
8. Each team only pays for the games they play - nothing more. The goal is to satisfy the 100% play rule
9. Every team will travel to each other's region at least 1 time to play cross over games.
10. Since SCAHA teams will need to participate **in only 1 crossover event for the entire season**, It will be in NORCAL and cost the team will be approx. \$2500 + Travel
11. Since NORCAL teams will need to participate in **at least 3 events**, 2 events will be in NORCAL and 1 will be in SOCAL. (at \$625 per game) or \$7500 + Travel
12. Both SCAHA and NORCAL will take care of their own intraleague games through their own local play
13. CAHA will defer relegation to the respective leagues. Teams that SCAHA and NORCAL relegate no longer count as teams part of the 100% rule (As they are no longer nationally bound)
14. It is recommended that each league devise a simple method to determine relegation such that when we get to cross over play, the teams that do not belong have been relegated out.
15. **Saving everyone time and money.**
16. What is left after relegation participates in cross over weekends to get their 100% requirement satisfied.

SCAHA proposes we split rank our teams down here into two regional pools

1. Balanced so that the bottom teams are relegated out, and they will most likely be the ones that will not survive.

2. *These teams need to be flushed out by the end of Oct of the playing year.*
3. *From the teams that advance. They focus on wrapping up their 100% rule requirement.*
4. *This minimizes the number of crossover games NORCAL has to play and pay for.*
5. *This is a variation of only sending our best into the crossover events vs sending everyone and burning through \$\$\$.*

*Thanks  
-Dave*

In addition, Dave Bigelow stated that SCAHA will be sending the AA teams in groups of four (4). Some deadline reminders include but are not limited to: ice slots need to be submitted by July 14; PDR and Roster Minimum must be met by August 15 per CAHA; and bye weekends will need to be submitted by August 15. Dave also stated that the bye weekends for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season can be reloaded after Thanksgiving. Geoff Leibl motioned to approve SCAHA's AA scheduling format and Lance Mehegan seconds it. Discussion followed.

(motion **PASSED**)

Reminder for the A/BB/B Scheduling there will be no preseason this year. We have eliminated the drop down weekend (where teams drop down a level) so it is imperative that teams are placed appropriately in the correct divisions from the get go. There will be 16 games scheduled out of 18 weekends. Each A/BB/B team will have an option of asking for one bye weekend and same must be submitted no later than August 27, 2023. Per the proposed SCAHA Calendar; the first game weekend is September 16, 2023 and the last game weekend is February 11. Howard Drymon motioned to approve the proposed 2023-2024 SCAHA Calendar and Lance Mehegan seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

### **Old Business**

Dave Bigelow opened discussion regarding the CAHA Director Nominations. There are 15 candidates running for a CAHA Director position of which, 10 candidates are affiliated with a SCAHA member club.

Nancy Hodge reminded the presidents that SafeSport Training expires by calendar year. The registrars should run a report from their USAH Registry portal to see the expiration dates for their coaches, managers and/or volunteers. You cannot renew SafeSport until 30 days prior to the expiration date.

### **New Business**

Dave Bigelow introduced Paul Geffe, Vice President of Mammoth Lake Youth Hockey. Paul Geffe spoke about their interest in joining SCAHA. They have a brand new rink and about 113 players interested in some 8U and 10UB exhibition games for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm  
Next meeting Wednesday, June 14, 2023 by teleconferencing.