



SCAHA ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 June 14, 2023
 TELECONFERENCE CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner); Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner); Helen Alex, (Treasurer); Nancy Hodge, Member Services; Rob Foster, (Statistician); Bridget Hopkinson (Director); and Jim Burcar (Mite 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				Los Angeles Jr. Kings
X				Aliso Viejo Avalanche	X				OC Hockey Club
X				Bakersfield Jr. Condors	X				Ontario Moose
X				Bay Harbor Red Wings	X				Pasadena Maple Leafs
X				California Bears	X				San Diego Ice Arena
X				California Gold Rush	X				San Diego Jr. Gulls
X				California Heat	X				San Diego Saints
X				California Wave	X				Santa Barbara Ice Hawks
X				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 7:08 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are twenty-one presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

Minutes

Lance Mehegan motioned to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes and Claudia Pearson seconds it. (motion **PASSED**)

Guest

Louis Magnifico LAHOA President
 Brett Martin LAHOA Vice President
 Thomas Hancock CAHA President

LAHOA Report

Louis Magnifico informed the board that the previous seminar schedule has been altered under the advisement of USA Hockey. For the most up to date LAHOA Officiating Seminar Schedule refer to the LAHOA website, <https://lahoa.com/2023-24-seminar-schedule-announced/>.

Treasurer Report

Dave Bigelow and Helen Alex presented the Financial Statements dated as of May 31, 2023. Helen informed the board that there are a couple of LAHOA post season invoices that she is waiting on to issue payment. Post season also includes T-Shirt vendor income. The Profit & Loss Statement will be emailed to the presidents.

Commissioner's / Ice Convener report

Dave Bigelow reminded the board that the CAHA Ballots are due for the CAHA Director Elections by June 22, 2023.

Dave Bigelow showed the proposed SCAHA Draft Calendar. Dave stated that SCAHA needs an extra week in order to nail down a good schedule without errors and rescheduling issues. There are 13 weeks to schedule 8U jamborees and 18 weeks to schedule 16 games for the A/BB/B divisions. As for the AA Format, SCAHA will be sending a maximum of 12 teams per division while Norcal will be sending a maximum of 4 teams. Those numbers all depend on how many teams are in each division. The AA schedule will continue for the those non-national bound AA teams. Dave presented the SCAHA Declaration Chart. SCAHA needs the final team counts by August 15 and everyone's ice slots by July 14. Geoff Leibl asked if it was possible to have double header weekends for the AA Divisions. In addition, Bridget Hopkinson asked if it was possible to ask CAHA if they can move the November 12U/14U AA Crossover weekend that conflicts with the CCM Invite to another weekend. Thomas Hancock informed the SCAHA presidents that Norcal was mandating their AA teams to attend a Labor Day weekend so that they could finalize their top 4 AA teams per division sooner than later.

Mite Director Report

Dave Bigelow stated that double header weekends for the AA Divisions would be possible once the 8U ice that is not being used becomes available. Jim Burcar stated that the 8U division is growing conservatively. In comparison to last season there is a slight decline in the 8UB division and an offsetting increase in the 8UC Gretzky division. SCAHA had a total of 49 x 8U Teams last season and for this season a total of 51 x 8U teams have declared.

Jim Burcar distributed the 2023-2024 8U Guidelines to all the presidents via email. One of the changes deals with the Faceoffs. The new format is that there is only one faceoff at the start of each jamboree. The new guidelines are to ensure a consistent format for all players, coaches and officials. Art Ackerman asked if there is any thought of a rule to address line changes when one of the benches has a door and the boards block the door. Tommy Tartaglione suggested that all of the players should always go back to the bench for a line change; in that way, no one team has an advantage and it would create an even playing field. Louis Magnifico asked if the 8U Guidelines can be emailed to him before the start of the Referee Seminars. Jim added that clubs should be filling their 8U teams early and submitting their 8U ice slots on time.

LAHOA Contract

Dave Bigelow is asking for approval for the new LAHOA 2023-2025 contract. In summary the new contract has the following changes: no official rate increase for the 2023-2024 season; however a \$3 increase per official across the divisions for the 2024-2025 season. The official scheduling fee is being increased by \$5. The new scheduling fee will be \$125 per SCAHA team. The Travel fees will follow IRS rates for mileage from 90 miles round trip with a cap of 200 miles. Byron Williams motioned to approve the 2023-2025 LAHOA Contract as proposed and Lance Mehegan seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Deputy Commissioner Report

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that the SCAHA Financial Assistance Applications will be posted on the SCAHA website sometime in early July, after the

Tryouts are done. Applications that were submitted using the old forms will be disqualified. Those families will need to resubmit their application using the correct forms. Rosemary asked for volunteers to serve on the SCAHA Disciplinary Committee. Anyone interested should email Rosemary.

Rosemary Voulelikas thanked the Rules Committee members; Nancy Hodge, Bridget Hopkinson, Michael Santiago, Byron Williams, Lance Mehegan and Nick Silver for their work on the Rules Committee. The following rule change proposals were submitted for ratification (see attached Rule Proposals document):

SCAHA Bylaws

Article 4 – Membership

Rule 4.12 Bridget Hopkinson motioned to approve the added language of **(excludes tournaments)** and Claudia Pearson seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

SCAHA Rules and Regulations

Section 19 – Registration Requirements for Players

Rule 19.01 Proposed added language: **All participants must complete CAHA's Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training prior to their participation as a player. Furthermore, prior to a player being rostered or allowed to participate with a team, at least one custodial parent/guardian of said player must also complete CAHA's Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training. (refer to CAHA Rule 2.1)**

Rule 19.04 Proposed added language: **This administrative rule is not subject to waiver nor appeal. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.18-4)**

Section 23 – Team Eligibility

Rule 23.01 Proposed added language: **b) When a Coach moves from one program to another the receiving Club can only roster 3 players from the Coach's previous Club/season team. (refer to CAHA Rule 6.27-7)**

Section 24 – Managers/Volunteers

Rule 24.01 Proposed added language: **d) Complete CAHA's Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training prior to participation as a Manager.**

Section 25 – Coaches

Rule 25.01 Proposed added language: **d) Complete CAHA's Anti-Bullying and Inclusivity training prior to participation as a Coach.**

Section 27 – SCAHA Games

Rule 27.09 Mercy Rule Proposed changes are as follows – Games will go to running time when there is a seven (7) goal differential ~~in the third period~~ **at any time during the game without regard as to which period in with the seven (7) goal advantage occurred.** Games will not revert back to stop time and final official scores will not reflect a goal differential greater than seven (7) goals.

Rule 27.11 Proposed change is to delete entire Tier II rescheduling rule. For the remaining rules in Section 27 Housekeeping changes – renumbering of rules.

Lance Mehegan motioned to accept the Proposed rule changes in Sections 19, 23, 24 and 27 and Bridget Hopkinson seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Section 29 – Player Movement

Rule 29.03 Proposed added language: **Under no circumstance will an 8U goalie be allowed to play up as an emergency backup goalie for a 10U team. 10UB is the only division that may take a goalie from another 10UB team (lateral), or any age appropriate in-house goalie. (Refer to CAHA Rule 6.22)**

Section 34 – Playoffs

Rule 34.06 Proposed changes are as follows: Each eligible team desiring to participate in the SCAHA Post-Season Playoff Tournament shall submit any tournament fees set by SCAHA ~~in the form of a club check or cashier's check~~ payable to SCAHA no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament.

Rule 34.09 Proposed rule change to article c) only as follows: If at any time ~~after the start of the 3rd period a seven (7) goal differential exists,~~ **during the game either team has a seven (7) goal advantage,** the game **clock** shall go to running time and shall not revert back.

Section 35 – Accountability, Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion

Rule 35.08 Proposed rule change to article c) only as follows: A Game Misconduct ~~or Match Penalty~~ assessed in the final game of the season will be served at the start of the following season.

Rule 35.11 Proposed added language: **Possible outcomes of the penalty review hearing include assessing a 30 day suspension, adding probation and/or post season ineligibility for the player(s) and/or Head Coach.**

Rule 35.12 Proposed added language: **Possible outcomes of the mandatory penalty review hearing include assessing a 30 day suspension, adding probation and/or post season ineligibility for the player and/or Head Coach.**

Lance Mehegan motioned to accept the Proposed rule changes in Sections 29, 34 and 35 and Bridget Hopkinson seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Statistician Report

Rob Foster informed the board that SCAHA will be making changes to the SCAHA Select Camp. The current open camp format is not working as they are too many players participating which make it very difficult to select the top players in each age division. The last SCAHA Camp had over 425 players. The new SCAHA Select Camp will be by invite only starting with the AAA players and then if needed the top AA players will be invited. Each birth year division will be made up of three (3) teams with ten (10) Forwards, seven (7) Defensemen and three (3) goalies on each team. There may be a 4th team depending

on the birth year division. The Select Camp will also be open to players on High School Varsity National Bound teams.

Member Services Report

Nancy Hodge informed the board that to date she has processed over 1,300 Player LOI's. Please start getting your Coaches and Managers LOI's in. Reminder Screening expires on June 1st and SafeSport expires by calendar year. The 2023-2024 USA Hockey Registry portal will automatically redline coaches that are missing screening and/or SafeSport training. Also, the 2006 birth year players are required to complete the SafeSport training this year. The Coaches CEP Age Specific Modules have also changed. There are now only three (3) age specific modules as opposed to five (5). They are: 8U; 10U -12U; 13O – 18U.

Nancy Hodge stated that the club registrars should be receiving their 2023-2024 USA Hockey Registry portal within the first two weeks of July. New this year, there will be a third Pacific District Associate Registrar for CAHA, Justin Slaten. The CAHA membership numbers (e.g. CAH1000) will also change. SoCal has been apportioned into three separate groups. Justin Slaten will be handling clubs with CAHA Membership numbers in the 1000's; Nancy Hodge will be handling those clubs with numbers in the 2000's and Wendy Goldstein, the Pacific District Registrar, will be handling CAHA numbers in the 4000's.

Nancy Hodge clarified her position. As the SCAHA Member Services she is responsible for LOI's, Delinquency lists, and SCAHA Player Fees. She is still the **Pacific District CEP Administrator** and she will be approving the team rosters for clubs in her group as an Associate District Registrar for CAHA as well. And finally, a reminder that under CAHA rules there are no September tournament rosters allowed.

Director of Managers

Bridget Hopkinson reported on behalf of Monica Gordon who is absent. The SCAHA College Scholar Athlete Applications are available on the SCAHA website. Please make sure to let your aged out players know.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, July 12, 2023 by teleconferencing.