



SCAHA ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 September 20, 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); Jim Burcar (8U Director); and Olivia Meyer (Director of Social Media).

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			2	Bakersfield Jr. Condors		X		3	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		2	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 7:04 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are nineteen presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

Minutes

Art Trottier motioned to approve the August 16, 2023 minutes as presented and Jeff Larson seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Guest

Louis Magnifico LAHOA President

LAHOA Report

Louis Magnifico reported that to date no games have been missed; all games have been scheduled. For this season, LAHOA will be interjecting some of their younger officials (13-14-15 year olds) into the schedule. They are going to be scheduled in age appropriate games meaning 10U and 12U games. Louis is asking the presidents to let their teams know that they should have patience with the younger officials. LAHOA's pool of officials is bottom heavy with younger officials and/or new officials. They have about 100 new officials registered. In order for them to learn they need to work games. The last referee seminar is next weekend in Simi Valley.

Dave Bigelow reminded Louis and the presidents that all AA games follow CAHA AA game formats and are 16 minute stop time periods. Dave stated that we need to make sure San Diego Referees Association is reminded as well.

Treasurer Report

Helen Alex shared the P & L Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2023 with the presidents. Helen informed the presidents that she just received the player list from Nancy Hodge and will be sending out the Player Fees Invoices shortly.

Commissioner's / Ice Convener Report

Dave Bigelow stated that the CAHA Cross Over weekends are not a perfect science. The top four (4) teams in each division will be playing in the first Cross Over weekend. In order to advance, teams will need to make it out of Pool Play. Dave addressed the ongoing question, "How come only six (6) games to determine who advances?" This is the same as last year. The difference this year is that the cost has been considerably reduced. The teams that do not advance will continue with the remaining SCAHA weekends.

Phase II of the 8U schedule will be sent as a draft for review in the next couple of weeks. Dave stated that he has received some requests to move teams down a level that are getting trounced. Reminder the three roll out phases for the 8U schedule are: Sept.-Oct.; Nov.-Dec. (regionalized schedule); and Jan.-Feb.

Dave Bigelow reminded the presidents that each team has 16 opportunities to advance to post season play. Removing the preseason put the power back into the hands of the clubs and coaches in fielding the correct level teams at tryouts.

Lastly, for those venues having a loss of ice and/or are double booked by error, please submit your issues in the Game Change Google Link.

Deputy Commissioner Report

Rosemary Voulelikas reminded all that the deadline to submit the SCAHA Financial Assistance applications is by 5 pm October 15, 2023. Rosemary reiterated to the presidents that she will be reaching out to them to serve on the SCAHA Disciplinary Committee. Rosemary reviewed the SCAHA Rules 32.04 and 32.05 regarding notification of Tournament and/or Exhibition play and failure to notify the SCAHA Statistician and/or submit the scoresheets carry a fine.

Rosemary Voulelikas shared with the board that she is receiving via email personal attacks from some of the membership in response to Disciplinary determinations and/or policies that they either do not understand or are not in agreement. Rosemary expressed her concerns that the hate driven incidents in our society has begun to surface in our hockey community. Steve Yovetich motioned to restrict the communication of any grievance to any SCAHA Executive to Club Presidents and/or Directors; Art Trottier seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Statistician Report

Rob Foster reported that the first week in any season is always a little rocky. However, Rob stated that unlike past seasons, this year they had to suspend only one coach for violating ineligible coach on bench rule.

Member Services Report

Nancy Hodge informed the presidents that the SCAHA web site is experiencing some glitches and they are working on fixing them. The LOI list on the web site does not represent the actual players rostered on the 1-T USA Hockey rosters; only players that

have been LOI'd by a club and not necessarily rostered by the club. The Head Coach at all times is responsible for his roster. Whenever a roster is approved the roster link is automatically sent to the Head Coach of the team. The roster link is good for all additions and/or deletions throughout the season.

Nancy Hodge stated that she sent the player totals to Helen Alex for invoicing. This year we are down by 50 players.

Mite Director Report

Jim Burcar reported that the first Phase of the 8U schedule is out. Jim is asking the club presidents to review the scores and to report any lopsided scores so that adjustments can be made in the next Phase of scheduling to ensure more competitive games.

Director of Managers

Monica Gordon is absent. Dave Bigelow reminded all, that all AA games for all levels (12UAA, 14UAA, 16UAA and 18UAA) follow CAHA AA format of 16 minute stop time periods. Dave also informed the presidents that we have reached our maximum number of users (managers) allowed with the Slack App. The cost is \$8/member/month; obviously too expensive. Dave submitted our 501(c3) status and hopefully that will allow us to continue to use the Slack App freely. Rob Foster stated that the Zoom Manager meetings went well except for the first meeting where we had technical difficulties. And finally, Rob Foster stated that we had six (6) scoresheets missing from the required Monday uploads. Bridget Hopkinson reminded the presidents of the Honda Center Anaheim Ducks game and to RSVP by tomorrow.

Old Business

Dave Bigelow discussed the reasoning for the SCAHA Pre-Select camp being by invitation only. When it was "open" we had close to 485 participants registered last season and 450 participants registered in the 2021 season. Obviously, it was becoming increasingly more difficult to properly evaluate our SCAHA players. The Pacific District Player Development Director is trying to have California streamline its process from a player having to attend three camps to advance to National Selects down to two camps which would mean doing away with the Pre Select Camps (SCAHA & Norcal). Under the direction of the Pacific District Player Development and CAHA, which govern the Select process, our first leg in the process had to be changed to invite only to ensure that SCAHA had the opportunity to evaluate our top AAA players with the goal to eventually advance to nationals. The camps are not just camps. They are tryout camps with the search for those top CA players that will make it to nationals out of the District Camp.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023 by teleconferencing.