



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 February 12, 2014  
 THE RINKS at LAKEWOOD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Bob Driffill (Commissioner), Bill Mendes (Deputy Commissioner), Kevin Culbertson (Treasurer), Nancy Hodge (Member Services), Dave Bigelow (Ice Convener), Rosemary Voulelikas (Secretary), Ben Cohen (Mite Coordinator), Bridget Hopkinson (Director-at-Large), Sandy Blumberg (Parliamentarian) and Wendy Goldstein (Director-at-Large).

**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total # Consec	CLUB	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total # Consec	CLUB
X				Anaheim Jr. Ducks	X				OC Hockey Club
X				Anaheim Wildcats		X	2	2	Ontario Eagles
X				California Wave	X				Pasadena Maple Leafs
X				Bakersfield Dragons	X		1		San Diego Gulls
X				Bay Harbor Red Wings	X				San Diego Ice Arena
X				CA Golden Bears		X	2		San Diego Saints
X				Channel Islands Riptide	X		1		Valencia Express/Flyers
X		1		Desert Blaze	X				Ventura Mariners/Titans
X		2		Ontario Jr. Reign	X				California Heat
X		1		Los Angeles Jr. Kings					

Bob Driffill called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Bob Driffill confirmed that there are thirteen presidents in attendance, therefore a quorum present.

**Guests**

Richard Ozaki LAHOA President

**Action Items:**

**Minutes**

Scott Allegrini moved to approve the January 8, 2014 minutes as presented.  
 (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

**Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Culbertson distributed the January 2014 financial statements via email. Kevin stated that moving forward in the check disbursement page he will be noting the electronic checks as E-checks and not EFT. Ben Frank moved to approve the financials as presented.  
 (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Ben Cohen moved to approve the \$1050.00 invoice from Rob Foster for the implementation for the I-Phone and the Android applications.  
 (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

**Tier I Program ~ 2014-2015 Season**

Kevin Culbertson informed the board of the new criteria implemented by CAHA for the upcoming season. The new Tier I and Tier II rules are:

Beginning in the 2014-2015 season, all clubs wishing to field a Tier I youth team must satisfy the following criteria before they will be permitted to field a Tier I youth team:

1. Clubs must have a Tier II youth feeder program in place in both the current and prior season.

2. Clubs must field a Tier II youth team at the same age division as the Tier I youth team in the current season and must have fielded a Tier II youth team at the same division in the prior season except for the Midget 18U division.
3. Only **one** Tier I youth team at each age division, unless the **second** Tier I youth team is a minor birth year team and the minor birth year Tier I youth team **must** participate in the CAHA Minor Division, if there is one.
4. Minor birth year Tier I youth teams must follow CAHA guidelines as set forth in the CAHA guidebook.
5. Clubs may only field two Tier II youth teams at each age division and must follow existing standards and rules regarding feeder programs for Youth Tier II teams.

### **2014-2015 Mite 8U program**

Ben Cohen recapped the Mite Track I and Track II 2013-2014 season and gave a summary of the survey sent out to parents, coaches and administrators. Ben Cohen listed the two options for next season. They are:

- 1- Follow the same format as this season with Track I having full ice games starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season. The number of full ice games would be 8 for this upcoming season, then 5 full ice games for the 2015-2016 season and then zero full ice games for the 2016-2017 season (refer to the Jan. 26, 2013 CAHA Minutes)
- 2- Implement zero full ice games, meaning that SCAHA will not schedule any full ice games next season. Mite 8U will still be able to play up to eight-(8) full ice games after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the 2014-2015 current playing season through tournaments, etc.

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to approve Option 1 as presented above. Motion seconded by Louis Soltero. Result of vote: 7-Yes, 8-No and 2-Abstentions. Motion fails.

Rosemary Voulelikas moved to table the discussion until next meeting. Louis Soltero seconded. Motion fails.

Manny Strategos moved to approve Option 2 (zero full ice games), as presented above. Paddy O'Donnell seconded. Result of vote: 9-Yes, 6-No and 2-Abstentions.

(motion **PASSED**)

Scott Allegrini moved to apply rule 20.07 to the 2014-2015 season. The rule reads as follows: *"Clubs may not roster a team in which 25% of the roster is playing up a division without first receiving Executive Committee approval with the exception of the Mite division which can have 50% or less player-ups for the 2013-2014 season only."* Motion seconded by Rosemary Voulelikas. Rosemary asked for clarification regarding Mite 2006 100% birthyear teams wanting to play up. Bob Driffill stated that for teams with birthyears in their last year for all age levels, they must follow the process as outlined in SCAHA Rule 18.04.

(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Ben Cohen informed the board that SCAHA is having the last "End of Season Tournament" for the Mite Track I season. They are finalizing the locations and will disseminate the information to all clubs. There was one Track I full ice game that has to be rescheduled because of no show of officials. Ben Cohen moved for SCAHA to share the total costs of \$515.50 evenly with LAHOA to reschedule the Mite Track I full ice game.

(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **New Club Name**

Art Trottier informed the board that the Jr. Ducks will be naming their teams as followed: Lakewood Jr. Ducks or the LA Jr. Ducks. All teams will still be wearing the same jerseys, and colors. Louis Soltero moved to accept the new name change.

(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **SCAHA Playoff Venues**

Sandy Blumberg announced the playoff venues for the SCAHA Playoffs:

Squirt A ~ Pickwick

Squirt BB ~ The Rinks-Yorba Linda

Squirt B & PeeWee A ~ Channel Islands

PeeWee B ~ The Rinks at Lakewood

Bantam A & Bantam B ~ Iceoplex Escondido

Midget A 16 & 18 ~ Iceoplex Simi Valley

Semi-Finals ~ Anaheim Ice

Finals ~ Toyota Sports Center

Sandy Blumberg asked for the host venues to remain after the meeting to distribute the playoff patches. In addition, she reminded the host venues that as part of their bid they are to provide the standings board. And finally, the programs will be delivered by Annie Fisher. Please make sure to distribute.

### **Information Items:**

#### **LAHOA**

Richard Ozaki informed the board that they held a seminar in Anaheim that went very well. They had 22 new officials participate. In addition, many veteran officials also attended the seminar. They plan to host two more seminars next season. LAHOA will be sending four individuals to San Jose Districts and one woman who will be working Districts in Alaska and then International in Mexico. Ben Cohen suggested that LAHOA look into appointing a lead official for the Mites that would be responsible in educating the officials working the cross-ice games in terms of what is expected.

### **District Report**

Wendy Goldstein informed the board she attended her first USA Hockey Winter meeting In Orlando. The 2012-2013 final registration numbers are up for both California and Pacific District. New for next season is that registrars will be accessing a web based system to register players in their respective clubs. Also, there was some discussion regarding allowing 23 players rostered on a Midget Youth team and only dressing 20 players for games. Wendy stated that she is not sure that this will pass in June. Wendy Goldstein asked Scott Allegrini to make sure that information that is disseminated is truthful. Wendy was referring to statements that alleged that Robin Ruhwedel withheld sanctioning paperwork for a Valencia Christmas tournament, when in fact paperwork was never received prior, during or immediately after the event was held.

### **Web Master Report**

Dave Bigelow stated that they have made a lot of progress on upgrading the web site to allow for online registration, etc.

### **Member Services Report**

Nancy Hodge informed the board that she is working on credentialing of all the teams submitted. She is still waiting for Titans and some of the Jr. Kings' teams. She will be

emailing those teams that have issues with teams not having 20 games or players not having 10 games.

Level 5 Coaching Clinic will be in Las Vegas this year. There are about 250 registrants. This year USA Hockey will host two level 4 clinics, one in Seattle June 20-22 and another one in Van Nuys Aug. 8-10.

### **Deputy Commissioner**

Bill Mendes thank Art Trottier for letting the SCAHA penalty review committee use his facilities to conduct hearings. Bill stated that after the Christmas Break, he has been noting that there has been an increase in 2 and 10 misconduct penalties. Bob Driffill informed the board that the USA Hockey Playing Rule 4.11 Progressive Suspension which was passed in Sept. 2013, will take effect the next playing season, 2014-2015. In summary, the rule reads as follows: Any player who receives a 3<sup>rd</sup> major penalty during the same season for any combination of the following infractions: boarding, body contact, butt ending, charging, cross-checking, elbowing, head contact, kicking, slashing, etc., will receive an additional three game suspension. For any player who receives a 4th major penalty will receive an additional 4 game suspension and anyone who receives a 5<sup>th</sup> major penalty shall be suspended until a hearing is held.

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm**

Next meeting Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Lakewood.

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