



**SCAHA ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 July 19, 2023  
 TELECONFERENCE CALL

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner); Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner); Nancy Hodge, Member Services; Monica Gordon, Director of Managers; Olivia Meyer, Director of Social Media; 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 seventeen presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

**Minutes**

Nancy Hodge informed the board that under Member Services in the minutes, it should read **Pacific District CEP Administrator** in lieu of USAH ACE Coaching Coordinator for CAHA. Michael Santiago motioned to approve the June 14, 2023 minutes as amended and Joel Henderson seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

**Guest**

Thomas Hancock CAHA President

**LAHOA Report**

No report at this time. Louis Magnifico is absent.

**Treasurer Report**

Dave Bigelow reported on behalf of Helen Alex who is absent. Dave shared the P & L Financial Statements with the presidents. The player fees will remain the same, \$35 per player, for the 2023-2024 playing season.

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

Dave Bigelow reminded the presidents to make sure to get their ice slots submitted by July 14<sup>th</sup>. It is important to get all of the LOI's in. There is no preseason. AA Teams are due August 15<sup>th</sup> and A/BB/B teams are due August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Bigelow recapped the new AA Format. SCAHA will be advancing a maximum of up to 12 teams in each division and Norcal will advance up to a maximum of 4 teams in each division. There will only be three (3) Cross-over CAHA weekends where the North plays the South. The other SCAHA AA teams that are relegated will continue in the SCAHA schedule. They will not be vying for a State/National Championship. Dave Bigelow stated that he is working with Rob Foster in dividing each of the AA age levels (12U, 14U, 16U) into two similarly competitive-like divisions by using previous season statistics, etc. For example, currently there are 18 teams declared in the 14UAA and the division can be divided into two divisions with nine (9) teams each.

Dave Bigelow recapped the CAHA Director votes and the results were the following; six (6) CAHA Directors from the SCAHA region and three (3) CAHA Directors from the Norcal region were voted in.

### **Deputy Commissioner Report**

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that the SCAHA Financial Assistance Application form has been posted on the SCAHA website. Please make sure to inform your families that if they submitted their application using the old form, they will need to resubmit their application using the 2023-2024 Application form. The 2023-2024 SCAHA Guidebook will be posted on the website shortly, most probably in early August.

Rosemary Voulelikas asked for feedback with regards to sending out the 2024 SCAHA Playoff Bid Packet prior to the finalization of declared teams in each division. Historically, the number of berths in each division is finalized in November by determining where the cut off is (standings) in each division. This year Rosemary is recommending that we prepare the bid packet now, using the number of berths in each division as if there were 8 teams advancing. Would the host rinks be okay with ice slots being returned because the number of teams advancing in a division (s) has been determined in November to be less than 8 teams? The consensus was yes. Rosemary will prepare same and send out in August. And finally, 2024 represents SCAHA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will be doing commemorative merchandise to celebrate.

### **Ice Convener Report**

Dave Bigelow re-iterated to the presidents to submit their ice slots on time. The season schedules will be sent out in the following order; AA schedule, the A/BB/B and then the 8U jamborees. For every 8U team you need to submit a total of three (3) ice slots for the season.

### **Statistician Report**

No report at this time. Rob Foster is absent.

### **Member Services Report**

Nancy Hodge informed the board that she held two separate Registrar Meetings and she thanked both the NHL Kings and Ducks for providing the meeting rooms respectively. Nancy instructed the presidents to make sure that the Coach/Manager LOI's are submitted. She has worked on a ton of player LOI's but has not seen a lot of the coaches' LOI's.

New this year, National Bound Team rosters must have the following:

- 1) a Locker room monitor rostered on their NTB USAH 1-T rosters. This can be a volunteer, or the team manager or an assistant coach and
- 2) all player positions and jersey numbers listed on the official USAH 1-T Roster

For the A/BB/B rosters the only requirement is identifying the goalies on the rosters. Quick reminder, USA Hockey has implemented for the 18UAAA Tier I only, a roster size of up to 22 players; 20 players and two goalies.

And finally, a reminder that for those needing to renew SafeSport Training, if same is not completed, the USAH Registry portal will automatically redline them off the roster. This automatic feature will be activated as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Several email reminders will be sent to those needing to recertify starting 60 days from the actual expiration date of that person's (older player, coach and/or manager) SafeSport Training.

### **Mite Director Report**

Jim Burcar reminded the presidents that the CAHA Rule for 8U out of state travel is limited to the following neighboring states; Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Jim also informed the presidents that the 2023-2024 8U Guidelines were shared with, LAHOA and SDHRA, SCAHA's contracted referee associations.

Currently, we have an odd number of preliminary team declarations in the 8UA and 8UB divisions, which will make scheduling somewhat awkward. Good news though, we have about eight (8) teams in the 8U Gretzky division.

### **Director of Managers**

Monica Gordon reported that she is working on scheduling a SCAHA in person Managers' Meeting sometime in August. Only two candidates submitted applications for the SCAHA College Scholar Athlete Awards. In the past two seasons we have had three candidates apply and we voted to award each of the candidates \$2000 each for a total of \$6000 disbursed. Historically, only a total of \$4000 is distributed to eligible candidates. The Executive Committee is recommending raising the award to each of these two candidates to \$3000 each for this year. Michael Santiago motioned to raise the Scholar Athlete Award to \$3000 each for the two candidates for a total of \$6000. Byron Williams seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

### **Old Business**

Dave Bigelow asked for ratification for the added monthly stipend of \$500 for the new position of Executive Assistant (Bridget Hopkinson) that was approved verbally earlier this 2022-2023 season. In addition, Dave is recommending an increase of \$250 for the treasurer position (Helen Alex) for a total monthly amount of \$750. Nick Silver motioned to approve the added monthly stipends of SCAHA Executive Assistant and Treasurer as stated above. Art Trottier seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Ben Frank asked if SCAHA will be dividing the 10UB division into Flight I and Flight II. Dave Bigelow answered yes. We have 18 teams declaring 10UB. Clubs need to get their final declarations in by August 27<sup>th</sup>. Jim Burcar was asked if the 8U schedule will be geographically regionalized. Jim answered no. The only time the 8U schedule will be regionalized will be during the holiday segment; from Thanksgiving through to New Year's.

The schedule will be released/published in three segments which is similar to last season's schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, August 9, 2023 by teleconferencing.