



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 October 12, 2022  
 TELECONFERENCE CALL

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner); Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner); Helen Alex (Treasurer); Nancy Hodge (Member Services); Bridget Hopkinson (Director); Jim Burcar (Mite Director); Monica Gordon (Social Media Director); and Rob Foster, Statistician.

**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		1		Los Angeles Jr. Kings
	X	2	1	Bakersfield Condors	X				OC Hockey Club
X				Bay Harbor Red Wings	X				Ontario Moose
X				California Bears	X				Pasadena Maple Leafs
X		1	1	California Gold Rush	X				San Diego Ice Arena
	X			California Heat	X				San Diego Jr. Gulls
X				California Wave	X				San Diego Saints
X				Coachella Valley	X				Santa Barbara Ice Hawks
X				Empire Hockey Club	X				Santa Clarita Jr. Flyers
X				Ice Dogs	X				Ventura Mariners/Titans
X				Jr. Reign Hockey Club					

Dave Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are sixteen presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

**Minutes**

Howard Drymon motioned to approve the August 10, 2022 minutes as presented and Lance Mehegan seconds it. (motion **PASSED**)

**Guest**

Louis Magnifico LAHOA President

**LAHOA Report**

Louis Magnifico reported that we are still under 400 officials registered and that the probability of going to a two man system is more likely to happen. The most challenging weekend to schedule is the January 6-8, 2023. All four CAHA AA division weekends are down south as well as the PGHL. Louis reported that their new payroll system had a glitch with the 8U system charging \$57 per game in lieu of \$57 per 1.5 hour jamboree slot.

**Treasurer Report**

Helen Alex presented the Financial P & L Statement dated September 30, 2022 on the screen. In addition to the monthly stipends, of note, expenses included the \$6,000 in College Scholarships. Revenues included the Select Camp Registrations. And finally, the player fee invoices were all sent for payment to the clubs.

**Commissioner's Report**

Dave Bigelow stated that this year SCAHA decided to create Slack channels for the

managers and so far, questions are being answered in real time. A Tier II review committee was formed to review the existing AA weekend format. Geoff Leibl is Chairing the committee. The goal of the committee is to come up with proposals that are cost effective to present to CAHA. Bridget Hopkinson suggested that we do not wait for the January CAHA Board meeting but rather to present at the November CAHA Board meeting. Dave Bigelow reiterated that club presidents need to remind their coaches that A/B games will not be moved because of team availability. Only documented loss of ice will be considered.

### **Deputy Commissioner Report**

Rosemary Voulelikas reminded the presidents that the deadline to submit financial assistance applications is soon approaching, October 15, 2022. Applications need to be sent with “no signature” required. And finally, game misconducts follow the team whether they are assessed to players or coaches. Game Misconducts DO NOT follow the player or coach.

### **Ice Convener Report**

Dave Bigelow reported that so far it has been a rough ride scheduling the games. What is left to schedule is the balance of the 8U Jamboree schedule and the last leg of the AA SCAHA games. In the 16UA division, there is a possibility of scheduling some games with the 16UAA teams that do not advance in CAHA. Bridget Hopkinson reminded the club presidents to make sure their Club Ice Conveners send their scheduling issues to scheduler@scaha.com.

### **Statistician Report**

Rob Foster reported that we have a new system in place, Slack for the team managers that is providing them constant messaging and resources. Rob stated that he will send out a survey to managers. Rob also reported that currently he is working on building connections between CAHA and SCAHA schedules and also possibly tying into Time to Score.

Rob Foster reported on USA Hockey’s CEP Continuing Education for Level 4/5. Level 4’s will be required to complete five (5) units every 2-3 years. The District Coach-in-Chief, Flint Dungchak will be sending a Chart with the timeline to complete the required CEP Levels. Clubs can bring forth ideas for these in person clinics. These clinics can be on anything that clubs would like to see their Level 4 coaches trained for and would count towards completing units. In addition, these sessions are in person and can be at any rink. If interested in scheduling a Continuing Education Clinic for your Level 4 Coaches, please reach out to Rob Foster.

### **Member Services Report**

Nancy Hodge informed the board that the next Player Fee Invoices will be at the end of November and the final one will be at the end of January. Nancy Hodge expanded on the Level 4 going to level 5 CEP Clinics. **Attending a Level 5 clinic credits you with five credits which is good for three years.** These CEP Clinics are in person and run for multiple days and are scheduled every two (2) years. The next clinic is in Boston, May 2023.

### **Mite Director Report**

Jim Burcar advised the board that the 8U schedule will follow the AA schedule and the November-December schedule with four (4) jamborees scheduled has been reviewed.

The focus is to ensure that the 8UB schedule is regionalized.

### **Director of Managers**

Monica Gordon reported that currently the major hot topic amongst the 8U Managers is the 8U schedule. A reminder of the format and procedures will be sent to the 8U managers. Other questions she has been fielding deals with the LOI's for players on teams that have dropped.

### **New Business**

Rob Foster shared his 8U Presentation highlighting some of the facts regarding 8U Cross-ice. The 2001 birth year player was the first birth year to play cross-ice. There were 15 USA Hockey players that were 1<sup>st</sup> Round NHL Draft picks. Since the pandemic, SCAHA has lost about 200 8U aged players. The goal is how do we keep them playing and still make it fun for all? Jim Burcar stated that there are logistical issues such as additional set of boards, limited use of benches, coaches on ice and staffing cost for 2<sup>nd</sup> set of boards that need to be considered. Jim suggested that organizational heads need to take a deeper look into the logistical issues. Rob Foster will share the 8U presentation with the presidents.

### **Old Business**

Geoff Leibl reported on the AA Review Committee's proposal. The proposal will be sent out shortly via email to all the presidents. The Committee agreed that the current CAHA AA Weekend model is not sustainable cost wise. Some ideas the committee came up with is to allow for SCAHA to schedule all of the AA games, two games for each team (one home and one away) in each division. All SCAHA games will count towards the standings. SCAHA would then hold a Championship and would send either their top two or top 4 teams to the CAHA State Championships. The number of qualifying teams would be determined by CAHA. Bridget Hopkinson stated that a possible solution would be to have CAHA bring back the CAHA Playdowns for each division where the top eight teams in each age division across the state compete to determine the top four teams that advance to the CAHA State Championships. Dave Bigelow added that the business model of rinks has changed and forcing rinks/clubs that field AA teams to host CAHA AA Weekends may not be feasible. Daniel Donovan added that except for the cost of the CAHA AA Weekends, most players and families love the existing CAHA AA Weekend format

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022 by teleconferencing.