



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 January 13, 2016  
 THE RINKS at LAKEWOOD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Annie Fisher (Deputy Commissioner), Kevin Culbertson (Treasurer), Nancy Hodge (Member Services), Rosemary Voulelikas (Secretary), David Bigelow (Ice Convener), Bridget Hopkinson (Director-Social Media) and Ben Cohen (Mite Director).

**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total Consec Abs	Club	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total Consec Abs	Club
	X	1		Bears	X				Blaze
X		1		Dragons	X				Eagles
X				Heat	X				Jr. Ducks
X		1		Jr. Flyers	X				Jr. Gulls
X				Jr. Ice Dogs	X		2	2	Jr. Kings
X				Maples Leafs	X		1		OC Hockey
X				Red Wings	X		1		Riptide
	X	2	2	Saints	X		1		SDIA
X		1		Titans	X		1		Wave
X				Wildcats					

Annie Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Annie Fisher confirmed that there are sixteen presidents in attendance, therefore a quorum present.

**Guest**

Raffi Kajberouni LAHOA Vice President

**Minutes**

Scott Allegrini moved to approve the November 11, 2015 minutes as presented.  
 (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

**LAHOA Report**

Raffi Kajberouni informed the board that LAHOA was investigating reports received from parents regarding the officiating; in particular one during the last CAHA weekend and the other involving an incident that occurred several weeks ago during a game in Ontario vs Bakersfield. Raffi reported on the issues regarding the scheduling during the Mite Cross ice games. Ben Cohen stressed the importance of getting the scheduling of officials for the Cluster Events right. It is a great venue for the new officials to get experience and to work games, especially when there are CAHA games during the same Cluster Event weekends.

Raffi Rajberouni informed the board that just this past year, LAHOA has seen a decline in registrations, a loss of 100 Level 1 officials. Overall, USA Hockey has reported a 6% decline in officials' registrations for this year. Raffi explained the training process for officials. Ben Frank asked if there was any way to have a step by step process explaining what is required for players who want to become officials. Raffi stated that USA Hockey's training requirements includes online training modules as well as on ice components.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The financials dated as of December 31, 2015 were distributed to the board. Kevin Culbertson stated the following:

1. Select Camp - essentially all revenues and expenses are accounted for. There may still be minimal income/expense to be recorded, but if any, probably \$0-\$300 in total.
2. Player Fee Income - the bulk has been received. Only remaining amounts will be for players added in December, as well as recoup a bad check deposited.
3. Mite Component – expenses yet to come as we complete the Cluster Events.

Steve Yovetich asked what the comparison is between the budget to date vs last year's budget to date. Kevin Culbertson answer that we have an increase of \$75,000 in assets from a year ago.

### **Ice Convener/Web Site**

Dave Bigelow reported that there are three games with issues regarding calendar dates. These are SDIA games. In addition, for the January 25<sup>th</sup> weekend, there are games with Lady Ducks' teams that will have to be undone. That is the same weekend as the CAHA Girls' Select Camp. Dave will be adjusting the schedule to reflect these changes. Dave Bigelow reported that there was a game where he noted the venue as KSH instead of KHS in error and the officials did not show because it never populated on the schedule. SCAHA will be paying for the ice and the Ice Dogs will pay for the officials.

### **Member Services Report**

Nancy Hodge informed the board that she is already working with Wendy Goldstein on the credentialing of the Tier I teams. Nancy reported that she has removed about 30 coaches from the rosters. Nancy Hodge reminded the board that she provides notes at the bottom of rosters. Please remind your coaches, managers and registrars that those notes are there for their benefit. As a recommendation for next season, Nancy suggested that clubs should have their coaches execute their LOI's at tryouts. This way, coaches will know of any missing requirements prior to the start of the season and hopefully be able to schedule and complete them before a clinic level is closed, etc.

### **Mite Program**

Ben Cohen informed the board that the only negative feedback he received was about the officiating. Ben Cohen stated that the intermediate nets have had a positive effect in that it has reduced the number of goals scored in games. Mite Track I has transitioned to half ice as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. Ben Cohen reminded the board to submit their invoices as soon as their Cluster Events are done. The last Cluster Event weekend of February 20-21, 2016 will require a pizza party at the end of the event.

### **Deputy Commissioner Report**

Annie Fisher stated that we have had no match penalties at the A/B levels. The only match penalties have been at the Tier level which CAHA has been handling. Annie informed the board that Steve Laing is stepping down as the CAHA president. Currently, Tom Hancock and Lance Burrow, both Norcal representatives are running for the position. Annie Fisher stated that the SCAHA executive committee would like to see someone from the south run and is nominating Rosemary Voulelikas. Rosemary added that if the presidents had other candidates to please let Chris Carcerano know.

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that the nominee forms for CAHA Directors will be sent this weekend. The seating of the new CAHA directors will be at the May 7<sup>th</sup> annual

meeting.

### **SCAHA Playoffs**

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that the bid packets for hosting the SCAHA quarter finals and semi-finals will be sent this weekend. The Toyota Sports Center is once again donating the ice for the league playoffs. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2016. SCAHA will continue to do the programs; one for each playoff participant at no cost.

### **Other Business -Competitive Play Committee**

Scott Allegrini reminded the board that at the SCAHA November meeting, the SCAHA board appointed him as the chair of a Competitive Advancement Committee whose mandate was to review the competitive levels of the SCAHA A/B teams and to come up with a proposal that would promote competitive advancement in the league. The committee members are; Ben Frank, Todd Thomasy, Scott Allegrini, Steve Yovetich and Dave Bigelow. Scott deferred to Dave Bigelow who presented the committee's proposal. Dave Bigelow distributed a power point presentation to the board. Dave highlighted some of the problems that exist in our league.

1. Divisions and levels cluttered with teams at varying skill
2. Competitive games are random
3. Pressure on clubs guessing where teams should play
4. Matchups producing false positives and negatives
5. Competitive hockey exists in pockets
6. Preseason too short for sorting out A/B
7. No consideration placed on geography

The goal is to try and build a competitive environment and structure so that teams can have competitive games relative to their opponents across the season. The overall goal is to grow the sport, keep the players playing from Mites to Midgets. The committee is proposing to create two divisions, with one division being state bound and the other division league bound only. Dave Bigelow distributed a chart showing the ranking and division of the teams that are state bound only. The table uses the "top" 24 teams ranked into four-(4) pools of six-(6) teams each. Discussion followed. It was agreed upon that the non-state bound concept would be discarded. It was suggested the committee should revise the structure and use the same ranking/scheduling format as the chart presented but to apply it to A/BB/B pre-destined divisions and to have the league rank the teams into their appropriate division after the first 5-week play and then re-rank the teams after the 7-games played. The committee will regroup and re-present to the board at the next SCAHA board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:11 pm

Next meeting Wednesday February 10, 2016 at Lakewood.