



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 March 9, 2016  
 THE RINKS at LAKEWOOD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Chris Carcerano ( Commissioner), Annie Fisher (Deputy Commissioner), Kevin Culbertson (Treasurer), Nancy Hodge (Member Services), Rosemary Voulelikas (Secretary), Rob Foster (Statistician), 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				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		2		OC Hockey
X				Red Wings	X		1		Riptide
X		2	2	Saints	X		1		SDIA
X		1		Titans	X		1		Wave
X				Wildcats					

Chris Carcerano called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Chris Carcerano confirmed that there are thirteen presidents in attendance, therefore a quorum present.

**Guest**

Richard Ozaki LAHOA President  
 Dan Ellison SDHRA Director

**Minutes**

The CA Bears were present at the February meeting. Scott Allegrini moved to approve the February 10, 2016 minutes as amended.

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

**New SCAHA Membership Proposal/Presentation**

Three new clubs presented their proposal to become SCAHA member associations. They are:

- 1- LA Lions Girls Hockey
- 2- Santa Barbara Ice Hawks
- 3- Poway Predators

Bridget Hopkinson moved to deny the LA Lions Girls Hockey Club as a SCAHA member club for the 2016-2017 season because they do not meet the minimum requirement of qualifying for SCAHA membership.

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

Ben Frank moved to accept the Santa Barbara as a SCAHA member club for the 2016-2017 season pending receipt of the required paperwork.

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

Rosemary Voulelikas asked if the new clubs are post season ineligible. Chris Carcerano clarified that new clubs are temporarily post season ineligible at all levels; basically a probation period to review their performance as a club administratively. Sometime in November-December of the current playing season their processes will be reviewed and the probation period may be lifted, making their teams post season eligible.

Jeff Larson moved to accept the Poway Predators as a SCAHA member club for the 2016-2017 season.

(motion **SECONDED** and **FAILED**)

### **LAHOA Report**

Richard Ozaki informed the board that LAHOA had 10 officials working the Tier II state playoffs. We had two officials working the Pacific Districts in El Segundo and one official working the Pacific Districts in Alaska. LAHOA will be sending four officials to the Michel Voyer August referee training camp. Richard Ozaki, of LAHOA and Dan Ellison, of SDHRA will be attending the Pacific District meeting May 13, specifically to meet with the District referee-in-chief Steve Stevenson to discuss the various issues that have occurred during the season.

### **SDHRA Report**

Dan Ellison thanked LA Jr. Kings for hosting the Pacific District Championships. The event was well run at all levels. Dan Ellison stated that they are looking for new officials in the San Diego area. Those programs that have teams with players aging out to please remind them that officiating is a good way to stay involved in hockey. Most of their officiating seminars are in August and September. Jason Galea asked if any of the seminars can be held later. Dan Ellison answered that they are always open to do a seminar later but the challenge would be to have at least 10 participants attending. Dan Ellison added not to forget to reach out to the female aged out players for officiating as well.

Rosemary Voulelikas asked if LAHOA is coordinating any collaboration between the rink scheduler and the travel scheduler to have the new officials work in-house games for experience. Richard answered yes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The financials dated as of February 29, 2016 were distributed to the board. Kevin informed the board that the Tier I selections for this upcoming season 2016-2017 are posted on the CAHA web site.

### **Statistician**

Rob Foster informed the board that he has updated all of the final standings and the web site has been updated. Interesting tidbit, not one division had to go to tie breaker formula to determine final seedings. This has not happened in a very long time.

Chris Carcerano reminded the board that the CAHA nominations are due March 15 to the CAHA secretary.

### **SCAHA Playoffs**

Rosemary Voulelikas asked the hosting venues and clubs to please see her at the end of the meeting to receive the scoresheets and credential packets for the divisions they are hosting. Prior to the first game the teams will have to be credentialed. Nancy Hodge stated that all of the games have already been credentialed by her. What remains to be reviewed is that every player and adult rostered on the team needs to have the USA Hockey forms, Waiver of Liability and Code of Conduct in their manager's book. An email went out to the managers to bring their scoresheet labels for their round robin games, a total of three games. If you receive a playoff entry check, please make sure to mail it to Kevin Culbertson. Rosemary Voulelikas added that she will be sending the scorecards and the playoff rules to each of the hosting venues/clubs. Rosemary asked for the venues to post the rules in the referee rooms at their respective rinks. Annie Fisher added that she will be distributing the SCAHA playoff patches and programs to each of the venues. Kevin Culbertson reminded the hosting venues to send him their invoices as soon as their event has concluded.

### **Mite Director Report**

Ben Cohen would like to form a committee for next season to review the Mite Track I & II programs. All those interested please contact Ben. The goal is to present at the April meeting. Chris Carcerano would like to see at least 3-5 committee members.

### **Old Business**

#### **Competitive Play Committee**

Scott Allegrini and Ben Frank presented their proposals.

- 1- Proposal to increase PDR at A, BB and B to 50%. New players to SCAHA would count for PDR.
- 2- Add BB division to PW age group to have fewer teams per level.
- 3- Extend Pre-season from 3 games to 5 games to allow time for proper placement and club decisions. Lessen regular season.
- 4- Appoint SCAHA Competition committee to review all A, BB, B levels upon conclusion of the pre-season and clubs first opportunity to change their level of play, SCAHA competition committee to exercise SCAHA authority to re-classify team levels. In the case of SCAHA reassigning a team's level, LOIs would stay intact.
- 5- Any division with more than 16 teams after competitive adjustment period will be split into division 1 and division 2 both with their own SCAHA playoff round and champ. (Only Division 1 Goes On To States).
- 6- The competitive adjustment made by the committee would follow certain ratios of numbers of teams from top level down to keep the pyramid in place. For example. If we had 50 pw teams in A, BB, B. Then:
  - i) no more than 25% of all pw teams at the A level. =12 teams max
  - ii) no more than 30 % at bb level=15 teams max.
  - iii) The remaining teams at B level 45%+. =23 teams split now into division 1-approx 10 teams and division 2 - approximately 13 teams.

Chris Carcerano stated that we can review, and discuss and take a straw poll to see if the above proposals should be considered by the SCAHA rule changes committee. The question that needs to be asked for each proposal is what problem are we trying to solve? Highlights of straw poll and discussions:

- Proposal #1 – increase PDR for PWA, BNA and MDA from 25% to 50%
- Proposal #2 – add a BB division to Pee Wees

- Proposal #3 – extend preseason from 3 games to 5 games
- Proposal #4 – ...LOI's would stay intact. What this means is that LOI's would be locked to the club at the division and not the team level. Chris Carcerano stated that this may work for 80% of the clubs however we need to propose a solution that we know will work for all of the clubs. Rob Foster reviewed the regular season game results for games that were blowouts, meaning a minimum of 7-goal differential. There were 214 games out of 2, 221 regular season games that had blowouts. This represents 10% of all of the games. Pee wee A and Squirt B were the divisions with the most blowout games.
- Proposal #5 & #6 – Club presidents and coaches need to be responsible for designating the teams in the appropriate levels. Art Trottier added that a suggestion could be to play 6-8 weeks and then take a mid-season break to re-align the divisions and levels. Art Trottier also added that regionalizing the teams could also work. Chris Carcerano stated that this may hurt some of the smaller clubs.

Ben Frank stated that the committee can try to modify the proposals to incorporate some of the feedback from today's meeting. Chris Carcerano asked for the committee to update their proposal and send to the presidents for more discussion at the April meeting.

Annie Fisher announced her resignation as the SCAHA Deputy Commissioner effective April 14, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 9:43 pm

Next meeting Wednesday April 13, 2016 at Lakewood.