



SCAHA ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 May 19, 2021
 TELECONFERENCE CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner), Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner), Nancy Hodge (Member Services), Jane Lord (Parliamentarian), Todd Thomasy (Treasurer), Rob Foster (Statistician), Bridget Hopkinson (Director), Jim Burcar (Director), Monica Gordon (Director) and Janine Ghantous (Bookkeeping).

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	2		Los Angeles Jr. Kings
X				Bakersfield Condors	X				OC Hockey Club
X		1		Bay Harbor Red Wings	X				Ontario Moose
X				California Bears	X				Pasadena Maple Leafs
X				California Gold Rush	X				San Diego Ice Arena
X		1		California Heat	X				San Diego Jr. Gulls
X				California Wave	X				San Diego Saints
X		3		Desert Blaze	X				Santa Barbara Ice Hawks
X				Empire Hockey Club	X				Valencia Jr. Flyers
X				Ice Dogs	X				Ventura Mariners/Titans
X				Jr. Reign Hockey Club					

Dave Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are twenty presidents in attendance on the conference call therefore a quorum present.

Minutes

Art Trottier motioned to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes and Lance Mehegan seconds it. (motion **PASSED**)

Guest

Louis Magnifico LAHOA President
 Dan Ellison Pacific District Referee-in-Chief
 Tom Hancock CAHA President

LAHOA Report

Louis Magnifico reported that to date LAHOA has a total of 227 officials registered compared to pre-Covid number of 512 officials. This year is a rule change year for USA Hockey and therefore the seminars cannot start until after June Congress once the rule books are updated with the approved rule changes which could be sometime around late July or early August. Question was asked by Tom Hancock as to whether the leagues can subsidize the cost of the seminar fees to help offset the cost for the officials. Michael Santiago asked what the costs for an official to get fully registered are. Dan Ellison responded that between the seminars, testing, training modules, screening, etc; it can be anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per official. It would take an official about two weeks from start to finish to get fully registered. Bridget Hopkinson asked if the officials can use the USAH membership registration similar to coaches/players. Louis Magnifico stated that the

USAH membership has different liabilities for officials' vs player/coach. The discussion regarding subsidizing the cost of seminars was tabled until the next SCAHA Board meeting in June.

Treasurer Report

Todd Thomasy reported that the only expenses to date are the monthly stipends and storage expenses. Dave Bigelow announced that Todd Thomasy is stepping down from the Treasurer's position and will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as a Director-At-Large. Furthermore, Dave Bigelow has identified a potential replacement for the position of SCAHA Treasurer, Helen Alex. Right now the treasurer position was being handled by Todd Thomasy, Dave Bigelow and Janine Ghantous. With the addition of Helen Alex, the position will revert back to one person being able to devote the time needed to complete all tasks. Dave stated that at the June meeting, the board will be asked to ratify the Executive members appointed by Dave Bigelow.

Commissioner's Report

Dave Bigelow informed the board that SCAHA is in the process of reviewing the LAHOA Contract. Some of the key changes to the contract include correction to the official's rates at the 12UAAA and 14UAAA and charging a single game fee to the 12UAAA and 14UAAA divisions. The new rates are:

Division:	Game Fee	Ref Fee	Lineman Fee
12U AAA	\$142.00	\$56.00	\$43.00
14U AAA	\$151.00	\$61.00	\$45.00

Dan Ellison added that SDHRA (San Diego Hockey Referee Association) president, Greg McAlpine will be reaching out to SCAHA regarding a contract with the San Diego Hockey Referee association.

The CAHA Director elections will be on June 26, 2021. Dave Bigelow reviewed the candidates' names and informed the board they will discuss at the next SCAHA meeting in June prior to the CAHA June Annual meeting.

Ice Convener's Report

In preparation for the 2021-2022 June tryouts, Dave Bigelow asked the presidents to let him know whether they are having any rink ice issues for tryouts; none reported. Dave presented a rough draft of the 2021-2022 Season Calendar. It includes the CAHA AA preseason weekends, the CAHA AA play in weekend and the remaining CAHA mandated weekends. At this time, the balances of the weekends are moving parts and they will be finalized by the end of June by CAHA if not sooner.

Deputy Commissioner Report

Rosemary Voulelikas distributed and presented the 2021-2022 proposed SCAHA Rule Changes.

Section 4 Membership

Rule 4.07 "New Article" New associations seeking SCAHA membership must obtain preliminary approval from CAHA prior to March 15 in order to submit an application for membership to SCAHA by April 1st. (refer to CAHA Rule1.1-1)

Rule 4.14 "New Article" All member clubs must submit the SCAHA Membership

Agreement annually prior to tryouts. Failure to submit the annual membership agreement may result in probationary status of the club. (refer to SCAHA Rule 4.08).

Michael Santiago moved to approve Section 4 rule changes as presented and Art Trotter seconds it. (motion **Passes**)

Section 19 – Registration Requirements for Players

Rule 19.08 As of April 30th, teams may use next season age classification for tournament play. Michael Santiago moved to approve the 19.08 rule change as presented and Lance Mehegan seconds it. (motion **Passes**)

Section 25 – Coaches

Rule 25.01 “New Article” Head Coaches are not allowed to be managers. Michael Santiago moved to approve the 25.01 rule change as presented and Tony Witt seconds it. (motion **Passes**)

Section 27 – SCAHA Games

Rule 27.05 Prior to the start of ~~tryouts the season~~, all clubs must submit their game slot costs **in their SCAHA Membership Agreement**. This is required for purposes of invoicing teams that cancel/forfeit away games. All information will remain confidential. **Any updates to the club’s ice cost that was submitted with the club’s membership agreement must be submitted by July 15.** If not submitted by July 15, that club will not be reimbursed for any ice costs for forfeiture or rescheduling fees.

Rule 27.16 All teams will provide scoresheet rosters in a League-provided format (using legal name on official USA Hockey roster) for use on all copies of the official scoresheet. Players will be listed in alphabetical order to facilitate proper statistical tracking. All teams will cross off players not in attendance or who are not able to participate on all copies of the scoresheet. Players and/or coaches that have been crossed off the scoresheet arriving after the start of the game will incur a bench minor penalty. **For all non-SCAHA league games, games must be recorded on a hard copy scoresheet (refer to CAHA Rule 6.8).**

Rule 27.26 Injured **and/or** suspended players may not be on the players’ bench. Jim Burcar moved to approve the Section 27 rule change proposals as presented except for Rule 27.26 to read as follows: **Injured and/or S**uspended players may not be on the players’ bench. Claudia Pearson seconds it. (motion **Passes**)

SCAHA Membership Agreement in Appendix

Jim Burcar moved to remove the proposed new language under Jurisdiction and to accept the new language under Membership to read as follows: **“In addition, all Member Clubs must provide their ice cost: \$_____ per hour as part of their annual SCAHA Membership Agreement prior to tryouts.”** Frank Aversa seconds it. (motion **Passes**)

Section 18 – Tryouts

Rule 18.03 Michael Santiago moved to approve the proposed 18.03 rule change as presented and Claudia Pearson seconds it. (motion **Fails**)

Jim Burcar moved to approve the 18.03 rule change as amended: “A player whose name is on the delinquency list, and is permitted to tryout, and/or sign an LOI will be fined a sum of **not less than \$100 \$500** payable to the League. **Clubs are responsible in verifying**

the league wide delinquency list prior to players participating in tryouts and/or rostering. The club allowing the tryout may also be sanctioned.” Jason Galea seconds it. (motion **Passes**)

Section 23 – Team Eligibility

Rule 23.01 Tony Witt moved to approve the amended proposed rule changes to include part (a) and to exclude part (b). Jim Burcar seconds it.

(motion **Passes**)

The amended Rule 23.01 change proposal now reads as follows: Block Recruitment occurs when more than the approved number of players from a final team roster in the previous season is rostered with a different club's team in the new season. The team will not be included in the SCAHA schedule and will be ineligible for post-season playoffs. The approved numbers of players that may join a team from a different club's previous season roster are as follows: **For 8U teams only, 8U to 8U teams**, 8U – 2 -players; 10U – 5 players; 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U - 6 players. **Once notified by the league of a Block Recruitment issue, clubs have up to one week to fix the block recruitment issue. All teams of a member club must be part of SCAHA. No independent teams are permitted in SCAHA or CAHA (refer to SCAHA Rule 4.04 and CAHA Rule 1.6). Clubs in noncompliance may be placed on probationary status. (refer to SCAHA Rule 4.08).**

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that the proposed rule changes for Rule 19.04 and 19.05 are tabled pending CAHA approved rule changes that will be finalized towards the end of June.

Statistician Report

Rob Foster informed the presidents that he will be available for support throughout the tryout period. The online system now incorporates PDR (Player Development Rules) and BRR (Block Recruitment Rules) calculations that will assist clubs when forming teams. Continuing education for coaches with existing level 4 is required and USA Hockey is looking for clubs to participate in a test pilot program. Please contact Rob Foster if interested.

Member Services Report

Nancy Hodge informed the board that she is setting up registrar training for new registrars via zoom. Existing registrars should expect a meeting sometime after the USA Hockey June Congress meeting.

Mite Director Report

Jim Burcar reminded the presidents that the 8U team fees are \$2450 per team. This is for all 8U levels; A/B/C. All 8U levels will have 12 scheduled SCAHA jamborees with weekends available for clubs to schedule practice on same weekends; at least this is the goal so that the 8U teams do not miss out on practice like in past seasons when the schedules of the 8U levels were staggered. And finally, only the 8UA level will have an “End of Season Tournament.”

Social Media Report

Monica Gordon informed the board that the college scholarships were revised to include those aging out players that elected not to play hockey during the Covid-19 Specific Season.

Other/Old Business

Dave Bigelow reported that he has been contacted by the Las Vegas Jr. Knights youth hockey club seeking exhibition status with full inclusion in some divisions in the SCAHA schedule. Apparently, they are looking for games for the upcoming season. Tom Hancock suggested that as a possible remedy to avoid interference with the league, would be that clubs have the option to opt in or opt out of being scheduled with the Las Vegas Jr. Knights teams. Dave responded that the main goal of the league at this time is to have the tryouts completed successfully and teams formed so that we can start our SCAHA season. It is imperative that we focus on getting that critical component completed first before entertaining granting exhibition status to visiting teams.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2021 by teleconferencing.