



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 September 11, 2019  
 THE RINKS at LAKEWOOD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Dave Bigelow (Commissioner), Rosemary Voulelikas (Deputy Commissioner), Rob Foster (Statistician), Bridget Hopkinson (Director) and Monica Gordon (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		1		Los Angeles Jr. Kings
X (on call)				Bakersfield Condors	X				OC Hockey Club
X				Bay Harbor Red Wings	X				Ontario Moose
	X	1		California Bears	X		1		Pasadena Maple Leafs
X				California Gold Rush	X				San Diego Ice Arena
X				California Heat	X				San Diego Jr. Gulls
X				California Wave		X	2		San Diego Saints
	X	1		Desert Blaze	X (on call)		2		Santa Barbara Ice Hawks
X				Empire Hockey Club	X				Valencia Jr. Flyers
X				Ice Dogs	X (on call)				Ventura Mariners/Titans
X				Jr. Reign Hockey Club					

Dave Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Dave Bigelow confirmed that there are eleven presidents in attendance as well as three presidents on conference call therefore a quorum present.

**Guest**

Louis Magnifico            LAHOA President  
 Steve Applely            LAHOA Vice President  
 Sara Parras                LAHOA Treasurer

**Minutes**

Ben Frank motioned to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes as presented and Vic Venasky seconds it. (motion **PASSED**)

**LAHOA Report**

Louis Magnifico reported that LAHOA has implemented a support system for its officials to garner better calls and reports. They have a game review committee. Art Kitano is participating in coach's seminars to educate coaches about point of emphasis this year from USA Hockey with regards to late hits.

Sara Parras explained the new format for clubs using LAHOA's payroll of officials this year. The typical invoice will have a second page with the breakdown of all the games the officials worked for your club. The cost to use LAHOA's payroll service is \$4 per game.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dave Bigelow presented the budget on behalf of Todd Thomasy who is absent. Discussion followed. Rosemary Voulelikas asked why would the budget for paid staff (Member Services, Statistician & Ice Convener) be lower than the actual amount paid, shouldn't it remain as is since the increase in amounts was voted on by the presidents? Dave Bigelow stated he will correct that amount in the budget to reflect the actual. Ben Frank moved to approve the budget as amended and Robert Field seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

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

Dave Bigelow informed the presidents that he asked Bridget Hopkinson to create a spreadsheet with the hosting venues for the 8U divisions. He is implementing a push-pay system for the 8U reimbursement. Please send to Dave the following payment information; payable to and the address. Dave reiterated that the deadline for final team movement (A/BB/B & 8U) is Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dave will then have 72 hours to draft the schedule for the presidents to review it and then presidents need to respond within the timeframe set. There were a couple of 8U team movements which was allowable. Dave will send an email to the presidents asking the following: "Were the bye requests correctly noted?" and "Is your regular season ice noted correctly?" Presidents are to review and respond to Dave's email.

Dave Bigelow stated that he was asked not to flight the AA teams for the SCAHA AA exhibition schedule. For the regulated AA teams, he made better match-ups in the schedule through to the end. Alex Owens moved to not flight the AA divisions in SCAHA. Geoff Leibl seconds it.

(motion **PASSED**)

Dave added that he should have the draft regular season schedule ready for review no later than September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Yovetich asked about the LAHOA evaluation support system. Louis Magnifico added that there are 100 new officials this year and a mentoring/shadowing program would definitely benefit their development. Steve Yovetich suggested LAHOA should send SCAHA its proposal.

### **Mite Director Report**

Dave Bigelow reported on behalf of Jim Burcar who is absent. The 8U division will have the same end of year celebration as last season, with the format being the same. Those interested in hosting the end of season celebration please contact Jim Burcar.

### **Statistician Report**

Rob Foster informed the presidents that he sends out warnings to those managers who are late in submitting the online game summaries and scoresheets. He has not had too many of these so far. He has been sending out ineligible coaches on your bench emails which game suspensions. Also the new procedures for the 8U divisions went well with the printing of the online one-sheet scoresheet. Some questions arose from OCHC and Goldrush managers regarding the online one-sheet Pilot program. Rob stated that the Away team also has to select their coaches ahead of time before the scoresheet can be printed.

### **Member Services Report**

No report at this time, Nancy Hodge is absent. Rosemary Voulelikas added that the approval of rosters were delayed as a result of the ongoing glitches the new platform for the USA Hockey Registry portal has been experiencing and Nancy has about less than 120 rosters left to approve.

### **Deputy Commissioner's Report**

#### **SCAHA Scholastic Financial Program**

Rosemary Voulelikas reported on the SCAHA Scholastic Financial Aid program for clarification purposes. All applications went to Monica Gordan, who then forwarded them to Rosemary Voulelikas. All essays were redacted by Rosemary to remove any possibility of identification of the applicants. Furthermore, any application that did not meet the criteria to apply was disqualified. There were two applications of the five submitted that were disqualified because they were from players that did not play in SCAHA in the last two seasons or more, including this past season. The NHL Kings and Ducks each contributed \$2000 towards the scholastic scholarship amount. Seeing that there were only three applicants to consider for the awards, in lieu of selecting only two awardees, the presidents voted at the June 12, 2019 meeting to add \$500 from SCAHA's budget, thereby increasing the total money allocation to \$4500. Each of the three candidates was then awarded \$1500 each. Steve Yovetich asked for a straw poll from the presidents to see if there was any interest to expand the qualifications to ex-SCAHA players that chose to delay their post-secondary studies (college) until such time they have exhausted their Junior Hockey playing years. Only five presidents raised their hands.

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the board that so far things appear to be quiet suspension wise. She reminded them hearings this season will be conducted once a month. The next hearing date is September 16, 2019.

#### **Tier II Evaluation Recap**

Rosemary Voulelikas reported on the Tier II Evaluation Weekend. She distributed the evaluation sheet with the criteria listed for the presidents to review. The AA weekend was a huge success as it met its challenge of communicating with all of the coaches present. A core of coaches that were not coaching teams that weekend were asked and volunteered to evaluate the teams. Chris Hathaway was the lead coach evaluator for the three divisions as well as the 16UAA lead coach evaluator; Larry Cahn was the 14U AA lead coach evaluator and Ben Frank was the 12UAA lead coach evaluator. Prior to the start of the weekend and the team's first game, the evaluation process and criteria was explained to each head coach. The first two games were scheduled based on the teams/club's self-ranking. The third games were then scheduled and based on their results the fourth games were then scheduled. At the conclusion of the four games, all coaches were then spoken to via exit interviews. Additionally, they were asked their opinion on CAHA's new proposal for AA and the reception was very positive from the coaches, especially giving the teams back their Labor Day weekend to gel and get the team chemistry going.

Rosemary Voulelikas informed the presidents of the new Tier II Evaluation proposal that CAHA is considering for next season. This proposal came about organically and it involves doing away with the weekend and implementing a Tier II preseason. Rosemary listed all of the negative feedback that was received by CAHA prior to Labor Day and explained the new proposal would involve two to three CAHA weekends, possibly one in September, after Labor Day and maybe two weekends in October. The top 12 teams in the standings would then vie for the state championships and the remaining AA teams that did not make

the top 12 would then be left to play in their respective leagues, SCAHA and NORCAL. NORCAL started scheduling an exhibition season for their AA teams this year, so it works out well for all. This way, seedings will be based on empirical data and no longer on subjective data.

CAHA's goal is to advance viable AA national team contenders. The current philosophy is getting skewed with clubs fielding AA teams for the sole intent to develop AA teams when in fact some of the teams have no business being AA. Playing in a division where the players will not be able to have enough puck touches in a game defeats the purpose of player development. Clubs need to self-regulate and place teams appropriately. This proposal is going to be discussed at the CAHA September meeting to determine whether or not it is a viable option to explore. The CAHA president has asked the scheduler to come up with a mock preseason schedule. More information to follow.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday October 9, 2019 at The Rinks-Lakewood.