



SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 March 14, 2012
 LAKEWOOD MALL MEETING ROOM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT

Sandy Blumberg (Commissioner), John Silberstein (Deputy Commissioner), Bob Driffill (Treasurer), Rosemary Voulelikas (Secretary), Wendy Goldstein (Member Services), Annie Fisher (Statistician) and Nancy Hodge (ACE Coordinator).

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT

| Present | Abs | Total # Abs | Total # Consec | CLUB | Present | Abs | Total # Abs | Total # Consec | CLUB |
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| X | | | | Anaheim Jr. Ducks | X | | 3 | 2 | Los Angeles Jr. Kings |
| X | | 1 | | Anaheim Wildcats | X | | | | LA Hockey Club |
| X | | | | California Wave | X | | | | OC Hockey Club |
| | X | 2 | | Bakersfield Dragons | X | | 1 | | Ontario Eagles |
| | X | 6 | 5 | Bay Harbor Red Wings | X | | | | Pasadena Maple Leafs |
| X | | 1 | | Beach City Lightning | X | | 1 | | San Diego Gulls |
| X | | 1 | | CA Golden Bears | X | | | | San Diego Ice Arena |
| X | | 1 | | California Stars | X | | 3 | 2 | San Diego Saints |
| X | | | | Channel Islands Riptide | X | | 1 | | Valencia Express |
| X | | 2 | | Ontario Jr. Reign | X | | | | Ventura Mariners/Titans |
| | X | 1 | | La Jolla Jaguars | X | | | | West Valley Wolves/Heat |

Sandy Blumberg called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes

Christy Madsen moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2012 SCAHA Board of Directors meeting. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Treasurer's Report

Bob Driffill distributed the February 29th, 2012 financial reports. Last month we took in ~\$10,000 in player fees. We have ~\$15,000 in checking. We still have the playoff fees to collect as well as some player fees still owed. Bob reminded the board that we started the year with an unbalanced budget of ~\$40,000 that was allocated to the ADM program. We have spent ~ \$30,000. The treasurer report will be filed for audit.

LAHOA/SDHRA

No report at this time.

Commissioner's Report

Sandy Blumberg congratulated the California teams that have advanced to Nationals:
 LAHC PW & BN Tier I teams
 LA Jr. Kings MD Tier I 18U & 16U
 CA Wave MD AA16U
 OCHC BNAA
 Wildcats PWAA

This upcoming weekend is the SCAHA Semi-playoffs followed by the SCAHA Championships. The CAHA State Championships will be in San Jose April 13-15 and at the end of April the CAHA Adult tournament will also take place in San Jose. The CAHA Rules committee will meet during the Adult state tournament in San Jose. Any rule change proposals should be submitted before that meeting to anyone of the Youth Council members. The CAHA Annual meeting was moved up to May 12th this year and

the new rule changes will be voted in at that time.

Bob Driffill reminded the board that Desert Ice Hockey was mandated by the SCAHA board to change their name and logo as part of their acceptance to SCAHA. Bob Driffill informed the board that they have done so and the new name is Desert Blades. The logo was changed with the flames on the left side of a small letter "b." Sandy Blumberg stated that West Valley Wolves/Heat approved the logo as well. Steve Yovetich moved to accept the new name and logo as presented.

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

Sandy Blumberg reported on the Scholar Athlete Program. The shipment of the first batch of patches is in and 55 patches were distributed. There will be some changes to the information. Players will be able to purchase a second patch for \$5.

Deputy Commissioner's Report

John Silberstein thanked the penalty review committee for their work this past year: Nancy Hodge, Bridget Hopkinson, Kevin Culbertson, Art Kitano and Jennifer Sprout. John also thanked Art Trottier for graciously allowing us to use his conference room.

John asked if anyone wants to be involved in the Rules Committee to please send him an email and/or send your rule change proposals. In addition, John send SCAHA will be looking for new candidates for the penalty review committee for next year.

Executive Committee Reports

Ice Convener – No report at this time.

Member Services – Wendy Goldstein informed the board that all player fees have been paid up. She will be giving the treasurer the checks she has for those missing player fees.

Statistician – Annie Fisher informed the board that at this time she is still missing the PW A and the BN B game score sheets from the host venues. Annie stated that all the games went smoothly, even at the Midget level. Annie informed the board that she have the SCAHA playoff Midget patches to distribute.

A.C.E. Coaching Coordinator Report

Nancy Hodge stated no report at this time. Larry Bruyere stated that USA Hockey is in the process of modifying the coach's modules. Larry stated that they are looking at modifying it that coaches will be required to take one module a year. They are looking at reformatting it.

Director-at-Large Report

Kevin Culbertson reminded the board that we are in the second phase of the scholarship program. Nine applications were received with two of the applications being incomplete. The selection was then pared down to three and they were forwarded to the Kings Alumni association. They will select one and SCAHA will select one. The winners should be announced hopefully by the end of this month.

Mite Committee Report

Larry Bruyere distributed and presented the Mite committee's proposal. The proposal for from the committee is the following:

For the 2012/2013 season ~ Begin transition:

- a) Immediately announce format change to all SCAHA participants to the USAH Red/White/Blue or cross-ice hockey format with an explanation of what, how and why it is happening.
- b) Give 2004 & 2005 birth year players the option of playing cross-ice hockey or full ice depending on what is available at their hockey club.

For the 2013/2014 season ~ Complete transition:

- a) Entire Mite division will move to the cross-ice format with travel being limited based on what SCAHA decides.
- b) Allow 2005 birth year players who played full ice in 2012-2013 the option to move up to the Squirt level.

Sandy Blumberg opened up the floor to discussing the proposal for next season.

Some of the key points discussed:

- the conventional format for the second year Mites should remain and be designated as Mite A and then to have the second format of ADM for the first year Mites.
- concerns regarding costs as well as the disparity amongst the rinks/clubs.
- SCAHA should not allow playing up to Squirts.
- Implement full cross-ice at Mites
- Clubs may lose players to rink-run in-house full ice Mite programs
- It was agreed that not one program format will be able to satisfy all.
- Why not remove Mites completely from travel similar to Norcal? Not all rinks and/or clubs have in-house programs
- We as leaders need to work together and make the decision for the majority of our 8U players for the next ~10+ years knowing that many other challenges will be coming
- SCAHA's numbers have been increasing even with full-ice games unlike other parts of the country
- CAHA may mandate full implementation of cross-ice
- We do need to appease our customer base and for those clubs that do not have owner based rinks they will struggle building their foundation
- SCAHA needs to have rules in place to make sure that there is consistency for all clubs.
- Summary of this year's Mites ADM cross-ice format~ pros and cons

Christy Madsen moved to have SCAHA mandate and implement a cross-ice format for all Mite aged players for the 2012-2013. Ben Cohen seconded. Result of vote: 13 in favor and 6 against. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

Larry Bruyere stated that the next step is to have a committee formed to work on a proposal for the cross-ice format. Sandy Blumberg would like the Mite committee to meet again and to fully define and put forth recommendations of the structure and format (rules and procedures) for the cross-ice. Larry Bruyere will chair the committee. Anyone interested to participate should contact Larry or Sandy. It was agreed that the April meeting will be put back on the agenda. The next SCAHA Board of Directors meeting will be April 18, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.