



**SCAHA MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 June 12, 2013  
 THE RINKS at LAKEWOOD

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Bob Driffill (Commissioner), Bill Mendes (Deputy Commissioner), Nancy Hodge (Director-of-Member Services), Kevin Culbertson (Treasurer), Rob Foster (Statistician), Dave Bigelow (Ice Convener), Annie Fisher (Director-of-Managers), Rosemary Voulelikas (Secretary), Sandy Blumberg (Parliamentarian), and Bridget Hopkinson (Director-At-Large).

**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total # Consec	CLUB	Present	Abs	Total # Abs	Total # Consec	CLUB
X				Anaheim Jr. Ducks	X				OC Hockey Club
X		1		Anaheim Wildcats	X		1		Ontario Eagles
X				California Wave		X	1		Pasadena Maple Leafs
X		4		Bakersfield Dragons	X		2		San Diego Gulls
X				Bay Harbor Red Wings	X				San Diego Ice Arena
X		1		CA Golden Bears	X		2		San Diego Saints
X		1		Channel Islands Riptide	X		2		Valencia Express/Flyers
	X	6	5	Desert Blaze	X		1		Ventura Mariners/Titans
X		1		Ontario Jr. Reign	X				California Heat
X		1		Los Angeles Jr. Kings	X				

Bob Driffill called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Bob Driffill confirmed that there are fourteen presidents in attendance, therefore a quorum present. Bob Driffill advised the presidents that they are to pick up their LOI packets located next to the sign-in sheet.

**Guests**

Kevin Erlenbach, USA Hockey Membership Development  
 Chris Crotty, LA Kings Sr. Manager, Fan Development  
 Matt Payne, Anaheim Ducks Manager, Fan Development

Kevin Culbertson stated that SCAHA together with the generous and significant sponsorship of the Anaheim Ducks, represented tonight by Matt Payne and the Los Angeles Kings, represented tonight by Chris Crotty, is proud to announce the recipients of the 2012-2013 SCAHA Scholastic Financial Assistance Awards; Megan Crandall of the Anaheim Lady Ducks, Quentin Schiess of the LA Jr. Kings, and Brett Magnum of the Anaheim Jr. Ducks.

Kevin Erlenbach, USA Hockey Membership Development distributed some literature regarding growing the game showing the actual growth numbers for the various California associations and affiliates. Kevin Erlenbach is responsible for helping to implement programs that help to grow the game. One of the programs is the 2 Plus 2 Challenge. USA Hockey asks of each association to grow their membership by 2 new players and to retain their membership by 2 more players. This year represented the fifth consecutive year that USA Hockey has grown in the 8U division. Kevin Erlenbach is proposing that associations implement the following 4 programs to help grow the game: Welcome Back week, 2+2 Challenge, Try Hockey for Free Days in November and March, and Conversion Programs where new players sign up for beginner programs. USA Hockey will award associations with 8 sets of equipment and a dozen sticks. Kevin Erlenbach's contact information is 719-538-1119, kevinE@usahockey.org.

## **Minutes**

Scott Allegrini moved to approve the May 8, 2013 minutes.

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

## **Treasurer's Report**

Louis Soltero moved to approve the May 31<sup>st</sup> financials.

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

## **Action Items:**

Bob Driffill thanked John Silberstein who is stepping down as the Parliamentarian. John will still be a legal counsel if needed for SCAHA. Louis Soltero moved to accept John Silberstein's resignation and to accept Sandy Blumberg as SCAHA's new Parliamentarian.

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

Bob Driffill informed the board that Jaime Campbell will be stepping down from the position of Director-of-Managers. She will continue as SCAHA's SafeSport Coordinator. Bob Driffill would like the board to ratify SCAHA Executive's recommendation for the following new SCAHA Executives: Annie Fisher as the new Director-of-Managers, Bridget Hopkinson as Director-at-Large and Bill Mendes as the Deputy Commissioner. Ben Cohen moved to accept the above recommendation to the SCAHA Executive.

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

Steve Yovetich informed the board that he is not quite ready to present a salary proposal. Steve would like to discuss the two new positions as to what the two new A and B commissioners' roles would be. Rob Foster stated that the two new positions would be a liaison to the entire A' or 'B' teams respectively. They would disseminate to the teams any information that comes down from SCAHA or CAHA. They would communicate what tournaments they are attending, exhibition games, report penalty minutes, etc. The commissioners would train the managers on what the procedures are, what the time frames and penalties are, in getting all of the information in. The commissioner would be heavily responsible to manage the suspensions and to work with the Deputy Commissioner to make sure that the penalty review hearings are scheduled. Steve Yovetich asked who is handling this now. Bob Driffill stated that the statistician is handling this now.

Melissa Hill asked if the new executive members have to declare which association they are with. Both Bridget Hopkinson and Annie Fisher have no affiliations with any club. Bob Driffill stated that the issue was addressed last year in the rules. When the executive committee has to vote, if the committee members present are made up of 50% or more of any one club affiliation then the committee is not able to conduct business.

Steve Yovetich stated that he would like to table the salary structure proposals until the next meeting.

## **8U Program**

Dave Bigelow and Ben Cohen distributed the 8U proposal to the board via email. The program is broken down into two sections, Track I and Track II. In Track II, SCAHA would schedule 12 Cluster Events. A Cluster Event is 5 teams per location, playing 5 games per Event, in a two-hour period, from Sept. through to Feb. SCAHA would like to designate the host locations for the Cluster Events to assure that the quality and resources are there and they are run well. SCAHA would be contracting out with other rinks to possibly host these Events. In Track I, there will be 6 Cluster Events from Sept. through Dec. Teams can then

play full ice games starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. SCAHA would schedule 6 full regular season games and a total of 4 post season games. Teams will play two full ice games, scheduled by SCAHA, one on or about November 23<sup>rd</sup> and one on or about December 21<sup>st</sup>. Using the example of 15 Track I teams playing in a season, and 10 Track II teams, the Cluster games in Track I would occur at three different venues. The Cluster Events would occur every 2-3 weeks on Saturdays for a 2-hour game slot. Bob Driffill added that Track I is analogous to Mite A (more experienced) and Track II is analogous to Mite B (entry level Mites). Dave Bigelow stated all Track I teams would be attending a season ending festival. Dave Bigelow added that for this model to work, it is strongly recommended that SoCal venues NOT host tournament divisions at the Mite level during Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays for fear of using the 12 full ice game allotment.

Dave Bigelow is proposing that SCAHA subsidize the 8U program at a cost of 25% of the overall costs in hosting the league Cluster Events. Using the 15 teams model in Track I and the 10 teams model in Track II, 25% would be about \$15,750 that would be paid by SCAHA.

Jason Galea asked would it be possible to create a 2005 group of the players that will be playing up to the Squirt division. Bob Driffill stated that they are allowed to do that now with the rules. Jason Galea stated that we all know that this will be happening and should we be limiting this? Bob Driffill stated that if you splinter it then they will end up playing themselves. The overall key is to get all of the players to play. Ben Frank asked if there is an exception for this year. Ben Cohen stated that the goal for the 8U program today is two-fold. One is to vote on the 25% SCAHA subsidy in dollars and two to vote on a waiver for this year only to the 20.8 rule of 25%, no more than a majority of Mite players on a Squirt team.

Dave Bigelow stated that the ice designation game slots for these Cluster Events are outside of these game slots. You still have to provide the full ice game slots for the Track I games. Rosemary Voulelikas asked if Dave Bigelow will be sending the information regarding the dates for the full ice games in November, December and January. Dave Bigelow answered yes. Jason Galea asked how often the Cluster Events would occur. Dave Bigelow answered that the Cluster Events would occur every two-three weeks. Ben Cohen stated they will also be designing the Cluster Events geographically. Jason Galea asked if the Track II can then participate in the 12 full ice tournament games come January 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob Driffill stated that if he were President, he would schedule the 12 full ice tournament games for Track II teams after January 1<sup>st</sup>; possibly attend MLK, Presidents' Day tournaments, etc.

Dave Bigelow informed the board that there are 4 points to implement: the format and structure as presented for the Track I and Track II 8U program, the 25% SCAHA subsidy in dollars, the club cost per team and the waiver to the 20.8 rule that states "no more than 25% player ups per team" with the standard being no more than a majority of a squirt team's roster. Steve Yovetich moved to approve the above four points with the amendment that the waiver to rule 20.8 would be for this season only and that the majority being 51% or more Mite players on a Squirt team would have to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

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

The board thanked Dave Bigelow and Ben Cohen for the above work and time they invested in formalizing the 8U SCAHA program.

## **SCAHA Rules and Regulations Proposed Changes:**

A copy of the proposed SCAHA Rule Proposed Changes was emailed to all of the presidents via email prior to the meeting.

### **Section 17 - General**

**17.05:** Housekeeping changes

**Rule 17.06:** The old rule to be deleted and replaced with the following: “By April 1, clubs must notify all parents/players in writing of any club delinquency. Such written notice must be sent by Certified Mail/Return Receipt. Return receipts must be retained by the Club until the matter is resolved. Such notice must contain a detailed summary of the total amounts owed, paid, and the remaining balance owed. By April 15, clubs must submit a list of players to the League who are financially delinquent. These players (and siblings) will be placed on the League delinquency list and are not permitted to participate in tryouts or any other activities with any club until their financial obligations have been satisfied. Additionally, CAHA and Pacific District shall be notified so that the delinquency list is honored for all State and District activities.”

Clubs not able to demonstrate that these procedures were followed, or that notification to the player or league was not made by the deadlines, will be prohibited from placing the player on the delinquency list. If, in the event of a dispute, it is discovered these procedures were not properly followed by the Club, the player will be removed from the delinquency list.”

**17.07:** Housekeeping changes

**17.08: Locker Room Attendants:** To read as follows: “It is the policy of USA Hockey... have at least one responsible, “screened” adult present directly.....to supervise the conduct in the locker room.” (rule to end here, rest is deleted, refer to guidebook edit copy)

**New 17.09:** “The use of a mobile device with recording capabilities is not permitted in the locker room at any USA Hockey sanctioned event.”

**New 17.10:** “USA Hockey specifically prohibits hazing, which includes any conduct which is intimidating, humiliating, offensive, physically harmful or potentially physically harmful. This includes but is not limited to “locker boxing”. Activities that fit the definition of hazing are considered to be hazing regardless of a person’s willingness to cooperate or participate. Any USA Hockey participant or parent of a participant who violates this hazing policy is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension, permanent suspension and/or referral to law enforcement authorities. Reports may be made at [www.scaha.com/safesport](http://www.scaha.com/safesport).”

The balance of the rules 17.11 to 17.14 involves mostly housekeeping changes to existing and renumbering, etc. Louis Soltero moved to approve the above proposed changes to Section 17 as presented.

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

### **Section 18 - Tryouts**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules.

**New 18.04:** “Player-up teams (100% eligible birth year teams) must try-out as follows:

- a) Must notify League prior to advertising for the team.
- b) Players must tryout in their age-appropriate division.
- c) The LOI must be signed at the intended level with player-up acknowledgement.
- d) Parents must sign club agreement acknowledging the birth year team is playing up and individual players may not return to their age appropriate level.
- e) Team can only add players with the same birth year.
- f) The League will review all games played prior to September 15. Final determination will be made by the League by September 20.

**18.07 (previously 18.06):** to read as follows: A parent or guardian must sign the “out-of age division” consent section of the LOI “if a player is playing-up”. “Once a player has been rostered, he/she cannot move back to their age-appropriate division.”

Existing 18.07 has been deleted (refer to guidebook edit copy).

Art Trottier moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 18 as presented.

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

### **Section 19 - Registration Requirement for Players**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules.

**19.05 (previously last sentence of 19.04):** “A player may not register with more than two (2) SCAHA clubs in a single season. Upon signing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> club, the player may not move again, including back to his first club of record.”

Art Trottier moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 19 as presented.

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

### **Section 20 - Registration Requirement for Teams**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules.

**20.03:** Rule to read: “Each team shall be entitled to register 20 active players. In order to compete in the SCAHA regular season, Squirt teams must have 10 players PeeWee, Bantam and Midget teams must have 12 players. (Refer to CAHA Guidebook for Tier teams).”

**20.07:** Rule moved to Coach and Manager section.

**New 20.07 (previously 20.08):** “Clubs may not roster a team in which 25% of the roster is playing up a division without first receiving Executive Committee approval with the exception of the Mite division which can have 50% or less player-ups for the 2013-2014 season only.”

**20.08 (existing 20.09 deleted and replaced with):** “Team Officials (head coach, assistant coach(s) and manager) must complete the following prior to participation. Fines, sanctions and/or suspension shall be assessed to clubs and participants for violations of this rule:

- a. Register online with USA Hockey
- b. Complete the CAHA-mandated screening process with name included on Compliance List
- c. Roster with SCAHA”

Art Trottier moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 20 as presented with

the above amendment to Rule 20.07.

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

### **Section 21 – Declarations**

**21.01:** Rule to read as follows: In order to be included in the SCAHA schedule, team declarations and game slots must be submitted electronically by the date specified by the SCAHA Executive Committee. Clubs that do not submit game slots "that meet the criteria of Rule 26.03" by the date specified must pay a fine of \$500 .....will not be placed in the schedule.

**21.02:** Rule to read as follows: Once declared a Tier II team, the team must drop into the A division "the first Saturday after Labor Day" of the current playing season or it will not be included in the SCAHA season schedule. "The club must notify each parent that they are free to tryout with a different team."

Scott Allegrini moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 21 as presented.  
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **Section 22 – Team Eligibility**

**22.01:** Rule to read as follows: "Block Recruitment occurs when more than the approved number of players from a final team roster in the previous season are rostered with a different club's team in the new season. The team will be included in the SCAHA schedule but will be ineligible for post-season playoffs. The approved number of players that may join a team from a different club's previous season roster are as follows: Squirts – 5 players; Peewees, Bantams and Midgets – 6 players"

**22.02:** Housekeeping changes

### **Section 23 - Playing Rules**

No proposed changes.

Scott Allegrini moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 22 and section 23 as presented.

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

### **Section 24 – Coaches and Managers**

**24.01:** Rule to read as follows: "Coaches and managers must have the following prior to participation:

- A) Current USA Hockey online registration
- B) CAHA-mandated screening with name on compliance list
- C) Coaching agreement on file with SCAHA
- D) Safe sport online training"

**24.03:** Rule to read as follows: "Bench personnel must be designated as coaches on the official roster. The Head Coach must be identified on the roster. Managers and trainers are not considered as coaches. All rosters must include a Manager."

**New 24.06:** "Coaches that were removed from the roster the previous season for CEP (Coaching Education Program) non-compliance will not be eligible to roster for the current season until their CEP is current and at the appropriate level."

Louis Soltero moved to accept the proposed rules changes to Section 24 as well as to amend Rule 20.08 to add d) Safe Sport online training.

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

### **Section 26 – SCAHA Games**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules and renumbering (refer to guidebook edit copy).

**26.01:** Rule to read as follows: In all SCAHA games the home club must wear “SCAHA approved” white/“light” jerseys and the away team must wear “SCAHA approved black” /dark jerseys

**New 26.04:** “Clubs must notify the League of any blackout weekends by July 15 of the current playing season.”

**26.05 (previously 26.04):** The date of August 15 changed to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**26.07 (previously 26.06):** Rule to read as follows: “All Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget teams shall be scheduled for three (3) 15-minute stop-time periods each. Game slots for these teams shall be a minimum of one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) in length excluding ice cuts.”

**New 26.10: Mercy Rule** – “Games will go to running time when there is a seven (7) goal differential in the third period. Games will not revert back to stop time and final official scores will not reflect a goal differential greater than seven (7) goals.”

**26.11 (previously 26.09):** To read as follows: “Once a game has begun, running time may be used to maintain the rink schedule. Games may go to running time only to complete the game in the allocated game slot. The use of running time must be noted on the scoresheet.”

**26.14 (previously 26.12):** Rule to read as follows: SCAHA will reschedule “and determine the venue for” games in the event of documented “loss of ice” and “not for loss of ice.”

Loss of ice is defined as:

a) No available ice due to rink scheduling. The rink must document such loss of ice on rink letterhead and direct in writing to the League Commissioner and Ice Convener 30 days in advance of the date of affected game(s). Usable ice slots shall accompany this letter to facilitate the rescheduling of games.

b) “Act of God” which shall be defined as:

- No ice due to mechanical failure
- Natural disaster or condition preventing access to the rink or a natural condition exists that creates such a safety concern that the league deems it necessary to reschedule a game. Such natural disaster or condition must be documented by state/local authorities.

**26.15: (previously 26.13)** Rule to read as follows: It is “each” club’s responsibility to distribute game schedules and game changes to its teams. Failure by a club to notify teams of a scheduled game or a game change will be “deemed” a forfeit, and applicable forfeiture fees and fines will apply.

**26.17 (previously 26.15):** Rule to read as follows: All teams will provide stickers 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 numerical order to facilitate proper statistical tracking. Players not in attendance or not able to participate must be crossed off all copies of the scoresheet. “Teams that do not comply with this requirement will be fined \$50.”

Art Trottier moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 26 as presented.  
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **Section 27 – Player Movement**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules (refer to guidebook edit copy).

### **Section 28 – Player Movement**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules and renumbering (refer to guidebook edit copy).

#### **New 28.03: Player Movement Chart** (refer to guidebook edit copy)

Louis Soltero moved to accept the proposed rules changes to Section 27 and Section 28 as presented.

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

### **Section 29 – Permanent Player Releases**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules and renumbering (refer to guidebook edit copy).

#### **29.02 (previously 29.12)**

**29.03 (previously 29.02):** Rule to read as follows: All requests “for Personal Preference and Competitive Advancement” releases must be in writing. The club has seven (7) days to acknowledge the request and 14 days to respond with an official determination or the matter will be referred to the League for resolution.

**29.06 (previously 29.07):** Rule to read as follows: Competitive Advancement Release is defined as “movement” to a higher level of play in the same age division or the same or higher level of play at the next age division. “Tier II,” ‘A’ “and” ‘B’ level players are eligible for a competitive advancement release if the player meets the following conditions:

- a) The player is in good financial standing with the home club.
- b) The release does not reduce the size of the affected team to below the “minimum roster requirement.”
- c) “The player is not the team’s only goalie.”
- d) The released player moves directly to the roster of the receiving team at a higher competitive level not available to that player at the home club.
- e) The club and team that the player is moving to is indicated on the release.

Previous Rule 29.09 deleted.

Steve Yovetich moved to accept the proposed rule changes to Section 29 as presented.  
(motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **Section 30 – Temporary Releases**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules and renumbering (refer to guidebook edit copy).

### **Section 31 – Tournament and Exhibition Games**



**31.01:** Rule to read as follows: During the SCAHA playing season, no team shall “compete” in any tournament except “USA Hockey-sanctioned” tournaments.

**31.02:** Rule to read as follows: “Any team wishing to play in a tournament within the U.S. but outside of California must have a travel permit approved by the Associate District Registrar-California.”

**31.03:** Rule to read as follows: Travel outside of U.S. requires a travel permit “approved by the District Registrar.”

**31.04:** Rule to read as follows: “Tournament officials have the authority to impose an indefinite suspension pending action by the home League or Affiliate.”

**31.07:** Rule to read as follows: All SCAHA teams participating in tournaments or exhibition games must submit an online “scoresheet to the SCAHA Statistician for all games in which the team participated within five (5) days of the last game played.”

**Rule 31.09 Deleted.**

Louis Soltero moved to accept the proposed rules changes to Section 30 and Section 31 as presented.

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

### **Section 32 – Post Season Eligibility**

**32.02:** Rule to read as follows: ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams must play all SCAHA scheduled games. A team must play an overall minimum number of games, including League play, of 20 games. (CAHA Rules 11.2 and 12.2)

**32.03:** Rule to read as follows: Individual players must play a minimum of ten (10) games with their team, six (6) of which must be SCAHA League games. “Tournament roster games (rosters that include a temporary player) do not count towards minimum game requirements.”

Rules 32.04 through to rule 32.08 have been deleted.

Art Trottier moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 32 as presented.

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

### **Section 33 – Playoffs**

Mostly housekeeping changes to existing rules and renumbering (refer to guidebook edit copy).

**33.05:** Rule to read as follows: Players receiving a game suspension during a playoff game **MUST** serve the suspension in the next scheduled playoff game or the suspension “will carry over to the following season to be served in a League game.”

### **Section 34 - Accountability, Discipline, Suspension & Expulsion**

Mostly housekeeping/clerical changes to existing rules and renumbering (refer to guidebook edit copy).

**34.06:** Rule to read as follows: “Head Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their

assistant coaches and players.”

Previous and proposed new Rule 34.07 are deleted and cancelled.

**34.28:** Rule to read as follows: SCAHA clubs must appoint a “Discipline” Committee that consists of a chairperson and at least two (2) members. No suspension of a club member shall be imposed without providing the member the right to a hearing. Any request to a club for a hearing must be submitted to the club in writing within “seven (7) days” of the suspension. Failure to provide a hearing within “thirty (30) days” of the suspension shall void the suspension by the club.

Art Trottier moved to accept the above proposed changes to Section 33 and section 34 as presented. (motion **SECONDED** and **PASSED**)

### **Other Business**

Rob Foster reminded the board that Level 1 is on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Level 2 is on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and Level 3 is on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and registration is available online from the USA Hockey web site.

### **LAHOA**

Terry Gordon proposed new officiating fees regarding the Squirts to take into account the periods increasing from 12 minutes to 15 minutes. LAHOA is proposing the following new rates; \$34 for the official and \$25 for each linesman. The new total amount is \$84 per Squirrt game as opposed to the contracted amount of \$71. The \$84 dollar amount is still less than the PeeWees which is \$93 total per game. Louis Soltero moved to approve the new proposed Squirrt rates as outlined above.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm**

Next meeting Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at Lakewood.