

Northern California Junior Hockey Association Board Meeting
January 21, 2017 – Conference Room, Holiday Inn Express, Tracy CA

Meeting called to order @ 10:04am by William Stone. Quorum determined.

Introductions made.

Approval of October Minutes: **October meeting minutes motioned to be approved by Dave Curtis, second by Dan Granata. Minutes approved.**

ATTENDANCE:

| Name | Club or Roll | In Attendance |
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| William Stone | NORCAL President | X |
| Tom Hancock | CAHA President | |
| Phil Sorenson | NORCAL Vice President | |
| Dana Olenak | NORCAL Secretary | |
| Robert Grande | NORCAL Treasurer | X |
| Chuck Collins | NORCAL Scheduler | |
| Chris Hathaway | NORCAL Member-at-Large | |
| Tyler Schaffar | NORCAL Member-at-Large | X |
| John Hamer | NORCAL General Manager | X |
| Vada Burrow | PACIFIC DISTRICT/ Roster Manager | X |
| Teresa Attebery | NORCAL Statistician/Cougars Proxy | X |
| Mark Mauro | NORCAL Referee-in-Chief | X |
| Jamie Campbell | NORCAL SafeSport | |
| John Beaulieu | NORCAL Director of Coaches | |
| Todd Llewellyn | IHONC President | X |
| Laura Cahn | CAHA Youth Council/Jets Proxy | X |
| Chris Hathaway | Cupertino - President | |
| Jeff Blair | Fresno – President | |

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| Hannah Hanhan | Black Stars -President | |
| Derek Donald | Oakland Ice Center/Rep | |
| Dan Granata | Roseville Capital Thunder - President | X |
| Chris Clima | Santa Clara – President | X |
| Tyler Schaffar | San Jose & Oakland Proxy | X |
| Chris Dinardo | Santa Rosa /ACE | X |
| Rick Pelaski | Stockton –President | |
| Donovan Calderon | Tahoe Grizzlies -President (Hwy 50 closed) | |
| Dave Curtis | Tri-Valley - President | X |
| Elaine Paschke-Pres. Elect | San Francisco - President | |
| Larry Cahn/Kimo Calilan-Proxy | Vacaville Jets-President | |
| Kevin Bergner | NORCAL Mite Coordinator | |
| Leo Fenn | Tahoe Hockey Academy | |

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Castronovo-Santa Clara
Blackhawks
Jeff Bertolini - Stockton Director of
Coaches

REPORTS

PRESIDENT – WILLIAM STONE

- Mark Keil has resigned. Next month we will present him with a gift as a thank you for his years of dedication to NORCAL.
- Our new VP is Phil Sorenson. Phil was unable to attend due to weather.
- Several NORCAL teams were represented at the International Silver Stick finals. There was very good feedback regarding all of the NORCAL teams.

FINANCIALS – Robert Grande

- We may be over budget for the Mite jamborees due to additional costs of holding the final jamboree in Tahoe that were not originally planned for.
- All but 2 clubs have not paid their NORCAL dues.
- Selects made ~\$3000
- Playoff fees will be set within the next few weeks

NORCAL SELECTS - John Hamer

- 147 players participated in the NORCAL Selects Camp. 105 were from SJ & GSE. 26 were A level - we should try to grow this number.
- There were 13 no shows, which is a high.
- 93 of a possible 96 players were selected. Not all goalie slots were filled.
- Of the 93 selected 39 were AAA; 52 were AA and 2 were A.
- Getting evaluators is difficult. We need to grow/develop evaluators in NORCAL.
- Fresno; Stockton; SF and Cupertino did not send any players.
- CAHA Selects is this weekend (Jan 21)

TTS DATA - Teresa Attebery

- Teresa would like to change the potential penalty process away from penalizing teams for errors in TTS to penalty for not submitting scoresheets, which will put us in line with the CAHA process. Penalty will be \$25/late scoresheet. - Motion passed
- Tyler mentioned that we should be looking into a long term solution since TTS may not be the best choice for us going forward.

Pacific District Registrar - Vada Burrow

- The tournament fee should be applied to all events with more than two teams, including Mites UNLESS it is an affiliate scheduled event such as CAHA weekends or playoffs. Special events are "Grow the Game", "Try Hockey for Free", fundraiser events, etc.
- Clubs should complete and submit sanction form to Vada
 - There are 2 types of sanctions:
 - Tournament - which cost \$ (\$50 to USAH and \$35 to CAHA)
 - Special event - which has no cost
- Vada is looking into why CAHA needs to be paid for these.
- IHONC will start asking for sanction numbers for non-league games

MITE JAMBOREE

- Schedule for Tahoe Jamboree should be available by the end of January.
- If coaches are standing on the ice for games, they must wear helmets.
- Feedback from Stockton Jamboree
 - Teams liked the schedule
 - Will try not to schedule a team for all 3 games back to back

- Derek Eisler would like to see the last Jamboree of the season held in Livermore and have the players aging up to Squirts play with offsites.
- Wifi connection at Jamboree locations is a nice to have (Vada & Teresa)

IHONC-Todd Llewellyn

- IHONC charges rescheduling fees
- Cancellation fees are charged in lieu of the scheduling fee
- Current contract ends in 2018

NORCAL SAFESPORT-

No update

NEW BUSINESS-

- Chris Clima from SC went over their process for internal penalty review in detail.
- William recommends that all clubs have an internal review process to address player issues that may be missed by refs or issues that happen internally. This process should be put in writing. Roseville has their process in writing and Dan will send out.
- San Jose will be installing live motion cameras on all rinks capable of streaming. Videos can be made available upon request.
- IHONC welcomes videos that they can use for training purposes
- CAHA is trying to establish guidelines for Tier 2 level of play. Teams will be relegated if they do not meet qualifications. NORCAL needs to have a process to handle teams that may be relegated from AA to A. Block recruitment could be an issue. John Hamer believes there could be 2-3 players per season affected. Teams may have to cut players or they would not be playoff eligible. Tyler Shaffar mentioned that clubs may need to do a better/harder job at setting their teams level of play. A coach wanting the team to be tier is not a reason. If affected players happened to be from a GSE team, they would go back to their original club.
- NORCAL Rule changes committee will consist of
 - John Hamer - Chair
 - Vada Burrow
 - Phil Sorenson
 - Larry Cahn
 - Chris Hathaway
 - John Beaulieu
- Please send any suggestions for rule changes to John Hamer - these are not playing rules
- Both Scheduling and GM contracts are up after this season
 - Tyler is interested in the Scheduling position and would like to see this role be put up to bid

- Playoffs - since both A and B/BB playoffs are on the same weekend at different locations we need to ensure that both venues are staffed
 - Team Monitors to keep parents in check and potentially hand out yellow cards are needed. There should be 1 per team per game.
 - Front Desk staff - help with check in; label & collect scoresheets; admin help
 - Game Leader/Director/Monitor - Acts as a representative of the league/proxy for tournament director; should be a senior level ie club president. Responsible for conduct of the game; identified to refs; make sure game starts on time. Act as eyes and ears of NORCAL. Should not monitor a game involving the club you represent.
 - Each club should cover at least the number of games as they have teams participating.
 - William warned that poorly behaving parents will be banned for the weekend and their clubs will be fined. We will not have time to investigate allegations.
- Scholarships - there were 11 applicants. Amount will be between \$500-\$750. Checks will go out the week of Jan 25. Robert Grande will notify clubs.
- Kocian award for midget/high school level player in their final year.
 - William would like each club with this level player to nominate at least 1 player by Feb 20
 - William and Phil will evaluate candidates
- USAH has goalie development program info available on their website and more coming next season
- Quick change goalie equipment will be delivered in the spring
- USAH has a free new program called Club Excellence - info available on their website. It is for helping clubs manage club business and processes.
- USAH Disabled Hockey Festival will take place in San Jose April 6-9. Please make your clubs aware of this event and show your support by attending.
- As a reminder, if a team is unable to participate in a scheduled game, they must call Chuck, not email. Chuck will ensure that all involved are notified.
 - John Hamer will notify Redwood City regarding the decision for their not playing Santa Rosa Jan 8 - game 245XP1/G
- Results of William's House Surveys were good. NORCAL has healthy programs. We need to continue to focus on grassroots. William recommends that clubs have someone focused on getting more players into hockey.
- Tryout dates need to be set. We need to wait for Jan 28 CAHA meeting. AA dates may be set by email vote.
- Lance Burrow is reviewing the contract for the new website. Chris Hathaway has taken over the website management for Mark Keil.

Next meeting: March 4, 2017, Tracy Holiday Inn Express Conference Room.