**Northern California Junior Hockey Association Board Meeting**

**September 17th, 2016 – Conference Room, Holiday Inn Express, Tracy CA**

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

Introductions made.

Approval of August Minutes: **August meeting minutes motioned to be approved with change of Laura Cahn as Vacaville Proxy by Dave Curtis, second by Dan Granata. Minutes approved.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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| Name | Club or Roll | In Attendance |
| William Stone | NORCAL President | **X** |
| Tom Hancock | CAHA President |  |
| Mark Keil | NORCAL Vice President /Penalty Review |  |
| Dana Olenak | NORCAL Secretary | **X** |
| Robert Grande | NORCAL Treasurer | **X** |
| Chuck Collins | NORCAL Scheduler | **X** |
| Chris Hathaway | NORCAL Member-at-Large | **X** |
| John Hamer | NORCAL General Manager | **X** |
| Vada Burrow | PACIFIC DISTRICT/ Roster Manager | **X** |
| Teresa Attebery | NORCAL Statistician | **X** |
| Mark Mauro | NORCAL Referee-in-Chief |  |
| Jamie Campbell | NORCAL SafeSport |  |
| John Beaulieu | NORCAL Director of Coaches |  |
| Todd Llewellyn | IHONC President | **X** |
| Laura Cahn | CAHA Youth Council |  |
| Chris Hathaway | Cupertino - President | **X** |
| Jeff Blair | Fresno – President | **X** |
| Hannah Hanhan | Black Stars -President |  |
| Derek Donald | Oakland Ice Center/Rep | **X** |
| Dan Granata | Roseville Capital Thunder - President | **X** |
| Chris Clima/Frank Castronovo-Proxy | Santa Clara – President/Proxy | **X** |
| Tyler Schaffar | San Jose - President / Proxy | **X** |
| Jeff Hutchson-Proxy | Santa Rosa /ACE | **X** |
| Rick Pelaski | Stockton –President |  |
| Donovan Calderon | Tahoe Grizzlies -President |  |
| Dave Curtis | Tri-Valley - President | **X** |
| Irv Remedios /Elaine Paschke-Pres. Elect | San Francisco - President | **X** |
| Larry Cahn | Vacaville Jets-President | **X** |
| Kevin Bergner | NORCAL Mite Coordinator |  |
| Leo Fenn | Tahoe Hockey Academy |  |
| **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**  Lance Burrow/CAHA Director/SafeSport  Derek Eisler-Stockton Colts  Melissa Fitzgerald-OIC |  |  |

**PRESIDENT –WILLIAM STONE**

* Welcome to Elaine Paschke, the new President for Santa Rosa. Welcome to Chuck Collins. Welcome to Lance Burrow, CAHA Director and SafeSport.
* CAHA voted to buy “Quick Change” goalie gear for every club. (Mite/SQ size). Two sets per club.
* William to redistribute coaching seminar schedule.
* Requested email from Chris Hathaway as to how AA is scheduled.
* AA clubs have until 10/15/16 to submit local games to William. William to submit AA schedules to CAHA. Have until final CAHA weekend (Feb 1/2) to play local games. Schedule local AA games with Chuck. Submit any disputes to William/John.

**GENERAL MANAGER –JOHN HAMER**

* COMP committee will be evaluating AA games. Teams could potentially have an additional game.
* CAHA Youth Council will be more involved to make sure divisions are more competitive and assure proper placement.
* AA may have additional games W/E 9/23 for seeding purposes.

**TREASURER-ROBERT GRANDE**

* Reports passed out.
* Budget discussed.
* Bills have been mailed and should have been received by clubs.

**SCHEDULER/CHUCK COLLINS-**

* Chuck discussed scheduling procedures as well as pre-season. Schedules to be released weekly through bubble weekend.
* Bubble weekend: Will consist of “real” bubble games and girls games. Also some HS games.
* HS will consist of 16-17 games.
* Divisions will be finalized after bubble weekend.

**COACHING SEMINARS-**

* Karl Schoech wants increased attendance at the earlier seminars. The December seminar is always at capacity.

**CAHA REPORT-**

* FOR NEXT CAHA MEETING: Need from clubs: AAA proposals for next season prior to the January CAHA meeting. Next CAHA meeting will be in San Jose in November.
* PLAYOFF sites confirmed. William emailed the venues.
* There are two SOCAL AA teams that will be regulated down, two more are being looked at.
* REPORT by 9/25 to CAHA any changes by NORCAL to the NORCAL AA teams.
* **ADM** Coordinator- Ben Frank/Wildcats. William to verify ADM clinic in San Jose.
* Does NORCAL wasn’t to do the same in NORCAL? Possibly a Coordinator, Advocate?
* Derek Isler to forward out a proposal for a group of coaches. Possible suggestion of Matt Adams in SJ to coordinate.
* William to craft job description and will forward for review.

**CAHA SAFESPORT-LANCE BURROW-**

* Lance will putting out a memo to all club presidents regarding the Locker Room policies. Males/Females must NOT dress in same locker room. Must be 2 locker rooms, 2 monitors – etc.
* Please be aware that electronic equipment should NOT be in locker room. No recording of any kind from cell phones, IPads, etc.

**STATISTICIAN REPORT/TERESA ATTEBERY-**

* SCORESHEET REPORT: 5 of 44 not uploaded as of today.
* 24-Hour rule begins once regular season games do.
* NORCAL Scoresheet App available to upload scoresheets.
* Teresa developing form for out of town tournaments to obtain info to submit to John Hamer and Chuck Collins for schedule. Be sure to include sanction # and list team names. John uses info for verification.
* Working on developing upload tool to aid in process.
* Teresa will share scoresheet stats with clubs.
* Issues with TTS: (1) Either no coaches or too many coaches checked in. Remind coaches to be more aware. (2) At the end of each game, review should be done comparing TTS to (hard copy) scoresheet so there are no discrepancies.

**REGISTRAR-VADA BURROW-**

* Discussion regarding the need for random binder checks. More need to be done. Need to develop a team to take this on.
* Vada to create a checklist for club registrars to perform their own periodic checks.
* Will create a committee to perform random spot checks.

**EVENT BIDS-**

* Event bids are in. John passed out a summary of bids for the upcoming events.
* PRE-SELECTS will be held in Oakland this year.
* **Motion made by Chris Hathaway, second by Dave Curtis to hold (A) playoffs in Vacaville, and (B) playoffs in Oakland. 1 opposed, motion passed.**
* 78 hours of ice requirements. Board voted to hold A/B the same weekend/separate location with no stipulation to hold at same location.
* Recommendation made to hold H/S Championship game at playoff venue to highlight H/S league.
* A/B bids include “must stay” stipulation. Friday games will begin early Friday morning (Thursday night stay).
* (BB) will be played with (B) at playoffs. Will be a round robin with seed in final.
* Mites-Oakland would need to hold 11/5/16 due to CAHA weekend on the 11/12/16.
* Tahoe would like to bid on the Feb. Mite Jamboree.
* **Motion made by Chris Hathaway, second by Dave Curtis to accept Mite Jamboree bids from Tri Valley for 11/12/16 and Stockton for 1/7/17. 4 opposed, motion passed.**

**MITE RULE-**

* Discussion took place on whether or not Mite players should be moved up. Discussion generated due to a Mite player requesting to play up. NORCAL rejected. Family appealed to CAHA. CAHA overruled NORCAL.
* CURRENT CAHA RULE: Mites can play up 2nd Mite year. NORCAL RULE adds: If the club does not have a Mite team
* Do we want the change NORCAL’s stance on this rule? Each club was polled and the board unanimously wants NO players to play out of their age group. This includes a dominant team like the current SJ SQ A1 team - they need to stay in their age bracket.
* Chris Hathaway believes CAHA will change to rule to reflect “No Mite move up”. Derek Isler brought up point that if allowed to move up, they will continue to want to move up and this only creates problems. Mental development in addition to skill level needs to be considered. Derek proposed possibly adding a couple of full ice games to satisfy the need for big ice games.

**PRE-SEASON- (JOHN HAMER)**

* Per John Hamer, the Competitive Placement Committee will meet Sunday evening any go over any schedule changes for the upcoming weekend. Placement committee looks at stats from games, where the teams are declared (by clubs), and input from the clubs after games.
* Committee members are: John Hamer, Chuck Collins, John Beaulieu, Derek Donald, Larry Cahn and Chris Hathaway
* Placing divisions A/B/BB, HS and NORCAL AA.

**HIGH SCHOOL-(Chris Hathaway)**

* Discussion of team placement into divisions.
* Concerns voiced that division breakdowns were not discussed prior to tryouts.
* Per Chuck, each team will make 9 trips.
* Suggestion by Derek Eisler to create only two divisions of 8 instead of 3 divisions of 5.
* Travel concerns expressed by club presidents.
* Chuck will schedule double-headers to minimize the travel.
* Proposed to divide up divisions after teams have played an evaluation game and Comp Committee has reviewed the stats from the games.
* Discussed Jamboree idea which was previously turned down.
* Divisions are as follows: HS/DIV1 (Natl Bound) Pure teams. (As per USA Hockey)
  + Division 2:
    - Pacific: (A)Cougars, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Jose and Tri Valley 1
    - Mountain (A) Capital Thunder, Fresno, Lake Tahoe, Vacaville and Santa Rosa 1
  + Division 3:
    - Fresno 2, Capital Thunder 2, Stockton, Tri Valley 2, Santa Rosa 2, and Redwood City
* San Jose is looking on creating a pure league in the Spring. Will work with Tri Valley for Synergy.
* Vacaville and Santa Rosa expressed concerns of travel.

**PLAYER ADVOCATE-Tabled**

**HOUSE HOCKEY-**

* William to send out survey regarding “House Hockey”. Will share the info with board. Will use this again next year. Survey will be used to help increase house and help those clubs that are struggling with their house programs.

**LETTER OF INTENT- Tabled**

**ADM Training-**

**ICE RINKS IN THE FUTURE- Tabled**

**CONCUSSION DAY- Tabled**

**NORCAL SAFESPORT-**

* No update

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**DISCUSSIONS-**

Discussion regarding timing of tryouts. For some clubs, the local schools did not begin until the end of August, so very low turnout. Issues with where to send the couple that did show up to play to keep them involved in NORCAL.

**Next meeting: November 15th, 2016, Tracy Holiday Inn Express Conference Room.**

**Adjournment: @ 1:47pm, motioned by Robert Grande, second by Dave Curtis.**