

Northern California Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

May 17, 2023 @ 6:30pm, Via ZOOM Conference Meeting

Meeting called to order @6:37pm by Dan Granata. Quorum determined.

Introductions made/roll call taken.

Meeting minutes motioned to approve as presented by Mike Harder second by Scott Roberts - APPROVED

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Role	Present	Name	Club	Present
Dan Granata	President	X	Chris Hathaway	Cupertino	X
Robert Grant	Vice President	X	Mike Creeden	Fresno	X
Karen Hackett	Secretary	X	Hanna Hanhan	San Mateo	
Robert Grande	Treasurer	X	Glenn Martin	Oakland	X
Tyler Shaffar	Scheduler		Brad Martin	Oakland	X
Chris Hathaway	Member-at-Large	X	Shane Galaviz	San Jose	X
Darren Attebery	Mite Coordinator	X	Greg Cote	Santa Rosa	
Teresa Attebery	Stats/Assoc District Registrar	X	Reid Delgado	Stockton	X
Andy Dickerson	Webmaster		Cameron Higley	Tri Valley	X
Mark Mauro	Referee-in-Chief	X	David Bausman	San Francisco	X
Billy Durrett	Goalie Development	X	Susan Lapsley	Roseville	
Bill Palter	NORHOA President	X	Scott Roberts	Santa Clara	X
Susan Lapsley	SafeSport		Greg McGinn	Vacaville	X
Dana Olenak	Social Media/Fundraising		William Stone	GSE	X
	Director of Coaches		Mike Harder	Reno Ice	X
Carrie DeCastro		X			
Frank Castronovo	Guest – Santa Clara	X			
Tom Hancock	CAHA President				

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Castronovo
Karen Hackett
Carrie DeCastro
Robert Grant

PRESIDENT - Dan Granata

- **Positions to be filled 23-24 season.**
 - **Open Meeting: Candidates for VP and Secretary were presented and each candidate gave a brief overview of their experience and interest in the position**
 - **VP:**
 - Robert Grant
 - **Secretary:**
 - Karen Hackett
 - Carrie DeCastro
 - **Meeting closed for voting**
 - **Meeting opened with results.**
 - **VP: Robert Grande**
 - **Secretary: Karen Hackett**
 - **Publicity Assistant: Carrie DeCastro (assist with monthly newsletter)**
- **Tier II Plans for 23-24 season**
 - **Constant struggle each year**
 - **Historically each year few teams that don't belong**
 - **Returning to old system for 23-24 as decided in May 13th CAHA meeting**
 - **Reducing travel required for CAHA and SCaHA teams**
 - **SCaHA clubs send team to compete in Norcal once per season; Norcal teams compete in all CAHA weekends in Norcal**
 - **Norcal teams with complete against one another and SCaHA teams against one another on off weekends to meet required number of CAHA games.**
 - **In Norcal, games will be organized by the league**
 - **Significant reduction in cost per team than previous year**
 - **Season to start mid October but each team required to participate in a Labor Day event to determine standings and Norcal preseason games**
 - **Norcal Competition group to determine who is relegated (SCaHA has similar group)**
 - **Deadline to drop from AA in Norcal is Sept 11th (CAHA date is Sept 15th)**
 - **If drop for competitive reasons, teams will be given ex games at A level – 12U non state bound; 14, 16, 18 U non-national bound tournament bound teams**
 - **Players relegated from AA to A will automatically be granted release to other AA clubs or lateral move to clubs within closer distance to their home team**
 - **No set # of AA teams at CAHA level for 23-24; for 24-25 there is expected to be a set number of AA teams**
 - **8 teams to go to states instead of 4; there will be no play-ins or play-downs**
 - **Concerns discussed:**
 - **No home team for 18AA players who aren't affiliated with a high school if the team drops**
 - **Norcal teams will be at disadvantage due to sheer number of SCaHA teams vs Norcal teams**
 - **New model will saturate A level as teams 'drop down'**
- **CAHA Rule Changes (presented by Teresa)**
 - **Some housekeeping changes to rules at CAHA will need to be changed in Norcal rules**

- 8U players CANNOT play up and this can't be appealed
- Player movement no more than 2 times/season within a club (does not include goalies due to statewide shortage)
- Emergency goalies
 - Under NO circumstances can 8U goalie play up to 10U
 - 10B teams only level allowed lateral goalie move
- Running time will begin is goal differential is at 7 at ANY time during the game and will continue for remainder of game despite goal differential – game play will only be stopped if instructed by referee
- Spectator ejection fine increased to \$500 (this was done by CAHA for 22-23 season but Norcal missed this change so it will be effective this year)

TREASURER - Robert Grande

- Balance sheets sent via email to members
- Current balance of \$188, 910 in account
- Still some expenses to come out
- Overall good year financially
- New budget to be presented at next meeting
- Team fees expect to stay the same – exception Mite Jamboree
- Taxes have been filed and sent off

REGISTRAR - Teresa Attebery

- CAHA UPDATES/REPORT- see rules update above
- Norcal Calendar updated (includes CAHA events)
 - Preseason starts 9/4
 - Regular season starts 10/7
 - 16 regular season weekends
 - Season ends weekend after President's Day
 - Norcal Playoffs 3/9-10
 - A/B/BB States 3/23-24
- Tentative date for Registrar training mid July
 - Portal open July 4th
- USA Hockey Rule changes:
 - Tag-up offsides 14+
 - Icing nullified if team is short handed 14+ (similar to high school)
- Delinquency list:
 - No Norcal club submitted for this season
 - SCAHA has over 100 on the list (will be available before tryouts)

MITE COORDINATOR - Darren Attebery

- Presented by Teresa in Darren's absence
- One jamboree cancelled in 22-23 season due to weather
- Proposing new Jamboree format for 23-24 season (still needs to be finalized)
 - One giant Jamboree with teams from all clubs
 - Smaller Jamboree weekends so parents/players get used to travel
 - Should these weekends be divided geographically or by level of play/seeding
 - Season will end with big jamboree
 - Similar to SCAHA format; results in more games and greater familiarity with Travel hockey for families

SCHEDULER - Tyler Shaffar

- No Report

NORHOA - Bill Palter

- Still very short in officials (especially in Fresno and Tahoe)
- Posters (with QR code) will be sent out to clubs to advertise the need for officials
- Bill is seeing officials with SafeSport expiring with new SS expiry system; no way to monitor
 - Teresa to find out how other referee associations monitor
 - Unable to enforce SS requirement if there is no way to check
 - Can't roster to check since officials have different series of number
- Bill asked clubs to be proactive in recruiting officials (both youth and adult)
- USA hockey has not yet revealed what registration/training process will be for 23/24
- Each club is asked to set aside two ice slots for official training sessions

GOALIE DEVELOPMENT - Billy Durrett

- Participating in National Goaltending training in Colorado soon
- Will help prepare ADM info for clubs
 - Please reach out if you want coaches to be trained to be goalie coaches
- Happy to help with any goaltending needs

OLD BUSINESS

- Director of Coaching position remains open
 - Chris H to reach out to potential candidate

NEW BUSINESS

- Pilot Program Safesport and Diversity training to be implemented this season by CAHA
 - For each player to be rostered a parent/guardian must complete training
 - Overview of what SafeSport means and basic understanding of Safesport violations (90% of reports to SS by parents are dismissed)
 - Also hope to decrease bullying
 - All coaches, players, board members etc expected to complete the training
 - Tom will report back with more information after upcoming meeting
- Spectator Behavior Concerns (William)
 - Concern that clubs are not enforcing message that parental behavior/abuse is significant contributor to lack of officials
 - Propose "Let Them Play Weekend" -- no spectators above 18 allowed at games (further discussion at June Meeting)

CLOSING-

- Next meeting: TBD
- Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn by Susan Lapsey, second by Scott Roberts. Meeting adjourned @ 7:13pm.

