



NORCAL Meeting – 6:30pm

June 28th, 2023 VIA ZOOM

Meeting called to order @6:35pm by Dan Granata. Quorum determined.

Approval of May 17, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Robert Grande; 2nd: Greg McGinn. All in favor

ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESIDENT (*Dan Granata*)

- Presidents Report
 - Preparing for new season to start
- NORCAL Calendar and Proposed Meeting Dates
 - Updated on website
 - Adding proposed meeting dates to the site
 - First meeting will be in person in San Jose
 - 4 zoom meetings
 - Final meeting will be in person
 - Link CAHA calendar (CAHA weekends, selects, playoffs): [CAHA Calendar](#)

- 8u Goalie Gear
 - CAHA is providing funds to subsidize clubs with goalie gear
 - Clubs were sent a link to sign up but it did not go out to all teams
 - Email to be resent to clubs with extended deadline of July 1
- New SafeSport Coordinator is Susan Lapsley
 - Email NORCALSS@NORCALYOUTHHOCKEY.ORG
 - Process: President of club email report of SafeSport concerns to Susan
 - CAHA SafeSport Coordinator is Scott Grey
 - Goal is to vet reports before they get to SafeSport Committee

TREASURER (*Robert Grande*)

- Financial Report
 - Balance Sheet as of 5/31/23 for calendar year July thru June
 - \$188,475.83 assets currently
 - \$48,000 net income
 - Some incoming expenses still expected
 - Will work on Budget for next meeting
 - Budget will be impacted by Mite program changes

REGISTRAR (*Teresa Attebery*)

- Board Safesport and Screening
 - Reminder: All board members must provide confirmation numbers to validate Safesport and screening
- USA Hockey Updates
 - Two proposed rule changes discussed at last meeting did not pass at the AGM and will be revisited in 24/25 season
 - Registry to be released after July 4 holiday
 - Registrars have to be vigilant about SafeSport expiry dates;
 - Once SS expires person will be dropped from roster and no longer eligible to participate until SS is completed
 - Each registrar will have resubmit for approval (system does not automatically unredline)
 - SS can't be redone until at least 60 days before the expiry
- New CAHA Respect in Sport Training
 - Expected to roll out in August
 - Applies to custodial parents, players, volunteers, coaching staff and board members
 - Rosters will not be held up until it is ready
 - Once rolled out, there will be a time frame to complete or dropped from roster (not built into portal yet so district registrars will monitor)
 - Parent must complete first (75 minute training) to get a code for player to do the training (20 minute player training; up to 4 children per parent)
 - Teams will also be required to have in person training twice per season

- Discussion/Q&A around training:
 - CAHA in approval
 - Purpose to decrease SS issues and complaints (each SS complaint costs at least \$1500)
 - hold parents accountable and make sure they understand parameters
 - clean up the sport and educate everyone

MITE PROGRAM *(Darren Attebery absent; presented by Teresa)*

- Cancelled Jamboree from 22-23 season
 - \$190 per team left over
 - Discussion whether to refund teams or roll over to next season

Motion: Apply money leftover from 22-23 mite jamboree to next season dues, if no mite team, funds will be refunded
Motion: Greg McGinn; 2nd: Blaine Machart. All in favor
- Proposed Format Changes (Chris Hathaway)
 - Goal is to play more hockey, get acclimated to travel hockey
 - Big jamboree at start of season to seed to A/B/C
 - Look at seeds and geographic region to put in 4-6 team divisions
 - Local small group games October through December (1-2 times/month)
 - Big jamboree in January with all teams
 - Result: 3 to 4 times as many games as last year

TABLED: *discussion to be continued via email to discuss concerns (bids for larger events, obligations at more remote locations etc)*
- Jerseys
 - All teams to wear matching uniforms with club colors
 - Any jersey changes at club level must be submitted for approval

OFFICIALS *(Bill Palter/Matt Zucker)*

- Presentation by Matt Zucker (NORHOA Treasurer, CAHA director of officials)
 - NORHOA has problem retaining talent possibly due to fact that wage is not close to minimum wage so interest decreases for those 15 and up
 - Proposal to increase wages at 10-14U to incentivize officials and mentors\
 - Closer to parity
 - Build up officials
 - Currently "Paid little to get yelled at"
 - Look at multiyear plan but hard to plan ahead due to state of economy
 - Concerns about impact on club budgets, clubs have to build increase into fees
 - Dan propose Matt work with Robert to determine cost change for this season to recoup; clubs will not have to pay for current season
 - Need more information to make a decision
 - Clubs will still need to vote because it is NorCal budget

TABLED: *Robert and Matt look at game numbers and come up with an approximate amount to be presented for vote*

- USA Hockey and Officials (Bill Palter)
 - No level 1 training material will be available until July; training can't start until material is ready
 - Still no way to monitor SS for officials with new SS expiration date process
 - Hope to resolve soon
 - May need letter from board absolving officials for preseason games
 - Report in Pacific District not given to associations because some officials did not return the NDA agreement
 - Even with a solution, can't check out of state associations

ACTION: *Teresa to reach out to District President to make sure groups get this done since no Pacific District Officials are getting the info*
- Thanks to all clubs who are current with fees from last season
 - Only one club still owing money

GOALIES/USA HOCKEY (*Billy Durrett*)

- No report

BUSINESS ARISING:

- AA Format & Potential Changes (*Chris Hathaway*)
 - SCAHA teams are the majority of CAHA clubs
 - Bigger divide between North and South
 - SCAHA trying to decide on hard number of teams for this season
 - NorCal will have only 4 teams
 - Currently 4 teams at 16 and 18AA
 - 12 and 14AA have 5 teams (one will be relegated)
 - AA Teams will have to play NorCal games in September to determine relegation
 - Decision in October re relegation (30 days before CAHA weekends start in November)
 - Relegated teams may not necessarily compete at Norcal A level (depending on strength)
- Select Camp (*Chris Hathaway*)
 - CAHA is only state with 3 step select process
 - Youth Selects will now be invite only at league level
 - Open only to those with Tier rosters
 - Possible additional process for clubs with teams only at A level
 - Selection committee will chose 36 players and 5 goalies per age group
 - Select camp will be two on ice sessions per day (1st skills, 2nd game)
 - Goal
 - Simplify process
 - Advance players who have a change at 2007/8/9 and 10 birth years
- Pre-Season Evaluations
 - Chris and Dan to rebuild
 - Need high level coaches to help

- Must attend games and use Live Barn to assess

NEW BUSINESS

- Extended Preseason for Next Season
 - Initial mention to determine interest
 - Would require competition committee to put into groups
 - Final A/BB/B games to play everyone once to see who advances
 - SCAHA model is more based on win percentage
 - **TABLED**: further discussion at September Board Meeting

Meeting Adjourned @8:07PM

Motion: Blaine Machart; 2nd: Cam Higley. All in favor

Next Meeting:

- 9/30 in San Jose at Homework Room (next to Calders)
- Possible meeting before season starts

Minutes prepared by Karen Hackett (NorCal Secretary)