

Approved Unanimously 3-12-18

Minutes – Monday, February 12th, 2018 at 6:30 AAHA Monthly Meeting at the Ice Den Scottsdale

- Call to Order **at 6:33pm by Tim Reckell**
- Dial in to Conference call if needed **Joth Jacobson**
- Establish a quorum and identify any directors with proxies **Rogers for Urban**
- Introductions
- Approval of the agenda **Motion: Curley 2nd: Rogers**
- Approval of last month's minutes **Motion: Curley 2nd: Brodfuehrer**

Reports

- President Report – Submitted Electronically
- Treasurers Report – Submitted Electronically; **Tax return has been filed + the last 5 years of tax returns will be added to the website soon**
- Secretary Report – No Report
- AAHA Admin Report – Submitted Electronically; **30% more hits on our website than this time last year; online player commitments will be set up more efficiently this year**
- AZYHL Report – Submitted Electronically; **Games will be completed by Feb 25th and next meeting is Feb 27th; looking for helpers for the season-end tournament**
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report – **Monthly reminder for all locker rooms to be monitored by (recommended) 2 people in or at arms length from the locker room; Fritsche asked a question about liability for individuals monitoring locker rooms – Herb said USAH covers all monitors who have been background screened and received SafeSport certification – coaches have the ultimate responsibility for the locker room.**
- By-Laws and Policy Report – Submitted Electronically
- Coaching Report – No Report; **a webinar dealing with the “mind of the goalie” was sent out to all coaches who are interested in participating.**
- Disciplinary Report – Submitted Electronically
- Mite Committee Report – Submitted Electronically
- Officiating Report – USA Hockey – Submitted Electronically
- Officiating Report - AHRA – Submitted Electronically; **highlighted upcoming Dean Blixt celebration of life at Peoria rink – please come out to support the family; Jim Curley highlighted the importance of having updated contact information for all coaches and team staff in the event of an emergency. Question posed regarding inconsistency with number of officials showing up for AZYHL games – 2 vs. 3 man system. This is being discussed at AZYHL and they will make a proposal to address inconsistency. Officiating Committee still working on proposed policies to forward to the Board for review. House officiating fees presented. No comments. These rates will be voted on at March meeting. Would be locked in place for 3 years if approved. Sled hockey tournament will be held at Ice Den March 2-3-4 – very competitive – come check it out.**
- Registrars Report – Submitted Electronically; **congratulations to all the teams who won Tier I state titles. We currently have 8179 individuals registered in the state of Arizona. Name change requested by John Allen - from Chandler Amateur Hockey Association to Coyotes Amateur Hockey Association – Chandler.**
- Social Media Report – NA
- Tier Committee Report – Submitted Electronically; **drawing for Tier II team matchups will be done after the meeting; 100 players have signed up for the March PDC as of today; Congrats to the Jr Coyotes for winning the Tier I titles. Tier II playoffs start in 2 weeks. Leeor asked about revising the date for 15U tryouts due to a conflict with WHL camp – Geoff indicated the dates could be pushed back – coordinate with CAHA to set those dates.**
- Adult Hockey Report – Submitted Electronically; **June 15-17 Fathers Day weekend will be the Adult Tournament. Championship might be held at Gila River if they still have the ice. Adam working with the other adult programs as most programs could use some loaner gear – will work with USAH and the Coyotes to try and secure some more gear.**
- Arizona Coyotes Report – Coyotes Mite Jamboree information with Jersey Design Competition; **April 8th 8:30am – 1pm at Gila River; Jamboree will be accepting registrations for up to 180 mites; 6 teams; \$60 per player; they will be placed randomly on a team; cost will cover 3 games, jersey, beanie, and ticket to the prior evening game which is final home game.**

Online jersey designs will be accepted and narrowed down to 6 finalists – those designs will be used for the team jerseys.

Old Business

- Non Members with USA Hockey Registration Numbers - **no update**
- Discuss tabled AAHA policy manual changes to Section 12.2 as previously presented in Dec/Jan (see policy committee report) – **tabled pending clarification from Bruce Urban – but he has advised that the Tier Committee made up of the hockey directors has indicated that no players should be playing up in AZ.**

New Business (refer to policy committee report for all of these proposed policy changes)

- Present/Discuss Mite Committee proposed changes to Section 11 of the AAHA Policy Manual
Discussion: Tony and Melissa did not agree with the Mite Committee recommendations and would like to take it back to Committee. Tony did not attend the Mite Committee meeting when this was approved (has not attended any of the meetings in person) and Melissa attended with her former representative. The vote was unanimous of those attending to recommend what the BOD was reviewing. As we all know this is a recommendation only. If the BOD wants something different, then a motion can be made with an amendment to the committee's recommendation.
- Present/Discuss EC proposed changes to Section 17 of the AAHA Policy Manual
Discussion: AHU not in agreement with not allowing properly rostered out-of-state 8U players on 10U teams for locally-sanctioned tournaments, other discussion in support of the policy proposal
- Present/Discuss proposed changes to Section 10.1 of the AAHA Policy Manual
No discussion or questions on this policy proposal
- Present/Discuss Tier Committee proposed changes to Section 13 and Appendix C of the Policy
Discussion was minimal – one proposed revision by Tim Reckell 13.2.5.2 and 13.3.4.2 change reference from “September 1st” to “August 15th”

All proposed policy revisions will be eligible for vote at the March 12, 2018 meeting.

- El Paso Youth Hockey Association request **Tom Herman not available via phone so Tim recapped his conversation with Tom. As noted in the letter – they would like to be considered for inclusion in the AZYHL for 2018-19. The Board discussion outlined a continued desire to have only Arizona teams in the AZYHL; however, that does not preclude El Paso and our local/Arizona teams from coordinating to schedule scrimmages and game weekends whereby El Paso can get some more competition without having to travel all the way to Dallas.**

Announcements

Tier II applications are due March 1, 2018.

Geoff received two Tier I applications. They are incomplete at this time.

Adjournment Motion: Curley 2nd: Gavrilles at 7:55pm

Future State AAHA Board Meetings

- Monday, March 12, 2018
- Monday, April 9, 2018
- Monday, May 14, 2018
- Monday, June 11, 2018
- Monday, July 9, 2018

REGULAR MEETING on FEBRUARY 12, 2018

ARIZONA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2017-18

VOTING DIRECTORS	Name	Email	Signature
AHSHA	Tait Green	coachgreen@sundevilclubhockey.com	
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MISSION	Evan Gavrilles	evangavrilles@gmail.com	
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PRESIDENT	Tim Reckell	treck09@yahoo.com	
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AZ COYOTES	Matt Shott	matt.shott@arizonacoyotes.com	
AZYHL	Charles Knotts	9hockeynut@gmail.com	
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EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS (Non-voting)			
ADM COORD./MITE CMTEE	Kayman Wong	kayman.wong@gmail.com	Absent
COACHING	Larry Gibson	bluelineforms@icloud.com	X X X X X
OFFICIALS	Bryan Eisentraut	bryan.eisentraut@gmail.com	
REGISTRAR	Donnalee Jerome	dmj@cox.net	
SAFESPORT/BACKGROUND	Herb Haley	timeclass@aol.com	
AAHA Meeting Guests			
	MISSION AZ Ice		
	AHU		
	CAHA		
	CAHA		
	CAHA		

FEBRUARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The hockey community experienced a tragic loss in January with the passing of Dean Blixt , this occurred while he was refereeing a 16U game at AZ Ice Peoria, on Sunday morning January 21st.

The players that were involved in this hockey game had the opportunity to speak with Tammy Trawick LCSW, from The Barry Group who specializes in Pediatric Mental Health and Bereavement Counseling. All that were involved in these meeting thought they were very positive to help process this tragic loss.

The Referees Association lead by Chris Zorrza and with the cooperation of Jim Curly and AZ Ice Peoria have put together a Celebration of Life for Dean Blixt.

This will occur on February 23rd at 6:00pm at AZ Ice Peoria.

This will be a skate with a small donation at the door, so please show your support for our hockey community and come join us.



AAHA Treasurer's Report
Feb 12, 2018

2017-18 AAHA Actual to Budget Comparison
AAHA Balance Sheet 1/31/18
AAHA Profit and Loss 1/31/18
Chase January Bank Statement

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rogers", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Rogers
Treasurer
Arizona Amateur Hockey Association

2017-18 AAHA Budget

Income

	Year	Qty	Am't		Budget 8/17	Actual to date Through 1/31/18
1 Adult Player Reg (USA Hockey)	17/18	3574	\$ 10.00	\$	39,360.00	\$ 42,220.00
2 Youth Player Reg (USA Hockey)	17/18	3126	\$ 15.00	\$	47,700.00	\$ 43,515.00
5 USA Hockey Block Grant	16/17			1/4 \$	3,300.00	
6 USA Hockey Block Grant	17/18			3/4 \$	17,128.87	\$ 17,128.87
9 Mite Jamboree sponsorship		8	\$ 2,000.00	\$	16,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
10 AZYHL Preseason Tournament		33	\$ 1,058.06	\$	34,850.00	\$ 42,580.00
11 Youth State Player Development		165	\$ 194.00	\$	35,052.75	
12 Tier Declaration fees		18	\$ 500.00	\$	10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
13 Tier Championship team fees		18	\$ 1,041.67	\$	31,704.25	
14 Adult State Championship		30	\$ 599.00	\$	13,180.00	
15 AZYHL Championship Tourn		37	\$ 1,350.44	\$	44,715.00	\$ 2,500.00
16 Donations						\$ 25.00
17 Penalties & Fees						
18 Website Advertising						
19 Total State income					\$ 292,988.87	\$ 176,966.87

Expenses

34 RMD District Adult Player fees	3574	\$ -	\$	949.00	
35 RMD District Youth Player fees	3126	\$ -	\$	2,442.75	
36			\$	3,391.75	\$ -
37 AZYHL Pre-Season Tourn.					
38 Ice			\$	31,272.35	\$ 35,866.53
39 Printing/Mailing/Misc			\$	6,121.00	\$ 7,888.00
40 Referees/SK			\$	1,100.00	
41 Awards			\$	1,000.00	
42 Tournament Director(s)			\$	1,000.00	
43			\$	38,493.35	\$ 43,354.53
44 Youth State Tier Championships					
45 Ice			\$	28,830.73	
46 Printing/Mailing/Meetings/Misc			\$		\$ 179.30
47 Referees/SK			\$	8,241.00	
48 Awards			\$	1,100.00	
49			\$	38,171.73	\$ 179.30
50 Youth State AZYHL Championships					
51 Ice			\$	30,000.00	
52 Printing/Mailing			\$	356.73	
53 Referees/SK			\$	9,307.00	
54 Misc			\$	387.50	
55 Awards			\$	1,100.00	
56			\$	41,151.23	\$ -
79 Adult State Championship Tourn.					
80 Ice			\$	25,522.50	
81 Refs/SK			\$	5,586.00	
82 Scorekeepers					
83 Awards					
84			\$	31,108.50	\$ -
85 State Player Development Camp					
86 Coaches Stipends			\$	5,000.00	\$ 3,900.00
87 Jerseys			\$	3,000.00	
88 AZ Coyotes Jersey Sponsorship			\$	(3,000.00)	
89 Coaches Jackets			\$	1,050.00	
90 Fucks/waterbottles			\$	200.00	\$ 54.75

91				Ice	\$	12,000.00			
92				Misc - Adv. Posters	\$	100.00	\$	39.97	
93				Meeting	\$	200.00	\$	63.80	
94				Refs/SK					
96				Supplies/Water	\$	350.00			
97				Third Party Registration	\$	596.00			
98				Travel - Air, Hotel, Meals, R. Car	\$	4,500.00	\$	381.88	
99					\$	23,996.00	\$	4,440.40	
100				Growth Initiatives					
101			1	Coyotes Little Howlers Equipt	\$	2,000.00			
102			8	Mite Jamborees	\$	2,000.00	\$	5,166.68	
103			48	Total Goalie Quick Change	\$	189.99			
104			1	Cross Ice Boards - Tucson	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	
105				Free Girls Clinics	\$	4,000.00			
106			12	Adult Growth Initiative - Skills Clinics	\$	700.00			
107				Disabled Hockey Development			\$	600.00	
108				Goalie Development Program	\$	7,500.00	\$	800.00	
109				Donations/Gifts	\$	250.00			
110				Coaching Education Program	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	
111				CEP Equipment	\$	1,500.00			
112				Referee Training split with District	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	
113				Recognition Awards, Plaques, Sponsorships					
114				Background Screening Program	\$	10,000.00	\$	5,915.00	
115				Bank Service Charges			\$	174.75	
116				AZ Corporation Commission	\$	10.00	\$	10.00	
117				Records Storage Unit	\$	650.00	\$	331.44	
118				Office Supplies/software/QBO	\$	550.00	\$	271.50	
119				Meeting Expense F&B	\$	4,500.00	\$	3,101.34	
120				Postage & Delivery	\$	300.00			
121				Copies/Printing checks	\$	110.31			
122				AZ Rubber Advertising Program	\$	2,000.00			
123			20	AAHA Admin Assistant	\$	15.00	\$	4,035.00	
124				AAHA Admin Social Media	\$	7,500.00			
125				Professional Fees (Tax Return)	\$	1,300.00			
126				Legal Fees	\$	6,500.00	\$	8,056.00	
127				D & O Insurance	\$	2,306.00			
128				Website	\$	1,000.00			
129					\$	96,176.31	\$	39,961.71	
130				Tournament Fees					
131				Boys Pittsburgh America's Showcase	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	
132				Youth Tier 1 RMD Championship	\$	3,666.68			
133				Girls RMD District Championship	\$	1,833.32			
134					\$	9,500.00	\$	4,000.00	
				2017 National Tournament			\$	736.02	
				Nationals 2017 expenses					
				Scorekeepers			\$	530.00	
							\$	1,266.02	
135				Travel					
136				USA Hockey Annual Congress	June	\$	4,000.00		
137				USA Hockey Mid Winter Meeting	January	\$	3,500.00	\$	726.61
138				Rocky Mountain Annual Meeting	August/January	\$	1,500.00		
139				Coaching Ed./RMD Girls/Misc Travel	Misc.	\$	1,000.00		
140						\$	10,000.00	\$	726.61
142				Total Expenses	\$	292,988.87	\$	93,928.57	
143				Total Income	\$	292,988.87	\$	176,966.87	
144				Income(deficit)	\$	0.00	\$	83,038.30	

AAHA

BALANCE SHEET

As of January 31, 2018

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1001 AAHA Checking	255,327.12
Total Bank Accounts	\$255,327.12
Total Current Assets	\$255,327.12
Fixed Assets	
1230 One Goal Equipment	0.00
1231 Cost	34,486.15
1232 Accumulated Depreciation	-34,486.15
Total 1230 One Goal Equipment	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$255,327.12
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 Deferred Revenue	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	0.00
3900 Retained Earnings	172,288.82
Net Income	83,038.30
Total Equity	\$255,327.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$255,327.12

AAHA

PROFIT AND LOSS

September 2017 - January 2018

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Player Registration	
4001 Adult	
2017-18 Adult reg	42,220.00
Total 4001 Adult	42,220.00
4002 Youth	
player registration youth 2017-18	43,515.00
Total 4002 Youth	43,515.00
Total 4000 Player Registration	85,735.00
4010 USA Hockey Block Grant	
2017-18 Block Grant deposit	17,126.87
Total 4010 USA Hockey Block Grant	17,126.87
4040 Youth State Championships	
4041 Declaration Fees	9,000.00
Total 4040 Youth State Championships	9,000.00
5000 AZYHL - Preseason Tournament	42,580.00
5001 AZYHL - Postseason Tournament	2,500.00
Donations - Income	25.00
Mite Jamboree	20,000.00
Total Income	\$176,966.87
GROSS PROFIT	\$176,966.87
Expenses	
6005 2017 National Tournament	736.02
6008 Nationals Scorekeepers	530.00
7005 State Playdowns	
7010 Youth	
7016 meeting	179.30
Total 7010 Youth	179.30
Total 7005 State Playdowns	179.30
7030 State Player Develop Program	
7031 Coaches Stipends	3,775.00
7032 Equipment	63.80
7037 Advertising, Posters	54.75
7041 Supplies/Water	39.97
7046 Lodging	381.88
Total 7030 State Player Develop Program	4,315.40
7050 Adult Player Development Prog	
7051 Coaches Stipends	125.00
Total 7050 Adult Player Development Prog	125.00
7069 Growth & Development - Cross Ice Dividers	7,500.00
7073 Growth & Development - Mite Festivals	5,166.68
7100 Coaching Education Stipend	2,000.00

	TOTAL
7100 Referee Development	2,000.00
7150 Background Screening Program	5,915.00
7500 Bank Service Charges	174.75
7505 AZ Corp Commission	10.00
7510 Office Supplies & Software	217.20
Software	54.30
Total 7510 Office Supplies & Software	271.50
7520 Meeting Expense	3,101.34
7550 Records Storage	331.44
7600 AAHA Administrative Assistant	4,035.00
7800 Tournament Fees	
7801 Pittsburgh America's Showcase	4,000.00
Total 7800 Tournament Fees	4,000.00
7850 Travel	
7852 USA Hockey Mid Winter Meeting	728.61
Total 7850 Travel	728.61
AZYHL - Preseason Tournament Expenses	43,354.53
Disabled Hockey Development	600.00
Growth & Development Program	
1233 Goalie Clinics	800.00
Total Growth & Development Program	800.00
Legal-Pro/ Fees	8,056.00
Total Expenses	\$93,928.57
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$83,038.30
NET INCOME	\$83,038.30



JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
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December 30, 2017 through January 31, 2018

Account Number:

CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION

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 Service Center: 1-800-242-7338
 Deaf and Hard of Hearing: 1-800-242-7383
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We eliminated a fee for sending certain online international wires and updated our Deposit Account Agreement

The following changes were made November 12, 2017

- There is no Chase fee when you use chase.com or the Chase Mobile[®] app to send a wire transfer from a checking account to a bank outside of the U.S. in a foreign currency when the transfer amount is the equivalent of USD \$5,000 or more.
- We published an updated version of our Deposit Account Agreement. You can get the latest agreement at a branch or by request when you call us. Here's what you should know.
 - We didn't change how we calculate your Available Balance but we clarified how it's defined. (Definitions)
 - We added language to explain that when you place a stop payment using chase.com it will automatically renew annually. The option to have it expire after one year is not available on chase.com. (General Account Terms, Section B, Stop Payments)
 - We added language to explain our duty to act in good faith and with reasonable care. (General Account Terms, Section I, Rules Governing your Account)
 - We added language to explain how we would notify you if we ever transferred your account to a different business unit within JPMorgan Chase Bank. (General Account Terms, Section I, Changes to the Agreement)

Please call us at the number on this statement if you have any questions.

CHECKING SUMMARY

Chase BusinessClassic

	INSTANCES	AMOUNT
Beginning Balance		\$258,607.65
Deposits and Additions	1	1,780.00
Checks Paid	25	-5,500.00
ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals	8	-1,383.76
Electronic Withdrawals	1	-34.95
Ending Balance	35	\$263,468.94

Your monthly service fee was waived because you maintained an average checking balance of \$5,000 or more during the statement period.



December 30, 2017 through January 31, 2018

Account Number:

DEPOSITS AND ADDITIONS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	PPD ID:	AMOUNT
01/05	USA Hockey Cash Trans	1510204742	\$1,780.00
Total Deposits and Additions			\$1,780.00

CHECKS PAID

CHECK NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
2956 ^		01/12	\$50.00
2959 * ^		01/19	75.00
2960 ^		01/16	125.00
2961 ^		01/11	1,245.00
2962 ^		01/09	75.00
2963 ^		01/09	225.00
2966 * ^		01/18	325.00
2969 * ^		01/11	50.00
2970 ^		01/10	75.00
2973 * ^		01/17	100.00
2974 ^		01/18	125.00
2975 ^		01/11	550.00
2976 ^		01/11	400.00
2977 ^		01/11	150.00
2979 * ^		01/18	225.00
2980 ^		01/10	400.00
2981 ^		01/11	125.00
2982 ^		01/10	150.00
2985 * ^		01/31	50.00
2986 ^		01/12	75.00
2987 ^		01/16	75.00
2988 ^		01/19	75.00
2990 * ^		01/09	225.00
2994 * ^		01/09	265.00
2995 ^		01/09	265.00
Total Checks Paid			\$5,500.00

If you see a description in the Checks Paid section, it means that we received only electronic information about the check, not the original or an image of the check. As a result, we're not able to return the check to you or show you an image.

* All of your recent checks may not be on this statement, either because they haven't cleared yet or they were listed on one of your previous statements.

^ An image of this check may be available for you to view on Chase.com.

ATM & DEBIT CARD WITHDRAWALS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/03	Card Purchase 01/02 Tempe Choice S Storage 480-9667021 AZ Card 7333	\$55.24
01/03	Recurring Card Purchase 01/02 Intuit *Qb Online 800-286-6800 CA Card 7333	54.30
01/05	Card Purchase 01/03 Active Screening 800-319-5580 FL Card 7333	190.50
01/10	Card Purchase 01/09 Overeasy/ 18 Degrees Scottsdale AZ Card 7333	290.63
01/16	Card Purchase 01/12 Marriott Orlando Wc F 866-435-7627 FL Card 3977	163.39



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Account Number:

ATM & DEBIT CARD WITHDRAWALS *(continued)*

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/16	Card Purchase 01/12 Bonefish Grill #7052 Orlando FL Card 7333	278.67
01/16	Card Purchase 01/13 Delmonico's Italia Orlando FL Card 7333	284.55
01/18	Card Purchase 01/17 Thirsty Lion Pub & Gril Tempe AZ Card 3977	66.48
Total ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals		\$1,383.76

ATM & DEBIT CARD SUMMARY

Timothy Reckell Card 3977

Total ATM Withdrawals & Debits	\$0.00
Total Card Purchases	\$229.87
Total Card Deposits & Credits	\$0.00

Jimmie D Rogers Jr Card 7333

Total ATM Withdrawals & Debits	\$0.00
Total Card Purchases	\$1,153.89
Total Card Deposits & Credits	\$0.00

ATM & Debit Card Totals

Total ATM Withdrawals & Debits	\$0.00
Total Card Purchases	\$1,383.76
Total Card Deposits & Credits	\$0.00

ELECTRONIC WITHDRAWALS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/02	Paymentech Fee 6103857 CCD ID 1020401225	\$34.95
Total Electronic Withdrawals		\$34.95

DAILY ENDING BALANCE

DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
01/02	\$268,572.70	01/10	268,082.03	01/17	264,410.42
01/03	268,463.16	01/11	265,562.03	01/18	263,668.94
01/05	270,052.66	01/12	265,437.03	01/19	263,518.94
01/09	268,997.66	01/16	264,510.42	01/31	263,468.94

SERVICE CHARGE SUMMARY

TRANSACTIONS FOR SERVICE FEE CALCULATION	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS
Checks Paid / Debits	34
Deposits / Credits	1
Deposited Items	0
Transaction Total	35

SERVICE FEE CALCULATION	AMOUNT
Service Fee	\$12.00
Service Fee Credit	-\$12.00
Net Service Fee	\$0.00
Excessive Transaction Fees (Above 0)	\$0.00
Total Service Fees	\$0.00

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AAHA Administrators Report for January 2018

This month saw attention turned toward the playoffs, in all divisions, AZYHL, Tier I and Tier II.

Work was done to clean up and make the Tabs on the AAHA Home page more meaningful, particularly for Tier I and II. This entailed moving all of the historical data from the previous pages which were embedded in the 'Youth' tab to new pages established on the AAHA Home page, more work still needs to be done, but it is starting to look good.

There were a number of new News articles created for the New's slideshow; a Webinar for a USA Hockey Coaching Clinic; a remembrance article for a Referee tragically lost this month; announcement of, maintenance of and reporting on the two Mite Jamborees and finally an article about the Tier I and Tier II playoffs with the schedules for Tier I.

Considerable work was done on creating the Commitment Letter process for AZYHL and Tier hockey for the upcoming 2018-19 season. Previously a Commitment Letter link was created for each team that was anticipated to be participating in the upcoming season, requiring team names to be determined and the number of teams in each League to be identified. In addition to this being very early in the year, it was a very cumbersome process for the Associations and Teams. Keeping track of all of those links and organized so that the right link was given to the correct parent/guardian for the correct team, was very labor intensive.

Working with Sports Engine the goal for this year is to have 'one' link for all teams. The Registration will ultimately be a pool of players by Association and age that the AZYHL, Tier I and Tier II administrator(s) can pull from to create the teams on-line once the respective rosters are known. This should reduce significantly the work involved in setting up the teams for the new season.

This is currently in testing and soon will be rolled out to the AZYHL Committee members for further testing.

Work needs to continue on the overall development of the Web page, there are a lot of electronic features that we are currently not taking advantage of that would help to draw people to the page. This an opportunity to distribute information, show case hockey in Arizona and to help grow the game.

AZYHL Committee Report for January 2018

The 2017-18 season is fast approaching the end and a lot of work has/is being done to stay as current as possible with the game results, the final league standings, in most of the League/Divisions, will determine the team placement in the State Championship Tournament.

The auditing of the Dec 31st 1-T Rosters is now complete and with only a couple of questions outstanding all is ready for the playoffs.

Work continues in preparing for the State Tournament, the first of which opens the 28th of February and they run until the 11th of March.

DIBs are available on the Web site for volunteers; we are planning on pre-printing all but the consolation and final games scoresheets; the trophies are being returned from last years winners; the winners banners have been ordered; the poster boards for tracking the tournament at each venue are being organized and the medals for the 10U League/Divisions are being organized..... so things are in pretty good shape, but work still needs to be done and the focus still needs to be on the Tournament.

At the last AZYHL Committee meeting the last of the changes being recommended to AAHA for inclusion in Appendix B of the AAHA Bylaws were approved and are being organized now for submission to AAHA Policies Committee for review and ultimately submission to AAHA for action.

And finally a lot of work is being done on the Commitment Letter process. Working with Sports Engine the goal for this year is to have 'one' link for all teams. The Registration will ultimately leave us with a pool of players by Association and age that the AZYHL Administrator will be able to pull from to create the teams on-line once the respective rosters are known. This should reduce significantly the work involved in setting up the teams for the new season.

Previously a Commitment Letter link was created for each team that was anticipated to be participating in the upcoming season, requiring team names to be determined and the number of teams in each League to be identified in early January of each year. In addition to this being very early in the year, it was a very cumbersome process for the Associations and Teams, keeping track of all of those

links and organized so that the right link was given to the correct parent/guardian for the correct team, was a very labor intensive process.

This is currently in testing and soon will be rolled out to the AZYHL Committee members for further testing.

Bylaw and Policy Committee Report

February 2018 AAHA Meeting

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Date: February 8, 2018

Policy sections 5.1.8 and 5.1.10 which were unanimously approved at the January board meeting were updated in the policy manual and uploaded to the AAHA website. The following proposals were tabled at the January meeting awaiting further changes and comments from the Tier committee.

12.2 POLICY PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION: Allowance of 12U players to individually petition to “play up” on a 14U team.

Section 12.2 which currently reads as follows:

12.2 Play Up Rules

All 8U age players (as defined by USA Hockey) shall only be eligible to participate on an 8U age team. No 8U age player or 8U team shall be permitted to “play up” in a higher division.

No team, 10U and above (boys or girls), shall roster a player more than one age group higher (as defined by USA Hockey) only if allowed by the Member Association. Appeals to these roster rules need to be made to the full AAHA Board prior to the August AAHA Board meeting so it can be reviewed by the Board at that meeting. This appeal must be accompanied by an evaluation by the head coach of the current team the player is trying out for as well as the head coach of the prior team the player was rostered on showing the player has the ability to play at this higher level.

Proposed language for discussion:

12.2 Play Up Rules

12.2.1 All 8U age players (as defined by USA Hockey) shall only be eligible to participate on an 8U age team. No 8U age player or 8U team shall be permitted to “play up” in a higher division.

1. All players participating on 8U teams must be of an age (as defined by USA Hockey) within the 8U age group. No player classified as a 6&Under player or younger shall be permitted to participate on an 8U team without prior approval of the AAHA Mite Committee.
2. The Hockey Director of the member association requesting to have a 6&Under player(s) “play up” on an 8U team, shall submit a written request to the Chairperson of the Mite Committee detailing the justification for the move. The Mite Committee shall review the request and provide final approval for the move prior to the player(s) being allowed to participate in team activities.
3. Entire teams of 6&Under players or younger shall not be permitted to “play up” at the 8U level.

12.2.2 Players in the 14U and 10U age divisions (boys or girls) may be permitted to “play up” on a team that is no more than one age group higher (as defined by USA Hockey) for the duration of the current playing season if recommended and approved to do so by the Hockey Director of their proposed Member Association.

1. For player(s) recommended to “play up” from the 12U to the 14U age division on non- nationally bound teams at any time or for any duration (i.e. full season, tournaments, or individual games), the Hockey Director of the player(s) proposed and/or current member association must submit the recommendation to the Executive Committee for final approval (with the help of the AZYHL Committee if necessary). This submission must include at a minimum, written explanation of the justification for the move, a signed letter from the parent(s) of the player(s) demonstrating their agreement with the move, along with a written agreement of the Head Coach of the older age group team the player is joining.
2. The Executive Committee (with the help of the AZYHL Committee if necessary) will evaluate the recommendation(s) and make a final decision as to the eligibility of the 12U player to “play up” one age group higher.
3. 12U player(s) awaiting final approval of the Executive Committee may not participate in any 14U team activities until notice of final approval is provided in writing to the Hockey Director of the member association

12.2.3 Any appeals to the outcome of the Executive Committee’s review process outlined above in 12.2.2.1 shall be presented to the full AAHA Board of Directors not less than one week (7 calendar days) prior to the next scheduled AAHA Board meeting so it can be reviewed by the Directors. The Board of Directors will then make the final decision at the same meeting.

12.2.4 Entire teams in the 12U age level may NOT “play up” at a 14U age level

12.2.5 Player(s) at the 10U and 14U age level may be permitted to play on a team not more than one age group higher for a “short term basis” that may include individual games, tournaments or scrimmages provided the move is approved by the Hockey Director of the respective member association prior to the player participating in any team activities of the older age group team.

1. “Short-term basis” for the purpose of this section shall be defined as a temporary reassignment to an older age group team that will result in eventual return to the players original team.
2. “Short-term” call ups shall not exceed 10 total games throughout the duration of the current playing season. If the player(s) exceeds 10 total games as a “short-term” call up, the player(s) will be required to be permanently reassigned to the older age team.

**At the request of the Board, the policy committee is proposing the following policy revisions:
pertaining to out-of-state mite players playing up on squirt teams in local AAHA-sanctioned
tournaments and out-of-country travel permits.**

17.2 and 17.3 POLICY PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION: Out of State 8U players playing on 10U and older teams in local AAHA-sanctioned tournaments + requirement for USAH travel permit approval.

Policy currently reads as follows:

17. Member Association Tournaments

17.1 All USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournaments shall be conducted in compliance with the most recent USA Hockey Annual Guide.

Proposed addition to this policy:

17. ~~Member Association~~ Tournaments

17.1 All USA Hockey Sanctioned Tournaments shall be conducted in compliance with the most recent USA Hockey Annual Guide.

17.2 All USAH-sanctioned tournaments hosted in Arizona will be required to include a published tournament rule stating that 8U players will not be allowed to play up on a 10U or older team for the tournament.

17.3 Prior to traveling to Canada or other countries to play hockey games/scrimmages/tournaments or the like, Member Associations shall be required to submit a USAH Travel Permit to the Arizona Registrar for approval to ensure continuity of USAH benefits while out of the country.

At the request of the Mite Committee, the policy committee is proposing the following policy revisions to Section 11 pertaining to 8U Rules.

Section 11 POLICY PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION: (additions to existing policy are shown in red)

11. 8U Rules

- 11.1 All 8U players will be categorized as either Select or House players.
 - 11.1.2 Select players will all participate in the AZYHL.
 - 11.1.3 The Select league will be divided into an upper and lower division
 - 11.1.4 Each Association will be allowed a maximum of 2 Select teams comprised of up to 10 players per team for each Select division.
 - 11.1.5 Teams can move a player up a division to cover for sick or injured players but cannot move a player down a division.
- 11.2 All 8U contests within the Arizona Affiliate will be cross/half ice. NO FULL ICE GAMES WILL BE PERMITTED.
- 11.3 The 8U Committee will set guidelines for state jamborees
- 11.4 No 8U team shall travel outside of the Arizona Affiliate without prior approval of the 8U Committee and the AAHA Executive Committee.
- 11.5 No individual 8U team shall travel outside of the Arizona Affiliate more than 1 time per season. ~~as approved by the AAHA Executive Committee.~~
- 11.6 Tournaments approved by the AAHA Board of Directors will be limited to cross/half ice game format only and will be subject to the 8U playing rules established by USA Hockey ADM and the 8U Committee.
- 11.7 8U players aging up into 10U for the following season can begin to play 10U after the conclusion of the 10U AZYHL State Championships.
 - 11.7.1 Players 6U and younger may not participate in Select teams unless approved by the 8U Committee.
- 11.8 Refer to policy 12.2 regarding play up rules for 8U players.
- 11.9 Associations found in violation of any of the above-mentioned 8U rules shall be subject to sanctions as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 11.10 Sanctions may include any or all of the penalties listed below and may be imposed for the current season and/or beyond:
 - 11.10.1 Member Association Tier teams will not be eligible for State, District or National Tournament play; Member Association house/rec teams will not be eligible for any league playoffs; Member Associations will be considered “not-in-good-standing” for the rest of the current season; suspension of the 8U coaching staff for the remainder of the current season and/or for the following season.

At the request of the Executive Committee, the policy committee is proposing the following policy revisions to Section 10.1 pertaining to girls hockey.

Section 10.1 POLICY PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION: (Changes to existing policy are shown in red)

Policy currently reads as follows:

10.1 Member Associations that have jurisdiction over youth/girls teams must be in full control of all aspects of the program in which the teams participate. This control extends to, but is not limited to, Background screening for all individuals described in the Background Screening policy for all levels of participation within the program.

USA Hockey and AAHA only recognize youth/girls teams classified as Tier I, Tier II and House/Rec.

The Arizona High School Hockey Association shall be recognized and designated as the single official high school hockey association/organization for the State of Arizona.

The Arizona Lady Coyotes shall be recognized and designated as the single official all-female association/organization for the State of Arizona. Other associations may only register house-rec all-female teams.

No later than the March AAHA Board meeting date the Board of Directors shall establish the earliest tryout dates for each level of play as defined above for the purposing of forming teams for the upcoming playing season (defined as beginning after the conclusion of USA Hockey's National Tournament). No Member Association shall conduct or hold tryouts for the purpose of forming a team, at any level, for the upcoming playing season prior to the AAHA established date.

Proposed change to 4th paragraph:

There shall continue to be one recognized and designated official all-female organization for the State of Arizona until such time that female enrollment is significantly increased to a level that warrants multiple organizations. Female organizations shall be subject to the same Tier Authorization requirements and deadlines as outlined in sections 13.2.3 and 13.3.2. Other organizations may only register house/rec all-female teams.

13.2.5 Competition among Tier I Associations and Teams

1. Procedures: Each Tier I Association shall adhere to the following: If there is more than one (1) authorized Tier I team in any USA Hockey approved age division then each authorized Tier I Team shall play each other, in Arizona, a minimum number of times as determined by the Tier Committee (excluding any tournament games) at each appropriate age division each season. ~~The Tier Committee shall announce the minimum number of games to be played in each age division for the upcoming playing season no later than August 1st of each year.~~ *See Appendix C: Tier I Competition Requirements. Each Home team is responsible for the costs of the game, except for an odd number of games, or a neutral game, in which both teams will be responsible to split the costs evenly.

~~*See Appendix C: Tier I Competition Requirements, to obtain details regarding required games for current playing season.~~

2. Scheduling of such games shall be the responsibility of the teams involved. ~~The dates of said games will be given to the AAHA Tier Committee prior to October 1st of the current playing season.~~ Scheduling of the dates and locations of the required games shall be completed no later than August 15th of the season to be played. All such games ~~must~~ shall be completed at least two (2) weeks prior to the 1st scheduled game of the Arizona State Tier I Championships. ~~The dates of said games shall be given to the AAHA Tier Committee prior to September 1st of the season to be played.~~

3. All games played as competition between Tier I teams shall be in accordance with the following:

a. 14U games shall have a 5 minute warm up and 16 minute stop time periods. There shall be an ice cut before each game and there shall be a 2 minute rest period between all periods. ~~The game slot for 14U Tier I games shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes.~~

b. 15U and 16U games shall have a 5 minute warm up and 17 minute, stop time periods. There shall be an ice cut before each game and between the second and third periods. There shall be a 2 minute rest period between the first and second period. ~~The game slot for 15 Only and 16U Tier I games shall be 2 hours.~~

c. 18U games shall have a 5 minute warm up and 17 minute, stop time periods. There shall be an ice cut before each game and between the second and third periods. There shall be a 2 minute rest period between the first and second period. ~~The game slot for 18U Tier I games shall be 2 hours.~~

d. If the goal differential is seven or more at any point, run-time on the game clock shall be used. If the goal differential returns to less than seven goals, stop-time shall be reinstated.

e. All games shall utilize a 3 person on-ice officiating crew.

f. Games may end in a tie

g. Two points will be awarded for a victory and one point for a tie.

h. The team with the greatest amount of points in games played between the teams entered in the Arizona State Championships shall be **considered the "Home" team** during the Arizona State Championships. **If there are only two teams in an age Division, the "Home" team shall host Game 1 and Game 3, if a third game is needed.**

- i. Should teams have the same amount of points the following tie-breaker(s) shall be applied:
 - (i) Most wins
 - (ii) Goal differential (Goals scored minus Goals allowed)
 - (iii) Goal quotient (Goals scored divided by Goals allowed)
- a. A maximum of a seven goal differential in any game shall be used in determining goal differential or goal quotient in tie-breakers at the end of the season.
- (iv) Coin flip

~~3. Failure of a Tier I team or Tier I association to agree and execute these requirements shall result in excluding the non-complying Tier I team and/or Tier I association from participating in the Arizona State Championships, advancing to the Rocky Mountain District Tier 1 Championships and USA Hockey National Tournament at any level.~~

13.2.6

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Any AAHA Member Association Tier I team ~~found~~ determined by the AAHA Executive Committee to be in violation of any of the AAHA Tier I policies shall be referred to the AAHA Discipline Committee for a hearing. The AAHA Discipline Committee may impose ~~be subject to~~ any or all of the following sanctions:

1. Suspension of the Head Coach for the remainder of the current playing season in which the violation occurred AND for the following playing season.
2. Disqualification of the violating team from participation in the ~~Arizona State Championships, the Rocky Mountain District Tournament and USA Hockey's National Tournament.~~ USA Hockey National Tournament process.
3. A monetary fine of no more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be assessed to the Member Association that the violating team represents or is rostered through. ~~Monetary fine A amount to shall~~ be determined by the AAHA Board of Directors.

13.3.4 Competition among Tier II Associations and Teams

1. Procedures: Each Tier II Association shall adhere to the following: If there is more than one (1) authorized Tier II team in any USA Hockey approved age division then each authorized Tier II Team shall play ~~four (4) games against all other teams in the same age division each other~~, in Arizona, ~~each season a minimum of four (4) games~~ (excluding any tournament games). ~~at each appropriate age division each season.~~ Each team shall host two (2) games. ~~It is recommended that all such games be scheduled as soon as possible in order to be included in each team's season schedule.~~ The Home team ~~is~~ shall be responsible for the costs of the game., ~~except for an odd number of games, or a neutral game, in which both teams will be responsible to split the costs evenly.~~
2. Scheduling of such games shall be the responsibility of the teams involved. ~~The dates of said games will be given to the AAHA Tier Committee prior to October 1st of the current playing season.~~ Scheduling of the dates and locations of the required games shall be completed no later than August 15th of the season to be played. All such games ~~must~~ shall be completed at least two (2) weeks prior to the 1st scheduled game of the Arizona State Tier II Championships. ~~The dates of said games shall be given to the AAHA Tier Committee prior to September 1st of the season to be played.~~
3. All games played as competition between Tier II teams shall be in accordance with the following:

- a. All age division shall have a 5 minute warm up.
- b. 14U games shall have 14 minute stop time periods with no ice cut between periods. ~~The game slot for 14U Tier II games shall be 1 hour and 15 minutes.~~
- c. 16U games shall have 15 minute stop time periods. There shall be an ice cut before each game and between the second and third periods. There shall be a 2 minute rest period between the first and second periods. ~~The game slot for 16U Tier II games shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes.~~
- d. 18U games shall have 15 minute stop time periods. There shall be an ice cut before each game and between the second and third periods. There shall be a 2 minute rest period between the first and second periods. ~~The game slot for 18U Tier II games shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes.~~
- e. If the goal differential is seven or more at any point, run-time on the game clock shall be used. If the goal differential returns to less than seven goals, stop-time shall be reinstated.
- f. Games shall utilize a 3 person on-ice officiating crew.
- g. Games may end in a tie
- h. Two points will be awarded for a victory and one point for a tie.
- i. Should teams have the same amount of points at the conclusion of all 4-game series, the following tie-breaker(s) shall be applied to determine standings for the Arizona State Tier II Championships:
 - (i) Most wins
 - (ii) Goal differential (Goals scored minus Goals allowed)
 - (iii) Goal quotient (Goals scored divided by Goals allowed)

a. A maximum of a seven goal differential in any game shall be used in determining goal differential or goal quotient in tie-breakers at the end of the season.

(iv) Coin flip

j. During the Arizona State Tier II Championships:

(i) In a two team division, the team with the greatest amount of points in games played between the two teams in the 4-game series shall be the **"Home" team in Game 1 and, if needed, Game 3.**

(ii) In a division with more than two teams, the team with the greatest amount of points in the 4-game series played between the teams entered **in the State Championships shall be considered the "Home" team in all of their preliminary round games.** The team with the next greatest amount **of points shall be the "Home" team in their preliminary round** games in all but against the team with the most points. All other teams in the division shall follow this procedure in descending order.

~~3. Failure of a Tier II team to agree and execute these requirements shall result in excluding that Tier II team/ association from participating in the Arizona State Tournament Championships and advancing to the USA Hockey National Tournament Championships.~~

13.2.6

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Any AAHA Member Association Tier II team ~~found~~ determined by the AAHA Executive Committee to be in violation of any of the AAHA Tier II policies shall be referred to the AAHA Discipline Committee for a hearing. The AAHA Discipline Committee may impose ~~be subject to~~ any or all of the following sanctions:

1. Suspension of the Head Coach for the remainder of the current playing season in which the violation occurred AND for the following playing season.

2. Disqualification of the violating team from participation in the ~~Arizona State Championships and USA Hockey's National Tournament.~~ USA Hockey National Tournament process.

3. A monetary fine of no more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be assessed to the Member Association that the violating team represents or is rostered through. ~~Monetary fine A~~ amount ~~to~~ shall be determined by the AAHA Board of Directors.

13.4 Tier I/Tier II State Championships

13.4.1 Guidelines

1. Each playing season AAHA shall conduct Arizona State Championships at the following age divisions for the purpose of determining teams to represent Arizona in USA Hockey's National Tournament play according to a schedule approved each year by the AAHA Board of Directors

Youth Boys Division: 14U and above as defined by USAH; Tier I and Tier II for each age division.

Girls Divisions: 14U; 16U; and 19U; Tier I and Tier II for each age division.

2. The AAHA Board of Directors will announce the Championship dates for each Division prior to October 31st of each year and post to the AAHA website.

The Champion of each **boys' Youth** Tier I, and each **girls Girls** Tier I or **girl's Girls** Tier II Divisions shall advance to the Rocky Mountain District Championships.

The Champion of each **boys' Youth** Tier II Division shall advance to the USA Hockey National Championships.

3. All **final** costs, (ice, Referees, Score and Timekeepers, Awards, etc.) per division, related to the State Championship shall be shared equally by ~~ALL associations declared to be Tier I or Tier II in each division, whether or not they participate in the Teams participating in the~~ Arizona State Championships. All cost shall be subject to review and approval by the AAHA Board of Directors.

4. Each Member Association wishing to participate in State Championships must be in good standing with AAHA.

5. Member Associations ~~must~~ shall submit, a \$500 non-refundable fee for each Tier I or Tier II **playing division in which they field a** team ~~fielded~~ for the playing season no later than October 31st of each year. The **non-refundable** fee from each ~~team~~ Member Association shall be used to offset the final State Championship fees due per division from each ~~declared~~ Tier I or Tier II team **participating in the State Championships**.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 playing season, Member Associations ~~must~~ shall submit, a ~~\$500~~ \$1000.00 non-refundable fee for each Tier I or Tier II team fielded for the playing season no later than ~~October 31st~~ August 15th each year. The **non-refundable** fee ~~from~~ for each team shall be paid by the Member Association that is represented by that team and shall be used to offset the final State Championship fees due per division from each ~~declared~~ Tier I or Tier II team **participating in the State Championships**. The **non-refundable** fee shall be required for ALL Tier I and Tier II teams, even if they fail to qualify for the Arizona State Championships and regardless as to whether or not they register as a Nationally Bound team. Fee payment shall be made payable to AAHA and delivered to the AAHA Treasurer. Failure to make the non-refundable fee payment on or prior to August 15th shall result in a \$500 penalty (per team not paid) to the delinquent Member Association. Any Member Association that has not paid their non-refundable fee plus penalty fee for a team or teams,

representing that Member Association, prior to October 1st shall be referred to the AAHA Discipline Committee for review on the subject.

6. Each Member Association may declare no more than one team in each division **to participate in the State Championships**. Member Associations that register multiple teams in a division with the Arizona Associate Registrar shall be free to determine which team may represent the Member Association per Division in any manner they wish- , **but the Member Association shall declare to AAHA, in writing, which team will represent that Member Association in the State Championships no later than January 1st of that playing season. See Section 13.4.3 for additional information on the State Championship format.**

7. A final cost per team per division to participate in the State Championships will be forwarded to each Member Association no less than thirty (30) days prior to the state of the State Championships.

8. A Credentials Meeting shall be held approximately **7 - 10** days prior to the **state start** of the State Championships. All remaining fees due per **participating** team shall be due no later than this meeting. A coach and/or manager from each participating team shall be required to attend. No one person shall represent more than one team unless prior approval is granted by the Tournament Director. Failure of a team to have a coach and/or a manager present for the credentials meeting shall result in the suspension of the **Head Coach of that team's first game of the State Championship Tournament.**

9. AAHA will pay the entry fee for any team that represents AAHA in the Rocky Mountain District Championships and Tier II Nationals, not to exceed the RMD entry fee per team. **Beginning with the 2018-2019 playing season, AAHA will pay the entry fee or a maximum of \$1,000.00 towards the entry fee, whichever is less, for any team that represents AAHA in the Rocky Mountain District Championships.**

10. All games shall be played in accordance with District/National requirements as outlined in the latest edition of the USA Hockey Championship Tournament Guidebook including all games being played to a winner.

13.4.2 Team Requirements

1. Teams declaring to participate in the Arizona State Championships **MUST** have their final rosters submitted to the Arizona Associate Registrar no later than December 15th of each year.

2. It shall be the responsibility of each team declaring for right to advance to the Rocky Mountain District Tier I Championships or the Tier II National Championships to schedule a date to review all items as required by USA Hockey with the Arizona Associate Registrar at least 10 days prior to AAHA State Championships. In the case of a team or teams advancing either to the Rocky Mountain District Championships or to the National Tournament without having to participate in the Arizona State Championships that team or teams shall be responsible for having all items required by USA Hockey to be reviewed by the Arizona Associate Registrar at least 3 weeks prior to the first games of the District Championships or National Championships.

13.4.3 Tournament Formats

~~In any year that AAHA or a member association of AAHA is host to a division or divisions of USA Hockey's National Tournament, †~~The Tier Committee shall determine an Arizona State Championship Tournament format for the division or divisions that will represent Arizona in the National Tournament.

~~*See Appendix C: Tier I Competition Requirements—USA Hockey National Tournament Host-DELETE National Tournament Hosting information from Appendix C~~

The Arizona State Championship format for all Divisions ~~that are not hosting a USA Hockey National Tournament~~ shall be as follows:

1. In a Division of two (2) teams the teams will play a best out of three series. The first team to win two games will be declared the Champion. The third scheduled game in this division WILL NOT BE PLAYED if it is not needed to **declare a Champion. All games will be played utilizing USA Hockey's semifinal rules.**
2. In a division with three (3) or four (4) teams the teams will play a single Round Robin of games against all other teams in the division. The two teams with the greatest number of points at the end of the single Round Robin will play a best of three championship series to determine the State Champion. The team with the most points after the single round robin will be declared the Home team. If one or more teams are tied as the top two teams at the end of the single Round Robin, the tie breaking formula outlined in the most current USA Hockey Championship Tournament Guidebook will be used to break the tie and declare the final two teams.
3. In a division of more than four (4) teams, the results of the 4-game season series between all teams in the division shall be used to determine the top four (4) teams which shall advance to the Arizona State Championships. The top four (4) advancing teams shall then play a Championship series as described in 13.4.3, item 2 (above).

Proposed modifications to **Appendix "C"** of the AAHA Policy Manual

Appendix C: Tier I Competition Requirements

Delete the 2016-2017 Playing Season requirements that are noted in the Policy Manual:

Tier I Regular Season Game Requirements for 2017-2018 Playing Season:

Each Tier I Association shall adhere for the following: If there is more than one (1) authorized Tier I team in any USA Hockey approved age division, each authorized Tier I team shall play the other Tier I ~~like age division~~ teams, in Arizona (excluding any tournament games), a minimum number of times as noted below:

13U: vs all other AAHA 13U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)
vs all other AAHA 14U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)

14U: vs all other AAHA 14U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)
vs all other AAHA 13U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)

15U: vs all other AAHA 15U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)
vs all other AAHA 16U Tier I teams – 2 times (1 home – 1 away)

16U: vs all other AAHA 16U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)
vs all other AAHA 15U Tier I teams – 2 times (1 home – 1 away)

18U: vs all other AAHA 18U Tier I teams – 4 times (2 home – 2 away)

Failure of a Tier I team or association to agree and execute these requirements shall result in excluding the non-complying Tier I team or association from participating in **USA Hockey's National Tournament at any level.**

Penalties for non-compliance, in addition to the above, shall be as described in the AAHA Policies and Procedure Manual.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 playing season and through at least the 2022-2023 playing season the Tier I Regular Season Game Requirements shall be:

13U: vs all other AAHA 13U Tier I teams – 6 times (3 home – 3 away)

14U: vs all other AAHA 14U Tier I teams – 6 times (3 home – 3 away)

**There shall be no requirement for 13U teams to play 14U teams during the playing season. **

15U: vs all other AAHA 15U Tier I teams – 6 times (3 home – 3 away)
vs all other AAHA 16U Tier I teams – 2 times (1 home – 1 away)

16U: vs all other AAHA 16U Tier I teams – 6 times (3 home – 3 away)
vs all other AAHA 15U Tier I teams – 2 times (1 home – 1 away)

18U: vs all other AAHA 18U Tier I teams – 6 times (3 home – 3 away)

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USA Hockey National Tournament Host

~~AAHA is hosting the 2016-2017 USA Hockey National Tournament for 14U and 15U Tier I age divisions. The 2016-2017 AAHA State Championships 14U and 15U age division will be the following format:~~

- ~~1. Winner of the best of three regular season series is the home team.~~
- ~~2. The home team will host the first, third and fifth (if needed) games.~~
- ~~3. The away team will host the second and fourth (if needed) games.~~
- ~~4. The State Champion will be the first team to win three games.~~

Tier I Championship Game date requirements

~~ALL Tier I Championship Games will be scheduled and completed for ALL age divisions within the following dates: January 30, 2017 – February 12, 2017~~

Discipline Report
February 2018

The Discipline Committee met on Tuesday January 30, 2018. There was one hearing scheduled regarding a coaching violation.

1. It was reported that an adult was doing coaching on ice and on the bench with a CAHA Chandler team. He was not USA Hockey registered, did not have his CEP or module and was not background screened. The only certification he had was SafeSport. It was determined that the adult could not perform any coaching duties until he goes to a CEP clinic and has his background screening completed. At that time whenever that should happen the adult who is now a coach will be on a one year probation. The current head coach of that team has been placed on a one year probation that started on February 1, 2018 and will end on January 31, 2019. The CAHA Chandler Club was fined \$500.
2. A second coaching violation was reported that was essentially identical in nature as to the one in Chandler. This violation was with the DYHA Club. Again, an adult who was sometimes acting as an assistant coach on the ice and on the bench was not properly registered or CEP Certified. It was determined to assess the same suspension to the adult. That is he cannot be on the bench or on the ice until he completes his CEP Certification and has been properly registered with USA Hockey. He will also be placed on a one year probation once he has completed all the proper certifications and registrations. The head coach of the team is also placed on a one year probation that begins on February 7, 2018 and the DYHA Club is fined \$500.

This concludes my report for February 2018.

Respectfully,
Bruce Urban
Discipline Committee Chair

AAHA Mite Committee Summary

January 31, 2018

The Mites Committee met on January 31, 2018.

Topics discussed were:

- Jamboree Review
- Policy Changes Recommendations
- Coyotes Jamboree

Review and Discuss Scottsdale Jamboree

- We anticipate that we should be able to rectify any issues next season as it is proposed that the Mites Committee will roll out a format for the Mites Select League games

Discuss 2018/19 Changes

- refer to policy and rules changes that the committee is recommending

-Discuss AZ Coyotes Skills competition and Jamboree

- individual registration
- cost of registration would include a ticket, possibly food
- skill comp on April 7th with Coyotes game that night. Jamboree on April 8th.
- Coyotes staff will run the benches
- kids would get a take away jersey
- open to both house and travel players

-Tentatively hold next meeting on 2/28/18 to discuss Gilbert and Chandler Jamboree and any updates for next season.

USA Hockey Officiating Report
February 2018
Submitted by Bryan D. Eisentraut

Registration Summary and Comparison

82% of officials registered for the 2017-18 season have completed all of their registration requirements. At this time last year we had a completion rate of 73% so we have had a significant increase in the proportion of officials who have completed all registration requirements.

2017-18 USA Hockey Officials Registration Data as of 2/3/2018

2017-18				2016-17 (As of 2/4/2017)				2016-17 (End of Season)			
	Complete	Incomplete	TOTAL		Complete	Incomplete	TOTAL		Complete	Incomplete	TOTAL
Level 1	100	40	140	Level 1	83	60	143	Level 1	86	57	143
Level 2	70	10	80	Level 2	66	11	77	Level 2	67	9	76
Level 3	57	2	59	Level 3	59	8	67	Level 3	60	7	67
Level 4	3	0	3	Level 4	11	0	11	Level 4	11	0	11
	230	52			219	79			224	73	
	282				298				297		

A Loss to the Arizona Hockey Community

The Arizona hockey community suffered a great loss on January 21st when Dean Blixt suffered a medical incident while officiating a 16U Tier II game at AZ Ice Peoria and passed as a result. Dean was an extremely positive influence to all he worked with and will be missed greatly. A Celebration of Life will be held for Dean on Friday, February 23rd at 6:00pm at AZ Ice Peoria. This is open to the entire Arizona Hockey community and is an opportunity to show Dean's wife Linda and her family how much Dean meant to us all.

AHRA Feb 2018 Officiating Report

Highlights:

January Game Summary	
Youth House	101
Youth Travel	452
Adult	473
ACHA	15
Total Games	1041

- Supervised Games in January 21, total for the season 156
- Coach evaluations in January 0, total for the season 15
- Updated scheduling policy attached
- Updated House League Rates attached

New initiatives:

- Celebration of Life for Dean Blixt
 - Friday 2/23 6:00 AZ Ice Peoria
 - Welcome to entire hockey community
 - One hour of Ice to celebrate the life of Dean and show his family some support.
- Presidents Day Tournament this weekend
- Sled Hockey Event in March

AHRA Scheduling Policy

Game Requests:

Games should only be requested when there are two confirmed teams for the game slot requested.

All game requests need to be submitted to the assigned scheduler prior to 48 hours of the scheduled game time. Any game requested within 48 hours of the scheduled game time will be assigned on a best efforts basis, there will also be a \$10 fee for each assigned official and scorekeeper.

Game Cancellations:

All games must be cancelled prior to 48 hours of the scheduled game time. Any game cancelled within 48 hours will still be invoiced. A game cancelled because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances will not be invoiced.

No Show Policy:

If one or more official(s) is missing from a requested game the game invoice will be reduced so that only the officials working the game are invoiced to the team.

Zero Coverage Game:

If any requested game that meets the 48 hour policy is not covered by any on ice officials that team will receive an a full game fee credit to their next month invoice so AHRA can cover the cost of officials for a makeup game.

AHRA

2018-2019 House League Rates

Level	Current	Proposed	% Var
8U	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	11%
8U - 2 Ref	\$ 66.00	\$ 75.00	14%
8U - 3 Ref	\$ 70.00	\$ 83.00	19%
10U	\$ 70.00	\$ 77.00	10%
12U	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	0%
14U	\$ 90.00	\$ 98.00	9%
16U	\$ 90.00	\$ 109.00	21%
HS - JV	\$ 143.00	\$ 150.00	5%
HS - Varsity	\$ 222.00	\$ 235.00	6%

Local Association	Program	Age 19+	Age 17-18	Age 15-16	Age 13-14	Age 11-12	Age 9-10	Age 07-08	Age 01-06	Total
ARIZONA AHA	AZH0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TUCSON WOMENS HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0005	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
CHANDLER AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOC	AZH0006	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
AZ ICE PEORIA YOUTH	AZH0010	0	0	5	35	47	57	70	53	267
ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATIO	AZH0013	0	202	242	62	0	0	0	0	506
FLAGSTAFF YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0018	0	0	14	24	31	37	34	37	177
DESERT YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0020	0	20	37	45	34	31	6	2	175
VALLEY OF THE SUN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0022	11	30	41	64	65	46	32	14	303
COYOTES AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0028	5	21	53	88	88	88	46	3	392
TUCSON ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0032	168	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	171
MISSION ARIZONA ICE	AZH0033	0	20	37	37	26	17	9	3	149
OCEANSIDE ADULT HOCKEY	AZH0039	373	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	376
PHOENIX COYOTES SLED HOCKEY	AZH0040	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
R TEAM ICE HOCKEY CLUB	AZH0041	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
AZ ICE GILBERT YOUTH	AZH0043	1	0	5	33	35	44	57	39	214
ARIZONA HOCKEY UNION REC	AZH0045	4	16	27	35	57	51	41	16	247
WILDCAT YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0047	1	10	11	18	26	24	32	38	160
AZ LADY COYOTES	AZH0048	0	6	15	11	5	0	0	0	37
CHANDLER ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0049	541	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	546
ARCADIA ADULTS	AZH0050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ ICE PEORIA ADULT	AZH0051	405	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	407
AZ ICE GILBERT ADULT	AZH0052	370	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	372
FLAGSTAFF ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0056	59	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
SCOTTSDALE ADULT HOCKEY	AZH0057	612	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	616
AZ ICE ARCADIA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATIO	AZH0058	278	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	284
ONE STEP BOBCATS	AZH9991	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	38
MISSION SPECIAL EDITION	AZH9992	0	2	4	3	1	4	5	3	22
ACHA	AZH9999	157	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
AZ Unclaimed	AZHUNCL	877	20	34	162	236	274	355	475	2433
Total		3940	391	528	620	651	674	688	687	8179

Local Association	Program	Age 19+	Age 17-18	Age 15-16	Age 13-14	Age 11-12	Age 9-10	Age 07-08	Age 01-06	Total
ARIZONA AHA	AZH0000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TUCSON WOMENS HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0005	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
CHANDLER AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOC	AZH0006	4	22	17	38	35	27	17	1	161
AZ ICE PEORIA YOUTH	AZH0010	0	0	5	35	47	58	70	54	269
ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0013	0	228	283	69	0	0	0	0	580
FLAGSTAFF YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0018	0	0	15	24	31	37	34	37	178
DESERT YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0020	0	20	38	55	36	32	8	2	191
VALLEY OF THE SUN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0022	11	48	76	80	74	52	32	14	387
COYOTES AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0028	6	40	77	109	99	94	47	3	475
TUCSON ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0032	176	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
MISSION ARIZONA ICE	AZH0033	0	21	40	39	27	18	9	3	157
OCEANSIDE ADULT HOCKEY	AZH0039	441	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	444
PHOENIX COYOTES SLED HOCKEY	AZH0040	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
R TEAM ICE HOCKEY CLUB	AZH0041	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
AZ ICE GILBERT YOUTH	AZH0043	1	0	7	36	38	44	57	39	222
ARIZONA HOCKEY UNION REC	AZH0045	4	21	28	36	59	52	41	16	257
WILDCAT YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0047	1	10	11	20	27	26	32	38	165
AZ LADY COYOTES	AZH0048	0	6	15	12	7	0	0	0	40
CHANDLER ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0049	571	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	576
ARCADIA ADULTS	AZH0050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ ICE PEORIA ADULT	AZH0051	445	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	448
AZ ICE GILBERT ADULT	AZH0052	454	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	456
FLAGSTAFF ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	AZH0056	60	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
SCOTTSDALE ADULT HOCKEY	AZH0057	731	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	736
AZ ICE ARCADIA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	AZH0058	306	26	36	39	38	35	8	8	496
ONE STEP BOBCATS	AZH9991	37	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	38
MISSION SPECIAL EDITION	AZH9992	0	2	4	3	1	4	5	3	22
ACHA	AZH9999	161	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
AZ Unclaimed	AZHUNCL	877	20	34	162	236	274	355	475	2433
Total		4362	510	688	759	755	754	716	693	9237

February 2018 report to AAHA BOD for:

2018 State Championships

2018 AZ Player Development Camps

2018 RMD Tournament

AAHA Tier Committee

2018 Arizona State Championships

- Tier II Championships to be held February 24 – March 6, 2018
 - 14U Championships (2/27 – 3/6, 2018) to be held at AZ Ice Gilbert
 - 16U Championships (2/25 – 3/6, 2018) to be held at Ice Den - Chandler
 - 18U Championships (2/24 – 3/5, 2018) to be held at either Oceanside Ice Arena

Game schedules for each of the above have been posted to the AAHA website
Blind draw will be held during the Feb. AAHA Board meeting to determine team number
- Tier I State Championships to be held in early February, 2018
 - 14U – Best of 3 Series (winner to be announced at Board mtg)
 - 15 Only – Best of 3 Series – Jr. Coyotes win series 2 games to none; advance to RMD Tournament
 - 16U – Best of 3 Series (winner to be announced at Board mtg)
 - 18U – Best of 3 Series– Jr. Coyotes win series 2 games to none; advance to RMD Tournament

2018 Arizona Player Development Camps

- 2018 Boys Player Development Camp
 - Boys Part 1 Camp for 2004 and 2003 birth years to be March 9, 10 & 11, 2018
Oceanside Ice Arena
 - Boys Part 2 Camp for 2002 and 2001 birth years and 2004 / 2003 birth years advancing from the Part 1 Camp to be March 23, 24 & 25, 2018. Ice Den - Chandler
- 2018 Girls Player Development Camp
 - Girls Camp for 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001 birth years to be March 9, 10 & 11, 2018
Oceanside Ice Arena
- 2018 Goalie Only Sessions for ALL Goalies as part of the Player Development Camp
 - March 7th
Arcadia Ice Arena

Registration for these Camps will begin in mid-February 2018 thru the AAHA website

2018 Rocky Mountain District Championships

- Rocky Mountain District Boys Tier I and Girls Tier I and Tier II Championships to be held March 15 – 18, 2018 in Dallas, Texas.

The following teams will represent Arizona in the 2018 RMD tournament
Youth 14U (to be announced at Bd mtg); 15 Only – Jr. Coyotes
16U (to be announced at Bd mtg); 18U – Jr. Coyotes
Girls - Lady Coyotes 19U

Games schedule has been posted to the AAHA website

Tier Committee Meeting
January 31, 2018
Oceanside Ice Arena

Members present: Marc Fritsche, Kenny Corupe, Jeremy Goltz, Ron Filion, Leeor Shtrom, Brad McCaughey, Kurt Goar, Tim Reckell and Bruce Urban.

Members absent: Todd Brodfueher and Geoff Pashkowski

Meeting started at approximately 11:45am and adjourned at approximately 1:20pm

Play-up rule proposal:

There was discussion on the proposed play-up policy that has been presented to the AAHA Board. Every member present agreed that players should not move up to a higher age level. One of the primary reasons is that players lose out on skill development at their current age level

Mite play:

Discussion was primarily about Jamborees. The members agreed that the travel teams should participate in their own Jamboree under the AZYHL in a Jamboree format. The jamboree should be limited to two teams per association at each event. The members also agreed that travel mite teams be limited to only one travel per season out of state.

Jamborees for house teams are to be free. The format is that players will sign up and teams will be made up for just the Jamboree. Players will be selected for a team by drawing names out of a hat or similar.

Girls Tier Teams:

There was some discussion of changing the policy of having only one association that can register Tier Teams for girls. There was no conclusion that came from the discussion. There will be more discussion at the next Tier meeting.

Tier Policies:

The members agreed with the proposed Tier Policies that will go before the AAHA Board at the February 12th meeting. They also asked that the state playdowns for the Tier I 2018/19 season be changed to the weekend before President's Day weekend and the Tier II state playdowns beginning in 2018/19 season be scheduled for the weekend after President's Day weekend.

The other changes to the policy was that the Tier I 18U games to be scheduled for 2 hours, the 14U games have a 5 minute warmup and scheduled at 1 ½ hours with no ice cut and the 15 Only and 16U remain the same.

For Tier II the change was that 16U and 18U games scheduled at 1 ½ hours with an ice cut after the second period.

Tier I Applications:

The two Tier I applications were tentatively approved pending the changes that Tim Reckell and Bruce Urban acknowledged at the meeting that needed to be made.

OCEANSIDE ICE ARENA

AAHA Meeting
2/12/18

Adult Hockey Report

Adult Arizona Adult Hockey Championships

To be scheduled either June 8-10 or June 15-17. Arizona Coyotes have asked to be title sponsor and provide some grant money, Championship game ice time, and more.

Clinics/LTPH

Arizona Coyotes are interested in hosting adult clinics, dates to be determined.

--Adam Mims

07 February 2018

Dear AAHA Board Members,

On behalf of the El Paso Hockey Association (EPHA), I am writing to seek consideration and support for continued inclusion in the Arizona Youth Hockey League (AZYHL) for the EPHA. Our organization and youth members have enjoyed significant benefits from many years of positive membership in the league. El Paso has steadily developed a strong and vibrant youth program over the past 15 years thanks to organizations such as the AZYHL that have opened their arms to our kids. Our continued health, however, is dependent on other communities as our numbers are not sufficient to operate as a stand-alone organization and league. Our continued success is dependent on our ability to find teams within traveling distance to play. Phoenix is the only community within reasonable driving distance that provides a league with numbers for our teams to play. We understand the concerns that may exist with the long distance between Phoenix and El Paso and are willing to bear the burden of that travel to remain in the league.

We feel that our program, coaches and parents share the values that your organization exhibits and demands of its members. We believe that we have demonstrated these core values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play that warrant renewed consideration. We are aware of issues that have occurred with other league members that are external to the Phoenix community. We understand the concerns generated by that situation but would like to be judged by our own history of behavior, actions and positive contributions to the league. USA Hockey preaches the motto of "Grow the game". We are asking for your continued help and support in allowing us to further grow our game in El Paso. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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