



## IAHA WINTER MEETING January 26, 2021

Zoom Meeting by Computer or Phone

**Jan 26, 2021** 07:00 PM MST, 6:00 PM PST

In virtual attendance: John Heinrich (IAHA President - voting), Sarah Benson (IAHA Treasurer – voting), Joanne Tirocke (IAHA Secretary – voting), Heather Daves (SVYH – voting), Jan-Erik Peterson (BYAHA), Kory Scoran (BAHA-IIW – voting), Jared Bragg (Salmon – voting), Elliot Taub (CDAHA), Bob Nelson (CDAHA - voting), Shawn Luteyn (CDA Academy - voting), Dan McFetridge (LCAHA – alt. voting), Tate Jarry (Teton Valley – voting), Jeremy Foss (PYHA), David Asher (BYAHA – voting), Lee Ann Schlake (At-Large Director – voting), Donna Kaufman (USAH), Kathleen Smith (USAH), Mike Schroeder (CDA Academy), Kaila Tanner (McCall – voting), Chet Hervey (PYHA – voting), John Rifelj (Idaho Falls – voting), Vince Hughes (KYRO – voting), Brian Green (Teton Valley), Shelly Lehto (IAHA Registrar), Darla Thompson (RMD Registrar), Bobby Noyes (IAHA RIC), Meghan Smith (CDAHA), April Hocking (CDAHA)

### **AGENDA** (all times are MST)

1. 7:00 PM – Introductions, Call to Order, and Quorum – J. Heinrich  
Quorum met with all voting members represented (IAHA Vice President position vacant)
2. Approval of Special Meeting (Sept. 29 and Jan. 19) Minutes – J. Heinrich  
Amendments: add Kaila Tanner (MYHA – voting) to the attendance on Sept. 29 minutes, correct the date in the January 19 minutes from September 29 to January 19. Motion by Heather Daves (SVYH) to approve minutes as amended, second by David Asher (BYAHA). No opposition, motion passes, Special Meeting minutes approved.
3. Association Reports – All  
Mid-season reports were received by MYHA, BYAHA, SVYH, CDA Academy, CDAHA, and PYHA.
4. President's Report – J. Heinrich  
John welcomed everyone and thanked them for being present and he lauded the return to ice for those who were just getting back following COVID restrictions. John reported on highlights from the USA Hockey Winter Meeting including proposed rules changes. A few changes of note are the mandatory minimum game suspension rule for match penalties, penalties where players are injured may be considered reckless endangerment and will get an elevated penalty, and minor penalty lengths may be shortened for shorter periods. A full list of proposed changes can be viewed at <https://www.usahockey.com/2021-25-usah-rule-changes> . Amendments are due by June 1. National Championships were moved to the end of April as announced in December. A proposed change in USA Hockey governance which will reconfigure the District, Sections, and Directors will be voted on in June as well and if approved, will take effect in February 2023. View Winter Meeting info here: <https://www.usahockey.com/wintermeeting>

5. Financial Report – S. Benson

Player fees are up (associated with increase in affiliate fee) and we expect to receive additional fees over the next two quarters. Few grant requests have been received, please get those in. Look for information on the reimbursement of background checks in the near future (planned expense). State Tournament deposits were due 12/31 and some are still outstanding. IAHA is doing well financially. Remember that receipts are due for reimbursement.

6. Registrar’s Report – S. Lehto/D. Thompson

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total Registrations	4473	3125
Coaches & Volunteers	5428	3861
Teams	264	120
Tournaments Sanctioned	55	55

IAHA registration is down by approximately 30%. IAHA has over 800 unclaimed players, mostly adults. Darla Thompson shared updates from the Winter Meeting and District Registrars meetings including revised game counts for Tier I & II NTB teams, and dates for National Championships. We were reminded that coaches have until January 31 to complete their certification for the 20-21 season and you will now get an email following background screenings to indicate you are ok to participate. Credentials for Districts need to be submitted to Darla Thompson. All managers and coaches involved will get an email with details.

7. Girls Hockey Report - L. Schlake & S. Benson

Continued ebb and flow in registration numbers, covid effect seen in Girls as well as other programs. IAHA States will have a 19U division (3 teams declared) but no 14U. IAHA has 3 Tier II teams declared NTB, one team each at 14U (CDAHA), 16U (Idaho Vipers), and 19U (Idaho Vipers). Programs are rebuilding starting at younger ages. We want to encourage girls to play on girls travel teams and especially at 14U. Many girls are playing check hockey on 14U youth teams and we would like to provide a competitive option. Upcoming second annual Women’s Leadership Summit in February; this virtual workshop builds on last year’s inaugural conference. Looking forward to growing the girls game in Idaho.

8. Membership Processes & Document Approval – J. Tirocke

Documents for new member organization application, associate member application, and renewal checklist for existing members were reviewed. Development programs are intended to bring beginners into hockey and grow them into players. There were several different terms for documents which may be similar in purpose or content, submit what your association has and it will be reviewed. Current member checklists and associated documents are due in April. Motion by Membership Committee Chair Joanne Tirocke to approve the membership documents and incorporate them into the IAHA Policies and Procedures. Motion passed and documents are approved.

Process and timeline for New Membership and Associate Member applications - Fill out form, submit with \$250 by 60 days prior to Annual Meeting (May 1, 2021). Membership Committee makes recommendation and Board votes at the Annual Meeting. **60 Days Prior is March 2, 2021.**

## 9. Policy & Procedure Updates/Clarification – J. Heinrich

### Eligibility Proposal – B. Nelson

Bob spoke to affording in-state opportunities to border town, out-of-state players who are registered with an association in Idaho and the importance of developing rules which are sensitive to this. Some aspects of the proposal are not under IAHA's control such as select camps eligibility and play-ups which are governed by USAH (and/or resident state affiliates). Donna K. encouraged creating language for a rule for the 21-22 season that could address Tier program eligibility.

### Eligibility Discussion – J-E. Peterson

Following the recent update to the P&P and in the absence of a specific IAHA rule, a discussion was started on qualifying and quantifying the composition of Tier II teams. BYAHA wants to find an agreement that works for everyone. Expected that a group, open to all Directors/Alternate Directors, will meet again to work toward a rule proposal. The issue of border towns affects every affiliate. Darla can provide data for the district and Donna will communicate/coordinate.

## 10. State Tournaments – J. Tirocke

### **NTB teams**

Idaho Falls 16U Vipers, Idaho Falls 19U Vipers, Sun Valley HS Division II  
14U Tier II – TBD, Play-down BYAHA Jr Steelheads & CDA Academy

### **State Tournament - February 26 -28, Idaho Falls**

#### Teams

18U – CDAHA, PYHA, Sun Valley, Idaho Falls\* (4 teams)

16U – BYAHA Jr. Steelheads, Idaho Falls\* (2 teams)

14U – Jr. Steelheads, Boise Ice Pilots, Salmon, Sun Valley, PYHA, Teton Valley, Idaho Falls A\*,  
Idaho Falls B\* (8 teams)

19U Girls – Boise Fireblades, Sun Valley, Idaho Falls\* (3 teams)

\*unconfirmed, pending receipt of deposit

### **Format for Tournament Playoffs**

18U – single round with championship, 3 game guarantee

16U – best of 3 games, 2 game guarantee

14U – 2 divisions of 4 teams each, round robin, 3 game guarantee

Tournament Committee will review game data and form divisions

Send scores by **February 2, 2021** (1 wk from meeting) to John H, Sarah B, & Joanne T

19U – single round, winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>, plays 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 game guarantee

### **Rosters to be certified 21 days prior to the start of the tournament**

### **Game Counts**

In a normal year, the game requirement for state tournament eligibility is 10 games for a youth or girls team and 5 games for each youth or girl player (10/5). In a normal year, the game requirement for the HS Tournament is 10 games for a HS team and 7 for each HS player (10/7).

The Tournament Committee motions to reduce the state tournament (State & HS) game requirement to 5/5 with limited waivers for teams this year. Motion passed with no opposition, game counts for the State Tournaments are reduced for this year.

## **NTB Tournament 14U Playdown**

The tournament committee intends to make the following motion with regard to the 14U playdown: With the National dates moved back, the Tournament Committee motions to move the playdown from February 5-7 in McCall to March 19-21 in Hailey.

Motion by Kaila Tanner (MYHA) to keep the 14U Tier II play-down as scheduled in McCall on February 5-7. Seconded by David Asher. Five (5) votes in support of keeping the February dates and 7 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion defeated.

Discussion: CDA Academy had had player and coaching changeover so need time to work with coach and keep kids engaged. BYAHA already had secured lodging for the scheduled weekend based on previous directives. Comments were made indicating that given the additional time to the National Championships, there was more time for development and more games could be played. The question of what is best for IAHA 14U players was asked. Arguments against the move were made due to Spring Breaks plans conflicting with the March date. Each association was asked when their season would end if they lost the playdown. BYAHA indicated their season would end in February while CDA Academy said that they practice until the end of March and could practice into April. Players could be lost to other spring sports or programs (lacrosse). The consequences of declaring and not participating in Nationals was discussed. If a team is declared by its affiliate to compete, they must compete or the affiliate will be suspended from participation for 1 year.

Motion by Shawn Luteyn to have the playdown in March (19-21 or 26-29) in McCall. Seconded by Kaila Tanner. Motion passed with 3 opposed, and 3 abstentions. The playdown will be held in March, dates to be confirmed.

Jan-Erik commented that it was unfortunate that it turned out this way and reported that the 14U coach was declining to play and was pulling their declaration. David Asher confirmed that the Coach was saying that he is withdrawing which meant that CDA would get a bye to the Nationals. Jan-Erik answered "Yes".

### **11. Player Development Camp – K. Scoran**

Scheduled for Boise IIW originally, need to find new host for the event, due to COVID closure. McCall offered to host. Hailey also a possible venue. March 19-21 suggested as an option but a couple of scheduled events (Western Girls Championship and BYAHA tournament) could impact player attendance. Motion by David Asher (BYAHA) to hold PDC in Hailey (Campion Ice House), March 26 -28, seconded by Heather Daves (SVYH). Motion passed with no opposition, Hailey approved as venue for PDC.

### **12. Other/Miscellaneous Business – J. Heinrich**

Voting for Vice President and Treasurer positions on May 1. Correction noted in IAHA Post-meeting email dated 1/30/21 indicating that President, Vice President, Treasurer, and At-Large Director were to be voted on at the May 1 Annual Meeting.

### **13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by David Asher (BYAHA).**