



IAHA SPRING MEETING April 27, 2024

Community Foundation of Teton Valley (board room)
189 N. Main St, Suite 112, Driggs, ID 83422

In attendance: *Executive Board:* John Heinrich, Sarah Benson (virtual), Kaila Tanner, Joanne Tirocke

Voting Directors: Kory Scoran (Boise-IIW), Rob McSweeney (Jr Steelheads), Shawn Luteyn (CDA Hockey Academy), Kylie Robinson (Idaho Falls), Jeff Lamoureux (Sun Valley), Miranda Milligan (Teton Valley), Willow Griffith (Salmon),

Other attendees: Freddie Beaubien (CDA Hockey Academy), Jeremy Mylymok (CDA Hockey Academy), Stacey Moore (Teton Valley), Jen Fisher (Idaho Vipers)

Virtual attendees: Darla Thompson (RMD Registrar), Kathleen Smith (RMD), Brant Schroeder (PYHA), Jim DiSanza (PDC), Jess Stich-Hennen (Affiliate Registrar), Matt Fisher (CDAHA), Ryan Drabek (McCall), Thomas Andrews (Vipers), John Rifelj (Idaho Falls), Katy Spilhaus (SV)

Absent: Matt Creighton (At-Large Director), Nate Parker (LC), Vince Hughes (KYRO)

1. 9:00 AM – Call to Order and Introductions – J. Heinrich
2. Roll Call and Quorum – J. Tirocke
At roll call, we had quorum with 13/17 voting directors present, with 1 additional joining later virtually.
3. Approval of Winter 2024 Minutes – J. Tirocke
Kaila Tanner motioned to approve the Winter Meeting minutes, Kylie Robinson seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.
4. Association Reports – All
No verbal reports were made. Written reports were received from Boise – Idaho Ice World, CDA Hockey Academy, McCall, Idaho Falls, and Salmon. They are attached.
5. President's Report – J. Heinrich
There were fewer association reports submitted. Please be diligent in reporting out to the affiliate informing everyone of what is going on with your association. It was reported that SafeSport is getting overwhelmed with reports and some affiliates are billing local associations for retaliatory reports. A Tier I Commissioner will be named. The need for Tier I and Tier II task force for planning purposes is acknowledged and discussions will be coming including locally.
6. Registrar's Report – J. Stich-Hennen
 - Statistics for the state are in the Registrar's written report.

- State Tournament rosters should remain unchanged during the season and more Invitational Tournament rosters should be used instead when changes are needed.
- There are a number of birth verifications that have not been completed. If a parent has concerns about sending their documentation, it is ok to offer Jess's secure USAH email (jessica.stich-hennen@usahockey.org).
- Order of rule preeminence is USA Hockey rules, district rules, affiliate rules, and then local association rules. Rules could change at Annual Congress, stand by for updates.
- For fall 2024 registrations, 18U or HS rosters should be designated as State in the name.
- Registrars should remind coaches during the season that they need to complete CEP by 12/31 or they will be redlined and unable to participate on January 1.

7. Treasurer's Report – K. Tanner

Doing well financially. Outstanding expenses from PDC and State Tournaments has delayed reporting and budgeting for the upcoming season. The Finance Committee has met a few times. Legal funds will be moved to an interest bearing account. We can afford to add a similar amount to what we initially decided. Miranda Milligan motioned to fund IAHA at the current 23-24 levels until the 2024-2025 budget is finalized in the fall, seconded by Kylie Robinson. Motion passed with no objections. Further discussion around the best methods to have both readily available funds and funds earning interest occurred.

8. Referee-in-Chief Report – M. Stone

No written report received and he had a scheduling conflict. The RIC has his own budget.

10. Webmaster Report – J. Williamson

No written report received and webmaster was not in attendance. A discussion on the merits of electronic gamesheets which are used in other states was initiated and a proposal to purchase a tablet and adopt them for the HS League in order to test them was made. Ease of use versus cost (entry level pricing vs full pricing) and other potential issues were discussed.

11. Risk Manager Report –

This position is unfilled. John reported the District was reporting that no Return To Play forms had been received but there definitely could have been up to 10. We are supposed to collect them and pass them up but perhaps they had been submitted up the line already. Reminder that Return To Play forms need to be filed with IAHA.

12. ADM Report – K. Scoran

Some activities are being planned for the weekend of a USA Hockey event in November (Women's Rivalry Series) to be hosted in Boise. It would be great if IAHA could capitalize on this and plan some girls activities around this exciting event.

13. Girls Hockey Report – V. Manchak-Jensen

A written report was received (attached) and read aloud by Jeff Lamoureux. Discussion focused on acknowledging a current limited pool of players, creating opportunities for the middle divisions, and growing the game at the lower divisions through collaborative efforts. It is recognized that a coordinated effort is needed to get girls playing with girls because of the scheduling created when

girls play on both youth and girls teams. There was a call to form a committee for all associations that have girl players or girls teams. Kaila Tanner would represent the Executive Board on that committee. IAHA would serve as a guide to bring the existing teams together for the best competitive experience for Idaho girls. Various ideas and proposals were made for proceeding with a 24-25 tiered team approach. Further discussions were planned for Girls committee work for both tiered and house/rec teams.

14. Goalie Development Report – T. Sholl

Tomas was traveling and unable to attend the meeting but his report is attached.

15. Grow the Game Report – J. Rifelj

John Rifelj is stepping back into the Grow the Game Coordinator position and he is requesting \$5000 for ADM endeavors including subsidizing ice for girls development weekends across state and for tying into the Rivalry Series weekend if possible.

16. Sled/Disabled Hockey Report – S. Sexton

No written report was received and coordinator was not in attendance. He is also the District Representative. There was discussion of current programs and options for additional candidates for the position if Sean is not interested in continuing.

17. At-Large Director Report – M. Creighton

No written report was received and coordinator was not in attendance. Term is 1 year and a good starting point for a voting board position.

18. Coach-in-Chief Report – J. Heinrich

When asked, Cody Proctor expressed interest in assuming the Coach-in-Chief position. The position requires approval from the District Coach-in-Chief. He is currently coaching in Boise with the Jr. Steelheads.

19. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (Coordinator) – TBD

Still looking for someone to coordinate this program. There are avenues that we can pursue which will help grow the game and bring in players from different backgrounds. Things some associations have utilized are dual language flyers and rideshares to practice, other ideas are welcome.

20. Committee Reports

A. Disciplinary – S. Benson

The committee addressed 13 match penalties. There were 6 hearings and more adult match penalties than youth.

B. Finance – K. Tanner

Reported under Treasurer Report.

C. Grants – J. Tirocke

There were 8 associations applying for grants with a total of \$13400 reimbursed. We are working with 1 association to disburse additional funds for the Idaho Growth Fund.

D. HS League – J. Griffith

HS League was addressed in part by Sarah Benson during the Tournament Committee report.

E. Tournament – S. Benson

Committee members were Michele Crane (IF), Nicki Dyson (McCall), Kory Scoran (Boise), Joel Griffith (Salmon, HS), and Sarah as the Executive Board member. The committee worked on both tournaments. A written

report was submitted and is attached. Stacey Moore and Brant Schroeder were interested in working on the new committee. Kathleen Smith (RMD) reported that that the selection process and team rules for HS Nationals can be expected to change with new guidelines coming out of Annual Congress.

F. Membership – J. Tirocke

Membership applications were received from 7 associations and with the Annual Meeting being early there were several associations that still are missing documents or who have not completed their application.

G. Nominating – M. Creighton

No written report was received and coordinator was not in attendance. The nominating committee seeks out qualified candidates to fill elected positions on the Board. They collect nominations, interview candidates, and make recommendations to the Board.

H. Audit – J. Tirocke

The Audit committee is not established and is awaiting guidance from the Finance committee on their process so a task list can be written and reviewed prior to implementation.

21. Old Business

A. Showcase Report –

The result for 2023-2024 was very successful and IAHA thanks the coordinators for their efforts. IAHA would like to see better communication surrounding the tryouts to ensure all interested parties have the chance to tryout. IAHA would also like for more coaches from across the state to participate in the tryouts and selections. IAHA will assist with planning (scheduling) and communication. A good summary of the event was in article on Darrell Hay's blog which could be posted on the website (<https://www.dhhd.us/blog/the-208-hockey-experience>).

B. PDC Report – J. DiSanza (~10:00 AM)

There were 118 participants in the McCall site PDC. Registrations were lower than in past several years. PDC had the best coaching staff in a long time and the increased number of coaches helped with execution. Parent feedback was greater than in past years and very positive. Jim reiterated that IAHA wants the best Idaho players to be selected and by putting forward our best players he has the ability to secure special asks when our best players don't fall within our allocation. In fairness to participants, it was suggested that a list of waived players be posted so competition is more transparent to those in attendance. For cost-effectiveness, a Boise PDC with easy travel access for visiting coaches makes sense. Jim expressed his interest in having an on-site assistant to help with this annual event and some assistance with the storage of jerseys used for the event.

C. Other Old business

There was no additional old business.

22. New Business

A. P & P updates – J. Heinrich/S. Benson

A proposed change to the Policies & Procedures was submitted in time for consideration and voting. Sarah reminded the Board of rules which

already dictate how USAH allows us to form teams. Idaho had made rules more restrictive and the removal of the rule will facilitate the formation of girls teams that would otherwise would prevent that. The rule was established to reduce the displacement of age-appropriate youth players by younger players and the intent was to keep players in their classification as defined by USAH. The paperwork was to hold teams accountable and to show approval at rostering time. The motion by Duane Nelson to the removal of Member/Player Registration Rule #27 (h); this rule restricts the team's roster participation of more than 30% of its players from outside the Youth 14U, 16U, 18U and Girls 14U, 16U and 19U age classification was seconded by Kaila Tanner. Discussion followed and centered on the addition of 11 and 12 year old players on house/rec teams that would want to participate in States and further clarification on the issue, e.g. goalies playing up. The motion was unanimously approved with no opposition and no abstentions. Attempts were made to choose a future date for a P&P committee meeting but it is dependent on the availability of information from Annual Congress. (Meeting did not end up being scheduled.)

B. Open IAHA positions – J. Heinrich

Cody Proctor is lined up for Coach-in-Chief. Grow the Game has John Rifelj lined up. Still need a Risk Manager, DEI Coordinator, and a new Girls Director. In the Annual Meeting for 24-25, the President, Treasurer, and At-Large Director will be elected.

C. Tier 1 Task Force – J. Heinrich

IAHA should start to think about Tier I programming in Idaho. A task force will be used to start writing potential Idaho policy. There are new national committees on Tiered teams but Idaho will need to decide what its Tier I teams will look like and what the process will be if we are limited in the number of teams that we can have and there is more interest than slots. It is recommended that Sarah Benson heads this up and that the Academy, Jr Steelheads, Sun Valley and Idaho Falls should be represented in the discussion.

D. Post-Season Event Dates & Venues - J. Heinrich

Motion by Kaila Tanner for State Tournament to February 21-23, 2025 in Hailey and Sun Valley. Seconded by Kory Scoran. Motion passed with no opposition. Sun Valley had submitted the only bid for State Tournament.

Motion by Jeff Lamoureux for PDC to be held in Boise for the next 2 seasons in Boise with the 2025 dates being March 14-16. Seconded by Kaila Tanner. Motion passed with no opposition. Boise-IIW had submitted the only bid for PDC.

Motion by Sarah Benson to schedule HS State for February 28 – March 2, 2025. by Kaila Tanner and motion passed with unanimous approval. The location for HS State needs to be determined, no bids were received.

E. Committee Assignments for 2024-2025 Season – J. Tirocke

Members stating their committee preferences at the meeting:
Jeff Lamoureux – Membership

Miranda Milligan – Grants, Finance, Nominating (Chair?)

Stacey Moore and Brant Schroeder – HS League

Freddie Beaubien – Finance

Rob McSweeney and Kory Scoran – Tournament

F. Electronic Scoresheets – TBD

Discussion occurred during the Webmaster agenda item.

G. Other New Business/Miscellaneous

Nancy Fenn will be pulling together a tournament calendar for the 24-25 season, please send your association's tournaments to her for inclusion and posting on IAHA website.

23. Date and Venue for Fall Meeting, Date for Winter Meeting

Kaila Tanner motioned for Fall Meeting dates of Tuesday, September 10, and Wednesday, September 11 by Zoom. Second by Miranda Milligan. Motion passed with no opposition.

24. Election of Board positions: Vice President, Secretary, At-Large Director

1. Candidates for Vice President: S. Benson, J. Dahl

2. Candidate for Secretary: J. Tirocke

3. Candidate for At-Large Director: R. McSweeney

Votes were made by ballot for in person attendees and by email for virtual voting directors and were tallied by Kaila Tanner. Sarah Benson, Joanne Tirocke, and Rob McSweeney were elected to their respective positions.

25. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Kory Scoran at 3:04 PM. Seconded by Willow Griffith, Miranda Milligan, Kylie Robinson and everyone.