

MINUTES – Tuesday, May 14th, 2019
AAHA Monthly Meeting
Ice Den Scottsdale

APPROVED JULY 8TH, 2019

- Call to Order **6:33PM**
- Dial in to Conference call if needed
- Establish a quorum and identify any directors with proxies
- Introductions
- Approval of agenda **Motion: Curly 2nd Urban**
- Approval of last month's minutes **Motion: Curly, 2nd Urban**

Reports

- President Report – **No Report**
- Treasurer Report – **Sent Electronically. Block grant budget presented. Motion to approve the block grant as submitted. Motion: Urban 2nd Curly. Motion passes.**
- Secretary Report – **No Report**
- AAHA Admin Report - **No Report**
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report – **Sent Electronically. If a player is turning 18 years old during the season, that player, prior to being placed on a 1-T roster must complete Safesport.**
- By-Laws / Policy Report – **Sent Electronically. Discrepancies with the phrases affiliate, member, association, all words have been updated to member organization.**
- Coaching Report – **Sent Electronically – The level 4 clinic (September 6th – 8th) is now open for registration at one of the campuses here in town. Partnering with Mike Nepes with the Jr. Coyotes to start working on Coaching Development for goalie programs.**
- Disciplinary Report – **Sent Electronically**
- Officiating Report (AHRA) – **Sent Electronically – All seminars and dates are announced.**
- Officiating Report (USA Hockey) – **Sent Electronically**
- Registrar's Report – **No Report**
- Hockey Operations Committee Report – **No Report**
- Girls Committee Report – **No Report**
- Adult Hockey Report – **Sent Electronically – Adult Summer Classic is sold out. Split Tier 4 into two levels so now there is 6 levels. 38 teams total. Working with Adult Skills Program – Framework is an adult will pay \$200 and receive full set of equipment minus skates. 6 weeks on the ice. Keep the gear and then placed into programming at Oceanside and Arcadia in June and July while they have ice time.**
- Arizona Coyotes Report – **Sent Electronically – Sent out a request for rink liaisons to bridge with the Kachina program. IGF application will go in next year, Matt would like AAHA to provide some ideas of how we can grow the game via this grant process. Looking at doing 1-2 Try Hockey For Free sessions per month next year. Gave almost 20,000 street sticks to 350 schools.**

Old Business

- Non-Members with USA Hockey Registration Numbers **Tim sent notification to all non-members as to how to become an official member organization with AAHA.**
- Conflict of Interest Policy – **Casey Jorgenson: USA Hockey had a very outdated Conflict of Interest policy several years ago and cost the program a large portion of junior hockey. This policy was revised June of 2018 and it was determined that the USA Hockey affiliates should adopt this new policy as their own within each state. Motion to approve the proposed Conflict of Interest policy, Motion: Urban, 2nd Koshiol. Motion passes. As a board, we should be placing Arizona first. Rick Carter: You want a board without conflict, so when member organizations are presenting their voting directors, try to have voting directors with least amount of conflict.**

New Business

- Arizona Hockey Referee Association – **If you have a comment, please send it to Adam. Had to postpone the adult increase of \$12 per game. New rate would be \$124 up from \$112. Proposed increase was presented at the March meeting. Will carry to July meeting for vote.**
- Arizona Kachinas – **Tier status and Policy 10.9.8 request. As of May 31st, AZ Lady Coyotes will no longer exist. With that said, there will not be a Tier II Female organization. Arizona Kachina will step in as the Tier II for the 2019 – 20**

season. 14U, 16U, 19U Motion to approve Arizona Kachinas as Tier II for the 19/20 season. Motion: Curly, 2nd Justin Rogers. Motion passes.

Taxi Squad 10.9.8. It is extremely difficult to get ice for the girls. The request would be to local organizations to allow the Kachina team members to attend the boy team practices. This is purely an opportunity for equal opportunity. Looking for support from boys teams to give the opportunity for shared ice.

Kachinas playing in AZYHL for 16U and 19U is not feasible. Policy does not require teams to play in the AZYHL as Tier II teams. 12U/14U Kachinas will play in AZYHL.

- AZYHL 12U Goalie playing at 14U level for Flagstaff 2 14u teams in Flagstaff requesting 12U goalie to move up to 14U as a play up exception. This decision will be referred to the Hockey Operations Committee for review and consideration.

Motion to recess.

- ~~AZYHL CAHA Bucks~~ Removed at agenda approval
- Tim Newlin – Appeal of The Hearing Panel Decision

Appeal to March 5th hearing – 3 members of that committee. Mr. Newlin was notified of the format of this appeal. 15 minutes to talk, 15 minutes to discuss, 5 minutes to close. Appeal starts 7:51pm. Mr. Newlin stated that 2 videos were sent to the AAHA Board. He has been coaching for 30 years. He has received support from Ron Filion, Sean Whyte, and others. He feels the committee's decision is grossly excessive. He missed 17 games from the Bobcat season. Ron Filion had to step in and coach his bench. It is regrettable because it was his son. He states he has plenty of support throughout the valley. He has shown the video to 50 plus people. 17 games missed is more than enough and he is asking for the suspension to be lifted. Summation – 17 games is more than enough. "This is going to stay with me forever and this is heartbreaking". – he was very concerned about the direction his son was going. Appeal review ends 8:01pm Motion to extend the suspension to April 15th, 2020. Motion passes, with 3 abstentions.

Announcements

Adjournment Motion to adjourn 8:16pm.

Future State AAHA Board Meetings

- No June Meeting
- July 8th, 2019
- August 12th, 2019