



# Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

A meeting of PVAHA Affiliate was held by Zoom Call on June 20, 2021 7:00 pm

## Attendees

Linda Jondo, Keith Williams, Paul Duquette, Mike Alfaro, Bud Buonato, John Coleman, Pam Weiss, Gary Pouliot, Bill Schmidt, Brad Surdam Sr. and Brad Surdam Jr.

## Members not in attendance

Michael Lyons and Kevin Burch

## Approval of minutes

No prior minutes were approved

## Reports

Dr. Keith Williams: Reviewed Safe Sport training from the USAH annual congress. Training is now required every year. There is the core training for all new members and a three-year program of refresher courses. On the fourth year members will take the core course again. Reported cases were down to prior years which was attributed to lower enrollment due to COVID. 12U-14U age groups have the highest reporting rates. PVAHA had 24 reports for the 2020-21 season. We are not so much concerned with the number of reports as to the system is working properly. Background screenings are centralized and USAH has setup regional committees to review cases.

John Coleman: Reviewed the rule changes for the coming season. There are several major ones that were reviewed. USAH has mandated that at 12U and below minor penalties are prorated based on game period length. USAH has left it to the Affiliates on weather to prorate major and misconduct penalties. The Board decided to leave intact major and misconduct penalty time lengths. Another major change was USAH has eliminated tag up offsides and icing during penalties for all girls and youth divisions. An exception was made for High School division. The progressive penalties in a game were also reduced from 5/player-15/coach to 4 and 12 respectively. The Board will publish a list of all the rule changes that were approved.

Linda Jondo: The PVAHA needs to clarify the two player movement rule for Tier 1 within the Affiliate. There is some confusion on whether it is two players per team or two players per club. Pam Wiess and John Coleman will draft new language and review with the Tier 1 programs.

The Board will look at ways to increase how we push information out to the membership. A Twitter account with disabled comments will be explored.

Paul Duquette: PVAHA will have available 11x17 posters for interested member clubs and rinks to use as visual reminders of the core values of USAH. Some rinks are planning on mounting these to the inside of locker room doors. Others may want to place them on the glass at the rink doors. They will be available at no charge for reasonable orders as sticky-backed vinyl as well as 3mm PVC.

## Unfinished business

No unfinished business

## New business

Planning on an annual meeting in the next three-four weeks.

Michael Lyons

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Secretary

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Date of approval