

AAHA – Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14th, 2022

Ice Den Scottsdale – 6:30pm

- Call to Order **6:35pm**
- Dial in to Conference (if needed)
- Establish a quorum
- Introductions (if needed)
- Approval of the Agenda **Motion: Curley, 2nd Rogers**
- Approval of February 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes **Motion: Curley, 2nd Rogers**
- Reports
 - President Report – **Sent Electronically** – outlined a proposed process for Policy/Bylaw changes.
 - Treasurer Report – **Sent Electronically** – **Affiliate fees will not increase. Referee fees are still under review, some progress has been made, for budgeting purposes for member organizations, plan on an increase of 10% 2022-23, no change for 2024, 5% change in 2025, no change for 2026. No formal change has been made; these are still proposed increases. Investment program application has been signed by USA Hockey.**
 - Secretary Report – **Sent Electronically** – **6 Member Organizations need to hold Voting Director elections because the current voting director term is expiring. Please hold elections prior to the April annual meeting and let Kristy know the name of the new voting director so they can attend the annual meeting to be seated.**
 - Admin Report – **No Report**
 - Hockey Operations Report – **Sent Electronically**
 - Background Screening / Safe Sport Report – **No Report** – **some items will be reviewed in new business with regarding to Safe Sport.**
 - By-Laws and Policy Report – **Sent Electronically** – **All details will be reviewed as presented in old business.**
 - Coaching Report – **Sent Electronically**
 - Disciplinary Report – **Sent Electronically** **The new policy that we have for disciplinary hearings with regard to the plea deals. This process is working well, using guidelines that have been established for this process.**
 - Officiating Report (USA Hockey) – **No Report**
 - Officiating Report (AHRA) – **No Report**
 - Registrar Report – **Sent Electronically** – **Will plan to have a meeting in September next season for credentialing process. Marc Fritsche asked about the 78 players who are 11-12 year old registrations claimed for high school.**
 - Adult Hockey Report – **Sent Electronically** – **Ice is almost confirmed for the summer tournament.**
 - Arizona Coyotes Report – **No Report**
 - Player Development Report – **No Report**
 - Tournament Report – **Introduced Gamesheet system** – **there was a lot of positive feedback about the system. Scorekeepers liked it, it was easy to use. Challenges with the medics, postpone a game at 14U to another rink. AZYHL less than 50% filled on volunteers slots. Mandatory coverage to hand out trophies to teams during Championship game. Managers have all the protocol and process for processing the games. Donnalee asked to have a list of AZYHL teams prior to rostering so she knows what teams should have what players. Largest obstacle about this system – is getting an ipad for each team. EC and Tournament Committee will put together a proposal to the board for the usage of the system for next season.**
 - Girls/female Hockey Report – **No Report**
 - Disabled Hockey Report – **Sent Electronically** **Warrior Hockey up to 38 members who are USA Hockey members, 20 more that will be getting membership. Will be hosting a charity event on the 30th at Gila River. Will have two veterans that will be participating on Team USA team going to Denmark. Host country will provide accommodations and food, but will be on their own for flights. Working on fundraising efforts to cover costs. Tim asked Colin to send an estimated cost to the board.**
- Old Business
 - Policy Review VOTE – using Tim Reckell’s proposed voting blocks, we will vote on all policy and bylaw changes.

- A. Bylaws 2.01, 2.02b, 2.02c, 2.03c, 2.08, 4.02, 5.01b, 5.01g - **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block A, roll call vote, Motion passes.**
- B. Bylaw 7.15, 7.16, Policy 31 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block B, roll call vote, Motion passes. Accepted Amendment: comprised of a chairperson, current director or EC member, together with other appointed members...**
- C. Proposed date changes in policy 13.2.3.5, 10.6.2.b, 10.6.2.c, 18.1, 20.21, Appendix B 2.3.2, 2.3.12.a, 2.3.13 **Motion: Curley, 2nd Rogers Motion to approve voting block C, roll call vote, Motion passes.**
- D. Proposed date changes in policy with a recommended new date of June 20th by the Hockey Ops Committee. Policy 10.6.2.e, 10.9.7, 10.9.9, 13.3.3.e, 13.2.4.3.d **Motion: Curley, 2nd Rogers Motion to approve voting block D, roll call vote, Motion passes.**
- E. Policies 4.0, 8.3.2, 9.4, 10.3.10, 11.6.2. b, 12.1, 13.3.3. e, Appendix A F, Appendix B 1,1, 1.2, 1.7, 2.2.3.e.II, Playing rules 2.23.e, 2.3.1,.9, 3.1.4,.5,.6 **Motion: Curley, 2nd Rogers Motion to approve voting block E, roll call vote, Motion passes.**
- F. Policy 10.6.1.1 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block F, roll call vote, Motion failed. Radke asks for clarification on the proposed verbiage, as written it would allow a member organization to field 4 teams in each division of the AZYHL. Proposed policy amended to read: up to 4 teams in each age division. Amendment accepted.**
- G. Policy 10.9 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Radke Motion to approve voting block G, roll call vote, Motion failed.**
- H. Policy 13.2.2.4 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block H, roll call vote, Motion passes. Proposed policy amended by Kachinas to read in Arizona are in accordance with USA Hockey Girls Tier I Standards of Criteria. Amendment accepted.**
- I. Policy 13.2.2.5 **Motion: Joralman, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block I, roll call vote, Motion passes.**
- J. Policy 13.2.3.1 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Rogers Motion to approve voting block J, roll call vote, Proposed policy amended to read: No Member Organization shall have any one team compete in more than 25 games against Tier I competition. Amendment: Radke, 2nd Hammond. Amended motion passes.**
- K. Policy 13.2.3.2 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block K, roll call vote, Proposed policy amended to read: President shall present... and strike “the Directors will then present the candidate that they nominated and field any questions from the sitting Directors on that candidate.” Keep: At the October Board of Directors meeting, the Directors shall...Amended Motion passes.**
- L. Policy 13.2.3.3.a **Motion: Urban, 2nd Rogers Motion to approve voting block L, roll call vote, Motion fails.**
- M. Policy 13.2.3.3.h.II **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block M and block N together, roll call vote, Proposed policy amended to add to the redline: For the 2022/2023 season only, 14U (girls) shall have no more than three (3) out of state players and only one (1) of those players may be goalies. Motion passes for voting block M and voting block N.**
- N. Policy 13.2.3.3.h.III – see full detail above for combined vote.
- O. Policy 13.2.3.5 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block O, roll call vote, Proposed policy amended to replace “meet with said applicant to explain the basis for the Tier I Selection Committee decision, with “provide a written decision. Motion passes.**
- P. Policy/playing rules 1.12.1 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Rogers Motion to approve voting block P, roll call vote, policy proposed: No 8U players may play up to 10U unless a Hockey Operations Committee member recommends to the committee that said player has the ability and maturity to play at the 10U level. Seventy five percent (75%) of the committee present at the time of the vote is needed to approve the player to move up to 10U. There must be a quorum of at least seventy five percent (75%) of the committee present to take the vote. Motion passes.**
- Q. Policy/playing rule 3.1.14 **Motion: Urban, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block Q, roll call vote, policy proposed: has played ten games that player must be rostered on the higher-level team, and removed from the lower team roster.**
- R. Policy 4.4 **Motion: Radke, 2nd Curley Motion to approve voting block R, roll call vote, policy proposed:**
1. File a Safe Sport report with USA Hockey, and notify the Safe Sport Coordinator for Arizona Amateur Hockey Association (AAHA) via email.
 2. If the report contains allegations of physical or sexual contact/attempted contact, then AAHA may issue a summary suspension immediately under USA Hockey Bylaw 10.D(3).
 3. USA Hockey will assist AAHA to determine if it is a mandatory report to the US Center for SafeSport. If not, USA Hockey sends the report back to AAHA to resolve pursuant to its policies and procedures. If it is, then the report will be given to the US Center for SafeSport.
 4. If it is sent to the Center for SafeSport, they determine whether it will accept jurisdiction. If they accept jurisdiction, then USA Hockey, AAHA and the reporting Organization may not conduct any investigation or interfere in the Center for SafeSport’s investigation. If the Center for Safe, then AAHA resolves the case pursuant to its policies and procedures.

- AHRA Referee Rates Based on feedback they tried to simplify as much as possible. They would like to start with a base rate and then pro-rate for any changes in time etc. Applied some logic as to why various rates are necessary. Single stand alone games are getting more frequent, making more progress and look to continue to incorporate as many details as possible.
- New Business
 - Safe Sport Reporting – Steve Stapleton presented Disciplinary Hearing and Appeals via PowerPoint. Full document was distributed to the board for review and to retain for their reference and use.
 - USA Hockey Registration Fee Increase – **Affiliate Increase, AAHA will not implement an increase to the the Affiliate Fees to USA Hockey. Motion Curley, 2nd Rogers, roll call vote, Motion passes.**
 - Adjusting AAHA Affiliate Monthly Meeting Occurrence – **Propose no monthly meetings in May, July November. Motion: Curley, 2nd Hertle. Motion passes.**
 - AAHA approval for Jim Rogers donation of \$500 **Motion: Curley, 2nd Urban. Motion passes.**
 - ADHL Member Organization Agreement – Greg Sitrick was present, Tim asked Greg if Gila River will actually keep ice in, Greg confirmed that he had an ice commitment letter from Gila River and had not heard anything different. Jim Curley stated that he did in fact know that Gila River would not be keeping ice in and that May 21st they are taking the ice out and not putting it back. Until an ice commitment can be confirmed, the Organization Application will be put on hold.
- Announcements: **Annual Meeting adjustment to April of each year**
- Adjourn **10:13pm Motion, Curley, 2nd Rogers**
- Future 2022 AAHA Board Meeting Schedule:
 - April 11th, 2022
 - June 13th, 2022
 - August 8th, 2022
 - September 12th, 2022
 - October 10th, 2022
 - December 12th, 2022
 - January 9th, 2023
 - February 13th, 2023
 - Marc 13th, 2023
 - April 10th, 2023 (Annual Meeting)