



## **IAHA Winter Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 6:30 PM MST, 5:30 PM PST**

In attendance:

Executive Board: John Heinrich, Sarah Benson, 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), Stacey Moore (Teton Valley), Ryan Drabek (McCall), Amalia Phillips (Salmon), Jeremy Foss (PYHA), Nate Parker (LC), Vince Hughes (KYRO)

Other attendees: Matt Stone (RIC), Jess Stich Hennen (Affiliate Registrar), Kathleen Smith (RMD), Duane Nelson (Idaho Falls), Mark Enegren (SafeSport Coordinator), Valeriia Manchak-Jensen (Girls Director), Freddie Beaubien (CDA Hockey Academy), Jim DiSanza (PDC), Brant Schroeder (PYHA), Nicki Dyson (McCall)

Absent: CDAHA, Matt Creighton (At-Large Director)

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

1. 6:30 PM – Welcome & Introductions – J. Heinrich
2. Roll Call and Quorum – J. Tirocke  
With 15 out of 17 voting members represented, we have quorum.
3. Approval of Fall 2023 Minutes – J. Tirocke  
Kaila Tanner motioned to approve the minutes of the Fall 2023 IAHA meeting. Kory Scoran seconded. Motion approved with no opposition and no abstentions.
4. Association Reports – All  
Association reports (attached) were submitted by Boise Ice Pilots, CdA Hockey Academy, CDAHA, IFYHA, McCall, PYHA, Salmon, SVHA, and TVYHF.
5. President's Report – J. Heinrich  
A written report (attached) was submitted and other news from the USAH Winter Meeting was shared.
6. Treasurer's Report – K. Tanner  
A written report (attached) was submitted.
7. Registrar Report – J. Stich Hennen  
A written report (attached) was submitted and Jess raised some of the more important points including dual rostering which is hard to tally because there is not an easy way to find out how many teams a player is rostered on when there are over 3000 players rostered. It is important to pay attention to established timelines for approvals from birth

verifications through play-ups to travel permits and tournament sanctions. Follow the process and allow sufficient time (know the timeline!) for these affiliate registrar duties to be completed. To facilitate credentialing for state tournaments, please have your local registrar view (for legibility) and review scoresheets (for completion including coaches and officials signatures) prior to submitting for credentialing.

8. RIC Report – M. Stone

A written report (attached) was submitted. In addition, Matt noted that he had 30-31 officials express interest in officiating at States which is an increase over the 22-23 season.

9. CIC Report – T. Ceniga

No report was received and Travis was not in attendance.

10. SafeSport – M. Enegren

A written report (attached) was submitted. Mark indicated that there had been 800 SafeSport reports since June 2023. Idaho has 17 of those with 6 still open. Reports of referee conduct, playing time issues, and rule violations are still common and do not fall under SafeSport. SafeSport organizers are encouraging local programs to institute a parents code of conduct because while players fall under USAH, parents do not.

The mandatory reporting for all personnel who know of an issue which requires mandatory reporting has been updated to only 1 person needing to report with a list of witness/knowledgeable personnel being acceptable now. Other expected changes to MAAPP to be enacted in January 2025 include: the 4 year age difference will be determined by date of birth and temporary measures can be imposed even if a case is under SafeSport jurisdiction.

Mark expects to host a February training on reporting requirements which would be a sequel to last year's training.

11. Risk Manager Report – S. Larsen

No report was received and Scott was not in attendance.

12. Webmaster Report – J. Williamson

No report was received and James was not in attendance.

13. Director-At-Large Report – M. Creighton

No report was received and Matt was not in attendance.

14. Girls Hockey Report – V. Manchak-Jensen

A written report (attached) was submitted. Val spoke about getting a committee together of Girls representatives from each association to meet to discuss and plan girls development at 10U and 12U. She would like to see continued girls events at 12U and under by local associations to encourage girls playing on girls teams so they can experience that all girl environment. Parent education would be beneficial at the local level to help emphasize the importance of that experience.

15. Goalie Development Report – T. Sholl

Tomas was unable to report due to playing in Europe and being under concussion protocol.

16. Grow the Game Report – J. Heinrich

Due to personal reasons, Bobby Noyes has not been available to commit time to the

position. John will find out whether IAHA should seek another Grow the Game Coordinator.

17. ADM Report – K. Scoran

Summer is a better time when things slow down in Boise for Kory to get together with coaches and parents for training. Idaho Ice World was very busy this season and Kory was unable to coordinate his schedule to make an intended visit to Moscow. He is still planning to make that connection.

18. State Tournaments/Tournament Committee – J. Heinrich & S. Benson

Tournament committee was working on seeding of teams so that Kory can fill-in the schedule. Should be ok for Friday PM start. Coaches meeting will be by Zoom on the Tuesdays before each State Tournament. Team count is lower than last year, mostly at 14U. Joel Griffith is working on the seeding of the HS teams for the 8 teams participating in HS State. Expect to know more by February 5.

19. Committee Reports/Updates

A. Discipline Committee – S. Benson

Progressive major penalty discipline. If a player gets 3 majors (5 minute penalty plus a misconduct, then USAH discipline kicks in. Respect the game, your opponents, and the officials and we'll continue to reduce incidents requiring hearings.

B. Finance Committee – K. Tanner

Finance committee has met and will be getting ready for the spring meeting.

C. Grants Committee – J. Tirocke

Have met with Jared Bragg, former Grant Coordinator, to learn how he's reviewed grant applications in the past. Documents are on the website and are due by February 15. Deadline can be flexible if associations communicate with the committee.

D. Membership Committee – J. Tirocke

No new interest in new membership has been expressed. Renewal documents will be available soon.

E. Nominating Committee – M. Creighton

Matt had been notified of the positions (Vice President, Secretary, and At-Large Director) which will be elected at the Annual Meeting so he could work on building a nominee pool.

F. Audit Committee – J. Tirocke

Awaiting the Finance committee to develop guidelines so committee can start work.

20. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Update – J. Heinrich

John would like to see a new coordinator that can work with Grow the Game Coordinator and get more players to the game. People attending the USAH DEI session at the Winter Meeting wanted help to form a plan for their affiliate/ association but no steps were outlined to assist them.

21. Player Development Camp – K. Scoran/J. DiSanza

A discussion of personnel available to evaluate at PDC was held. Best case scenario would utilize evaluators that are not coaching in Idaho. Please encourage player participation which helps on bringing in out of state coaches. Looking for female coaches, contact Kory with suggestions to who to bring in. McCall will put a flyer together with lodging options.

22. Old Business

Showcase tryouts were over winter break. Good representation from across state. Performance last year allowed team to move up a division. Showcase discussions at USAH

Winter Meeting are usually during President's Council. Showcase may change locations but will continue. Some associations did not receive notification of the tryouts. There needs to be a better way to distribute the information, possibly the website.

### 23. New Business

#### A. Date of Spring Meeting

Preferred lodging is at Teton Valley Resort for the spring meeting. Meeting location and lodging details will be confirmed by Miranda who is working on that. A motion was made by Joanne Tirocke to move the May meeting forward to 1 week to Saturday, April 27 to avoid an executive board member's scheduling conflict. Motion was approved unanimously following a second by Kaila Tanner.

#### B. Potential policy change play-up rostering – D. Nelson

Addressing the 30% play-up rule, Duane spoke about how this Idaho rule is impacting teams in IFYHA, especially girls' teams, and where players are limited. Would like to have competitive teams with players capable of playing at the next division and a deeper team at 14U. John suggested that a group get together with Kathleen to create a proposal addressing the play-up question.

From a registrar perspective, per USAH, 12U players cannot participate in a State Tournament. League play-offs option would give players the experience of games instead of participation in State Tournament.

Birthyear 2011 Girls (130) girls may attend PDC if they would like. There will be a High Performance Camp, July 19 – 21 in Ogden for 2011 Girls and allotments will be out soon. It will be a commuter camp. Affiliate will select players that will attend. Kathleen discussed additional points about Girls Hockey, Girls HS teams, and formats for Nationals.

### 24. Adjournment

Kylie Robinson motioned to adjourn and Kaila Tanner seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM MT.