

10 November 2025 CAHA Board Meeting

Members Present: Eric Kenney, Matt Hurley, Robert Engler, Kevin Universal, Graham Bundy, Michele Krisa, Ron Schwartz, Brendan Logan, Rick Daniel, Chris Jimenez

Members Absent: Paul Fidishun

Staff Present: Brad Hoffman

Staff Absent: Terri Mills

0802 call to order. South Carolina has Robert present for a quorum. Eric and Chris to be late, on the call momentarily.

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting and short discussion ensued regarding Raleigh Refs Association and their participation in a grant request. No additional information presented at this time. Robert made a motion to approve, 2nd by Michele. Eric and Chris not present for vote

Eric joined at 8:08

Chris joined at 8:11

President Report

Affiliate transfer agreement is a work in progress across the District. Additional meetings amongst District Presidents to continue for Tier 2.

Women's Coaches Seminar in Buffalo with participants meeting with Michele on Wednesday the 12th to go over recommendations to be presented at the CAHA December meeting

Committee Reports

Discussion followed ref format for submitting committee reports moving forward. Additional guidance will be forwarded to members for better exchange of information prior to meetings. Send out committee reports one week prior to CAHA Meeting to improve efficiency and enable a consent agenda on some items.

Safe Sport and Discipline Report

Significant incident in Charleston where a parent was arrested for assaulting a 12yoa child from another association.

Finance Reports were sent out last week. Internal quarterly audit was conducted without issue. All randomly requested receipts matched expenditures.

January 24th Meeting in person meeting in Charlotte at offsite location near XIC

Tier 1 Discussion Regarding Development League. Information below was reported to the USAH Affiliate Presidents on 8 November.

Launch of DL is postponed a year. Season will start August 2027

The T1 moratorium remains in effect for one year.

Regional area for DL programs. SE District will receive 4 teams

Presently 71 clubs have expressed interest in hosting the 32 total DL programs

Teams will be at the 15U and 17U age groups for league

Formal 30 Day application window opens on May 1st

Decision from the selection committee by Oct 1st on which programs are selected

5 person selection group from USAH

32 total teams at each age group

No residency requirement for players. They can come from any location worldwide.

If a program is awarded DL they cannot have any U15 or U17 Tier 1 teams

\$5500 entry fee for entry into DL

Cannot sell or transfer a DL team.

USAH Database merging to get registrations and data pooling for better service to members across all spectrums. Player Development, Growth etc....

Residency requirement parameters to be finalized at Winter Meeting for Tier 1 and Tier 2 across all of USAH

4 Reallocations in the budget to be discussed at January 24th meeting. To be revisited in budget

Green Armband Issue

Armband doesn't equate to experience.

Volume and scheduling issues. More education to associations from Ref Committee

Transgender Policy was reversed by USA Hockey. No public announcement. USAH will handle individuals impacted directly.

Player Safety

Return to Play Form is correct. Members were asked to report back to their associations to send Return to Play Forms to the District Player Safety Coordinator.

Ref Discipline (See document)

Eric Left the Meeting at 9:15

Carolina Hockey Opportunity Fund

Completed a fundraiser recently and raised 4k. Several awards have been made to applicants. Currently doing separate accounting on CHOP within the existing framework of CAHA 501c3 accounts. Using the same PNL and regular CAHA checking account with a different spreadsheet on incoming and outgoing expense but will ultimately will into a second account.

New Business

Discussion for U16AAA concerning a one time exception regarding the residency requirement for the 16U Tier 1 program so that it matches the 18U Tier 1 Tournament Rules. Both Jr. Canes and QCR, the only programs impacted by this rule, agree to the exception for different reasons. Without the rule exception a disservice is done to youth players. Adjustment to be discussed at the January 24th meeting to eliminate the need for this exception to policy. (See attachment)

Motion made by Robert 2nd by Matt to approve exception.
Brendan dropped off the call for motion and voting at 9:23
Passed Unanimously

Executive Director Report
Brad: (See report)

Motion requested for all tiers going from 4 to 2 games that National Bound teams must play one another during the season prior to January 1 of each year. Short discussion followed during which Kevin dropped at 9:40 and did not take part in the discussion.

Matt Motion to drop requirement from 4 to 2 games. Robert 2nd
Motion passes with a majority vote of the board. Brendan abstained

Proposal for House USA Hockey rostering proposal. (See attached)

Chris Motion, Michele 2nd
Passed Unanimously

Chris dropped at 10:10

Face to Face January Meeting Agenda Discussion - Items that need to be addressed

Voting and tracking of registered player

Rec and Tier 2 percentages

Intra-Affiliate Agreements. Don't accept out of affiliate players unless residing in a bordering state.

Tier 1 Committee Meeting in December in attempt to get affiliate in line with some other affiliates across the country. No set standard.

10:15 Motion to End By Robert motion Michele 2nd

Next Meeting 8 December 2025 at 8pm (Virtual)