

Agenda – Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30

AAHA Monthly Meeting at the Ice Den Warming Room Conference Call in
Number 712-832-8310 Dial in Access Code is 608-0156

- Call to order
 - Called to order by T. Reckell at 6:33 PM
- Dial in to Conference call if needed
 - Sarah Dennee calling in but gave proxy to S. Koshiol
- Establish a quorum and identify any directors with proxies
 - Proxy for Sarah Dennee = Sherry Koshiol
- Introductions
 - Members Present: B. Gallagher, B. Urban, J. Curley, S. Koshiol, S. Whyte, M Yubeta, K. Aguirre, M. Fritsche, T. Radke, L. Shtrom, E. Gavrilles, J. Jacobson, C. Hampton, J. Rogers, T. Reckell
 - Guests Present: G. Pashkowski, I. Simard, A. Mims, C. Zorza, H. Haley, S. Enck, M. O’Hearn, M. Schaub, L. Gibson, R. Carter
- Approval of the agenda
 - **Motion** to approve by J. Curley and seconded by B. Urban. Motion Carries. Unanimous
- Approval of last month’s minutes
 - President’s Report amended from “every association” to state “every member association” and correct insurance typo to be “C&A insurance.”
 - **Motion** to approve amended minutes by J. Curley and seconded by S. Koshiol. Motion Carries. Unanimous

Reports

- President / VP Report – **sent electronically**
 - Attorney Rick Carter present to speak about insurance coverage
 - USA Hockey has two insurance policies. 1. General Liability 2. D&O Insurance. However, AAHA is not named as the primary insured. Also, we do not have access to see the policies and what is covered.
 - C&A Policy for AAHA is \$1500 annually for D&O policy with general liability insurance strongly recommended for member organizations. This is the policy controlled by your broker and is primary policy and USA Hockey policies are secondary. There is a specific endorsement to state that C&A is primary and USA Hockey is secondary.
 - T. Reckell announced former Association Administrator Tammy Bartlet has not returned any files or AAHA property to the BOD. Request to have Rick Carter draft a letter requesting the files and property be returned.
 - **Motion** to craft and send letter to Tammy Bartlet requesting the

- AAHA property be returned to the Board and AAHA E. Gavrilles by and seconded by B. Urban. Motion Carries. Unanimous
 - **Motion** to approve S. Dennee as the Association Administrator by B. Gallagher and seconded by J. Curley. Motion Carries. Unanimous
 - Discussion on how to prevent this issue from occurring in the future. Recommend Google drive. Will consider options and may re-address in the future. Suggested to look at the Affiliation agreement or employment agreement
 - **Motion** to approve the Arizona Coyotes to pay for the website hosting fee in return we agree to provide an advertising banner by T. Radke and seconded by B. Gallagher. Motion Carries. Unanimous
 - T. Reckell was concerned over ability to evaluate 1T roster moves between organizations. He does not have access to the 1T Portal. Donnalee is the only individual to have master access and Tim requesting the BOD to grant access the portal.
 - **Motion** to grant the President of AAHA to have access to the 1T Roster portal for all AAHA Affiliates by S. Whyte and seconded by J. Jacobson. Motion Carries. Unanimous
- Treasurers Report – sent electronically
 - Stands as submitted
 - Requesting information on who is desired to attend the winter meeting of USA Hockey in Orlando. Those interested: L. Gibson, J. Rogers and possibly Donnalee or Sarah Dennee
- AAHA Admin Report – sent electronically
- AZYHL Report – **NO REPORT AND NO REPRESENTATION**
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report –
 - Reminder to have safe sport certification and background locker room monitors cleared. Applies to all ages under 18. Monitors must be an arms length away in open door or in the locker room.
 - Must be cleared prior to performing duty
- By-Laws and Policy Report – sent electronically
 - 10.3 Recruitment Policy
 - **Motion** to approve the 10.3 revised recruitment policy by B. Gallagher and seconded by J. Curley. Motion Carries. Unanimous
 - Ex-Officio Policy
 - **Motion** to approve by J. Curley and seconded by J. Rogers. Approve 14 Opposed 1. Motion carries
 - Helmet Policy
 - **Motion** to approve by B. Urban and seconded by J. Rogers. Motion Carries. Unanimous
 - Proposal from Tier Committee to change 13.2.5 and 13.3.4 to change the first tie-breaker to most wins. Will vote on at next meeting.
- Coaching Report – sent electronically
- Disciplinary Report – sent electronically

- Would like to recognize the officials of AZ for writing up the best incident reports across the nation. Also, they do a great job showing up for the disciplinary committee meetings
- Rules Committee Meeting Discussion from last week's meeting (Highlights from the over 200 proposed changes)
 - Recommended to defeat proposal that changes how teams may roster from 18 players and 2 goalies to 19 skaters and 1 goalie
 - Minor Penalties – further discussion to occur
 - Reduce the penalty to 1 min and 30 sec for 15 min periods.
 - Penalties will be based on period length
 - Aggressive Suspension
 - Recommend to approve adding grabbing and holding the facemask as an aggressive suspension
 - Recommend to add language regarding racial or ethnic slurs
 - Recommend to remove body checking at 14U level
 - Vote was 9-6 to recommend for approval
 - More discussion to occur
 - Recommend to approve all face-offs must be conducted at one of the nine face off spots
 - Recommend to approve the ability to eliminate the idea of a short-handed team to be able to ice the puck
 - Massachusetts and Alaska have done pilot programs with good success
- Mite Committee Report – **sent electronically**
 - Mite Committee created a standardization of rules for all mite jamborees. A recent association did not follow a rule at a recent jamboree and will be investigated further. May consider to add language for penalties if rules are not followed
 - Tucson Participated at recent mite jamboree at Ice Den Scottsdale
 - NHL Mobile tour to consider hosting an outdoor street hockey jamboree on Jan 7 and 8. Will work with the Arizona Coyotes to create this at Sun Devil Stadium or at Gila River Arena
- Officiating Report – **sent electronically**
 - Game Fees
 - Will establish a cycle and evaluate every three years. For example: year 1 = travel fees, year 2 = house fees and year 3 = adult fees.
 - Will disseminate a new proposed travel referee fee schedule that is equalized by the next AAHA Board meeting
 - Request by G. Pashkowski to include State Play-downs in the new schedule
 - Scorekeepers – C. Zorza
 - RMD Referee in Chief recommends scorekeepers do not fall under the officiating and association should be responsible for their own scorekeepers. AHOA Board

has majority that feels the same. Referees are on-ice officials and scorekeepers are considered off-ice officials. AHOA does not have the resources to properly train and organize the scorekeepers.

- J. Rogers stated the idea was consistency in training to make sure the games were managed the same way.
 - C. Hampton concerned over the scheduling for AHSOA
 - E. Gavrilles reminded AHOA that AAHA has approved a motion to have one organization manage the officials and scorekeepers.
 - C. Zorza states no set training program for scorekeepers and majority of complaints are scorekeeper related. Unsure of how many scorekeepers are in the organization.
 - Increase in players removing the ear protection for games and it is a penalty. Remind coaches to check ear protection
- Registrars Report – **sent electronically**
 - Social Media Report – **sent electronically**
 - Working with Isabelle to write a piece about Tucson returning to AZ Hockey.
 - Preparing for Nationals and DIBS volunteer program
 - Tier I & Tier II Report – **sent electronically**
 - 2017 National Championships Committee Report – **sent electronically**
 - Committee had an on-site meeting with Ice Den Scottsdale
 - Arizona Coyotes Report – **sent electronically**
 - Re-doing the jersey wall in the arena, especially high school hockey then please get a new sample for display with a plaque
 - Association nights have been very successful with raising about \$2500 each
 - Youth Hockey Night flyers to be distributed. December 23 vs Toronto when A. Mathews returns
 - First 10,000 fans and every ticket purchased for fans 12 and under get a free youth jersey (\$80-\$100 value). After game photo for all players wearing their jersey with Max Domi.
 - Live scoreboard for all organizations and some have a lot of tickets sold and some are at zero
 - Team Signed Stick and Autographed Pucks will go to whatever program sells the biggest percentage of USA Hockey registered players that buy tickets for Youth Hockey Night.
 - Adult Hockey – A. Mims
 - A. Mims will coordinate with each adult hockey director to put on developmental clinic.
 - Adult Tournament to be the second weekend of June

Old Business

- Conflict of Interest Forms
 - Please submit or re-submit them by December 31st if you have not done so.
- Affiliate Agreement
 - Please submit or re-submit them by December 31st if you have not done so.
- Arizona Corporation Commission Certificate of Good Standing
 - Please submit by December 31st.
- D&O Insurance
 - See above in President's Report
- Helmet Policy
 - See above in Policy Committee
- Ex Officio Policy Revision
 - See above in Policy Committee
- Recruiting Policy Revision
 - See above in Policy Committee

New Business

- None

Future State AAHA Board Meetings at the Ice Den in the Warming Room

- Monday, January 9, 2017
- Monday, February 8, 2016

Arizona Tentative Dates

- Arizona Tier State Championships
 - Tier I–TBD
 - Tier II State Playdowns Feb 27th – March 5th, 2017
- Rocky Mountain District Tournament
 - March 17th – 19th, 2017
- Arizona Player Development Camp
 - Part 1 March 10th – 12th, 2017
 - Part 2 March 24th – 26th, 2017
- USA Hockey National 14U & 15 Tournament
 - April 6th – 10th, 2017

Motion to Adjourn by J. Curley and seconded by B. Urban at 8:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian M. Gallagher" followed by a stylized flourish.

Brian M. Gallagher
Vice-President
AZ Amateur Hockey Association