

Month Minutes – Monday, January 9, 2017 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 – 6:30
- Dial in to Conference call if needed : Brian Gallagher
- Establish a quorum and identify any directors with proxies : Sean Whyte – Sherri Koshiol, Kristy Aguirre – Tony Radke, Leor Strhom – Jim Rogers, Jim Curley – Bruce Urban
- Introductions
- Approval of the agenda – motion Tony Radke, 2nd Bruce Urban
- Approval of last month's minutes – motion Bruce Urban, 2nd Tony Radke

Reports

- President / VP Report – sent electronically – There was a communication in December – that went to the Board and other members. Tim takes its serious that he represents the entire community and not just one. Regarding the Tier I and II championships, all rinks were contacted and everyone had a chance to schedule the ice. PDC historically has been moved around and was done again this year. Jim Rogers has been voted in and if there was a concern regarding his integrity, it should be brought up during the voting process, not later. We are trying to make AZ hockey better and we are making progress. Working towards having the state board an opportunity to look at everything going on within our state. Tim regards questions about his integrity personally, if you ever have a question, contact Tim personally and he will go over any subject. Question regarding suspended coaches. There are a few coaches in question. Report was sent from USA Hockey. That is what USA Hockey said was compliant – that list does not appear complete. What would be an efficient way to have the information centralized? Discussion followed with no conclusion.
- Treasurers Report – sent electronically – 180K in bank, waiting for expenses to come in. Bags are in for quick change goalie gear, 6 bags per association, those that haven't received theirs were brought to the meeting and each director needs to take theirs. The set includes leg pads and chest protectors only. Intended for blue pucks!
- AAHA Admin Report – sent electronically –
- AZYHL Report – sent electronically – website is up, game schedule is up, have asked for logos to be sent, budget and tournament schedule sent out. Fees per division grant was decreased by Coyotes grant.
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report – Mid winter meeting with be discussing Safesport. USA Center for Safesport, going to handle all sexual misconduct Feb 28. Reported here but taken over by Changes to USA Hockey Bylaw 10. Legal responsibilities for background screening.
- By-Laws and Policy Report – sent electronically – policy changed proposed change first tie breaker, to most wins. Motion Jim Rogers, 2nd Sherri Koshiol. All in favor.
- Coaching Report – sent electronically – ADM Goalie, please reach out to Larry to schedule.
- Disciplinary Report – sent electronically
- Mite Committee Report – Did not submit, they are meeting next Wednesday night. 2 jamborees this month and there are successful. Coyotes will sponsor a regular jamboree and clinic for 2nd year mites to introduce some of the squirt concepts end of March. Out of town requests, the process is in place and is working well, the form is available on the website. Mite teams must submit request in writing, presented to Mite committee and then EC committee for approval. Nothing in that process requires association approval – that will be discussed in Mite committee.
- Officiating Report – sent electronically – AHOA reports also included – Registrations shows AZ retaining officials. There are no incentives to level up. Issue to be addressed at USA Hockey. Question on rate sheet that was submitted. A few stood out to the 16/18 2 hour events for 3 man crew. 24% rate increase. Rest of the rate increases seem to less then. 16/18 90 minute event increase 16%. Suggested to do it on a staged approached. Increase some this year and then some more next year. Travel rates do not change for the next three years. Chart doesn't address the state playdowns. – Geoff requests that the chart include the rates for those games. Scorekeepers seem to be an ongoing issue. Chris needs to have the issues brought to them so they can address them. Body agrees to all other rates other than the 16% and 24%. Chris will bring back an alternate proposal
- Registrars Report – Going to start the credentialing. She will be in all areas of the valley. Please contact her to schedule.
- Social Media Report – sent electronically – Received Sharon's resignation, will stay until after the national tournament. Anyone interested, contact Tim.
- Tier I & Tier II Report – sent electronically – need to submit application for Tier status next year due next week. If the application hasn't been submitted you will not be considered. Tweaking to be done at the USA Hockey next week. Grandfathering needs to be approved to keep both programs. Establish a tryout date after the National Tournament. No camps can be held stating that they are a pre-tryout camp between the end of the national tournament to prior to the AAHA approved tryout dates. Geoff will send clarification.

- 2017 National Championships Committee Report – **sent electronically** – There are very few passes given out to attend the National Tournament. Three coaches per participating teams and one for the manager if that is what is submitted on the 1T roster. Dibs is on the website – working on making final decisions regarding the internal workings on this.
- Arizona Coyotes Report – **sent electronically** – Adult celebrations includes something different every night. Flyer was sent out. Austin Matthew's night was a success as well as the Stanley Cup event.

Old Business

- Conflict of Interest Forms
- Affiliate Agreement
- Arizona Corporation Commission Certificate of Good Standing

New Business

- Suspensions of coaches not current / missed deadline with CEP renewal – discussion during the Presidents Report.
- Commitment Letters – discussion on what teams should have the commitment letters. Do we want to mandate the commitment letters? Possibly change the 12/31 deadline for non tier.

Tony noted that in the NA league, game between Aberdeen and Bismark, 7 AZ youth hockey players on the ice. The Official was also an AZ official.

Please make sure that complaints to the AHOA are specific, detailed and factual and sent to the appropriate channels.

8:23 Motion to adjourn – [Tony Radke](#), [2nd Bruce Urban](#)