

TCAHA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Hampton Inn & Suites Pasco

I. Call to Order (6:30 pm)

Board members in Attendance: Ryan Kelly, Matt McDaniel, Nic Croft, Rick Boarder, Kris Smith, Shannon Lukins. Absent from the board: Zane Bell, Derek Ellingsen

Members in Attendance: Ashley Willoughby, Isaac Merkl, Keith Harrison, Zach Jacobs, Adam Pellerin, Sheyanne Koegler, Jordan Owen, Russel Del Gesso, Savannah Pierone, Janine Jackson, Regina Ahl, Dan Manella, Brandy Kovis, Owen Bergstrom

*Reading of September Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Nick Croft, seconded by Ryan Croft, and the board approves

*Treasurer Report – TBD - presented by Jordan Owen

Opening balance: \$320,816.76

Ending balance: \$364,617.25 (as of 8/31/23)

Checks from PNAHA for upcoming weekends received

Motion to approve treasurer report by Ryan Kelly, seconded by Nic Croft, and the board approves.

II. Report of Officers and Directors

*President – Matt McDaniel –

Talking with Harris White Leisure Group about plans for the HAPO center, the current lease is good through the end of November.

PHANA has selected TCAHA to host the 10U (23 teams) and 12U (17 teams) state festivals. More to come on planning

Refing situation – increased cost stemming from a small number of individuals being willing to referee. They are having to pay more due to the lack of available refs, as an organization we need to be aware of our behavior and make sure our coaches and parents are also respectful of refs and other teams.

MCHOA is hosting a level 1 refing clinic Sept 10th, Russel will send information to Savannah and Janine

Working with Savannah to get State tournament applications in, which needs to be turned in by September 1st, Savannah will check with Visit Tri-Cities about available grants

*Vice President – Ryan Kelly – Getting jackets ordered for the board, still working on updates for the handbook

*Secretary – Shannon Lukins – open PR position, next month start with elections

*Treasurer – Kris Smith – deposit box delivered to be hung up soon, Keith Harrison volunteered to hang it up

*Directors:

Nic Croft – working on water bottle fill station installation

Open Position – no report

Zane Bell – absent, no report

Rick Boarder – currently getting equipment rental returns and working on sending out rental equipment

*Past President –Derek Ellingsen– Absent, no report

III. Committee Reports (Chairperson/Board Liaison)

*Tournament Committee – Savannah Pierone –

March 8-10 tournament weekends; need to reserve all the hotel rooms for the officials as we as an organization need to cover

Collectively our tournaments are starting to fill up, but we are still looking for more teams for each.

8U tournament is coming together, fun activities are being added – bounce houses, knocker ball.

*Goalie Committee – Mike Landry – stand in – first goalie lab tonight (Monday, 7-8 rink B), starting a sign-up for coaches to come to goalie lab so they can coach during their age-specific practices.

Discussion on Might night

*Hockey Director – Jordan Nelson

- Meeting with one of the heads of the boys and girls club. Looking to set up a program called Career Launch, wanting to set up tours of local businesses, and interested in coming to look at the building for after-school and summer programs.
- Tcaha will host 10U/12U state festivals in March for the first "Super State Festival". The facilities committee should start getting together to "Clean Up" our rink and make sure our arena is in top condition for these events.
- 10U Bronze tryouts had great numbers, the team was selected and the roster will be sent to the PNAHA registrar tonight, they are scheduled at home for this event this coming weekend.
- PNAHA – working to make tournaments more evenly distributed between the east and west sides. There was discussion about being "fair" when selecting hosts for state events, the west side has more teams so they were getting more votes, PNAHA is looking into alternating between the west side and east side year to year for these events. (So next season we will more than likely not get the 10U and 12U but should fight for the Tier II slot) Seattle JR will host Tier II this season.
- Every Association at all levels will use game sheets this coming season, PNAHA has a contract with game sheets where the payment should come from the "electronics fund" (please do not quote me on the title of this fund) so that associations do not have to pay for this.
- **Hockey Canada vs USA Hockey rules.** Teams from the United States will obey USA hockey rules while in Canada and vice versa, Hockey Canada has different guidelines for penalties per player/coach suspension, so if we are in Canada and get too many penalties our coaches have to serve a game, Canada can be in the United States and reach our limit for penalties but will not have to serve a game per their guidelines. (They are allowed more penalties before suspension than we are) If a coach is in Canada their team receives too many penalties they will serve the suspension next game regardless of what country the next game is in. The same rule goes for mouthguards and neckguards, we need mouthguards in Canada and Canadian teams need neckguards in the U.S.
- PNAHA has created multiple committees (some new and some old) I am our representative on the Player Development Committee as well as the Competition Committee. It would be beneficial to have a TCAHA representative on the governance committee (head is Donna Kaufman Tacoma) as well as the Public Relations Committee (head is Katie Sieck Spokane)
- PNAHA has asked me and the HD in Wenatchee to assist the growth and membership in good standing with Moses Lake as well as Inland Empire, this includes growing the game in inland as well as assisting the learn-to-play program in Moses Lake.
- I have been working with the Kraken to possibly change our BP program to a learn-to-play program, this includes using the NHL's IGF to assist with gear for new players, we would have guidelines from the Kraken that kids complete a learn-to-skate program and then complete learn to play 1, 2 and then 3, the cost of this would be roughly \$300 where half goes to the Kraken and half goes to TCAHA, the benefit of this is the gear is paid for by the NHL so every kid

starts out with new gear. This would be for next season if it is something the board would like to pursue, you do not need to vote on it right now but just wanted to keep everyone in the loop.

- Kraken roadshow, we are looking to host the Kraken for a try hockey event at the end of this month, (I know it is late notice they are making the schedule on their end, just waiting for confirmation from them and Brandy can schedule the event)
- IHS- Ice Hockey systems was purchased for the association (thank you for approving this) head coaches should have been notified they have the subscription through email.
- Spring Hockey 2024, I am working with Spokane to team up for a spring travel program for birth years, 2015's, 2014's and 2013's for sure, hoping to fill 2012's and 2011's as well. Teams would tryout and be selected during Christmas break of 2023, Spokane players will have practice weekends in Spokane and tri players in tri, we will try to get together for one team practice before each tournament, I suggest we look into hosting a spring tournament to raise money for the association.
- The last few days we started house practices and started the draft for teams, 14U and 12U are done, 10U and 18U will wrap up this week. BP starts tomorrow

*Coaching Committee – Rick Boarder – nothing to add

*Discipline Committee – Ryan Kelly – nothing to add

*Equipment/Facilities Committee - Nic Croft/ Rick Boarder– nothing to add

*Finance Committee – Kris Smith – nothing to add

*Nominations Committee – Shannon Lukins – nothing to add

*Public Relations/Sponsorship Committee – Savannah Pierone –

Apollo – received a check in the mail but not sure which team it should go to?

Team manager treasure meeting – next week, working on time and space to host.

*Registration Committee – Janine Jackson –

309 registrations – 18 goalies – 21 BP registrations (counted by session, not via individual)

Safe sport – changing the expiration to happen for a season to, from the date of completion – can renew as early as 60 days out

Official rosters - Two weeks before the tournament can still make changes due to injury/illness.

Sponsorship registration is open.

*Scheduling Committee – Brandy Kojis – nothing additional

*Scholarship/Awards Committee – Zane Bell – three requests for Chuck Mantello scholarships awarded

*All Team Manager Committee - Regina Ahl – THFF October 7 Girls, Nov 4th, late February 24th for the final, team manager/treasure meeting – planning for Sept 20th @ 6-7 / 7-8

*Tri-City American Board Liaison – Isaac Merkl–

- Special Jersey Night March 22, Salute to Youth Hockey Night – the team will wear a special hockey jersey in honor – Americans asked if we would like that night to be our ticket sale night, board agreed.
- Americans working in partnership to start holding Coaching clinics, first one tonight
- Mini nets – 4 remaining from last year, handed off to be passed out at the games
- Junior American table at the games – any team request to host a table during a game – just need to work through Isaac and the AMS; 10U Rep Beef fundraiser – table approved, will work on dates
- AMS working on getting the players to team practices – Janine working on insurance to make sure everyone is covered
- AMS would like to be involved in the THFF, but is unsure on a date that would work, more to come
- Opening up Jr Americans Spirit Store – Isaac to reach out to Monika

Question - Goalie coach, will they be willing to come to goalie lab? Isaac will follow back with the AMS

*Girls' Club Report - Jared Lembcke – starting back up Sunday

*Spring Hockey/MS & HS Hockey: Jody Carpenter- absent, no report

IV. New Business

*18U request to wear 3rd red jersey - Motion to approve by Ryan Kelly, seconded by Nic Croft and the board approves

*Standardizing Uniform Proposal, see attachment – Nic Croft and Isaac Merkl Motion to approve by Nick Croft, seconded by Rick Boarder board vote four approve, one against, motion approved

*Upcoming Tiering weekends and Crowd Management – Russel Del Gesso – last year's tiering weekends didn't have PNAHA rep. requested a follow-up via email on who the Rink POC will be and there is not one available MCHOA send someone and charge - board to follow back
MCHOA – Russel the POC for TCAHA.

*2024 Summer Freeze Adult Co-Ed Hockey Tournament Request August 2-4 and 9-11 of 2024– Russel Del Gesso – 16 teams and 33 games, requested to reserve ice, with the changes to HAPO lease not sure if we will have ice or not, more to follow

*10U Rep Bronze team – \$315 tiering weekend, \$1,100 for state, league games have to pay for ice.


V. Unfinished Business


*Water Bottle Fill Station Install – Nic and Savannah – still working to coordinate and get scheduled for installation.

VI. Adjourn Meeting

VII. BOD available for questions/discussions

Adjourned by Ryan Kelly at 8:08pm, seconded by Nic Croft- board approves

Prepared by:  _____, Shannon Lukins, Secretary, Board of Directors

Approved by:  _____, VICE PRESIDENT, Board of Directors