



## 2020 WINTER MEETING MINUTES – ZOOM MEETING

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*Date | time* 1/23/2020 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Glenn Hefferan, President  
*General Meeting Adjourned (motion from Gene Palecco and Jay Finnigan)* 10:00 pm  
*Minutes respectfully submitted by* Maureen Thompson Siegel, AAHA Secretary

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### In Attendance

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There were 63 members that attended the virtual meeting.

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### Voting Eligibility

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No voting conducted at this meeting.

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### Opening Comments

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Glenn Hefferan, AAHA President, started the meeting with a moment of silence in the memory of those that passed since our last meeting, including Dick Foster and Colleen Marinari's mother, Helen Molyneaux. All annual appointee reports, VP reports, new business items and the meeting agenda will be distributed electronically after the meeting.

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### Approval of Minutes

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The minutes from the Annual 2019 meeting were presented. They were distributed electronically via email to the directors in January prior to this meeting. John Graves stated one correction was needed to Rule proposal AM06 to remove the words "non-tournament team" from the rule as currently published. This was agreed and approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jay Finnigan, seconded by Gene Palecco. Approval of the revised minutes of the Annual 2019 meeting passed unanimously.

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### Treasurer's Report

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- AAHA Treasurer, Jake Geverd, presented the mid-year report. It was distributed prior to the meeting. Plan to move from cash basis to accrual by the annual meeting. There is a separate line item for the Special Hockey Classic specifically to support Disabled Hockey..
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### President's Report

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AAHA President, Glenn Hefferan, presented his winter report to the membership. It included the following:

- Development of a Diversity and Inclusion Committee in the AAHA is underway.
- The volunteers for the Hearing and Appeals panel were trained in December by Casey Jorgensen from USAH. There were about 30 attendees. They can now be engaged to be members of appeal panels where required.
- USAH announced changes to Coaching Education requirements at the USAH Winter meeting. Changes

will include self-guided education for credit toward advancement.

- AAHA Zero Tolerance policy issued this fall with regard to abuse of officials, This policy, along with strict enforcement from our leagues and officials has produced a positive effect. We are experiencing fewer issues with parents/coaches behavior toward referees.
- We need to work diligently to recruit more officials. The participant numbers are declining while teams and game counts are increasing.
- All board members must register with USAH, be background screened, SafeSport and COI.
- Kelly DiNorcia and Maureen Thompson-Siegel are attending a USAH Women's Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in February.

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## **Executive Vice President's Report**

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Executive Vice President Ray Ferry - no report.

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## **Vice President Reports**

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Mid-year reports from the Vice Presidents will be distributed electronically after the meeting.

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## **USA Hockey Director Reports**

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Mid-year reports from the USA Hockey Directors will be distributed electronically after the meeting.

- SPEC Committee
  - return to play form
  - Player safety committee recommendations
- SafeSport – 38 instances being investigated now – similar to other Affiliates across the country
  - Is being used to aid in the granting of a release
  - Major changes coming to background screening – will be on the national level
  - Should start about April 1<sup>st</sup> and will still be good for two seasons, Not sure how they will handle the PA Act 151
  - Will require upload of photo ID
  - All ID's will remain the same
  - There will be a National appeal committee for any hits
  - There is a form being distributed for all clubs to insure compliance- board members need screening and SafeSport.

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## **USA Hockey Appointee Reports**

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Mid-year reports submitted by the USA Hockey Appointees will be distributed electronically after the meeting.

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## **AAHA Appointee Reports**

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## **USA Hockey Reports**

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No attendees at this meeting, therefore no reports presented.

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## **Old Business**

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- **Proposal Number 2019-WM-06– Rules and Regulations - Tryouts**
  - Contracting – hold for amendments from USA Hockey National office and discussion with AAHA Executive Committee
  - Presented by Glenn Hefferan
  - Motion to table – Jim Mackey and Jay Finnigan
  - **Proposal is tabled**
- **Proposal Number 2019-WM-07 – Rules and Regulations – Tier II Contracting**
  - Remove tables for Tiering Headcounts and replace with USAH Hockey provided tables
  - Presented by Glenn Hefferan
  - Motion to table – Dave Jackson and Maureen Thompson-Siegel
  - **Proposal is tabled**
- **Proposal Number 2019 AM-01 – Rules and Regulations - Tier I Qualifying Tournament**
  - Presented by Jim Hunt
  - Motion to discuss – John Geverd and Tyler Loftus
    - Tournament committee to establish eligibility for advancement
    - Jim Hunt not present to review the details
  - Motion to table – Bill Fox and Frank McGady
  - **Proposal is tabled**
- **Proposal Number 2019-AM-04 – Rules and Regulations – Membership and Registration**
  - Presented by Pete Rothman
  - Motion to discuss – John Geverd and Tyler Loftus
    - All teams of an organization must be exclusively registered with USA Hockey
    - Pete Rothman not present to review the details
  - Motion to table – Bill Fox and Gene Palecco
  - **Proposal is tabled**

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## New Business

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- USA Hockey has developed a new volunteer position entitled, “Player Safety Coordinator.” Information on this position was distributed at the meeting. AAHA appointed Dr, Michael Shindle to this position.
- As of this meeting, 5 of the 19 Zones did not conduct elections in a timely fashion, nor did the Affiliate do so on their behalf. It was our hope that we could hold these elections prior to this meeting, under the proper team participant counts and notice, however the counts were not available until 10 days prior to this meeting as the process is extremely time consuming, despite our Affiliate Registrar’s best efforts. As a result, the meeting had limited items for the Board to consider. Any proposals submitted will be presented at the Annual meeting in June. The zones that need elections held are:
  - Tier I Indy - Zone 2
  - NJ House / Rec - Zone 5
  - PA Tier II Ind. - Zone 7
  - PA House Rec - Zone 8
  - Adult - Zone 18

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## Next Meeting

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The AAHA Annual meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 25, 2020**.



WINTER MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 AT 7:00 PM  
MARRIOTT COURTYARD CRANBURY/SOUTH BRUNSWICK  
AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- SECRETARY'S REPORT
  - Voting Directors Present: \_\_\_\_\_ Majority: \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3: \_\_\_\_\_
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING (June 2019)
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - USA Hockey Meeting
  - Other
- TREASURER'S REPORT
  - Financials
  - Audit Report
- VICE PRESIDENTS & APPOINTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing – distributed in advance)
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Tabled
- NEW BUSINESS
  - New Proposals
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Annual Meeting
  - Districts
- ADJOURNMENT