

CAHA March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Present: Rick Daniel, Graham Bundy, Matt Hurley, Tyler LaShomb, Brendan Logan, Paul Fidishun, Eric Kenny

Absent: Greg Byrne, Robert Engler

Staff Present: Brad Hoffman

Staff Absent: Terri Mills

Previous Meeting Minutes for January and February were not available for review as Greg was not on the call due to a family emergency.

Committee Reports and Updates

Player Development

Spots are completely filled and event will be conducted in two weeks at XIC.

SafeSport

64 Cases this season which is 2 less than previous year. Bullying continues to be an issue but locker room complaints have decreased significantly. Large increase in cases involving Girls Teams regarding bullying and MAAPP violations.

Discipline

Numerous coaching/parent conduct violations at the end of season resulting in some significant suspensions. Discussion commenced about change in spectator policy.

Executive Director

(See supporting documentation)

Districts Tier 1 updates

SED Tier I Youth Tournament

- event went well and 2 Canes teams made it to the finals
- 16u won and is going to Nationals
- 14u went 3-0 in round robin play but lost in the finals'
- Girls 16U went to Nationals

- we host Girls Tier I & II next year and we started discussing ice needs, schedules, and locations
- we want to lock those down prior to the Annual Congress in June to share with the District
- Girls 16U went to Nationals

ACHA

- registration open and applicants coming in pretty steadily from CAHA
- waiting on USAH SED blast to go out and hopefully see additional applicants coming in
- connected with the HPU Women's Coach and she will be helping with marketing to players and other Women's coaches
- will be focusing on recruiting coaches to work benches and other logistics next

Spectator policy update discussion

Discussion over making penalties for violations effective while the playing season is in effect. Example, violations that occur in the last week of the season are currently served for 30 days following the date of the violation and not while the season is ongoing thereby effectively negating any punishment factor. Discipline Committee will review and recommend changes.

Under 17 Ref policy

Implementation of green arm bands to denote youth officials and serve as a visual reminder not to abuse officials. Recently a 15 year old referee was threatened and challenged to a fight by a parent. The Referees Associations are supportive and literature will be sent to the associations regarding the armbands.

CAHA 2025 survey

Survey will shortly go live online. Condensed version of prior years surveys with more emphasis on the associations themselves and not CAHA at large.

Opportunity fund concept discussion

Discussion followed presentation by Graham. (See below.) Motion by Rick to proceed seconded by Matt

Carolina Hockey Opportunity Fund
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continue participating, developing, and contributing to hockey in the Carolinas.

End Meeting