

**Minutes – July 12, 2021**  
**Zoom Conference Call**  
**Meeting ID: 95242518221**

- Call to Order **6:34PM**
- Establish a quorum **1 PROXY URBAN TO CURLEY**
- Introductions
- Approval of the agenda **Motion: Curley, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rogers**
- Approval of the May Meeting Minutes **Motion: Curley, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bow**

**Reports**

- President Report – Submitted electronically  
**One omission from President’s Report – 6 years in the works down in Tucson – This past Tuesday voted 3-2 to approve the Kino Complex Public Community Ice Sheet. It will be the largest Athletic building in the south. 3 Sheets of ice coming to Tucson Fall 2023. Foundation established 6 figures. “It’s been a dream come true.” – Jeremy Bow. 100% privately financed with no adverse impact to the community.**
- Treasurers Report - Submitted electronically  
**Finance Committee will be taking a position in the USA Hockey Foundation Investment Fund. All details in the report. Chase Bank closed the AAHA Bank account unexpectedly, looking to get a new account set to bank with. Review from USA Hockey seemed to go well, results will be provided back to AAHA soon.**
- Secretary Report - No report
- AAHA Admin Report – No report
- Hockey Operations Report – Submitted electronically  
**Had a Hockey Ops meeting last week. Went over some of the items in New Business. Will address details during New Business agenda.**
- Background Screening / Safe Sport Report – No report  
**Went thru USA Hockey training for Safesport, reiterated safesport policy about slurs on the ice. Everything off the ice needs to be reported. All persons on the ice need to be screened and safesport certified.**
- By-Laws and Policy Report – Submitted electronically  
**Will address in New Business**
- Coaching Report – no report  
**Everything is in a holding pattern – situation is fluid waiting on curriculum and materials. Hoping to get in person clinics in September. Level 4 and 5 coaching will be changing and requiring further clinics so they can continue to develop. Grandfather clause for those who received Level 4 or 5 prior to January 2021. Tier I and Tier II coaches will need to get recertified. It will be a process and USA Hockey will be provide more information.**
- Disciplinary Report – Submitted electronically
- Officiating Report: USA Hockey  
**Looking to get some clinics together for referees. Will have more information soon. USA Hockey Rule changes – these were sent out with the meeting reports this month. Please review the rule changes and the emphasis updates. The new rules will take effect for all play on/or after August 1<sup>st</sup>. AZYHL / Tier II officials confused on penalty minute length. Coaches and Scorekeepers will have a challenge. Tim will take this detail to the hockey ops committee to review and recommend.**
- Officiating Report: AHRA  
**We are heading into Summer Session – board meeting discussing budget, disciplinary, etc. Seminars are coming up – are focusing on recruitment in general – needing help in Flagstaff and Tucson. Need more referees to engage and start working.**
- Registrars Report  
**All volunteers need to complete safesport and screening. The programs will be liable if anything happens. Biggest changes are the tournaments – cost of tournaments have increased. Get tournament applications in as soon as possible. 3 or more teams will require an official sanction. \$300 total. \$250 to USA Hockey, \$50 to Rocky Mountain Districts. Volunteers need to get screened. Coaches need to sign the scoresheet NOT the**

manager. All scoresheets must be legible – they will not be accepted if they are not. Credentialling will happen virtually – Donnalee will work with each National Bound team starting in September. Coaches will also be frozen on December 31<sup>st</sup> get all coaches on the rosters they need to be. No changes will occur after Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Portal just came out this week with some minor changes. Please send the names and email of registrars and all team managers for Tier I and Tier II teams by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Adult Hockey Report – No report
- Arizona Coyotes Report

**Still trying to get Budget allocations for Mite Jamborees and Adult League**

- Player Development Report – Submitted Electronically

**Working on bringing Joe Bonnett in to engage with our Arizona coaches. Will know more information in the next week or two. Looking at August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

- Tournament Report – Sent Electronically
- Girls/Female Hockey Report

**Starting to research on other affiliates regarding female hockey to make sure our program is supported. Will work with the policy committee on any revisions specific to female hockey in Arizona.**

- Disabled Hockey Report

**Sled hockey program coming out of Surprise, AZ . Have 30 players for 10 sleds. – Jeremy Bow wants to be sure Tucson is included with the sled hockey piece. Funding sleds could be an option for USA Hockey Grant option.**

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Elect Secretary to complete the current term - Kristy Aguirre

**Motion: Bow, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Curley Approved**

- Out of State 12U Policy

**Matt Shott – The Arizona Kachinas have 2- 12U teams. 4 goalies tried out 3 from AZ , 1 NM, 2 had been skating only 6 months. After some discussion it was determined by the Policy Committee that a policy revision was not necessary for this particular situation with the distinction of a request to an all-girls team and would rather require a board exception. Motion: Radke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rogers To allow the 12U New Mexico female player to join the Kachinas as stated by Matt. Hockey Ops reviewed this request and was supported. Motion Passes.**

- Kachinas
  - A. Are applying to be the single designated all-female organization for AAHA

**Motion: Bow, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rogers The Kachinas continue to be the official all-female organization for the AAHA at the Tier level for the 2-year term of 2021/2022 – 2022/2023 seasons. Motion Passes.**

- B. Player Exceptions

1. Player Exception Xaleah Humelsine 12U House/Rec player from the New Mexico Ice Wolves,

**See above within the Out of State 12U Policy**

2. Player Exception Sophia Villanueva 19U from El Paso

3. Player Exception Ava Garteke 19U from Las Vegas

**Motion: Radke, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rogers motion to approve both player exceptions for 19U Kachinas**

- C. To exclude the non- tier teams from participating in the AZHYL

**We found leagues for these teams to play all girl teams. We have not had much success playing co-ed. Most of our teams have gone winless throughout the season. Would like to provide an opportunity for our girls teams to play against all girls. Leagues are in California and Colorado and the Arizona Kachinas will also host showcase weekends. Will be more competitive and engaging for the teams and will make it easier to find success for the teams.**

**Motion: Joralman, 2<sup>nd</sup>:Rogers To approve an exception allowing the 4 teams listed below to not participate as required in the AZYHL for the 2021-22 playing season.**

1. 16U Red
2. 14U Red
3. 12U Green
4. 12U Red

Approve New Mexico Ice Wolves to participate

**Motion: Bow, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joralman To approve 4 teams from New Mexico. The New Mexico Affiliate President reached out to Tim about team playing in the 10U, 12U, 14U (2). Also have a 16U and 18U Tier II team that may also play in Arizona. It is an Albuquerque based program. As in years past, teams would play in the league in the respective age divisions for regular season but would not participate in state championships. This will be voted on at the August board meeting.**

**Announcements**

**Adjournment 8:13pm Motion: Curly, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rogers**

**Future 2021 AAHA Board Regular Meeting**

August 9 (IN PERSON) Location to be determined.

**Topic: July BOD**

**Time: Jul 12, 2021 06:30 PM Arizona**

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