Arizona Amateur Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014

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| ***Name*** | **7/14/2014** |
| Jon Brooks – President | V Present |
| Tim Reckell – AHSHA | V Present |
| Brendan Shaw – CAHA | V Present |
| Tony Radke – CAHA | V Present |
| Mark Manone – FYHA (on phone) | V Absent |
| Evan Gavrilles – Mission | V Present |
| Jim Rogers – Vice President/Treasurer | V Present |
| James Goon – VOSHA | V Present |
| Becky Taylor – Mission | V Present |
| Jason Evahnenko – AHU (Bob Platt Proxy) | Present |
| Alex Hicks – DYHA | Proxy for Cook |
| Adam Mims – Adult Hockey | Proxy for McBride |
| Herb Haley – State Safety Director | NV Present |
| Bryan Eisentraut - USAH | NV Present |
| Chris Zorza - AHOA | NV Present |
| Bruce Urban – Discipline Committee Chair | NV Present |
| Mark Lackey – AZ Lady Coyotes | NV Present |
| Sarah Dennee – AZ Lady Coyotes | NV Present |
| Diane M – AZ Lady Coyotes | NV Present |
| Kevin Lough - VOSHA | NV Present |
| Sharon Enck – Social Media AAHA | NV Present |
| Sarah Hastings - VOSHA | NV Present |
| Larry Hastings - VOSHA | NV Present |
| ***Guests*** |  |
| Zach Reese – On-Ice Official |  |

Meeting Minutes

* Call to order, Verification of Quorum and Introductions

6:45 pm MST meeting called to order

* Flagstaff on phone
* 9 Voting members present ( 3 proxies present) 0 Vote absent

**Approval of Agenda:**

**\*Motion:** To approve July agenda

**1st :** Tony Radke **2nd** : Jim Rogers **Vote:** All Favor

**Approval of Minutes**

**\*Motion:** To approve minutes from previous month’s meeting\*

**1st :** Evan Gavrilles **2nd :** Becky Taylor **Vote:** All Favor

AAHA Board of Director & Committee Chair Changes

- Accept Kevin Meuchner resignation from AHSHA

- Presented by: Evan

- Second by: Becky

- Accept Mike Cook’s resignation DYHA

- Presented by: Tim

- Second by: Adam

-Accept David Lieb and Ed Carr’s resignation as AAHA At Large Board member and Co-Chair of AZYHL

-Presented by: Jim

-Second by: James

-Approve Becky Taylor as an AAHA At Large Board member and Co-chair of AZYHL

-Presented by: Evan

-Second by: Tony

-Approve Brendan Shaw as Co-chair of AZYHL Committee

-Presented by: Tony

-Second by: Evan

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Jim Rogers – Financial reports were handed out. Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Budget vs. Actual and Bank Statement. Money for the upcoming season is coming in. 14-15 deposit is $7500. The AAHA budget runs from September 1 to August 31. With the former Polar Ice Rinks now USA Hockey, that will increase the revenue. The money from the RMD HS Girls team has been collected. Block grant $11709.75 used to offset the cost of player development camp. 14-15 block grant will be approx. $11,727. That number is based on the ’12 season. The block grant is 2 yrs behind so there should be approximately a $600 increase for the 13-14 season. Allocations to regional camps will increase for the ’15 season since they are based on the ’14 season. Coaches’ stipends were over budget for development camp this year. Jim will analyze to pinpoint were the overage occurred and report back next month. AAHA paid for district tournament fees and budget may potentially need to increase to cover the expense. All bills have been paid up to date.

**\*\*No Approval Needed\*\***

**Coaching Report:** Presented by Larry Gibson – Coaching clinics for the upcoming season start Sept. 1st. One level one has already been held to help accommodate the increase in need due to the former Polar Ice Rink coaches now requiring the USA Hockey CEP to coach. The tentative plan is to hold three more Level 1, two Level 2, and two Level 3 in Phoenix. Flagstaff is hosting a Level 1 and Level 3 on Sept 29th. If a coach is a Level 3, they may repeat online for the 1st time only. Following, they must go to a Level 4. Level 3 may not expire. Level 4 is being held in Dallas July 25-27th. Level 5 is being held in Las Vegas. To host a Level 4, AAHA would want to have as many as possible attend. Revisit next month to discuss Incentives for coaches to go? Coaches of Tier II must go to Level 4 if they are currently a Level 3. **DO NOT** contact Larry in December asking for waivers. Coaching clinics are discussed at every meeting and everyone has ample time to attend one. AZ clinics will be posted by next meeting. Larry and Jim will attend the training seminar in Colorado Springs on Aug. 16th. District is paying for Larry, AAHA is sending Jim

**\*\*UPDATE: Approved – Larry sending out emails on clinics\*\***

**Officiating Report:** Presented by Bryan Eisentraut – USA Hockey officials will need Safesport at the National level to register. Safesport certification is good for two years. Background checks will be at the affiliate level. Hybrid seminars will be done. Part online and part ice. The times and availability varies with different levels as follows: Level 1 classroom is 5 hours, online is 2 hours and ice time is mandatory. Level 2 classroom is 4 hours, online is 3 hours and ice time is mandatory. Level 3 classroom is 3 hours, online is 4 hours and there is no ice time mandated. Level 4 classroom is 5 hours, online is 3 hours and ice time is mandatory. This will decrease the cost of the seminars by reducing the cost of classroom rental as well as ice time rental. USHL – Brent Hooks lined the finals. Request for reimbursement of the 2014 Annual congress airfare and registration. Total was $346.

**\*\*UPDATE: Brian emailing information on clinics\*\***

**Registrars Report:** Presented by Donnalee – There are 2026 total unclaimed players at this time. There is a new registration system being put in place. All hockey registrars will be able to manage their teams through the web based program. Cybersport is no longer. All history will carry over and it is live as it happens. All coaches need Safesport and background screenings. All age modules need to be at the correct level. Coaches can just be deleted if needed due to non-compliance. Transfers for non-citizens need to be done 10-14 to upload. Spring and summer teams – Canadians do not need a transfer but only for spring and summer leagues. Rosters may carry 25 for spring/summer. No new teams can be Tier I/Tier II – can register as AAA but not Tier. All associations need to provide name, email and phone number of their registrars to Donnalee.

**\*\*NO UPDATE: Absent\*\***

**Disciplinary Report**: Mike Cook – Nothing new to report. HS Match Penalty assessed at HS League game, Disciplinary committee still has not met since occurrence but will get together. Jon directed Mike Cook to speak with Bruce Urban since he is now the chair.

**\*\*UPDATE: CAHA Match 3 game…See Report\*\***

**Presidents Report**: Presented by Jon Brooks – Will be covered during the other topics listed on the agenda.

**\*\*UPDATE: GIlber match – Bad Behavior 3 game, 6 game Suspension…See Report\*\***

* **Old BusinessRecap of Adult State Championships**

- **Summary issues – Lost 6 ?**

- Scan in Summary – Jim to bring proposal next month

* **Update on Arizona Hockey Officials Association**
* AAHA Approval of the AHOA Board, By Laws, etc.
* Need to add a AHOA representative to the AAHA Board as a Non-Voting At Large Director
* All Associations to begin using the new AHOA by August 1 – Need a list of Contacts and Schedulers to start the process to schedule On Ice and Off Ice Officials
* Clarification on the process of scheduling of Off Ice Officials for those Associations that would like to use volunteers – fees involved
* Approval of the request from AHOA for $2000 funding to purchase Arbiter Scheduling and Payment Software for the first year expense

**\*\*UPDATE - $2000 grant approved and Off Ice Officials will need to be background checked \*\***

* **Rescind tentative approval of new Chandler Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) will operate as one Association with teams at Scottsdale and Chandler locations for this season and will explore creating a separate Corporation for Chandler for next season.**
* Need to approve additional Chandler teams for the AZYHL. 1 Squirt Major, 1 PeeWee Minor, 1 PeeWee Major and 1 Bantam Minor. These teams are in excess of the CAHA Scottsdale teams in the AZYHL and require a special AAHA Board Approval.

**\*\*UPDATE – Approved – 1st: Jim; 2nd: Tony \*\***

* **Recap from Arizona Youth Hockey League Committee**
* Recap of the AZYHL Committee meetings on June 22 and July 7
* Review of the final teams and preliminary division placements
* Update on the first scheduling meeting on July 12 for Tier Teams
* See AZYHL timeline on Page 5 of the agenda
* Review AZYHL policies and procedures to be approved at the August board meeting (See handout)
* Reserved AZYHL.org domain name for the league. David Lieb to work on new website
* Request for the AZ Lady Coyotes U19 Team to participate in the AZYHL at the Bantam Major level

**\*\*UPDATE – Request for AZ Lady Coyotes U19 to participate Bantam level approved. 1st: Brendan Shaw; 2nd: Tim Reckell\*\***

**New Business**

* Approval of Sanctions of Mary Stewart and AZOIA suspending her from participation in all USA Hockey activates including contract with and scheduling officials because of her Detrimental Conduct and Actions including her refusal to turn over Go Daddy access to the azamateurhockey.org domain name for our website which has been dark for the last 4 weeks. We also need Board approval to pursue legal action to recover access to the domain name. We are currently using azamateurhockey.net we purchased from Go Daddy

**\*\*Motion to allow $1,000.00 for attorney fees. Presented by: Evan; Second by: James\*\***

* Approval for an expenditure of $500 for Web Site Engine Optimization (SEO) for the new azamateurhockey.net as many of our users are having issues finding our website.

**\*\*Report…Hold off\*\***

* Implications of Rule 411 – State DC to manage the process – Recommendation to set up a Suspension Page on the State Website to track all Match and Game Misconduct penalties for every Association and the results of the game suspensions or hearings. Need to set up a process to monitor and ensure compliance.

**\*\*Bruce to come up with process\*\***

* Safe Sport requirements for2014-2015 season - All Board members, head coaches, assistance coaches, team managers, locker room monitors, volunteers, on-ice officials and off-ice officials will need to complete.

**\*\*Compliant by Sept 1, 2014. Motion to go back to Protect Youth with a fee of $10, if not switch to Engine... 1st: Tony; 2nd: Becky\*\***

* Request of the AZ Lady Coyotes to allow 14U Girls to play on the 19U team for the 2014-2015 season. Specifically youngest current players would be 14 and oldest current players would be 17 on the team.

**\*\*1st: Brendan Shaw; 2nd: Jason\*\***

**\* Mandatory for Non Tier, recommended for Tier Presented by: James; Second by: Jim (8 for, 2 opposed)\***

* Discussion and approval of a Plan for the state to host Mite Jamborees at each rink from September to March - AZ Ice Arcadia, AZ Ice Gilbert, AZ Ice Peoria, Ice Den Chandler, Ice Den Scottsdale, Jay Lively, Jobing.com, Oceanside, Tim’s Toyota Center, Two hour ice slot paid for by the State, participation free to every Mite Team and Player. Allow players to sign up who are not on teams as long as they register with USA Hockey. Allocate $1000 for 9 events of $9000. State ADM to run events along with Associations at each rink.

**\*\*Motion to form Committee Presented by: Jason; Second by: James\*\***

**\*\*Larry Gibson to form committee – James, Larry, Kurt, report back for plan at next board meeting\*\***

* Need to create an order for additional Kids First gear to include complete sets as well as new bags for existing sets, sticks and larger helmets. Are the Coyotes still providing jerseys or do we need to provide? All rinks/associations to have their orders in by July 31 so we can order product to arrive in September.

**\*\*All associations to report to inventory by Aug 1st. Jim and Jon – recap to orders on ???**

**\*\*1st – Jim; 2nd – Becky\*\***

* Discussion and approval of any players requesting a Mite exception to play up as a Squirt in 2014-2015 season:
* Need a letter from parent requesting an exception and the reasons
* Need a letter from the association requesting an exception
* Independent evaluation of the player from a coach outside of the requesting association (confirmed)

**\*\*Cody and Camden Skutnik..1st: Jim; 2nd – Becky\*\***

* Recommendation and Approval to send Donnalee Jerome, Geoff Pashkowski and Sara Dennee to represent Arizona at the RMD Girls and Women’s Committee Meeting in SLC.

**\*\*Motion to approve by Evan; Second by: Jim\*\***

* Confidential discussion of the results from the Admin Interviews conducted by the Executive Committee and recommendations for board approval. We had 25 resumes and interviewed the top 11 candidates. We are recommending a person for the 20 hour a week Admin Position and a new 5 hour Social Media/Website/Marketing position.

**\*\*Motion to hire @20 hours for the admin by Evan; 2nd – Jim\*\***

**\*\*Motion to hire@5 hours for Social Media position by Evan; 2nd – Jim\*\***

* Potential new AAHA Member Associations for 2014-2015 - must put in an application at the August meeting to be seated at the September annual meeting.
* Wildcat Youth Hockey in Tucson
* AZ Ice Peoria Youth and Adult
* AZ Ice Gilbert Youth and Adult
* Prescott Valley Hockey Association

**\*\*Talked about changing our policy\*\***

* Future state AAHA Board meetings at the Ice Den in the warming room:
* Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:30pm
* Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6:30pm (monthly meeting plus the annual meeting)
* Monday, October 14, 2014 at 6:30pm
* Future AAHA Executive Committee conference calls:
* Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 7pm
* Wednesday, August 27,2014 at 7pm
* Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7pm

**\*\*Rescheduling conference calls\*\***

**\*$300 to girls Coaches ?? – 1st Jim; 2nd - Becky**