

# AAHA – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

**Ice Den Scottsdale**

**6:30pm**

- **Call to Order** 6:34pm
- **Dial in to Conference:**
- **Establish a Quorum:**
- **Introductions (if needed):**
- **Approval of the Agenda:** Curley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seickman with amendment of New Business Addition.
- **Approval of December 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes** – Correction 10U/14U and 12U/16U/18U Motion Shivener, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fritsche.
- **Reports:**
  - **President Report** – No Report – Marc Fritsche asked for clarification about who from the Executive Committee made the decision about pausing the Tier I Selection Committee process until USA Hockey voted on the proposed moratorium. Tim clarified that it was the non-conflicted members of the EC who made the decision. Marc then asked about the notification of the Tier I Committee decision, Tim Reckell stated notices were sent to all programs who applied. Safesport Handbook has been updated, and your programs need to download and distribute to all teams. Scott Gray (Safesport Coordinator) suggests that AAHA adopt detailed verbiage listed in President's report.
  - **Treasurer Report** – Sent Electronically – Programs should have received their portion percentage for AAHA usage of Gamesheet specific to their team. Will be sending Tier II and AZYHL invoices out in the next week.
  - **Secretary Report** – No Report
  - **Admin Report** – No Report
  - **Hockey Operations Report** – No Report
  - **Background Screening / Safe Sport Report** – No Report – See President's Report
  - **By-Laws and Policy Report** – See Redlined Policy and/or Bylaw change document – see old business
  - **Coaching Report** – No Report – Continuing Education is the focus for next season. All level 4s received prior to 2021 will expire and will need to get 5 continuing education credits prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. New 6U/8U specific class and can stay at this level, shorter class, cheaper, and more targeted to these entry level age group. Introducing a new learning management system – all in one stop shop.
  - **Disciplinary Report** – Sent Electronically – We are still having 601e3 that are mostly adults but some youth as well. Will need to re-evaluate the level of consequence as it is not prohibitive enough. The hearing dates are on the report. USA Hockey Rule 401c programs should abide by this rule all the time. If you have a potential disciplinary situation that is serious enough for an immediate safesport report, physical or sexual, it is best practice to have the affiliate complete a summary suspension until safesport and affiliate can review the report and situation details.
  - **Officiating Report (USA Hockey)** – No Report – The USAH winter meeting just happened in Nashville – several rule changes were presented / approved. Rules will go into effect by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Will be moving up the dates for officials to get certified so the officials will be able to catch up on all rule change implementation etc. Officials will begin certification in April this year, so they have time before the season. The minimum age for officials will be 13 years old. Arizona will be sending officials to Texas for the Rocky Mountain Districts and then 19 officials from Arizona have been approved for USA Hockey Nationals this year.
  - **Officiating Report (AHRA)** – No Report
  - **Registrar Report** – No Report
  - **Adult Hockey Report** – No Report

- **Player Development Report** – Sent Electronically – The dates for the various camps are in the report. Specific schedules will be up soon. Registration will be ready in early February. Players registered in Arizona will receive an email. Only US residents can participate. If an Arizona player is playing out of state and would like to participate, they need to reach out to Bruce Urban.
- **Tournament Report** – Sent Electronically – Budgets should be to Marty in the next day or two. Tier II Schedules are posted. There were a few format changes that have also been published. AZYHL schedules should be posted soon. The jacket order is in for the AAHA Board, they will send a volunteer schedule for board sign-ups to cover championship tournaments.
- **Girls/female Hockey Report** – No Report
- **Goalie Development Report** – No Report
- **All Ability Hockey Report** – Arizona will not be holding Special Needs Tournament

  

- **Old Business:**
  - **Policy Revision Review** – Policy details were reviewed and discussed.
- **New Business:**
  - **District Matching Funds for Goalie Development** – RMD will reimburse district affiliates up to \$5000 for goalie development events as a matching grant. If member organizations want to host an event, please coordinate with AAHA so they can proceed through a process with player development and finance committees.
  - **Tier I Discussion** – Discussed within President's Report
- **Announcements:** Girls Player Development and Youth Player Development Camp details for State (see Player Development Report) and District (posted on RMD Website – [www.rockymountainhockey.com](http://www.rockymountainhockey.com))
- **Adjourn: 7:40pm** Motion Curley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seickman
- **Future 2024/25 AAHA Board Meeting Schedule:**
  - **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
  - **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
  - **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**