



June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 17th, 2024

7:00 PM

ZOOM Conference

OPERATIONS / Tom Crosson (Covering for Katy Kaufmann)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – All present
3. Approval of April's 2024 Meeting minutes - Approved
 - a. No May Meeting

COMMISSIONER UPDATE / Tom Crosson

- 10U Leveling Event – went well, received good feedback, at least one team to make a declaration change
 - Interest in trying this on Girls side
 - Maybe try and get 10U AA Teams from larger clubs to attend
- Crerar Grant Applications are out
- CBHL history: continue with open call for data/stories/history. Anything you can send my way would be appreciated

REPORTS

TREASURER / Stacy Hart

- Update with CPA
 - Received tax returns back through 2022. Need to sign and send off to IRS
 - Got an invoice from CPA that seemed high. \$6,290
 - Need to remind that we paid \$5000 years ago
 - We have a new CPA, need to do 2023 tax returns

PVAHA / John Coleman (In attendance for Linda Jondo)

- Creerar Grant is up on PVAHA website. Also grant application is there for Disabled Hockey
 - Deadline is July 15th, grants awarded late August, money distributed in Sept.
- SE District is now more than 1,100 players behind the Central District for the top spot among 12 districts
- Potomac Valley is not growing

- Most SE district growth is in FL. FL is 1,000 behind Potomac Valley in the SE District
- Rule changes were submitted in April
 - Shorthanded icing and delayed off-sides always comes up.
 - Possible change in the tag up off-sides as HS playing tag-up is a problem
 - Proposal was 14U and up tag up, then a different proposal for 15U and up.
 - Icing – recommended that rule for not icing when shorthanded with stay
 - 15U and up to eliminate it was proposed, ? if will happen
 - A lot of time spent on Tier 1 and recruiting
 - Possibility on putting Tier 1 teams on the same playing field with prep schools and academies
 - Expect rules changes in January
- USAH – questions with Safesport and billeting. Has policies regarding billeting that USAH says we can't follow. Ex: if billeting a player, billeting parent/s can never can be 1:1 with player. Hard to follow. More to come. This is targeted more toward Tier 1 and Juniors.
- Mandatory neck guards goes into effect August 1st
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- PVAHA had elections – Pat Wildman and Ken Carpenter were elected to the Board.
 - Pam and Mike Alfaro stepped down.

SHOA / Steve Brown

- New President – Steve Brown
 - Thank you to Chris Dietz for filling in over the last year
 - Chris plans to continue to recruit and community outreach
- Possibility of a Parent Game Day coordinator in the stands for each game
 - To help the refs with parent control
- Arm bands for new officials
 - Help with scheduling, help with having certain officials in certain games
- Feedback form getting worked on – possibly a QR code on a poster or a google form
- Interested in getting more evaluators at games

SCHEDULING / Mike Lyons

- Present – Nothing new to report

GIRLS HOCKEY / Pat Wildman

- Girls divisions are finalized for next season
 - Should be around 50 girls teams this year
 - National Bound declarations info will be sent out soon
- Girls THFF Day is September 14th

- Parent education and helping girls understand their paths to future hockey options
- Will be looking at the impact of dual rosters

DISCIPLINE / Bill Schmidt

- Nothing new to report
- Pending hearing rule changes for CBHL
 - USAH rule changes would be for following season of 2025-2026

COMPETITION: David Fishman

- Pending final declarations to start looking at rosters
- Would like to get T1 Rosters in a link. ie: one page with all the links for each team
- T1's are always late – reminder, they need to be in prior to playing first game
- Please identify your teams not by your club's colors for them, but by which CBHL level/division they are playing at

8U / Tom LaTona

- Declarations due – need final declarations from everyone
- Please provide 3 options on when your club can host a jamboree
- Need blackout dates for each team for when you can NOT play in a jamboree
- If you are scheduled to go to Hampton Roads, do NOT bail
- Already planning to have a better end of season jamboree
- Expect all 8U Teams to play in pre-season jamboree

OPERATIONS / Katy Kaufmann (Covered by Tom Crosson)

TEAM MANAGER LEAD / Katy Kaufmann

- Absent
- Team manager contact database was sent out
 - Will update once final declarations done
- Thank you John Gary for taking notes in my absence

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA / Tom Crosso

- Nothing to report

WASHINGTON CAPITALS

- No Representative Present – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Rule Changes
 - Fighting game suspension penalty – Proposal to make fighting a 1 game for CBHL to match USAH, we currently have a 2 game rule
 - Voice Vote: Majority with YES for only 1 game for fighting (13 Y, 9 N, 1 no response)
 - The new rule will take effect this year
 - Age Requirement – no changes at this time. Will reassess next season

NEW BUSINESS

- Was opened to floor for concerns/questions about meeting discussions or things from season – None heard
- SHOA contract due to expire end of 2025 season, working group to discuss
 - Next summer is the negotiation time period
- 16AA – Tentatively have 19 teams declared
 - National and American divisions again
 - Most likely will be 16 games season with 2 games in your division and non against the other division
- 18U Lower A – Currently only have 3 teams
 - If you are an UA team that should be LA, please think about it.
 - We have had several yrs in past were we were unable to have an 18U LA division
- Girls Hockey – Grew by 5 teams
 - We will allow girls programs from outside our affiliate join as associate members that can get games and make playoffs
 - Carolina Lady Thunderbirds did apply for their 16/19U team
 - Only Clubs Restion, Chevy Chase, Potomac, Southern Md can vote
 - They have to travel to us, not us to them
- Key Dates for 2024-2025 Season:
 - Final Declarations - Due July 15, 2024
 - CBHL Girls Playoffs – Tentatively February 1-2, 2025
 - EJ/AHF Playoffs – Presidents Day weekend, February 15-17, 2025
 - AA/Midgets/Some others Playoffs – February 22-23, 2025
 - 10U-14U UA, LA and Wales Playoffs – March 1-2, 2025
- No July Meeting
 - Next meeting: August 12th or 19th, 2024

Meeting Adjourned after 1hr and 55min