



## Minutes IAHA Meeting Spring 2018 (Idaho Falls)

Attendance: Heinrich, DiSanza, Bragg, B. Green, Jarry, Pollard, Combo, Rifelj, Weuhasen, Peterson, Daves, McAvoy, Murden, Benson, Tirocke, Storhok, Dumas, Barnes, Noyes, Scoran

1. Confirmation of attendance and membership from affiliates.
2. **Motion to approve minutes** from previous meeting: Moved by John Rifelj, second, Robbie Murden. Motion passes unanimously.
3. **Association Reports:** No one had anything to add to their association reports.
4. **President's Report:** See attached. John stressed the need for a new secretary and a new Safe Sport Coordinator.
5. **Treasurers Report:** Although Lori continues to do the job, she wants to cease serving as Treasurer. See attached.

John is proposing raising the affiliate fee from \$6 to something higher. Most places across the country the affiliate fee is \$8. Our expenses are up in security screenings and we have had to reduce the grant program.

Motion: Joanne Tirocke, second, Rob Dumas moved the affiliate fee from \$6 to \$8 dollars. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve proposed budget for the 2018-2019 season: Motion: Chris McAvoy, second Bill Combo. Motion passes unanimously.

6. **Concussion Protocol** for the state. Guest speaker, Jake Hardee, Community Relations Coordinator for St. Luke's Concussion Clinic.

See PowerPoint slides attached.

Jim DiSanza said that he will look into getting a St. Luke's person to talk about concussions in every coaching clinic this year.

An IAHA Concussion protocol form has been posted on the Web site and if a player has a concussion, they cannot return to play until that form has been signed off on by a legitimate physician. The form also provides some education to medical providers. This form will need to be filled out by coach if there is a suspected concussion. The player cannot return to play until the form is signed.

7. **Registrar's Report:** There are some transition issues between Tom Lampl and Shelly Lehto. Representatives said that they need to know about any changes in interpretation that Shelly is applying prior to the beginning of the season. The group wants to empower Shelly to have a more open

dialogue. We need to have the conversation about what common errors are being made by associations that cause delays/denials in registrar related activities. When expectations are clear, things will be easier. The group agreed to ask Shelly for a Skype meeting with registrars to clarify things.

8. **SafeSport Report:** No report for this. We do need a new SafeSport Coordinator. John Rifleij said that he might have one and promised to get back to John on this.

9. **Girls Hockey:** Girl's hockey is seeing a growth at the younger age groups. We are doing the right things and we need to continue to do those things to continue to grow the game. We want to keep encouraging the associations to grow.

There was a brief discussion of how many girls are playing high school only, and there were only a few. However, it was emphasized that we need to be funneling girls onto their own teams.

10. **Webmaster Report:** Neil needs to get information and he will put it up t on the website. But, he doesn't know how to spiff up the Website. Jim DiSanza agreed to try and find intern that is part of his CPI program that will handle the Website and spiff up our social media presence.

11. **Grant Chairman Report:** We spent \$9,900 on grants this year. See report. One association tried to put their money into a scholarship program, but that can't be allowed because organizations would just lower their fees and use the scholarship money to offset that reduction.

Agreed that it would be appropriate to use no more than \$300 in grant money for 1 new player in need of financial assistance

Motion: Joanne Tirocke. Second, Bobby Noyes, If an association spends \$1,200 they get \$800 back from IAHA. If you don't use the \$1,200 they get 2/3 back. Motion passes unanimously.

12. Risk Management Report: No Report.

13. Coach-in-Chief Report: There was a brief report on the Player Development Camp. See attached. There were some complaints that Marshall's power skating training had kids doing ladders ("Herbies") which really isn't what we are looking for during the PDC. The group suggested that Marshall's power skating training not be limited to Friday nights, but be worked into a station on all of the Friday and Saturday morning practices.

14. ADM Report: Kory Scoran said that Tommy Jones has been doing a lot of ADM work around the state. If you contact Tommy early enough he will be able to fit you into his schedule and work with your goaltenders. Robbie Murden in Sun Valley said that Tommy came out and worked with their goalies and it was great. Kory said he would like if he can get there early enough so that he can actually meet with coaches before or after practices so there is time for actual conversation.

15. Referee-in-Chief Report: Numbers were up in terms of completed officials. We had a level 4 clinic in Idaho. The number of incompletes is down from the previous year. The incompletes tend to be Level 1 referees who start but didn't realize how involved the process is. The incident report is on the handout. 44% of the incident reports are adults. For state tournaments we got a good distribution for referees from across the state.

16. Grow the Game Coordinator: John Rifleij

John encouraged people to fill out all the paperwork for the Try Hockey for Free. If you don't do this through USA Hockey we don't get credit for it.

## 17. Old Business

A. Play-Ups: Most of the problem was with girl two and three-year play-ups. John expressed the difficulty in play-ups is not just an on-ice issue. Kids playing up are in the changing room with older kids and involved in conversations that may not be age appropriate.

Some expressed concern that if a girl couldn't play up, there might not be a team for the girl. Other people said that the problem is if we farm out all the girls to other teams through play-ups, we aren't building that camaraderie or team sense and can't grow the game in this way.

John Heinrich felt that a number of affiliated in North Idaho are relying too much on play-ups to fill out teams. John also said that it is important for associations to have letters from teachers or physicians recommending this, if nothing else for liability issues.

Motion: Jared Bragg, Second Bill Combo: "For girls' teams, two year-play-ups (to the next girls division offered by that association) are an association decision. But these decisions should be made following all of their rules and criteria, and include notification process that informs the IAHA President that this is desired and appropriate according to the coaches and parents. For girls, three-or-more year play-up request must go to IAHA for approval. Motion passes unanimously." Motion passed unanimously.

Post Season Teams and High School Showcase: We have identified a tournament April, the America's Showcase in St. Louis, and another during Labor Day, and we plan to take kids who are not playing at the Academy or the Steelheads. If this gets going, we plan to expand it to other age groups.

Motion: Robbie Murden, Second, John Riflej: Temporarily (1 year) allow the use of the "Idaho" for the Girls Select Team and the High School Showcase team. Motion passes unanimously

### Policy and Procedure Updates—All:

Joanne Tirocke agrees to take the P&P manual and make all updates.

### Association Approvals and Current Status:

No new associations. The Polar Bears are still down players.

## 19 New Business

### New Disciplinary Committee Members:

Several people volunteered to continue on the disciplinary committee.

### Voting Member Contact Information:

### Dates and Venues for Post-Season Events:

PDC is Feb 22, 23, 34

IAHA Association, Feb. 1, 2, 3

IAHA HS is 8, 9, 10

PDC: Idaho Falls

Association: Boise

High School: Hailey

There will be an A and B high school divisions for the state tournament. About a month prior to the tournament, John Heinrich will interact with high school directors around the state and assign teams to each division. There will be a four game guarantee.

20. Date and Venue for Fall Meeting:

Date: September 8<sup>th</sup>, McCall, Victor as backup.

21. New Vice President and Secretary

Motion: John Rifelj, Second, Jim DiSanza: Kevin Barnes (Boise Amateur Hockey/Idaho Ice World) as the new IAHA Vice President. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: John Rifelj, Second, Jim DiSanza: Joanne Tirocke (Palouse Youth Hockey) as the new Secretary. Motion passes unanimously.

Adjourned at 2:52 pm