



2024 WINTER MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: February 7th, 2024 – 7:00pm

Location: National Conference Center of East Windsor

Meeting Call to order by Glenn Hefferan, President

Meeting Adjourned (Motion by Jay Finnigan & Eric Tye)

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Brian Peca, AAHA Secretary

In Attendance

78 members attended the meeting.

Voting Eligibility

Voting Members – 66

Simple Majority – 34

2/3 Majority – 44

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the 2023 in person Annual Meeting were presented. They were distributed electronically via email to directors prior to this meeting.
- Motion to approve the Annual meeting minutes made by Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Callie Smith.
 - **Motion Approved without opposition**

President's Report

- Glenn introduced and welcomed the new AAHA Registrar, Karen Fund, to the membership.
 - Karen Fund will be introducing Associate District Registrars to help with the transition
 - Glenn reviewed the new Neck Laceration rules implemented by USA Hockey and also promoting the local rink Pro Shops that will be selling neck guards, in addition to the larger retailers.
 - Updates on Tier I and the rules associated with being eligible for Tier I
 - Tier I clubs may recruit in season, beginning on January 1st of each year, but the early signing period legislation was not passed. More updates to come on this current situation.
 - Glenn is emphasizing the High School situation and that they need to be more included when it comes to legislation in protecting High School hockey.
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Treasurer's Report

- Glenn Hefferan presented a summary of the Treasurer's Report. AAHA Treasurer, Jake Geverd, is not present, but any questions can be forwarded to him via email.
- Additional income is expected to come in, while expenses for District Tournaments will also be due in March.
- Field Audit with USA Hockey was satisfactory, while addressing minor details
- No questions or comments taken from the floor.

Vice President's Reports

- Vice President's Winter Meeting reports were distributed electronically via email to the directors prior to the meeting.

USA Hockey Appointees Reports

- **Referees – Jim Doyle:** Nothing to report from the January USA Hockey Meetings
- **Player Safety – Katelyn Ward:**
 - Neck Laceration Protectors will be mandatory for all youth players & officials, beginning on August 1st, 2024.
 - Free Education Seminar on Head Injuries, good for 1 CEP Credit for all coaches.
 - Saturday March 9th & Sunday March 10th at 5:00pm at Codey Arena in New Jersey
 - Updates and on Return to Play forms and how to handle them.
 - Updates and information Stop the Bleed Kits
- **Coach in Chief – Ryan Carter:**
 - Coaching Certification updates and reminders as playoffs approach, coaches must have their coaching certification up to date in preparation for playoffs and district tournaments.
- **SafeSport – Pete Rothman:**
 - 66 Reports to date in the district, compared to 53 from last season.
 - USA Hockey has received the most reports from the SafeSport US Center out of all of the National Governing Bodies.
 - Reminder to Organizations: Sexual Abuse Reports must be reported to the US Center.
 - US Center for SafeSport has been holding Audits during at National Championships. District Development camps may also be subject to an audit. All organizations are reminded to have your clearances and screenings.

Old Business – Legislative Proposals

- No Old Business to attend to at this time.

New Business – Proposals for Discussion:

- **2024 WM-01: Time for Rostering**
 - Motion to adopt by Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Tyler Loftus
 - **Proposal Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-02: Invitational Tournament Rosters**
 - Motion to adopt by Charlie Spetz, 2nd by Gary Williams
 - Motion to strike Paragraph D made by Charlie Spetz, 2nd by Gary Williams

- Motion passes to strike Paragraph D out of the proposal
 - Motion to adopt an Amendment to the Proposal by Stephane, 2nd by Jay Finnigan.
 - Motion Passes without opposition
 - Vote to adopt proposal as amended.
 - **Proposal Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-03: Player Eligibility**
 - Motion to adopt proposal by Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Frank McGady
 - After further discussion, a motion was made to postpone proposal to Annual Meeting in June by Jim Makey, 2nd by Charlie Spetz
 - **Proposal is Postoned to Annual Meeting in June without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-04: Financial Responsibility**
 - Motion to Adopt Proposal by Gary Williams, 2nd by Charlie Spetz
 - Motion to Amend language in Proposal Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Jim Makey
 - Motion Passes without opposition
 - Vote to adopt the proposal as amended
 - **Proposal is Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-05: Player Movement**
 - Motion to Adopt Proposal by Frank McGady, 2nd by Charlie Spetz
 - **Proposal is Defeated Unanimously**
- **2024 WM-06**
 - *Proposal was withdrawn prior to distribution.*
- **2024 WM-7: Youth to Junior Hockey in Season**
 - Motion to adopt the Proposal made by Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Dave Dorman
 - After discussion, motion to Table the Proposal by John Graves, 2nd by Vinnie Dicks
 - **Proposal is Tabled without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-08: Split Season Teams**
 - Motion to adopt the proposal by John Graves, 2nd by Frank McGady
 - Motion to amend the proposal by John Graves, 2nd by Jim Hunt
 - Amendment Passes by majority vote (35 Yes, 17 No)
 - Vote to adopt the proposal as amended.
 - **Proposal is Approved by majority vote (36 Yes, 18 No)**
- **2024 WM-09: Temporary Coaching Cards**
 - To clarify, April 1st is the date in the proposal.
 - Motion to adopt the Proposal by Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Jim Hunt
 - **Proposal Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-10: Tier I Girls National Bound Teams**
 - Motion to adopt the proposal by Tim Chase, 2nd by John Graves.
 - **Proposal Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-11: Girls Tier I Designation**
 - Motion to adopt the proposal by Glenn Hefferan, 2nd by Jim Binns
 - **Proposal Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-12: Tier I Club Practices**
 - Motion to adopt the proposal by John Graves, 2nd by John Geverd
 - **Proposal Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-13: ADM Compliance**
 - Motion to adopt by Maureen Thompson-Siegal, 2nd by Frank McGady
 - Motion to Postpone the Proposal by Patrick Choules, 2nd by Dave Jackson
 - Postponement of the Proposal does not Pass by Majority Vote
 - Motion to Table the Proposal by Patrick Choules, 2nd by Dave Jackson

- **Proposal is Tabled by Majority Vote**
- **2024 WM-14: USA Hockey Registry**
 - Motion to approve by John Geverd, 2nd by Jay Finnigan
 - **Proposal is Approved without opposition.**
- **2024 WM-15: Coaching Announcements**
 - Motion to Adopt the proposal by Stephane Charbonneau, 2nd by Dave Jackson
 - Motion to Table the Proposal by Frank McGady, 2nd by Gary Williams
 - **Motion to Table is Defeated by Majority Vote**
 - Motion to Postpone the Proposal by Jay Finnigan, 2nd by Mike Lichtenberger
 - **Proposal is Postoned to Annual Meeting in June by majority vote.**

Upcoming Events & Closing Comments

- District Playoffs: March 8th – 10th & 15th – 18th, 2024
- Full Ice Event: February 17th & 18th, 2024
- Upcoming Annual Meeting will be in June on a Saturday, Date TBD

Closing Comments

Acknowledgment and many thanks to Tony Montagna and his many years of service as AAHA District Registrar.