



2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – ZOOM MEETING

Date | time 6/23/2022 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Glenn Hefferan, President
Meeting Adjourned (motion from John Graves and Pete Rothman) 8:40 pm
Minutes respectfully submitted by Maureen Thompson Siegel, AAHA Secretary

In Attendance

61 members attended the meeting.

Voting Eligibility

Voting Members - 52
Simple Majority - 27
2/3 Majority - 34

Opening Comments

Glenn Hefferan – Moment of Silence

- Ron Goodman
 - John Magadeeney
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Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Winter 2022 virtual meeting were presented. They were distributed electronically via email to the directors before this meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Glenn Hefferan, seconded by Charlie McLaughlin. Approval of the minutes of the Winter 2022 meeting passed unanimously.

- All reports were distributed before the meeting.
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Treasurer's Report

AAHA Treasurer, Jake Geverd, presented the annual financial report. It was distributed prior to the meeting.

- Balance sheet was reviewed. See attachments. AAHA is in good standing.
- The budget is included in the package and accounts for all activities in the AAHA. Please feel free to reach out to Jake Geverd if any questions arise.
- Our accounting firm is McCarthy and Company. USAH also has their auditors review our books and they have access to our Quick Books files at all times.
- The tax return was filed timely last year and once the auditors are finished we will file this year's returns

A motion to approve the annual financial report and adopt the budget was made by Charlie McLaughlin and seconded by Frank McGady. Approval of financial report and budget passed unanimously.

President's Report

AAHA President, Glenn Hefferan, presented his annual report to the membership. It included the following:

- Thank you for all your efforts this year – officiating assignors, officials, master schedulers, rink owners and operators, club leadership, league leadership, players, parents and families. We could not have made it through this season without your efforts
- With the passing of Ron Goodman, Mike Lichtenberger has been appointed as the VP for Protests and Appeals. The Coach in Chief vacancy created by Mike’s position change is filled by Ryan Carter. The CIC candidates were reviewed by a committee (USAH Directors and Jim Mackey) and presented to the Coaching Education program personnel in the National Office. They have approved Ryan as the AAHA CIC.
- AAHA hosted the USA Hockey Warrior Classic at Flyers Training Center and Hollydell Arena and also hosted the USA Hockey Sled Classic presented by the NHL at the Ice Vault.
- We had two teams win at USAH Nationals – North Jersey Kings at 14AA and the Little Flyers Girls 14U-TII.
- We recently celebrated our 50th Anniversary and launched the inaugural Ed Snider Award for excellence and dedication to the growth of hockey in the PA area.
- Junior Championships were won by the NJ Rockets – USPHL, Jersey Hitmen – NCDC, NJ 87s – EHL and the NJ Titans – NAHL.
- USA Hockey Service awards were given to Pat Ferrill, Gene Palecco, Ray Ferry and Jay Finnigan.
- Adult programming – sent two teams to Labatts Pond Hockey Nationals
- Officiating instructors refresher seminar attended by 75 officiating instructors – service awards to Jim Doyle and Murray Seltzer
- Fuerza Strategy has done an outstanding job covering our sport on our social media channels. Please share any information you may have with them, and they will help promote the good work
- This is a meeting of the members of the AAHA. Regardless of background, we all come together to support the growth and common ground of ice hockey in the AAHA.

Executive Vice President’s Report

Executive Vice President Ray Ferry - no written report.

- USAH sub-committee on the retaining of officials – Jack Witt – Chair
 - Addressing reasons for why we do not retain officials - abuse of officials largest reason
 - Increased communication between officials and coaches – appropriate to the age group
 - Assignment of spectator monitors (one per each team)
 - Rink staff involvement

Vice President Reports

Annual reports from the Vice Presidents were distributed prior to the meeting.

- Ray Ferry announced that the USA Hockey block grant amount is \$103,581.00
- Adult hockey were hit pretty hard by Covid, please work to re-register these teams so our numbers get back to normal.
- US Ice Rinks – did not have NARCE again this year. Plans to move forward to in-person in 2022. Created educational content virtually – please reach out.
- Official retention committee – having issues retaining officials – identifying abuse of officials as the culprit. Key players are coaches and officials – work together to get better communication between these groups.

USA Hockey Director Reports

Annual reports were distributed prior to the meeting.

USA Hockey Appointee Reports

Annual reports submitted by the USA Hockey Appointees were distributed before the meeting.

- SafeSport – Pete Rothman
 - Training is moving to a 1-year renewal. 30 days before expiration, you will receive a reminder notice.
 - SafeSport training is a full course in year 1, then refresher courses in years 2 and 3. In year 4, you are required to take the full course again.
- Player Safety – Katelyn Ward
 - Free health screening – Monmouth Medical Center – it is a pilot program
 - Concussion reporting system is now live

AAHA Appointee Reports

Annual reports submitted by the AAHA Appointees were distributed before the meeting.

USA Hockey Reports

No National Office Members were in Attendance

Election Slate

Position	Candidate	Term
Vice President - Adult	Pat Ferrill	2022-2025
Vice President - High School	John Graves	2022-2025
Vice President - Rinks	Ken Anderson	2022-2025
USA Hockey Director III	Gene Palecco	2022-2025
USA Hockey Director IV	Frank McGady	2022-2025
Special Election		
Vice President - Protests and Appeals	Mike Lichtenberger	2022-2023

All positions were not challenged. They are re-elected via acclamation.

Annual Awards

Lou Manzione Scholarship

- New Jersey Recipient – Antonio Macaluso
- Pennsylvania/Delaware Recipient – Evan Bean

Daniel Triano Scholarship

- Recipient – Brett Fyrer

High School Player of the Year

- Recipient – Matt Harris

High School Player of the Year - Female

- Recipient – Mattie Robitzer

Disabled Disciplines Award

- Recipient – Kelsey Maguire - Philadelphia Blind Hockey

Coach of the Year – Youth

- o Nick Beatrice - Jersey Colts

Coach of the Year – Girls

- o Gina D’Amone - New Jersey Colonials

Coaching Education

- o Mike Lichtenberger

Official of the Year

- o Tim Holtz

New Leader Award

- o Ryan Carter

Volunteer of the Year

- o Keith Veltre and Dennis Ruppe - Hockey in New Jersey

AAHA Hall of Fame

- o Gene Palecco

Old Business

- None

New Business – Legislative Proposals

Only Zone Directors or acknowledged alternates and members of the AAHA Executive Board are permitted to vote. Electronic clickers were distributed for this purpose.

Proposal Number AM2022-01 – Player Eligibility (proposed by John Graves)

- Change in language to align with Player Agreement – a player may only roster with one Association with the exception of scholastic, recognized house league, or affiliate teams. Girls may roster on a girls team and a youth team in the same or another club.
- Motion for adoption by Gene Palecco and second by Charlie McLaughlin
- Executive Committee recommended approval
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-02 – Additions to Tier II Policy (proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel)

- To align Tier I and Tier II language, the proposed language is the current Tier I requirement added to Tier II.
- Motion to discuss by Pete Rothman and second by Frank McGady
- Executive Committee recommended to table
- Motion to **table**
- **Proposal tabled**

Proposal Number AM2022-03 – ADM Update (proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel)

- Updates 8U waiver language to reflect current practice
- Motion for adoption by Frank McGady and second by Charlie McLaughlin
- Executive Committee recommended approving
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-04 – Tryouts for all age groups after Nationals (proposed by Callie Smith)

- To bring all 12U and under tryout start dates to 48 hours after the end of Nationals, rather than Districts.
- Motion to discuss by Frank McGady and second by Gene Palecco

- Executive Committee recommended defeating

- **Proposal defeated**

Proposal Number AM2022-05 – Tournaments (proposed by Glenn Hefferan)

- Updates to Article IX Tournaments – mostly housekeeping
- Motion for adoption by Glenn Hefferan and second by Charlie McLaughlin
- Glenn moved to redact proposed section E(2), and revise proposed language in section G(3) to add in “District Tournament” games. Also, amend I(3) to add “in accordance with USA Hockey National Tournament Guidebook rules” remove “and adaptation of those rules.”
- Executive Committee recommended approving as amended
- Motion to **approve as amended**
- **Proposal approved as amended**

Proposal Number AM2022-06 – Tier II Selection Committee (proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel)

- Align committee structure for Tier I and Tier II. The new language matches the Tier I Committee structure.
- Motion for adoption by Glenn Hefferan and second by Jake Geverd
- Executive Committee recommended approving
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-07 – National Tournament Classification Approval (proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel)

- Each Association to declare advancement path by November 30th of the current season for the next season.
- Motion for adoption by Tony Montagna and second by Gene Palecco
- Executive Committee recommended to approve
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-08 – Home Rink/Ownership (proposed by Glenn Hefferan)

- Associations to designate one facility as its home facility
- Motion to discuss by Glenn Hefferan and second by Gene Palecco
- Executive Committee recommended to table
- Motion to **table**
- **Proposal tabled**

Proposal Number AM2022-09 - Housekeeping (proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel)

- Remove tryout dates from Rules Book; Remove team matrix count from Rules book; remove Tiering Application form from Rules Book – all are posted on AAHA website or handled electronically
- Motion for adoption by Glenn Hefferan and second by Jake Geverd
- Executive Committee recommended approving
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-10 – Tier II Youth National Bound Championship Playoff Format Defined (proposed by Patrick Choules)

- To determine a defined path to Districts and Nationals for all teams and leagues
- Motion for adoption by Glenn Hefferan and second by Rob Broderick
- Executive Committee recommended discussing
- Discussion included that these requirements are not in accordance with our Bylaws. Glenn recommended that a committee be formed to reflect all entities, and they work together to develop an equitable format with announcements made by August 1st.
- Motion to **table**

- **Proposal tabled (electronic roll call used – 36/14)**

Proposal Number AM2022-11 – Tier II Youth AAHA Championship Playoff Format Defined (proposed by Patrick Choules)

- To determine a defined path to Districts for all teams and leagues
- Proposal dies for lack of a motion
- **Proposal dies for lack of a motion**

Proposal Number AM2022-12 – Criteria for Determining Tier I AAA Designations – Tier I Girls Teams (proposed by Patrick Choules)

- To promote a commitment to increasing girls hockey participation in the AAHA
- Proposal dies for lack of a motion
- **Proposal dies for lack of a motion**

Proposal Number AM2022-13 – Tier I Girls Feeder Program Criteria (proposed by Patrick Choules)

- Introduce a feeder program requirement for current Tier I girls programs much like a feeder program requirement currently in place for prospective Tier I programs
- Motion to discuss by Patrick Choules and second by Tim Chase
- Proposal recommends that existing Tier I Associations that do not field teams for two seasons are subject to losing status
- Voting to end debate passes (**electronic roll call used – 36/11**)
- Executive Committee recommended defeating
- Motion to **defeat**
- **Proposal is defeated**

Proposal Number AM2022-14 – Tier II Girls National Bound Championship Defined (proposed by Patrick Choules)

- To determine a defined path to Districts and Nationals for all girls' teams and leagues
- Proposal dies for lack of a motion
- **Proposal dies for lack of a motion**

Proposal Number AM2022-15 – Bylaw – Governance of AAHA (proposed by Glenn Hefferan)

- To align board positions with USAH structure – eliminate the Chair of the Board position and institute the Past-President position
- Motion to discuss by Gene Palecco and second by Frank McGady
- Executive Committee recommended approval
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-16 – Bylaw – Election of Zone Director Alternates (proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel)

- Proposed change to decrease the requirement to 50% for alternate zone director positions.
- Motion to discuss by Frank McGady and second by Charlie McLaughlin
- Executive Committee recommended approval
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

Proposal Number AM2022-17 – Girls Tier I and Tier II designations (proposed by John Graves)

- Revision to rule to reflect 12% as opposed to 3 teams as long as it doesn't conflict with USAH rules
- Motion to adopt by John Graves and second by Gene Palecco
- Executive Committee recommended to approve
- Motion to **approve**
- **Proposal approved**

- Announcement of Tournament Dates - on the AAHA website. A motion was made by Dan May and second by Jake Geverd to change the TII boys (8/10/12U) date to start Monday, March 20 – same date as TII girls (**electronic role call used – 26/15/3**) – motion fails. Dates remain as proposed.
- Announcement of Tryout Dates – on the AAHA website.
- Celebrating women in the AAHA over the next year. Please submit names of females that have been engaged for 15 years or more.
- Please support officiating growth and retention.

Next Meeting

The AAHA 2023 Winter meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 26, 2023**.



ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Holiday Inn of East Windsor - 399 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, NJ - Auditorium

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 – 7:00 PM

- Call to Order – Roll Call – Proof of Notice
- Announcement of Annual Awards (presentation to be held at a separate event – included in distribution*)
- Minutes of Winter meeting (included in distribution*)
- Treasurer's Report – Jake Geverd (included in distribution*)
- President's Report – Glenn Hefferan
- USA Hockey Appointee's Reports – (included in distribution*)
- AAHA Vice President Reports – (included in distribution*)
- AAHA Appointee Reports – (included in distribution*)
- Bylaw, Rules and Regulations Proposals (included in distribution*)
- Election of Officers and USA Hockey Director(s) (included in distribution*)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcement of Tournament dates/locations (included in distribution*)
- Announcement of 2023 Tryout dates
- Announcement of 2023 AAHA Board of Directors Winter Meeting
- Adjourn

*Distribution of reports to occur shortly before this meeting to accommodate updates from the USAH Annual Congress