



IAHA FALL MEETING Draft Minutes September 7, 2019

Wood River YMCA
101 Saddle Rd
Ketchum, ID 83340

In attendance: John Heinrich (IAHA President - voting), Joanne Tirocke (IAHA Secretary – PYHA proxy Jeremy Foss), Chris McAvoy (SV – voting), Nancy Fenn (SV), Heather Daves (SV – voting), Sarah Benson (Hailey Ice), Carla Cerchione (BYAHA – proxy Jan-Erik Peterson), Krista Howard (BYAHA - proxy Russel Des Jardins), Jodi Adkins (PBGHA), Kory Scoran (BAHA-IIW – voting and proxy Jeff Borders), Jared Bragg (Salmon – voting), Travis James (BAHA-IIW – voting), Brian Green (Teton Valley – proxy Willy Warner), Brent Horvath (IF), Jessica Baird (IF – proxy John Rifelj), Marv Jackman (IF – voting), Bill Combo (IF – voting), Dave Patrie (SV Officials)

Attending virtually (computer or phone): Gordon Murdoch (IAHA VP), Shelly Lehto (IAHA Registrar), Craig Perseo (McCall - voting), Jeremiah Coburn (LC - proxy Brian Thomas), Elliot Taub (CDAHA – voting), Bob Nelson (CDAHA - voting), Chet Hervey (PYHA – voting), Mike Schroeder (CDA Academy), Chad O'Brien (SV – voting), Tommy Jones (ADM Goaltending)

Continental Breakfast 9:00 – 9:30 AM – Wood River YMCA

1. Call to Order and Quorum – J. Heinrich

Question on quorum, at roll call 19 voting directors tallied out of 24

Registrar's Report Part I – Shelly Lehto (promoted in agenda because Shelly was only available for a short period of time)

By number of players, Boise would add a voting director for a total of 4 voting directors for the 2019 -2020 season. Hard copy spreadsheet of player numbers was distributed at spring meeting. Potential problem would be players that are dual or multiply rostered; 2000 were dual rostered. Suggested using primary association (where player practices), allowing one association per individual, then use number of players claimed. Further discussion was had indicating that dual rostered players would cancel each other out so a dually rostered player doesn't give one association an advantage. Six hundred unclaimed players, not attached to a local association, can be claimed without being on a roster. Shelly ran through number of adult teams at rinks. Many adult leagues/programs are not set up as associations with By-Laws, Board, Policies and Procedures (P&P), etc. For associations, we need to ensure that they are adhering to criteria. Action item is to request and collect association documents for review and verify that associations are in good standing with respect to IAHA P&P prior to the spring meeting.

Presentation by Dave Patrie, SV Official, USAH Declaration of Safety, Fair Play and Respect Video and Q&A <https://www.usahockey.com/declaration>

The USAH video was shown. This initiative is not about a rule change. It is about working to apply the rules correctly and removing responses to negative behavior and the encouragement of illegal acts. Positive responses such as celebrating a goal are ok. Sticks should be on the ice, attempts being made to play the puck, and the execution of legal checks. Players should keep their heads and minimize dangerous contact. When an illegal action occurs, 2 penalties will be called if there is cheering from the bench of the offending player. The role of coaching/referring clinics in providing meaningful discussion (e.g a player who has lost his stick can still make a legal check, what is acceptable in football may not be in hockey) was brought up. The initiative needs community (parents, coaches, etc.) support and consistent application. Encourage the sharing of this video with all association members.

2. Approval of Spring '19 Meeting Minutes – J. Heinrich

Chad O'Brien (SV -voting) was present in person but he was not identified in the minutes. Heather Daves motioned to approve spring minutes with the correction, Kory Scoran seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

3. Association Reports – All

Association reports were submitted by CDA Academy, Idaho Falls, LCAHA, PYHA, Salmon, Hailey Ice, PBGHA and SVYHA. Reports were also received from the President, Referee-in-Chief, Registrar, SafeSport Coordinator, and Grant Coordinator. All submitted reports were shared via email. Reports appear in Appendix A.

4. President's Report – J. Heinrich

Board members need to be up to date on their background screenings. Comments included request for link to the background screening (supplied), it took two tries for screening to complete for another board member, it worked for member as an official (officials' screenings won't cross over). Tips included using the exact same name as USAH registration, look for messaging at bottom of the screening page to indicate completion, the screening must be completed through the IAHA website. A successful screening process consists of the message "screened complete" at the bottom of the page, then it takes 2-3 days for it to show up in the Portal. Shelly indicated that she would typically send an email when a coach shows up red-lined on a roster.

Idaho's Grow the Game (8U) player numbers are up by 47% overall with 124% growth in new players over the 2018-2019 year. There were 11 sites hosting Try Hockey for Free events with 300 participants. The use of Club Excellence by Idaho associations (57%) puts Idaho in the top ranks nationally. John encouraged associations that aren't using Club Excellence to look into it. Action item: gather and send Club Excellence information out.

5. Treasurer's Report – J. Heinrich

A. Financials – IAHA in the black on Player Development Camp (PDC), in the red on state and HS Tournaments. Need to get budgets for post-season events, including officials, developed more quickly and tournament fee information distributed earlier.

Scheduling and costs depend on number of teams participating. Team deposit of \$500 due before 12/31, should expect total cost to be between \$1200 and \$1500 per team. Ice cost in Sun Valley will be \$266.

B. Budget & Updates – IAHA’s books were audited in October 2018 and the audits are on a 3-year cycle. USA Hockey hires a contractor to complete the audit. Currently there is no allocation to address unexpected issues and a “rainy day fund” was discussed which could be a separate account, outside of operating expenses, that could be used under limited circumstances but wouldn’t be too restrictive to access if needed.

Background screening costs exceeded budgeted amount by almost double? and costs are expected to increase by a third per screening (\$20 to \$30). Action: John will contact Sportsengine to address multiple duplicated screenings and costs which resulted from issues with linking their system with USAH’s. Action: John will look into USA Hockey grants to affiliates to help with screening costs.

C. IAHA Matching Grant – funding level – The matching grant amount will be the same as last year’s funding level of 2/3 of funds spent, up to \$1200 with an \$800 return, for dollars spent on approved USAH initiatives. Action: Relay information to Grant Coordinator, see if he is willing to process applications as they come in.

6. Registrar’s Report – S. Lehto

Requirements for high school (HS) players were discussed: students need to be full-time (also full academic year), in good academic standing, and not be more than 4 years on the HS team. They have to be eligible to play other sports at their HS. If they don’t meet that eligibility requirement, then they can’t play in Nationals. Ice hockey is not an Idaho HS Activities Association sanctioned sport so no access to grades (FERPA). Suggestion was made that parents need to get info to coaches since no other avenue to get grades.

Teams may only be registered for one sanctioned federation, either US or Canada, not both.

Sanctioning of events – There is too much risk associated with alumni games; they will not be sanctioned. When there is a gathering of 3 teams or more, then a special event sanction is required. Question was raised regarding league gatherings when no winner is declared. Shelly will check with Darla for clarification. Tournament sanction applications are due 30 days in advance of the tournament to allow for the approval process to occur. Checks go to USA Hockey. Sanction rules that need be addressed can be found on pp. 155-156* of the Guidebook. The challenge of scheduling 30 days in advance of a gathering of teams, not a tournament where a winner is declared, was noted. Further discussion revolved around association exchanges and the need for sanctioning of these types of events.

*Note from Annual Guide: (3) Applications must be accompanied by a copy of the full rules, regulations, and the complete procedures of the tournament. Where a tournament desires to use exceptions to the rules and regulations of USA Hockey, such

exceptions must be approved in advance by the appropriate registrar and the host affiliate association.

Registrar hours: Shelly will be OFF – Friday, noon through Sunday evening. Please plan accordingly.

ADM Report, Part I – T. Jones (phone)

There will be a Bronze level Goalie Clinic on October 19 at Idaho Ice World. Bronze and Silver level clinics are held at the state level and the Gold level is national. Completion of the clinic counts as a coaching level and is good if you need to move up a level (1 to 2, or 2 to 3). This is strictly goalie coaching and has an on ice-component. Steve Thompson, USAH, is going to be there.

7. SafeSport Report – J. Heinrich

IAHA has already received anonymous reports this season. All reports are taken seriously and have to be investigated but many are vague and there is no way to communicate with the reporter. Some associations are reporting impacts on board members, extensive time spent investigating, disruptions, and a resulting toxic environment of distrust. One opinion expressed that the frequency of the reports and the minimal amount of useful information in them make them a form of bullying and harassment in and of themselves. It was suggested that IAHA adopt some strong language regarding sanctions, including dismissal, which may occur if there is continued frivolous reporting.

Action: Request for Bill Combo to put some proactive language together which can be shared with associations

8. Girls Hockey Report – S. Benson

IAHA has graduated a lot of girls this past season but there are amazing numbers coming up. Potential teams are

U19: Idaho Falls, Sun Valley, Polar Bears, Salmon, CDA Academy (Girls Varsity, playing in the Canadian League)

U16: doesn't exist in Idaho

U14: Boise, Idaho Falls, Salmon, Possibly Polar Bears

U12: Boise, CDAHA, Possibly Sun Valley

Team Idaho Vipers (19U) Tryouts for higher level play, last year they were district winners and went to Nationals in NY. Seems that the Vipers could have a strong 14U team.

Girls Festival will be in Hailey, working on dates with the fewest conflicts. Planet Hockey Camp in Idaho Falls, 10/25. CDAHA's girls program includes 10U tournament

team, 12U tournament team, and a 19U tournament team. They've had an influx of younger girls.

9. Webmaster Report – N. Emerizy via J. Heinrich

Please send articles of interest to be posted on the website. The Rocky Mountain District website license has expired. It was suggested that the district with all its resources should be able to decouple from IAHA and maintain their own website.

10. Grant Chairman Report

Motion by Heather Daves to maintain grant funding at the 2/3 level, refunding up to \$800 for up to \$1200 in qualifying expenses, for the 2019-2020 season. Seconded by Kory Scoran. No opposition.

11. Risk Management Report – J. Heinrich

Brad Andrews was thanked for his time in this position. Mark Enegren will assume this position jointly with the SafeSport Coordinator position. Lots of affiliates have successfully combined this role.

12. Coach-in-Chief Report – J. Heinrich/G. Murdoch

Delay in scheduling of the coaching clinics, they should be available in the next couple of weeks. Email Jim D. if concerned, many affiliates have their clinics posted in August and earlier. Sun Valley coaching clinic (July) went off very well and brought in a lot of experienced coaches from the Vegas Knights, Buffalo Sabres, NY Islanders, etc. IF will have clinic(s) on October 9.

13. ADM Report, Part II – K. Scoran

Kory has his schedule pretty much set so contact him and make visit requests. He wants to include parent meetings and off-ice time with coaches. A couple of practices in a row are ok.

14. Referee-in-Chief Report – Dave Patrie shared video and had discussion following earlier in agenda

15. Grow the Game Coordinator – J. Rifelj

Register with USAH to enroll in the program. They provide helpful organizational tips, marketing, etc. to get your program going.

16. Old Business

A. Updates on Action Items from Spring Meeting

P&P committee met via Zoom meeting in August and updates to the P&P are a work in progress. Specific items identified that could be addressd are: use of Idaho in a team name, screening charges, play up considerations including when a player is moving from a non-check to a checking division, HS Tournament ranking procedure, Tier II criteria including teams defined as being community based or state based, announcement of open tryouts on website or as dissemination to all associations, and release of information regarding the number of on-ice hours and participation cost.

Heather Daves motioned that the High school state tournament will have both an A and B flight when number of registered teams allows. A committee of high school coaches will look at team record and level of play to determine each team's seed and in which flight they will participate. Each team will still meet the required 7/10 games to participate in the state tournament. Any national bound team must participate in the A flight. Kory Scoran and Brian Greene seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

Bobby Noyes is willing to collect HS team scoresheets and compile their schedule and record to facilitate the committee work.

Acknowledge that By-Law work will need assistance of attorney. Ben Worst has been contacted. IAHA should make a provision to pay for his time. Existing document length is 13 pages, new document may be longer, suggest a flat fee rather than a per page charge. Chris McAvoy motioned that IAHA allow for fees not to exceed \$1500 for the legal work needed on updating the By-Laws. Kory Scoran seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

B. Play Up Committee (committee considerations, table of decision-making process)
The role of the Play Up Committee is to either make a recommendation to the board or make an outright approval with the understanding that the committee always has the option to solicit input (vote) of all the directors.

Play up considerations should include SafeSport concerns such as locker room situations, whether a player is being coerced to play up, has the ability and maturity to play up, has the support of their association's board and coaches. A player who is not played up by his/her home association may not be borrowed/loaned to be played up at another association. A 13 year old girl on a 19U team signed off on the consequences of playing up, knew risks, and (but maybe not) liability down the road.

The affiliate has to trust local associations to advance only appropriate requests. By following sound decisions and policy then USAH coverage should apply. Always consider player safety, follow established policy; USAH does not have a play up policy.

The Registrar approves the roster and can note on the roster that the "Play up waivers have been approved by a vote of the IAHA Board of Directors."

Kory Scoran motioned to dissolve the play up committee and place all waiver request votes before the Voting Directors. Marv Jackman seconded. No opposition, motion approved.

Brian Greene motioned that the supporting documentation (play up packet) which needs to accompany a play up waiver request and provide the most background for making an informed decision includes:

- Parent play up request and support letter

- Letter of association approval
- Letter from current coach as to appropriateness of request
- Letter from the play up coach as to the suitability of the player for play up
- Waiver of liability
- Acknowledgment that the association approval process has included a discussion between the family and the local association of the potential positive and negative consequences of playing up.

Marv Jackman seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

Process for play-up will be included in updates to P&P.

C. Girls' Festival – Discussed earlier

D. Team Idaho Teams (Boys)

If IAHA can't form team from solely Idaho players but wants to give as many interested ID players the opportunity to participate in a showcase, may need to invite out of state players to fill squad. Would need to put in language in P&P to allow for recruitment of players from other states that aren't represented otherwise (some ID players have participated with Oregon team). Events to participate in include St Louis Showcase - HS juniors and seniors and other tournaments that don't conflict with season. Discussed finding players at PDC through evaluations but will miss seniors, not in attendance at PDC. Talk to sophomores and build to showcase team

E. Voting Directors Determination and Numbers for 2019 -2020 season

Two categories of voting members are identified. Some voting, some non-meeting? Every association has a vote in one category and in the other the number of voting directors is based on the number of registered players. It was suggested that associations should have a vote to determine their voting directors. Most boards are already elected and certain positions such as association President are designated as being a voting director.

If a player is paying registration fees with an association than he/she should be claimed as a registrant. The number of voting directors is based on the number of registered players:

Number of Registered Players in an Association	Number of Association Voting Directors
1 - 99	1
100-199	2
200-299	3
300+	4

Bill Combo motioned that IAHA suspend to implement the team criteria for the determination of the number of voting directors in lieu of the use of the number of registered players until which time the amendments are made. Kory Scoran seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

F. Blue Pucks

The use of blue pucks in the development of skill at 10U is encouraged by ADM. The decision made at the fall 2018 meeting to adopt USAH policy to recommend the use of blue pucks at 10U but not dictate it was supported by Herb Pollard in correspondence (Appendix B).

For the sanctioning of tournaments at 10U, the type of puck which will be used should be stated. The decision to rescind the mandatory use of blue pucks (IAHA P&P 2.9) stands.

G. Play Up Violations

Tabled from the Spring 2019 meeting was the discussion of a potential play up violation where a 12 year old played in a 19U Girls hockey game. The game was house/rec and was intra-association. That association defines their Girls House program as 12U-19U. Argument that any house/rec team can play any other house/rec team as long as all players are USAH registered. These teams don't have to be rostered (no play up violation since not rostered). The game was used (gamesheet was submitted) to qualify 1 player for participation in the state tournament. Statement was made that all (majority) of Idaho is house/rec so teams which submitted Salmon tournament gamesheets for qualification of players for the state tournament should not have been contested if any games are acceptable in the team/player (7/5) game requirement.

HS team in Utah are not USAH rostered, your association assumes the risk if the teams you play are not USAH rostered.

H. Vacancies and Challenges to Filling Them

IAHA is looking (still) to fill the Treasurer and Webmaster positions. No interest has been expressed by serving members to fill these positions. Treasurer is an important position but not mandated. Option is to hire a bookkeeper to write checks and keep Quickbooks. Obligation of each of IAHA's associations to contribute to the affiliate. Each association should inform their membership of the need and put forth a nominee for the position. It would be beneficial to have a job description and time commitment made available so volunteers can evaluate their ability to assist. Usually fairly busy in February and March with post-season events collections and payouts. Action: Request a statement from the recent Treasurer regarding responsibilities and time commitment including when demand is greatest.

I. PDC in McCall

Hosting association (McCall) was pro-active in securing lodging contract and communicating that. Community constraints means rising accommodation costs as the event gets closer and we want to secure a reasonable rate. Onus is on attendees to reserve rooms in advance and plan ahead. Hosting association is comping 17 hours of

ice (at \$240/hr) to off-set the costs of coming to McCall. It was suggested that PDC registration should close earlier to force families to think about it sooner. There will probably still be walk-ins and they will bear the burden of any lodging issues (scarcity, cost, etc).

The response to last year's PDC was extremely positive. Kudos were extended to the organizers because it was even if it was a selection process, it was a true developmental opportunity. Attendees were impressed with the quality of the coaches and felt that coaches were emphasizing the same messages that were coming from local coaches. Players would like to see more personal feedback. The visiting coaches have had good reception and are having fun; they feel appreciated by the players and parents. PDC is for defined age groups and there was an underage girl there which should not be occurring.

17. New Business

A. Proposed changes to P & P – discussed earlier

B. Affiliate Membership Agreement -

C. Suggestions for By-Law Updates

D. Use of Idaho for Girls' state team – 1 year provision expired

Heather Daves motioned that the use of "Idaho" for any select team may be requested and needs to be approved for use. Jessica Baird/Kory Scoran seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

E. State Contact for Sled Hockey

A presentation at Congress? by the Wounded Warrior Foundation? There are national resources to support the development of sled hockey programs. Idaho Falls, Hailey, and Coeur d'Alene have some form of program. During PDC in Michigan, they had an exhibition game. Higher Ground, a group local to Ketchum, will do a sled hockey/wheelchair curling demo in Hailey at the end of March 2020. Jeremiah Coburn (LC) is involved with Wounded Warrior. Action: Sarah Benson will put John H. in contact with Higher Ground.

18. Date and Venue for Spring Meeting

Kory Scoran motioned that the IAHA Spring 2020 meeting take place in Boise at Idaho Ice World on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Jessica Baird seconded. No opposition; motion approved.

19. Adjournment

Heather Daves motioned to adjourn at 2:52 PM. Kory Scoran seconded. No opposition, meeting adjourned.

Appendix A – Pollard letter regarding use of blue pucks at 10U

FW: Blue Puck Use Thoughts

From: John B. Heinrich (jbh@svbroker.net)
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Date: Friday, May 17, 2019, 02:54 PM PDT

FYI

From: Herb & Kelly Pollard <pollard6@live.com>
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To: Mike Lehto <mlehto007@gmail.com>
Cc: John Rifelj <johnrifelj@gmail.com>, IAHA President <president@idahoamateurhockey.com>
Subject: Blue Puck Use Thoughts

Mike,

Here are my thoughts on the use of Blue pucks at the U10 level.

As currently written in the IAHA Policies and Procedures

2.9 MANDATORY USE OF BLUE PUCKS

It is mandatory for all Idaho teams playing at the squirt level and below level to use the blue lightweight pucks during games and practices within Idaho.

As currently written in the USA Hockey official rules 2017-21

Rule 306 Puck

(a) The puck shall be made of vulcanized rubber or other approved material, one inch thick and three inches in diameter and shall weigh between 5 ½ ounces and 6 ounces and be black in color.

(b) For the 8 & under (Youth) and for the 8 & under (Girls') and below age classifications, it is required that the puck weigh between 4 ounces and 4 ½ ounces and be blue in color. It is strongly recommended that the lightweight blue puck be used in all 10 & under (Youth and Girls') age classifications.

My opinion, after just coaching both squirt house and travel skaters for the last two years, is that the USA Hockey rule says it as I would want it. If IAHA feels that we need to legislate this tighter then I would suggest we have a bigger issue. Creating language in our policies and procedures that is more restrictive interferes with a squirt coach's ability to adjust the puck use for player development.

If IAHA has an issue with coaches understanding USA Hockey's direction for age specific player development, then maybe we need to create a coaches expectation procedure. Then we could focus on those behaviors that are counterproductive to skater development. Having played against teams from most of the Idaho affiliate organizations last year I would say most of the programs seem to get it. My experience, working in a world where policies and procedures are used to correct the transgressions of a few at the expense of the many, we shouldn't try to do the same.

If we have a few areas in the state that are not performing to our expectations we should address those associations independently.

These are just my thoughts. I am more than happy to help with this if it is decided that we need to do more than what we have already done.

Thank You,

Herb Pollard

VP IFYHA

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Appendix B – Association Fall 2019 Reports



REFEREE IN CHIEF: 2019 Fall Report to IAHA

Bobby Noyes: Idaho State Supervisor of Officials

District News: Declaration of Safety, Fair Play and Respect

THIS IS HUGE. PLEASE READ AND GO TO THIS SITE ON THE WEB.

When the USA Hockey Board of Directors ratified the Declaration of Safety, Fair Play and Respect in June of 2019 its intent was to create a culture that eliminates: 1) hits to the head, 2) hits from behind and 3) late hits.

The onus on modifying the culture lies with everyone in the game, from players, coaches and officials to media, parents, fans and administrators.

While the focus of the Declaration is largely around changing the culture and mindset involved with body checking, there is also language that deals with unsportsmanlike conduct centered around banging on the boards to celebrate a body check.

Also, in regard to body checking, the video shares examples of acceptable and unacceptable body checking to help educate all involved in the sport as to the intent of the Declaration, which is focused on player safety and moving our sport forward.

PLEASE GO TO: and **watch the video at the bottom of the page!** And read the “full text” of the document titled “Declaration of Safety, Fair Play and Respect.”

<https://www.usahockey.com/page/show/5124373-declaration-of-safety-fair-play-and-respect>

Finally, this is NOT a rule change. It is a directive from the USA Board of Directors to enforce the rules as currently in the rule book.

Registration change reminders:

Cost to register for level 1 is \$45, for all others (level 2, 3 or 4) is \$90

An official can only stay as level 1 for two years and then must “level up”, unless they are under 16 years of age

All open book tests now have 50 questions, used to be 100 for all levels other than level 1

Open book tests are level specific, used to be one test for all levels

On line modules predicted study time has been reduced

Seminars: We are currently offering these seminars this fall.

Aug 15	level 2 & 3	Boise at Idaho Ice World
Aug 17	level 1	Boise at Idaho Ice World
Sept 8	level 1, 2 & 3	CDA/Post Falls, Frontier Ice Arena
Sept 28/29	level 4	Boise at Idaho Ice World
Oct 6	level 1, 2 & 3	Idaho Falls at Marmo/Lehto Ice Rink
Oct 13	level 1, 2 & 3	CDA/Post Falls at Frontier Ice Arena
Oct 13	level 1, 2 & 3	Hailey at Champion Ice House
Oct 26	level 1, 2 & 3	Moscow
Nov 16	level 1, 2 & 3	Salmon

Seminars in McCall and Lewiston have yet to be scheduled. There may be another seminar offered in Boise as well, TBD.



The Coeur d'Alene Hockey Academy for the 2018-2019 season fielded two teams that participated in the CSSHL (Canadian Sports School Hockey League) A boys Midget Varsity team and a Girls Varsity team.

For the 2019-2020 season:

Please be advised that the Coeur d'Alene Hockey Academy has a Boys Midget Varsity Team, Girls Varsity Team in the CSSHL (Canadian Sports School Hockey League), in addition CDAHA has added a U18 Team, and a Bantam Team for the 2019/2020 Season.

Spring Hockey: The CDA Hockey Academy fielded 5 teams with 81 hockey players. Under a completely new staff, we were pleasantly surprised by the overall success and services delivered through our academy. Being a developmental hockey academy, we believe in the promotion of hockey and developing our athletes on and off the ice to be better citizens.

Throughout the summer, CDA Hockey Academy hosted five summer camps with over 120 participants.

In the off season, CDA Hockey Academy hired two additional coaches: Maik Tatavosian, Skills Coach, U18 Head Coach and Facility Coordinator. Monica Elvin, Girls Varsity Asst. Coach, Goalie Asst. Coach.

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Salmon Hockey Association

Fall 2019 Report to IAHA:

2019-2020 Season Expectations

- We expect to field 5 divisions next season: Mites, Squirts, Peewees, Boys High School and Girls U19. We are expecting to only have 6 Bantam youth players and once again will be looking for opportunities to combine with Bantam teams.
- We are expecting a similar skating season, tournament dates, and registered teams
- Salmon's head official and scheduler will remain the same as last year. Our registrar Fritz Cluff has asked to take the season off so we have replaced him with Kim Nelson.

Visit www.salmonhockey.org for Association updates and information

Jared Bragg
President, Salmon Hockey Association

**Fall 2019
Grant Coordinator's Report to IAHA:**

2018-2019 Cycle Report

Nothing new from the report that has changed from the Spring IAHA Meeting: Out of all the approved local associations, we had five apply for the matching block grant for the 2018-2019 grant cycle due Jan 31, 2019. Those associations applying for the grant was CDAHA, Lewis & Clark, Palouse, Sun Valley, and Teton. For this grant cycle it was decided that IAHA would match 2:3 for a maximum of \$800 for a \$1,200 purchase within the approved USA Hockey categories.

Timing: The matching grant requests are reviewed by the IAHA Grant Coordinator and IAHA President in February with final comments usually taking place around the time of the State Tournaments. Signed approvals and checks to the successful associations are targeted for the end of March. Reports to USA Hockey and budget request for the next year's matching grants are due mid-May.

2019 Approved Expenditure Categories used by local IAHA associations:

Growth Program: New Skater Recruitment	\$754.54
Growth Program: Loaner equipment for youth-aged skaters	\$1,092.04
One Goal Program	\$1,954.96

As you can see, with reduced number of applications, total approved expenditures was down from years past.

I would ask that the IAHA board review the matching grant request amount which currently sits at a 2:3 match on up to \$1,200 expenditures to ensure that this level is sustainable for 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Knudson, IAHA Grant Coordinator

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Fall 2019 Hailey Ice Report

Hailey Ice is looking forward to our fifth season at the Champion Ice House. We brought the ice back up this summer for three weeks, July 13-August 2. Overspeed Hockey once again ran some amazing camps for us. We held our first ever Adult Weekend Warrior camp and then two weeks of youth camp. The camp was well attended and the coaching staff was phenomenal. We had players from all over the United States including regional players from Boise, McCall, Idaho Falls, Teton and Jackson Hole. The coaches also participated in a Level 1-3 coaching clinic while they were here.

We will begin our startup September 19th and will be open September 24rd. We will once again host tournaments for all levels for SVYH at the Champion Ice House. We will offer “Learn to Skate” Programs and will be creating a house league with Saturday games monthly. We will also have a Mountain High Hockey minicamp on December 31, 2019. We look forward to hosting (venue) IAHA State this year February 28-March 1, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Benson

Rink Manager Champion Ice House
Executive Director Hailey Ice



September 1, 2019

President's report

As always, I'm looking forward to the new hockey season. We are all gearing up, scheduling tournaments, registering players, and getting our background screening and SafeSport certifications. As you may know by now, all board members must be screened and completed the SafeSport training prior to the beginning of the season.

Gordon Murdoch and Mark Enegren attended USAH Annual Congress with me in June. This was extremely helpful in covering all of the meetings. Both Mark and Gordon have proven to be great additions to IAHA.

On the National scene, numbers are up in registered players, coaches, and officials. Our Boys and Girls 8 & under grew by 47%, with 441 new players for a 124% growth over last year. We had 300 participants across 11 host sites in the National Try Hockey for Free Days. EXCELLENT! We are 2nd (57%) in the Nation for local associations that are using the Club Excellence program.

This is an important meeting with much to discuss and vote on. I want to thank the Policy and Procedure committee for jump starting the updating of our P & P manual. This is our Bible and it is a necessary that we continue to make improvements that fit our needs as we go forward.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you that do so much for your local associations and for assisting in the governance of IAHA. There is still much to be accomplished and we need your help to achieve what is best for Idaho hockey. With that being said I am asking for more help. We need to replace our treasurer, webmaster, and committee members. Please let me know if you or anyone in your organization would be willing to step up and help us lighten our load. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Heinrich

IAHA Safesport Coordinator Report

GENERAL

Since taking over as Safesport Coordinator this summer I had the privilege of attending the Annual Congress and learning more about USAH's move to comply with new federal laws and guidelines and their partnership with USOC and the Center for Safesport. In general, the changes that will affect our affiliate most will be ensuring that all volunteers that have contact with any minor athletes must be screened and have taken Safesport. Additionally, all 17-year-old athletes playing on teams where minors could be rostered must be have Safesport training.

USAH is mandating that our affiliate Safesport policy include the following:

- The Affiliate shall cause all volunteers and employees over the age of eighteen (18) that will have regular, routine or frequent access to youth participants to be screened prior to such volunteers or employees having such access. An approved screen shall be valid for two (2) years. All previously screened persons must be re-screened every two (2) years.
- The Affiliate shall select one or more screening vendors and shall require that all Member Programs have the required volunteers and employees (see below) screened through the Affiliate's vendors in compliance with the Affiliate's screening program.
- All screens of coaches and officials, and all other volunteers and employees in USA Hockey Member Programs over the age of eighteen (18) that will have regular access to or supervision over minor participants, must at a minimum include a "national" screen that covers a national criminal database, the sex offender registries for all 50 states, and every county database in which the applicant has lived during the previous five (5) years.
- The Affiliate's screening policy shall require that the following persons be screened in accordance with this policy:
 - 1. Members of the Affiliate Board of Directors
 - 2. Member Program administrators, including board members, hockey directors and other program staff who have regular access to or supervision over minor participants
 - 3. Coaches
 - 4. Team managers
 - 5. Officials
 - 6. Locker room monitors
 - 7. Team drivers (unless professional transportation companies are used)
 - 8. Travel chaperones
 - 9. Everyone with regular access to youth participants

CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS

There is currently on ongoing investigation involving a non-member that was arrested for child pornography. That person was served a summary suspension with the timeline for appeals waived pending outcome of criminal cases.

Additionally, we continue to receive anonymous complaints involving a local program and IAHA as respondents. These reports have no basis as investigation has shown yet they continue to plague the system and appear to be spurious accusations from a disgruntled person trying to sow havoc. Nonetheless, I have contacted the President of the local program and a plan has been formulated to deal with these continuing accusations in a more direct manner which will hopefully result in fewer or zero continued allegations being made through the USAH reporting system.

Copies of our most current Safesport log have been forwarded to both IAHA President John Heinrich and Vice-President Gordon Murdoch.

RECOMMENDATIONS

SCREENING COMPANY

At the request of the affiliate president, I have contacted new vendors to check about pricing for screenings. I attempted to contact The National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI), the company that USOC will be contracting with for background screenings, but they failed to return calls, emails and web inquiries. I also contacted Sterling Volunteers and spoke with Troy Gerber who offered a "Responsible Sports Organization" package at \$30 dollars per screening. He feels that their system will prevent double screenings as everyone directed to their interface will be required to enter biological data and create an individual account. There is no set up fee.

This season we anticipate 200 plus screenings will be conducted and next season that number rises to 500 plus. Our current Risk Manager recommends that we use the same screening company as USAH to streamline service etc. Beginning in the 2020-2021 season USAH will mandate "A single screening program through a single screening vendor managed by USA Hockey and completed through a national portal connected to the USA Hockey database". For now, we have the option to use Stirling Volunteers which is being used by other USAH affiliates and their system is robust enough to meet USOC requirements.

I recommend we change vendors to Stirling Volunteers if the cost is less than our current vendor, Sportsengine, and there are no contractual impedances to such a move.

RISK MANAGER/SAFESPORT COORDINATOR

Brad Andrews is resigning as IAHA Risk Manager as of this meeting. I would like to personally thank him for his years of dedicated service to Idaho Hockey. He and I have been in contact and he is keeping me in the loop on Risk Management issues, which are usually screening issues at this time of year. I have agreed to accept the position of Risk Manager and recommend that the RM/SCC positions effectively be combined into one job. Many other affiliates have already combined these positions since the overlap

between screenings and training and investigations is a natural one. With upcoming changes to law and procedures this seems a logical progression for our affiliate.

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Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association 2019-20 Fall Report

2019-20 Season Outlook

- Our numbers are upward so we will have three complete Varsity Teams this year with two JV teams.
- We will be fielding both a U18 and U16 this year are hoping we will have a U16 bracket at state this year. We should have two travel teams in each division this year also.
- We made the move to move all squirt games within our association to cross ice.
- Our tournament schedule did remain consist with what we hosted last year.
- With elections taking place in June and July our 2018-19 board of Directors is as follows.
President – John Rifelj
Vice-President – Marv Jackman
Midget Director – Clint Rohner
Girls Director – Bill Combo
Bantam Director – Jessica Baird
Peewee Director – Kelly Pollard
Squirt Director – Brent Horvath
Mite Director – Nicole Randolph

John Rifelj
President
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LEWIS CLARK AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Fall 2019 – IAHA Report

Lewis Clark Amateur Hockey Association is currently working hard on preparation for the 2019-20 season. There has been many changes within the association, and lots of excitement for the upcoming season.

We believe that we will have one house team for each of the following divisions: Jr. Mites, Sr. Mites, Squirts, Pee Wees, and Bantams. It is yet to be determined, but there is a possibility of two Midget teams. Our house teams participated in the Inland Northwest Hockey League that was formed three years ago and are on board to continue with it again this season. The majority of our teams have a mix of female and male players. The increase in female participation over the past few years is on par for the younger divisions and we had 25 new Jr. Mites last season which led to the development of two teams.

Our early registration numbers are just starting to become active and looking good. We will start early mid-October practices again this year, due to excellent 2018/19 participation. We are currently publishing our tournament dates and are planning to again host spring tournaments at each age division with the exception of midgets.

We will be offering early Learn to Play Hockey classes, led by several of our USA Hockey certified coaching staff. Furthermore, we anticipate several of these participants on multiple levels as in years past to convert and play hockey this fall in our house program. LCAHA participated in both Fall and Spring Try Hockey events and plans to stay on track again this season with these opportunities which is typically good recruitment. Last year's Try Hockey For Free numbers were higher than in the past several years. In addition to increase exposure, we are delivering over 1500 fliers to the local schools of Lewiston ID, Clarkston Wa and nearby surrounding areas in efforts to recruit more kids to try hockey. Furthermore, we are exposing ourselves in local community events such as the September Lewiston Roundup Parade.

We continued fundraising efforts over this past summer, which included our annual "Friends of Hockey Golf Tournament". This fundraiser was again very successful and we anticipate even more growth in years to come.

We have a new board of directors in place as of June 1, 2019. Two new positions were added at the last election in March, totaling seven. All seven members have kids in the program at different levels. The board has been very active and successful in restructuring the business of the LC Ice Arena. The bylaws are still under ongoing review. The policies for "Playing Up" proved effective in 2018-19, as well as the requirements for mandatory in house meetings/clinics for coaches and other volunteers. In addition, our current board members with banking, accounting, teaching, and business experience have been key in the consolidation of expenses and furthermore helped us to get on a better track with managing money with our

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AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

small program. Some assessment/changes include negotiations on the annual lease of the LC Ice Arena building with the Port of Lewiston (Landlord). Furthermore, we positively assessed association volunteer charges, and restructuring of employees. On the ground changes include rink improvements by donation such as Zamboni maintenance, board maintenance, and interior building maintenance. This summer we took on a major renovation project including removal of the false ceiling, insulation, new rink lighting, and lobby flooring. Through negotiations, the Port of Lewiston graciously covered all expenses for this work on their 50 year old building totaling over \$30,000.00 in work done to the rink.

Lastly, our Marketing/Sponsorship director has continued aggressively with the sponsoring program. In all, we are seeing more volunteers offering their time, lower costs of doing business, major renovations improving safety and curb appeal resulting in better survival.

The newly elected board members and our current board are as follows:

President – Brian Thomas
Vice President – Jerimiah Coburn
Secretary – Annie Stuart
Treasurer – Dan McFetridge
Marketing/Sponsorship – Pat Westbrook
Adult Hockey/Coaching – Kyle Andrews
Rink Scheduling/Fundraising – Nate Parker

Sincerely,

Brian V. Thomas
LCAHA President

The Polar Bears will have a U19 Team this season consisting of girls from around the Palouse, Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Tri-Cities and LC Valley region. We will also continue our development program for new skaters.

A possible U14 team is in the works with players from the same region as the U19 team.

Chris Storhok
Polar Bears Girls Hockey



Palouse Youth Hockey Association

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Fall 2019 Report to IAHA

Palouse Youth Hockey is excited to get another season underway. We are planning for a couple of smaller midget teams, one will play in the Inland Northwest competitive (checking) league and the other team will compete in B level, non-check tournaments. We are expecting a couple of teams at the bantam level and at least one peewee team, possibly two, and opportunities for players in these two divisions to participate on divisional travel teams that will play some more competitive tournaments. We are anticipating two squirt teams and multiple mite groupings. Our league participation will be in the Inland Northwest League this year.

We continue to promote youth hockey and our local ice rink with parade participation (National Lentil Festival Parade, Pullman, WA and University of Idaho Homecoming), a Learn to Play Hockey Program, and coordination of local Try Hockey for Free events already on the calendar. To increase awareness and the visibility of our program, we get out in hockey jerseys and work the county fair as well.

It is with a sad heart that we must write of the passing of Coach Brian Dyre in late July. Brian was a one-of-kind person on the ice and off. He will be missed. There will be a memorial service on September 15 in Moscow. If you would like the details of the service or have any messages for his family, please let us know.

Current PYHA Board

Chet Hervey – Co-President
Joanne Tirocke – Co-President
Jeremy Foss – Vice President
Marc Trivelpiece – Treasurer
Mike Sontegrath – Secretary
Butch Fealy – Director of Coaching
Dave Tank – Parent Representative
Erik Johnson – At Large Member
(Vice Mikkelsen) - At Large Member

Registrar Report Sept 7, 2019
IAHA State Meeting

Registration in Idaho was up last year, at all levels except Midget boys, they dropped. Kory Scoran had the greatest increase in overall player registrations. His registration numbers were mentioned and applauded numerous times in every breakout session I attended at the USA Hockey annual meeting in Colorado Springs this past June. He also had one of the best overall increases in player registrations in the whole country. I was asked by numerous people from many different associations across the country about his success, and was happy to do a little bragging about him and his program. Way to go Kory!

Darla Thompson the district registrar and I held a very successful zoom meeting on July 13, 2019, to go over registration and safesport, for the 2019-20 season. It was a long meeting, and a lot of the changes and the new mandates for the upcoming season were discussed. There are more changes coming, if and when they come to fruition I will pass that information on to all local registrars, and associations.

Thanks
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Sun Valley Youth Hockey
Fall 2019 Report to IAHA:

After an awesome year last year and an amazing summer, it is time for hockey. SVYH is very excited about the upcoming season. Many new coaches are stepping up and very excited to begin teaching. We look to have a more successful season this year both on and off the ice. We look to get more involved in community, we look to attract more players, and we look to educate our coaches. By doing all of this we plan to grow our organization and even hockey in Idaho as a whole. The 2019-2020 season is going to be a great one for all of Idaho.

We intend to:

- Host Give Hockey a Try nights
- Get into local schools to inform children about hockey
- Provide an In-House league option.
- Begin to look towards and exchange program, through Overspeed Hockey, along with other

hockey opportunities.

- Continue our partnership with Overspeed
- Begin the transition into an ADM Program
- Take advantage of all USA Hockey resources including all ADM coordinators.
- Continue to use IMPACT testing and protocol for concussions
- Field teams at all levels
- Continue to grow our Girls hockey programming
- Continue our dryland/off ice program with all ages and teams participating
- Host HS State Tournament
- Host tournaments for all ages
- Continue to offer scholarships to players

SVYH continues to look at ways to improve our program and offer the best hockey experience for our athletes.