



Minutes of IAHA Fall 2018 Meeting (McCall) 8 September 2018

Attendance: John Heinrich (IAHA - voting), Kevin Barnes (BAHA - voting), Chris Wherity (CDAHA – proxy Coppess), John Howell (BYAHA – proxy Peterson), Mary Gregory (PBGHA), Yob (PBGHA), Herb Pollard (IFYHA - voting), Heather Daves (SVYH – proxy McAvoy), Mike Dyson

(McYHA), Doug Miller (McYHA - voting), Mike Schroeder (CDA Academy), Shawn Luteyn (CDA Academy), Travis Ceniga (BYAHA- proxy Des Jardins), Chad O'Brien (SVYH), Joanne Tirocke (PYHA- voting)

Phone: Marv Jackman (IFYHA - voting), Bill Combo (IFYHA - voting), Brian Green (TVYHA – proxy Warner), Lee Ann Schlake (BWHA), John Rifelj (IFYHA – voting), Sarah Benson (Hailey Ice)

1. Quorum met, meeting begins
2. Spring 2018 meeting minutes. **Motion** to approve by Herb Pollard, 2nd John Howell. Passed unanimously.
3. Association Reports (emailed 9/6 & 9/7)
 - A. Miller (McCall) announced events at Manchester Ice
 1. Referee clinics in October
 - a. October 20 – Level 1 & 2
 - b. October 21 – Level 3
 2. Try Hockey for Free – Sept 9
 - B. McCall is a better spring venue in terms of lodging cost
4. President's Report
 - A. Treasurer position needs replacement
 1. Johnston will resign in May, with or without replacement
 2. Reimbursements have been delayed
 - B. Webmaster
 1. Looking for replacement
 2. Can post information but doesn't have creative touch to make site look better
 - C. SafeSport Coordinator
 1. Vacant – looking for person to fill position
 2. Incidents go through USA Hockey and then come back to association
 3. Occasional travel to investigate/handle issues
 - D. Invited questions or input from attendees
5. Treasurer's Report
 - A. \$38K in account, usual amount for this time of year
 - B. Budgets & Updates – Budget development is accomplished at Spring meeting, not fall
 - C. Travel reimbursement for ADM Coordinators
 1. Training was paid by IAHA
 2. Coordinators should go to affiliates and work with coaches

3. Gas, food stipend, reasonable lodging reimbursement would be appropriate
4. Receipt policy

Motion by John Howell: IAHA will pay ADM Coordinators for travel expenses: food up to \$40 per day, gas, and reasonable lodging costs. Receipts are to be submitted to President for approval. 2nd Herb Pollard. Passed unanimously.

6. Registrar Report – No report received

- A. There was a Spring meeting request by IAHA to get all registrars to meet via Skype or other means. This process has not transpired.
- B. State Registrar receives training from district registrar
- C. Affiliates report concerns
 1. Comments were raised in efforts to improve relationship with registrars
 2. Shared sentiment was to replace registrar
- D. IAHA expectations
 1. Want kids to be able to play
 2. State registrar as leadership position
 - a. Communicative, shares expectations
 - b. Helpful
 3. Need clarity in errors occurring so can avoid them in the future.
 4. Good customer service expected, culture in association is not being upheld
 5. Need meeting reports submitted to inform association of Registrar activity.
- E. RMD Registrar is the one to appoint new registrar
 1. Association registrar was identified who is willing to take over
 2. Untrained affiliate member willing to be back-up was also identified.

7. SafeSport Report – None received

- A. Need someone to fill – maybe IFYHA has someone
- B. 2017- 2018 complaints
 1. Some malicious and unfounded
 2. All reports are investigated

8. Girls' Hockey

- A. Numbers looking better according to S. Benson, resurgence occurring
- B. Girls' Festival in Hailey, (1st weekend Nov., to be confirmed)
 1. Targeting 9 – 14 year olds
 2. Reinforcing that girls should play together
 3. Friendly games, team building, open to all girls
 4. Coordination
 - a. Heinrich would like to see Girls' Festival coordination (date & venue) determined at spring meeting
 - b. Rotation between Hailey/Sun Valley and McCall (or other interested host)
 - c. McCall currently has the event jerseys
- C. Girls' Team Idaho – enough interest to support teams
 1. U19
 2. U14
- D. Girls' teams playing in Montana
 1. Proximity and team composition factor

2. Pay to play and participate in MT state tournament
9. Webmaster Report – None received
 - A. Emerizy will post information if you send it to him.
 - B. DiSanza indicated at spring meeting that he would seek an intern to manage website. This has not transpired.
10. Grant Chairman Report – None received
11. Risk Manager Report – None received
 - A. Sportsengine is hard to reach and to get a response from
 - B. Background screenings are up to \$20 per person
 1. Sportsengine seems to have monopoly (mentioned at national meeting)
 2. Excessive cost, other options available?
12. Coach-In-Chief Report – None received
 - A. Coaching clinics
 1. Sun Valley – Levels 1 & 2 will be offered
 2. Boise – Level 1
 3. Idaho Falls – Levels 1, 2, 3
 4. Level 4 – Spokane, WA, Sept.21-23Action: DiSanza get ID coaching clinics to Emerizy to post on website
13. ADM
 - A. Coordinators (Kory Scoran/Tommy Jones) info on IAHA website
 - B. Need to make contact with affiliates and have a call for visits
 - C. Freddie Beaubien (CdA Academy) available to assist goalies
14. Referee-In-Chief
 - A. Need more referees
 - B. Disciplinary problems in adult hockey
 - C. Aid retention by associations enforcing zero tolerance
15. Grow the Game
 - A. Get registered for Learn to Play Hockey/Try Hockey for Free to get credit
 1. On Portal, Club Excellence, keeps you on task
 2. Late ice, can still participate and get credit, contact Rifelj
 - B. 2 and 2 Challenge
 1. ID needs more awards – Gold, silver, bronze – get recognition for effort
 2. Welcome Back Week – coming up
17. Use of blue pucks at U10 (moved up in agenda, speaker had to leave)
 - A. IAHA Rule 2.9: Use blue pucks at U10
 - B. USA Hockey
 1. At U8, blue pucks required
 2. At U10, blue pucks recommended
 3. Howell proposes that IAHA should align rule with USA Hockey
 - a. Blue pucks at U10, not mandated by surrounding states
 - b. No data at U10 on use of blue pucks vs black pucks

c. Restricting competition, visiting teams use black pucks

C. Considerations

1. Varying ability to utilize black puck at U10
2. Keep developing players with best puck choice for success
3. Not throwing out blue pucks at U10, continue to use as appropriate

Motion to repeal IAHA Rule 2.9 (Required use of blue pucks at U10) by John Howell. 2nd Heather Daves/Herb Pollard. Passed unanimously.

16. Play Up Requests

A. Current policy

1. Boys included co-ed teams
 - a. 1 year play up may be approved at association level
 - b. 2 year play up must go to IAHA for approval
2. Girls
 - a. 2 year play up may be approved at association level
 - b. 3 year play up must go to IAHA for approval

B. Considerations

1. Policy should be same for boys and for girls.
2. Play up should not displace another appropriately placed player]
3. Should not solely be talent based though historically was to retain player
4. Should there be a travel team vs house team distinction in policy?
5. Difficult for IAHA to make an informed determination when removed from affiliate situation
 - a. Need to make best decision in terms of player's safety and development (all types)
 - b. Input from people involved
 - i. Parents
 - ii. Current Coach
 - iii. Play up Coach
 - iv. Educator (social/emotional maturity)
 - c. Checklist of supporting documents
6. Some associations have a one time only play-up policy, cannot be granted multiple times

Motion by John Howell: For all teams, two year play-ups with the exception of non-checking to checking divisions, are an association decision. These decisions should be made following the pending approval of the play-up checklist including documentation from the existing coach, play-up coach, and parents and requires notification that informs the IAHA President that this is desired and according to the parents and coaches. The IAHA President has the authority to deny the request. Three year play-up requests must go to IAHA for approval. 2nd Brian Green. One abstention (Pollard), motion passed.

Clarification: Efforts to continue to provide hockey opportunities to the smaller population in Idaho means pulling players from a wider age range to form viable teams. Certain age classifications (such as 16U Boys and 12U Girls) are rare or non-existent in Idaho due to lower regional population.

Realizing that USA Hockey has a set of age classifications which is understood and was not explicitly

stated in our discussion, the following clarification for the play up policy is being made to express that understanding:

A play-up year is advancing to the division in which the next older birth year would play (e.g. in 2018-2019 season, a 2009 would be a first year 10U a one year play up would treat that 2009 player as a 2008 and he/she would still be a 10U based on USA Hockey age classifications. A two year play up, if granted, would treat the 2009 as a 2007 and the player would roster as a 12U.)

IAHA recognizes all USA Hockey age classifications however in some situations IAHA may allow a player to bypass a division, allowable due to the regional lack of a specific division (e.g. 12U Girls, and 16U Boys and Girls). Any play-up which would bypass a USA Hockey age classification, will require IAHA Board notification and approval. If a two year play up will bypass a USA Hockey age classification, such as 12U or 16U, it will require IAHA board notification and approval.

Notification and supporting documentation will consist of the signed IAHA Play Up Request Form (to be adopted) and include a statement from the current coach addressing the suitability of the player to play up and a statement of the coach of the target division to the appropriateness of the placement of that player into the higher division. There must be Board approval by the player's association. An additional statement concerning the social and emotional maturity of the player and his/her ability to function within a cohort of older players could be required by an educator or other non-coach/non-parent who could make a reliable assessment. All statements will be written/emailed, signed, contain email or phone contact information should follow-up be required and will be sent to the IAHA President, Vice-President and Secretary, to constitute the necessary notification and documentation for considering play up requests.

Examples: A 10U girl, second year, playing up to the next available IAHA division (14U) would be a one-year play up for IAHA but also a one-division bypass and would require IAHA notification with supporting documentation and approval.

A 10U boy, first year, requesting play up to 12U, non-checking to non-checking division, would be an association decision with notification and supporting documentation to the IAHA Board.

A 14U boy, first year bantam, playing up to midgets (defined in Sept 2017 as boys 15-18 years of age) would be a two-year play up for IAHA but would bypass USA Hockey age classification 16U and will therefore will require IAHA notification with supporting documentation and board approval.

17. By Laws

- A. Clarifying language to encompass all groups that play hockey in Idaho
 - B. Amendment of by-laws requires 75% affirmative vote by at least 75% of voting membership
 - C. According to current language, some affiliates may never be in good standing.
 - 1. Board or proper legal management body required
 - 2. Heinrich declared all current affiliates to be in good standing
- Action:** Heinrich will inquire about rewording of the by laws with Dean Brandstetter to make it more user friendly.

18. Boys Team Idaho

- A. Junior and Senior boys to attend Showcase for opportunity and exposure for higher level hockey
- B. Didn't get off the ground for fall event but there is still interest by Rifelj and O'Brien (SV)
- C. Letter of intent due January 19 for April 11-15, St Louis

19. St Luke's Concussion Program

- A. Cory Bell is new contact
- B. Encourage baseline testing
- C. Need better coordination
 - 1. St Luke's and Dr's offices have different accounts
 - 2. Account may be for another sport athlete plays
- D. Concussion Resources:

<https://www.stlukesonline.org/health-services/health-information/health-topics/concussion-resources>

20. Affiliate Membership Agreement

- A. New form
- B. More info to follow spring meeting

21. Date and Location of Spring Meeting

Motion to have the Spring meeting of IAHA on May 4, 2019 in Coeur d'Alene by Crystal Yob (PBGHA). 2nd Herb Pollard.

22. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Herb Pollard, 2nd Heather Daves. Meeting adjourned 2:07 PM.

