



2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: Saturday June 17th, 2023 – 9:00am

Location: Doubletree by Hilton Monroe Twp Cranbury

Meeting Call to order by Glenn Hefferan, President

Meeting Adjourned (Motion by Gene Palecco & Jim Binns)

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Brian Peca, AAHA Secretary

In Attendance

51 members attended the meeting.

Voting Eligibility

Voting Members – 43

Simple Majority – 22

2/3 Majority – 28

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the in-person 2023 Winter Meeting were presented. They were distributed electronically via email to the directors prior to this meeting.
- A motion by Glenn Hefferan to approve the minutes was made, with a second by Jay Finnigan.
 - **Approval of the 2023 Winter Meeting minutes passed unanimously.**

President's Report

- Awards Night on Friday June 16th was a great success, congratulations to all award winners.
- President Glenn Hefferan discussed his new appointment with the USHL and a transition would take place in the District, which included the possibility of a Full Time position being put in place. Details are still being finalized. Glenn entertained questions about this subject, with none being brought forward.
- USA Hockey Treasurer Donna Guariglia spoke briefly on behalf of USA Hockey:
 - There continues to be growth in the Girls overall numbers throughout the country
 - Overview of the USA Hockey Governance change, including having at least 33% athletes on all councils and committees.

Treasurer's Report

- The Financial Report and upcoming 2023 Budget was distributed prior to the meeting. AAHA Treasurer, Jake Geverd, presented the financial report and the Budget for the upcoming season. Jake offered anyone to contact him with any questions.
 - Motion to approve the financial report by Pete Rothman, second by Gene Palecco.
 - **Budget and Financial report was approved without opposition.**

Vice President's Reports

- Vice President's Winter Meeting reports were distributed electronically via email to the directors prior to the meeting.
- **SafeSport Update:** Provided by Pete Rothman
 - Pete reported that the US SafeSport Center is having a number of issues. USA Hockey met with senior members of Congress regarding the US Center to address concerns.
 - Reminder for all club presidents and club boards that audits will be coming down the road.
- **Player Safety Update:** Provided by Katelyn Ward
 - Return to Play Form for Concussions, now required by the National Office
 - Form is located on the AAHA website and must be signed off by a physician that is qualified to evaluate the athlete.
 - USA Hockey is also using these forms to track concussion data in Youth Hockey
- **Youth Council Update:** Provided by Gene Palecco
 - 13U Only National Championship for Tier I will be held for the first time in 2024, 12 team format with MyHockey Rankings being utilized.
 - Recruiting Rules: There are ongoing discussions at the USA Hockey level for allowing open recruiting and allowing signing players after January 1st. This will be discussed and likely voted on in the January 2024 USA Hockey Winter Meeting.

Old Business – Legislative Proposals from 2023 Winter Meeting

- Proposals will distributed in advance electronically via email prior to the meeting
- **Proposals 2023 WM-04 thru 09**
 - Tabled from the 2023 Winter Meeting
 - **Proposals die from a lack of a motion**
- **Proposal 2023 WM-02**
 - Tabled from the 2023 Winter Meeting
 - **Proposal dies from a lack of a motion**

New Business – New Legislative Proposals for Discussion:

- Proposals will distributed in advance electronically via email prior to the meeting
- **AAHA Corporate Resolution:** Tier I Applications will be deferred for a period of 2 years
 - Purpose of the resolution is to pause or defer all Youth or Girls Tier I applications.

- New rules need to be written to outline Tier I requirements & status
- This is for new applications only
- The goal will be to have new rules in place by the Fall of 2025
- **Resolution Passes Unanimously**
- **Proposal 2023 AM-01, Proposed by Maureen Thompson-Siegel:** Zone Director Election Dates, dates are shifted to August 1st to allow more time for elections to take place.
 - **Proposal passes unanimously**
- **Proposal 2023 AM-02, Proposed by Glenn Hefferan:** Voting Majority Change, new language will require 2/3 majority for future Bylaw amendments moving forward.
 - **Proposal passes unanimously**
- **Proposal 2023 AM-03, Proposed by Glenn Hefferan:** Appointment of Assignors, addresses issues with Referee Assignors that are not doing enough to assign and grow younger officials. The Affiliate Executive Committee will review any dispute arising from the appointment or denial of appointment of assignors.
 - Language adjusted in the amended proposal
 - **Proposal passes by majority vote**

New Business

➤ AAHA OFFICER ELECTIONS

- **Officer Elections, Term 2023 - 2026**
 - President - Glenn Hefferan
 - Treasurer - Jake Geverd
 - Vice President Suspensions, Protests & Appeals - Mike Lichtenberger
 - Vice President Girls/Women's Hockey - Pete Rothman
- **Officer Elections, Term 2023-2024 (*To Fill Balance of a Term*)**
 - Executive Vice President - Maureen Thompson-Siegel
 - Secretary - Brian Peca
- **USA Hockey Congress Representative, Term 2023-2026**
 - USA Hockey District Representative - Jay Finnigan

➤ 2024 District Events & Tournament Playoff Dates Announced

- All event dates & locations will be posted on the AAHA Website
- District is working with the High School section to better coordinate playoff dates and avoid conflicts in the future with other leagues.
- Disabled Hockey: District will be hosting USA Hockey Nationals for Sled Hockey at Iceline and Ice Vault

Next Meeting

- The AAHA 2024 Winter Meeting is slated for January 31st, 2024 but is subject to change.
 - Meeting will take place at Doubletree by Hilton Monroe Twp Cranbury