NAHA Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: 6:04 PM at Ice Plex

Board Members in Attendance:

Amy McWilliams
Matt Parker
Tory Tollefson
Mike Brown
Craig Bushey
Evan Semel
Paul Snell
Stephanie Jeffrey
Tony Guzzo

Board Members Absent:

Eddie Conlon
Jared Ross
Jeff Winchester

Guests:

Ryan McCormack
Bill Biesanz
Tommy Blackwell

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Evan S., seconded by Matt Parker.
Passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Bill distributed the proposed budget for Chargers and Thunder. Bahn and Corrow will be assisting with these programs.
- Bahn and Corrow will primarily be assisting with house league, and their cost will be less than last year.

- Bill filed the tax return and provided a copy to the board. Taxes are settled until July 2025. The financials remain consistent.
- Bill noted that FDIC covers only up to $250K, which aligns with the board's operating budget.
- Motion: Tory motioned to explore banks to open an account with a high-interest rate. Mike Brown seconded. Passed unanimously..
- Motion: Bill proposed paying half of the coaches' stipend upfront, with the remaining half in January 2025. Motioned by Matt Parker, seconded by Amy M. Passed unanimously.

League Reports:

- House League: Preparing for the fall season. Skipped the Learn to Play (LTP) program this season, opting instead to add power skating sessions for LTP participants to enhance their skills ahead of September evaluations.
- Travel League: Opening weekend in August and have started practices.
- Senior Open League (SOL): A player has been suspended. After two years, they may petition the board for a hearing. NAHA received full support from SAHA. Tony and Stephanie met with SAHA during the annual meeting at Huntsville Ice Plex, and Stephanie will file a report with SAHA tomorrow. A Division: The level of play has escalated, and refs have requested not to officiate A Division games. Captains will be invited to the next board meeting. Four referees will be budgeted for future sessions.

Policies and Procedures Update:

- Tony sent out the updated Policies and Procedures (P+P) document this evening. Eddie and Tommy have been working on updates, and Tony asked the board to review and provide feedback before the next meeting.
- Player Code of Conduct: A suggestion was made to involve both parents and players in discussions regarding the code of conduct.

Coaches Committee:

- Jared Ross spoke with Tiger about goalie development. Tiger is on board and committed to helping.

New Business:

SAHA Annual Meeting Updates:
• Neck Guards: Effective August 1st, neck guards are mandatory, but certification is not required until next season. Neck guards must also be worn during practices.
• Abuse of Officials: By Law 10 – handled by SAHA. Any other match penalties will be

handled locally. SAHA requests that all hearings be documented and reported to them.
• Allegations of Misconduct: All allegations of sexual misconduct must be reported to local law enforcement and SafeSport. If law enforcement is involved, they take precedence.

- Stephanie will co-chair the Adult Committee with SAHA.
- Opening weekend for Chargers: A goalie sustained an injury requiring a bleeding control kit. Liz will apply for a grant through USA Hockey to cover these costs. Motion: Tory motioned to purchase materials not exceeding $2,500, including an AED. Mike B. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fundraising:

50/50 Raffle: 12UAA team submitted a fundraising request. 50% to the winner, the remaining 50% towards purchasing a Zamboni cooler. Motion: Tory motioned, Mike B. seconded. Passed unanimously.

University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) & Alabama Hockey:

Tory encouraged further involvement with the UAH program and distributed a sponsorship sponsorship packet for University of Alabama Club hockey team.

Executive Session:

Motion: Stephanie motioned to move to Executive Session, seconded by Tory at 7:47 PM.
Motion: Motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:54 PM.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mike B. motioned to adjourn, seconded by Amy M.
Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.