

Meeting Minutes
Arizona Hockey Officials Association
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Arcadia Ice Arena

- Approval of the agenda – Approved by the Board
- Approval of last month's minutes – Approved by the Board
- Attendees: Herb Haley, Chris Zorza, Mike Sarter, Colin Besch, Marvin Smith, Eric Thiem, Brent Hooks, Zach Reese, Kenny Hooks, Adam Curwin, Justin McGarrahan, Rico Fulgenzi, Steve Correia, Jason Swanger.

Reports

- President's Report
 - Need to come to agreement on fee structure to present to AAHA. The leagues are asking for rates and the season is just around the corner. One of the stipulations of the single statewide association was that rates would not be raised. The board knows how much the officials were being paid by the previous associations; however, we do not know how much the rinks were being charged overall. This information has been requested by AAHA numerous times but has never been disclosed.
 - Herb reviewed the existing rate structures provided by AIOHA and AZIOA (what we know) from last year and proposed the same a modest increase. The rates being proposed will be valid for a one year contract assuming approval by AAHA.
 - AAHA would volunteer scorekeepers to be scheduled through AHOA. The board fully appreciates anyone from the hockey community who is willing to donate their time to our great game. Discussion centered on how they would be setup in Arbiter and how to handle such events as no shows or late cancellations. We have two proposals; 1) Charge \$5 to schedule the volunteers and 2) Charge the regular fee for a scorekeeper and pay the volunteer, who can then donate the money back to an organization of their choosing. All scorekeepers must be registered as affiliate officials (\$15) and must attend a seminar (\$20).
 - Break down of the percentages paid for referees and linesmen (all systems except two man) will be completed at the next meeting.
 - Herb provided the figures for Arbiter to Jon Brooks and requested a grant for ~\$2000. This topic is on the AAHA agenda for their next meeting on Monday, July 14th.
 - AHOA will continue to have representation at all AAHA board meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 at the Ice Den in Scottsdale.
- Scheduler's Report
 - Mike Sarter received numerous responses for scheduling positions. He has identified schedulers for five of the seven areas with two interim positions still requiring input. The schedulers will be responsible to assign both on ice officials and scorekeepers. The pay structure will be 5% of the total game cost going to the scheduler and 2% of the total game cost going to AHOA. Below is a breakdown of the seven areas and schedulers who have been assigned:
 - AZ Ice Peoria – Travis Smith
 - AZ Ice Arcadia/Oceanside/High School/Jobing/Tucson – Herb Haley
 - Ice Den Scottsdale/Prescott – Mike Sarter
 - AZ Ice Gilbert – Dennis Barisano
 - Ice Den Chandler – Steve Corriea
 - Flagstaff – Bryan Eisentraut (Interim)
 - ASU/UofA (ACHA) – Mike Sarter
 - We reviewed the fees charged by Arbiter for direct payments to the officials and compared to those to the cost of paper checks and stamps.
 - Mike will lay the ground work to get officials signed up and ready to go in Arbiter prior to the AAHA funding decision. The rinks will be notified by next week who to communicate with for

scheduling questions and help. In terms of loading games into the system, there is a spreadsheet template that will be filled out by each rink and then uploaded by the scheduler.

- Operation's Report – nothing to report at this time.
 - TEAM Update – TEAM Director Robb Harrell was not able to attend the meeting and will present at the next meeting. Brent will have a list of members who are interested in the program prepared for the next meeting.
- Administration's Report
 - The name 'Arizona Hockey Officials Association' is already a registered LLC. The Board made a motion to change the name to Arizona Hockey Officials Group LLC. The motion was approved to enable moving forward with setting up a bank account and other administrative needs.
 - Chris recommended assigning members to grievances on a case by case basis as opposed to forming a committee itself. This allows for flexibility to assign based on the situation and severity of the grievance.
 - Chris will send the proposed policies that outline the expectations of the officials to the board for review at the next meeting. This will include such events as no shows and late cancellations. The intent will be to ratify these policies at the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Herb recommendation compensation for this position due to the workload. The board will review and finalize at the next meeting.
- AHOA Logo
 - Logos were submitted by Stan Szczurek and Steve Correia – Thank You!
 - Herb has asked we send one more request to the general membership for additional ideas
- Tony Knowles has agreed to act on AHOA's behalf as our general council
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30pm at Arcadia Arena. We will have an actual speakerphone thanks to Eric Thiem so clarity on the call should be much improved.