

AGENDA
Arizona Hockey Officials Association
Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 at 6:30 pm
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- Call to order
- Introductions
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of last month's minutes that have been posted to the website

Reports

- President's Report
 - Jon Brooks from AAHA attended to observe our meeting and give/receive input. Rob Harrell, Mike Sarter and Paul Withee provided an overview of our meeting with DYHA to discuss the 2014/2015 fee structure. We communicated that our goal for the 2015-2016 season is to have a flat rate by division. The point was raised regarding how the various associations will measure what success looks like for AHOA and this will be a point during the next AAHA meeting. Mr. Brooks then provided an overview of the process that occurred to bring the single association to life. He stressed that open communication with both the rink owners and the associations that occupy the rinks is a key factor. He brought to our attention that the vote was very close and forming relationships based on trust and transparency is very important moving forward. He also let us know that AAHA has hired a Social Media Director (Sharon Enck) and that this would be a good resource for us partner with to communicate information. We also discussed that Mite Jamorbee tournaments will be held each month at a different arena. These provide an excellent opportunity to train and evaluate new officials. Chris Zorza will contact USA Hockey to see if there is a development model (ADM) contact for Arizona.
- Scheduler's Report
 - All games are being scheduled through Arbiter, the excel spreadsheets will be discontinued by the end of September. There are still a number of officials that have not updated their accounts with address and phone number. This information is important since the game assignments provide your cell phone which allows officials to contact one another as needed.
 - The system is getting easier to use as we move up the learning curve. There are some officials that are not accounting for travel times to games, for example, if you block yourself until 5pm and get scheduled for at 5:10pm game that does not leave much time.
- Operation's Report
 - TEAM Update – under new business
- Administration's Report
 - We are clear to move forward and setup the bank account with Chase.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Three banks were considered for our account and we have selected Chase. The President and any other person what wants to be an administrator on the account needs to be present when the account is opened. Marvin and Herb will take this action. There is a \$10 monthly maintenance fee, but this is waived once we hit a balance of \$1500. Marvin will need the paperwork from the corporate commission with our EIN number to get the account.
 - There are three ways officials can be paid via Arbiter/Refpay. ACH transfer, paper check or they offer a debit card you can use against your account.

New Business

- Payment structure needs to be finalized for presentation to the AAHA Board at their next meeting on 9/15/14. Mr. Brooks provided additional insight on this topic and that the associations were told there would not be a rate increase based on what was paid in 2013-2014. If this information was not provided then the AHOA rate will be applied. A spreadsheet document with each association's rates from 2013-2014 has been compiled and will be reviewed on 9/15/14. We have learned that teams set their budgets very early in the year (Feb/March) so AHOA will need to have a fixed rate proposal to AAHA by November for review for the 2015-2016 season.
- Read only access to Arbiter for members
 - A motion was passed to approve a common arbiter account to have read only access to all games in Arbiter.
- Need report from Arbiter with emails for all officials
 - Steve Correia will send a report with the current Arbiter roster for all future email communications and blasts.
 - It was proposed that AHOA have a sign in sheet at the referee seminars to help track all registered officials.
- Operations
 - A list of email addresses is needed so a survey can be sent out to the general membership to determine areas of need. Once feedback is gathered this will help guide the biggest areas of need.
 - We will begin scheduling evaluations and a handful of on-ice shadows now that Arbiter is in place. Our goal is to provide mentorship and support to new officials so they are comfortable the first few times they take the ice.
 - Robb Harrell introduced the board to Brain Shark, which is an online training repository. He will provide additional information for the board next week. It was discussed that we need to get training materials posted to the website for the scorekeepers. This might be a good option.
- Website development is making good progress and we received excellent feedback from our members during this process. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Sara Haley for helping with the website development and design! Please keep the ideas coming!! We plan to convert the hosting to the AHOA.US domain by 9/19/14 as it is currently hosted on arizonaihoa.com. Once the domain is converted we will setup email addresses for the members of AHOA. If you would like to see progress to date please use the following URL until we convert. <http://arizonaihoa.com/AHOA/2014/index.html>
- The next meeting will be held on October 14th at 6:30 in Tony Knowles' office.