



## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Marshall Stevenson at 10:40

## **Roll Call**

The members introduced themselves.

## **In Remembrance of:**

- Josh Gunderson, St Thomas
- Paul Sciuolo II, Duquesne University

## **Introduction of Guests**

**USA Hockey:** John Beadle, and Ashley Bevan

**American Hockey Coaches Association [AHCA]:** Joe Bertagna

## **Acceptance of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting**

Motion to approve by Al Murdoch

Second by 85 Richard Snizek,

Minutes were approve unanimously

## **Report of the President – Marshall Stevenson**

- Marshall recognized the efforts of Mike Radakovich, who jumped in and helped out as the interim Women's division commissioner
- The board believes an additional 15 teams will be added this year, putting us over the 400 team mark.
- The first ever coaching clinic was a tremendous success, having over 25 participants and a series of excellent speakers.
- The World University Games team won three games this past year. The players who participated recognized the cultural experiences they enjoyed.
- The coaches of the year dinner this year will feature all 5 winning coaches at the banquet. This is also the last time as the format will be changed next year with a separate women's banquet.



- Marshall recognized the prior year national championship teams and the coaches of the year.
- We are on the verge of naming a national tournament director. Marshall believes it is an urgent need for presenting a common face at the national tournaments.
- 2011 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACHA. We are planning some special commemorative events and special things in honor of the anniversary.
- The hockey coaches care reception was a great success, and is an excellent charity, helping take care of the needs within the hockey family.
- Our attendance is up over prior years, which is interesting as many NCAA coaches were not able to stay the full week to enjoy the event.
- Pop Tops will donate a set of jerseys that will be raffled off. There will be a drawing for a variety of events.

#### **Report of the Executive Director – Christian Wilk**

- We attempt to find sponsorships that provide benefit to the member teams and also provide revenue to the ACHA.
- We are trying to get outside of the hockey vendor companies and are looking for general sponsors.
- Harrow is our largest sponsor, and they are signed up for 3 years with a larger. He also recognized the excellent adhesive products offered by Howie's Hockey Tape.
- Chris asked that teams at least give our sponsor teams a chance to earn your business.
- Chris introduced Ashley Collier the new Women's Division Commissioner.

#### **Report of the Secretary – Jim Martin**

#### **Report of the Treasurer – Brian Moran**



- Brian provided a 4 page summary profit and loss statement
- Motion to approve by Mike Lichtenberger
- Second by Tom Wendlandt
- Motion to approve the financial statements was carried unanimously

#### **Men's Division 1 Report -**

Bill Shannon, Men's Division 1 Vice-President  
Brian Moran, Men's Division 1 Commissioner

- Bill recognize the contributions of Brian Moran, the D1 commissioner
- Bill relayed the story of a parent that called him to find out about ACHA hockey. The parent is a journalist with Newsweek, so it is possible we will have some media coverage.
- Brian recognized the work of Bill Shannon, D1 VP
- D1 produced the second media guide, that was very helpful for providing information about member teams.

#### **Men's Division 2 Report -**

Paul Hebert, Men's Division 2 Vice-President  
Mike Radakovich, Men's Division 2 Commissioner

- Membership is all time high, with 170 teams. According to commissioner we expect 180 next year.
- 18 teams participated in the Showcase this year.
- The inaugural All-Star Challenge featured all-star teams from the leagues. There were 8 league teams, plus 2 independent teams. It was a great time and provided exposure for potential players for the D2 selects team.
- For the second year in a row, Davenport was the national champion.
- Paul recognized the contributions of Mike Radakovich, D2 Commissioner.

#### **Men's Division 3 Report -**



Sam Kelly, Men's Division 3 Vice-President

- Division 3 had a great year, and is an equal partner with D1 and D2.
- The D3 national championship tournament will be in Florida next year.
- D3 will be making changes in the future, including the development of a selects team and possibly changing the tournament format.

### **Women's Division 1 and 2 Report –**

Women's Division Vice-President

Ashley Collier, Women's Division Commissioner

- Beth McCann presented the update on behalf of the Women's division
- Beth recognized the women's division national champions and coaches of the year
- They are struggling with growing pains in the women's division, and are looking to grow the league.
- They are looking to put together an ACHA women's select team, and will be discussing it in the breakout tomorrow.

### **Report of the Referee in Chief – Shane Hanlon**

- Coaches should be insistent that they are working with the ACHA referee certification process, and make sure the officials at their games have the ACHA crest.
- The referee program had excellent support from the NCAA, including providing the same materials to the ACHA referees.
- There is an ACHA test at the beginning of the year.
- There is a proposal to approve the 1 Ref 2 linesman system for ACHA play, and Shane recommends we approve that system.
- You must wear a HECC approved helmet. There is no discretion to allow the referee to question HECC helmets. The only discretion a coach has is to ask for a measurement of a stick.



**Report of the Representatives to USA Hockey - Al Murdoch and Ken Fikis**

- 2009 Winter World University Games Update
- This continues to be a tremendous success, and they won 3 games.
- The golf tournament had a high number of participants
- Al congratulated all the national champions and coaches of the year.
- Al recommended that coaches dress up a little for the games and do the little things that help present a good show at the games.
- Al thanked all the coaches for their time and efforts in running the leagues.
- The service award winners were presented. The awards will be mailed out to the coaches.

**Q & A** – 11:30 AM – 12 noon With George Gwozdecky, University of Denver

**Lunch** - 12:00 – 1:00 PM

- George recognized the efforts of all ACHA teams to develop programs and put the game of hockey across the country.

**AHCA Update**

Joe Bertagna

- Next year's conference will start on Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Report of the Website** – Mike Radakovich and Brian Moran

- Goalline is the website vendor
- Approximately 30% of the teams are using Goalline for their website
- Goalline provides a good mix of ease of use and cost
- New items: to update the goalie stats, update some of the input phases. And to add a stat column for DQs.



- Mike and Brian also organize many of the webcasting events. This is done through WebSportsVideo, and cover the pay per view coverage of the tournaments.
- The broadcast professionalism has really increased, including better camera angles and replays, post-game coverage.

### **Don Spencer Award Presentation**

- The Don Spencer award is given out for service above and beyond the call of duty. This is the highest award that the ACHA provides.
- This year's winner is Marshal Stevenson.

### **Recap of the 2009 Hall of Fame Presentation**

- Josh Brandwene
- Josh was instrumental in the growth of the association, and is widely recognized for his contributions.
- There was a good crowd in attendance and the event keeps growing.

### **Meeting Protocol – Marshall Stevenson**

We anticipate a record turn out this year and to ensure a more orderly meeting the board has established the following meeting guidelines:

- Arrive at the meeting early to sign in and pickup any handouts
  - Once the meeting starts no talking in the meeting room
  - Turn off all cell phones
  - Voting members will sit in the front of the room
  - Presenters of agenda items will have a maximum of 15 minutes to make their presentation
  - Any ACHA member will have an opportunity to speak once on any issue.
  - Original presenter is allowed 3-5 minutes for rebuttal following debate to end discussion
  - A vote will be taken.....2/3's vote required to change the By-Laws; simple majority on all other issues
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## **Election of Officers**

### President

- Marshall Stevenson

### Treasurer

- Brian Moran

### Secretary

- Jim Martin

### USA Hockey Representative

- Ken Fikis
- Al Murdoch

Since the slate was running unopposed, Chris Wilk moved that the slate be approved by acclamation. The slate was elected without exception.

Division Vice Presidents will be elected in the divisional breakout meetings.

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## **Changes to By-Laws**

### **Procedure for Submission of Agenda Items for ACHA Meeting**

Proposal to Change Article 2, Article XVII

Insert New Section 10

Proposed

1. Proposed agenda items from member teams or leagues must be submitted to the ACHA by Feb 15. Only agenda items from the Executive Board will be considered after this date. Submissions will only be accepted from current ACHA members or leagues in good standing.
2. The membership will be polled on the proposed agenda items via e-mail (Survey Monkey). All polls will end on March 1. The poll data will be used by the Executive Board to assist in determining the agenda items to be included in the general and breakout meetings in April.
3. An Agenda submission must be sponsored by a minimum of 5 member organizations or a League representing at least 6 members of the organization.



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An agenda item can also be sponsored and submitted by the Board of Directors or an ACHA committee.

4. All Agenda items must be submitted in presentation form, complete with details, including but not limited to:
  - a. Reasoning behind issue with current by-law or lack of a by-law. Negatives that will be eliminated by change/addition of your agenda item.
  - b. Reasoning supporting the item.
  - c. Projected positive outcomes of the item.
  - d. Detailed funding requirements and funding source(s) for proposed change/addition, if applicable
  - e. Administration and oversight of proposed change/addition

For reference - NCAA Submission Process:

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=35281>

Rationale:

The organization has grown from 150 member organizations to nearly 400 in the past 10 years. In addition, meeting attendance has improved from around 50 to over 200. While the ACHA believes it is important to maintain an "open" atmosphere at its National meetings, our size is making it increasingly difficult to discuss all the topics individual member organization would like to review each year and still provide the proper attention and discussion to important issues for the ACHA. Currently, some agenda items are being submitted which reflect concerns of only a small number of members. These items are taking away from issues and agenda items which are concerns of a majority of the members.

The Board of Directors and the Commissioners are currently assigned the task of putting together a proper agenda to meet the members needs based on a few sentences from a single member. By following these submission requirements the Board of Directors will be provided better and hopefully, more complete information on all issues presented for the agenda. This will also give the Board of Directors a better understanding of the memberships wants and needs for agenda items, issues and discussions and allow for better preparation of an agenda that better meets the needs of the membership body.

If an item or issue is important to the membership body, the membership has to take some responsibility for gathering information, debating the issue and showing the support for the issue prior to presentation for submission and subsequent placement on the agenda before the entire body.

There is no funding necessary for this proposal item.

The Board of Directors will oversee the submission of agenda items as they normally do, as the elected representatives of the membership.



Chris Wilk, ACHA Executive Director  
CHMA Division 1

Motion to approve by Al Murdoch  
Second by Mike Angelis

In Favor -  
Opposed - 3  
Abstain - 0

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## **Playing Rules**

Part 3, Article II. Add Section 6

Exception to NCAA Rule 5, Section 2 Officiating Systems

The 1 referee, 2 linesmen system is an approved officiating system for all ACHA games.

Rationale:

Survey Results:

In a recent survey of ACHA Men's Division 1 teams, with 39 responses, the results were as follows:

29 votes for a 1R-2L system

5 votes for a 2R-2L system

5 votes for a 2R-1L system

Cost:

~\$35 increase per game using a 2R-1L system

~\$80 increase per game using a 2R-2L system

Quality:

The reality is, with the implementation of some higher leagues (juniors, pros, NCAA) to utilize either the 2R-2L or 2R-1L systems, the pool of quality officials has been eroded across the country.

The CSCHL league utilizes the USA Hockey Officiating Development Program for its games. The response to the possibility of having 2R's on the ice - 'We don't have the horses.' If a league of this caliber can't get quality guys on the ice, what can the talent be on the ice for everybody else?



Bottom line - Teams will pay more money for officiating costs, and what you will be getting are linesmen wearing armbands.

As for ACHA National Tournaments, we are already above the budgets that USA Hockey sets for each of our tournaments (\$7,500 for referees per tournament, using a 1 referee-2 linesmen system). Additional costs will have to be funded by the ACHA. (~\$8,500)

Brian Moran  
Division 1 Commissioner

Motion to approve by Sean Hogan – Oakland  
Second by Jake Tromley – Saginaw Valley

In Favor -  
Opposed - 3  
Abstain - 0

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### **Hockey Coach's Care Raffle Winners**

USA Hockey Jerseys:  
Bill Morrison - Kennesaw  
Andy – Rutgers  
Scott – Florida Atlantic

Harrow Workout Shirt  
Linda  
Rich

Grand Prize Full Custom Set of Pop Tops Jerseys (25) – Shawn Hogan, Oakland University

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Motion to Adjourn made by John Watson, UConn  
Second by Andy Godyez – Rutgers

Motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm