

BAFHA 2006 AGM

Time: Sunday, January 21, 2007, 1 pm

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Humayun Khan (Marin/President)

Harv Dhaliwal (Hayward/Vice President)

Niall Murphy (Marin/Treasurer)

Laurent de Janvry (SF)

Otto Steinbusch (PA)

Andreas Kadavanich (SF/General Secretary)

Kanwardeep Sidhu (Santa Clara)

Ramandeep Sandu (Santa Clara)

Agenda items:

(i) To receive a report from the President or the Executive Committee.

There was also a general discussion regarding field space availability. The main points:

- A lot of turf facilities are moving to the newer synthetic grass variant that is less suitable for field hockey. Berkeley High School currently has this at their field. Last year was difficult in terms of securing field time at Berkeley and Stanford, and Berkeley High School (BHS) came to the rescue. The BHS field, however, has been rebuilt with the newer synthetic grass variant less suitable for field hockey. Additionally, the cost of renting BHS field is more than twice the costs to rent Berkeley or Stanford fields. Therefore, this years challenge will be to secure more field time at Berkeley and Stanford.
- The Underhill field at UC Berkeley will likely have the same synthetic grass surface. Underhill field is still under construction and may take 6 to 8 months to get completed. Therefore, that field may not be ready for our 2007 season.
- Construction at Memorial Stadium will probably also impact availability of the UC Berkeley field, although this is not expected to be an impact in 2007. The only positive from such construction may be that Underhill field may be field hockey turf to allow Cal women's schedule.
- More flexibility in scheduling may be required, e.g.:

- Starting games at 8 am
 - Playing 2 instead of 4 games each weekend (on a “bye” system)
- (ii) To receive and review the Accounts of the Association for the preceding financial year.

See separate Accounts Sheet. Additionally:

- It was noted that field rental bills from UC Berkeley for the last 2 seasons are still outstanding and may be called in by the University at any time.
- Santa Clara paid their outstanding dues for the 2006 season at the meeting.
- The question was raised whether the 2006 Santa Clara team is fundamentally different from the now defunct 2005 San Jose team. The General Secretary was tasked with comparing the relevant rosters to determine if Santa Clara should be held accountable for the outstanding dues from the San Jose team.
- It was noted that Yuba City still has dues of \$600 outstanding from the 2005 season. This debt is payable in full before participation in the 2007 season can be considered.

(iii) To approve a budget for the forthcoming year.

See the Accounts sheet. Also note:

- No provision was made in the budget for sponsoring attendance at the National Club Championship. The Executive Committee may revisit this later in the season when the financial situation can be better forecast
- No provision was made in the budget for sponsoring the Regional Training Center (RTC) tournament

The budget was approved by unanimous consent

(iv) To receive a report from the General Secretary and Secretary for Hockey Development.

See separate report for the General Secretary’s report.

The position of Secretary for Hockey Development is currently vacant.

(v) To receive a report from:

-The Selection and Competitions Committee

The position of Chairperson of the Selection and Competitions Committee is currently vacant.

-The Coaching and Umpires Committee

The position of Chairperson of the Coaching and Umpires Committee is currently vacant.

(vi) To determine the scale of affiliation fees,

The affiliation fees were set at \$1,300 per team by unanimous consent. The first installment of \$800 is due to the treasurer on March 1st, 2007. The due date for the second installment will be determined by the Executive Committee before the end of the season.

(vii) To allow for nominations from the floor by any individual or club member in good standing.

(viii) To elect the Officers of the Executive Committee.

The following were elected by unanimous voice vote.

1. President: Humayun Khan
2. Vice-President: Harv Dhaliwal
3. General Secretary/ USFHA Representative: Andreas Kadavanich
4. Treasurer: Niall Murphy
5. Secretary for Hockey Development : Otto Steinbusch.

(ix) To elect the Chairpersons of:

-The Selection and Competitions Committee: No nominations received. Deferred until a later date.

-The Discipline/Umpires Committee: No nominations received. Deferred until a later date.

(x) To transact any business as raised by the membership.

1. Submitted by D. Pappas:

The Cal Team is in big trouble with the Sports Club Office. The league needs to address the Cal team problem if you want the league to survive, otherwise you will lose the field access.

This item was partially addressed in the discussion regarding field availability. Since no representative from the Cal team was available, the discussion was tabled until further information can be obtained.

2. Submitted by A. Kadavanich:

We need a revised discussion how to best handle USFHA membership as printed applications take a long time to process. USFHA now prefers that everybody use the web form.

Section 4. (b) (ii) of the By-Laws was amended by unanimous consent to the following:

“Fees shall be determined and set by the Association for the period September 1 through August 31 of the following year. ~~These fees shall include U.S.F.H.A. registration and BAFHA will forward such dues to the U.S.F.H.A.~~”

Additionally it was noted by the Secretary that for practical reasons, the only universally acceptable proof of USFHA membership is a membership card or the printed verification from the USFHA web form. It is up to the individual players to have proof of membership at all times when attending a BAFHA event. Any person lacking such proof may be prohibited from participating.

In response to questions, it was reiterated that if a team fields an ineligible player for a BAFHA game, said team forfeits the match.

The secretary was tasked with clarifying the BAFHA policy regarding proof of USFHA

membership and communicate this to the member clubs.

3. As noted in the president's report, lack of club participation in the running of the league carries a heavy burden for the performance of the association. To overcome this problem the following motion was proposed and passed by unanimous consent:

“Each Club must provide a member to the BAFHA Executive Council as part of their team registration, before said club is allowed to play in the league. ”

For clubs not serving within the five functions of Section 5. (a) of the By-laws, the representative shall serve as members-at-large to assist the Executive Committee within their normal functions.

4. Quality of umpiring was once again a vigorous topic of discussion. Notable points:

- Teams frequently do not fulfill their scheduled umpiring obligations. This leads to ad-hoc assignment of umpires at the field. The qualifications and ability of such ad-hoc umpires varies and defies any method of quality control
- There is currently no good tracking system to see if teams fulfill their umpiring obligations. It was suggested that the Game Score Reporting form have fields added to record the umpires for the game.
- Teams that do not fulfill their umpiring obligations should be penalized. This may include monetary fines, loss of points, and/or being barred from playing.
- Otto Steinbusch volunteered to assist with organizing umpiring in the interim.
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