

BAFHA 2009 AGM

Time: Sunday, November 1, 2009, 13:00

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

John Sandhu (President)

Niall Murphy (Treasurer)

Andreas Kadavanich (San Francisco/General Secretary)

Peter Buckingham (Palo Alto)

Conor Pullman (Marin)

Humayun Khan

Agenda items:

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

Quoted from the President's report:

“Dear Members,

Let me start off by stating that it has been a pleasure serving on the BAFHA Committee for the 2007 to 2009 seasons. We have a very competent group of members in BAFHA. Some who actually stepped up to assist the committee in doing more than their share this season. I truly appreciate their efforts and encourage to continue this for the upcoming seasons. 2009 for BAFHA has been no less challenging than any prior years. Lack of membership due to non-renewal of team registration had led to BAFHA starting this season off with less teams than prior years. With this issue at hand along with the usual challenges of field availability, the BAFHA committee adapted very well to some “outside the box” thinking. This included encouraging Youth Hockey with extra field times and holding some mid-season six aside tournaments.

It is my believe that in order for BAFHA to gain momentum in new membership and providing good field hockey to existing members, the yet newly appointed committee will need to continue this kind of thought process with creative enhancements to the upcoming BAFHA seasons. However this will require continued efforts on behalf of the Non- Committee members to get involved and assist with any new programs put forward by the new BAFHA Committee for the upcoming 2010 season.

With this said , I am looking forward to the upcoming 2010 BAFHA season to meet new friends and re-acquaint with seasoned members.

John Sandhu.”

(ii) To receive and review the Accounts of the Association for the preceding financial year.

Summary of Treasurer’s report

1. The accounts balance for the year 2009 was \$15,885, including outstanding receivables of \$5,150 and liabilities of \$1,725.
2. Overall the 2009 season ended roughly at break-even.

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

Budget discussions were table until a later date to determine the likely number of teams for the 2010 season and the format of the league.

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

Quoted from the Secretary’s report:

“At the end of the 2009 season, there were a total of 97 registered players in the league. This represents another significant drop in membership in the league compared to the 124 players for 2008 (and 151 for 2007). While some of the drop is probably due to the difficult economic and financial climate of last year, anecdotal conversations suggests that some of it is due to the unpredictability of the playing schedule. In that regard, the reduced membership was somewhat of a blessing as the smaller number of matches could be scheduled well in advance.

That being said, the biggest challenge for the league remains access to venues in a timely fashion that allows a schedule to be drawn up well in advance.

Umpiring, the other big challenge for any league, also benefitted from the shortened schedule, as the number of playing slots was well matched to the availability of umpires. The 2009 season saw a very high portion of matches officated by dedicated umpires (rather than club umpires).

Compliance with the registration process has improved relative to 2008. Part of this was just the reduced number of people making it easier to track compliance. However, clubs were noticeably more proactive this year in compiling registrations than in previous years and should be commended for this. I hope this trend continues in the future as it provides the league leadership with more time to pursue the more important tasks involved in running the league.

One of the most pleasant experiences this past year was to witness the vibrancy of youth hockey in the Bay Area. BAFHA has played a big role in this development, both in direct support, as well as in providing opportunities for upcoming players to start participating in high level hockey (especially with the Fall six-a-side tournament). As I retire from active participation, I am confident that there is a bright future for Bay Area Hockey.

--Andreas”

The position of Secretary for Hockey Development is currently vacant.

(v) To receive a report from:

-The Selection and Competitions Committee:

This position is currently vacant

-The Coaching and Umpires Committee:

The Chairperson of the Coaching and Umpires Committee could not attend the meeting.

The Secretary for Youth Development could not attend the meeting.

(vi) To determine the scale of affiliation fees,

Discussion of affiliation fees was postponed to a later date, concurrent with the budget discussions.

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

1. President: John Sandhu (Palo Alto)
2. Vice-President: Andreas V. Kadavanich (San Francisco)
3. General Secretary/ USFHA Representative: No nominations received to date
4. Treasurer: Niall Murphy (Marin)
5. Secretary for Hockey Development : No nominations received
6. Secretary for Youth Development: Arvind Singh (Hayward)
8. Chairperson of the Umpires & Coaching Committee: No nominations received
9. Chairperson of the Selections and Competitions Committee: No nominations received

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

The following were elected by voice vote.

1. President: John Sandhu
2. Vice-President: Andreas V. Kadavanich
3. General Secretary/ USFHA Representative: Vote post-poned pending nominations
4. Treasurer: Niall Murphy
5. Secretary for Hockey Development : Vote post-poned pending nominations
6. Secretary for Youth Development: Vote post-poned until nominee availability can be confirmed

(ix) To elect the Chairpersons of:

8. Chairperson of the Umpires & Coaching Committee: Vote post-poned pending nominations

9. Chairperson of the Selections and Competitions Committee: Vote post-poned pending nominations

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

1. Phil Sykes would like to ascertain interest within BAFHA for participating at indoor hockey at the Bladium sports arena in Alameda.

Clubs were requested to publicize this request to their membership and respond to Phil directly.

Notes from discussions during the meeting

The logistics of member registration need to be streamlined so less time is eaten up by drudgework.

-Possibility of moving to an online registration system using third-party services

Field availability is projected to be similar to last year.

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Amended December 5, 2009

Adam Davis of Palo Alto FHC was nominated for the General Secretary Position and elected by unanimous vote.

