

Texas Amateur Hockey Association (TAHA)
Annual Meeting Minutes
Via ZOOM & Presentation Deck
June 20, 2025
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 1:08 PM

- Mark Servaes introduced himself as leader of 2025 Annual Meeting
- Lucas Ried was unable to attend meeting due to scheduling conflict
- Call for introductions
 - Jason Wynn – Candidate High School Section President, Lyndsey Lablanc – San Antonio, Scott Friske, Reggie Hall – past president, Don Girard – TAHA treasurer, TC Lewis – TAHA Adjust Section Pres., Kevin Kreskler – TAHA Disabled Section, Karen Young – Travel Section, Darla Thompson, Mike Salekin, Mark Snyder, Patrick Warrington, Tanya Brewer, Cosmo Clark, Connor Morrison, Wade Pruitt, Keith Andresen, Tori Ellis, Mike Authier, John Nahler, Tom Anderson, Greg Creek, Melissa Rose, Melani Gotsdiner, Jane Hale, Jeff Mewett, Wendy Sarich, Andy Gibson, Jordan Norris, Eric – San Antonio, Ted Skinner, Celeste Osborne, Jeff Smith, Nate Anderson, Rhonda Snyder, Chad Olson, Rich McGovern, Erin Blake, Adam Powell, Thomas Rodgers, Chad Siewart, Kathleen Smith, Austin Sutter

Vice President Report – Mark Servaes

- Call for approval of 2024 meeting minutes
- TC Lewis motioned to approve, Keith Andresen second.
 - Motion passed – meeting minutes approved
- State of the affiliate update
 - Participation numbers are strong and growth across TAHA – both Texas and Oklahoma realized strong growth
 - Adult participation numbers have grown
 - Youth participation is up at all age groups
 - Girls / Women's participation numbers are up
 - Covered USA Hockey Updates
 - National development league in discussions. Potential to create a tier 1 league with 30-40 teams at select age groups. Expect vote to occur at winter meeting.
 - Discussions on possibly brining legislation defining residency
 - Multiple recognitions
 - Kelly Clymer – Walter Yaciuk Award
 - Houston Girls
- TC – Lewis provided JR's update
 - Added southeast division to NA3 – Roadrunners will move to new divisions
- Board Elections
 - Five board positions voted on every 2 years. President, Treasurer, House Section President, and Adult Section President. All unopposed except High School Section President which had 3 candidates – Cosmo Clarke, Jason Wynn, and Mark Snyder.
 - Each High School Section President candidate introduced themselves and provided brief background on qualifications
 - [TAHA High School Section President Voting Link](#)
 - 10-minute break for organization to cast vote

Discipline – Patrick Warrington

- 97 match penalties across adult and youth players
 - Hateful and discriminatory language led the list of Match Penalty
 - Includes disparaging language
 - Two types of progressive suspensions for fighting
 - 6 progressive suspensions administered
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Finances – Don Girard

- Reviewed P&L for period ending June 1st – mid fiscal year.
- Reviewed all grants

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Travel – Karen Young

- Discussed successful state tournament and highlighted champions and runners-up.
- First year for 14 Tier II girls tournament
- Next season will have both 14 and 16 girls tournament
- Discussions on change of format

- TAHA will be requesting additional information to validate residency
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House – Bobby Chapman

- This was first year for 8U premier prep. Created positive experience between house level and travel level players
- Overall numbers are strong and realizing growth

High School – Keith Andresen

- McKinney won state tournament
- TAHA sent three teams to 2025 USA Hockey High School National tournament in PA
- HS Hockey continues to grow with new teams joining league

Girls/Women – Mike Salekin

- Girls hockey experiencing growth – up 5% past season
- Houston Storm recognized nationally
 - Will look at program and assess areas that can be expanded to other areas

Adult - TC Lewis

- Several teams
- Intra-City play
- Reminder that youth players cannot play in adult events
- New rules
 - Moved from summer rule change to January rule change
 - Neck protectors recommended but not mandatory for adults
- Illustrated all tournaments throughout Texas

Kevin Krekeler

- Continues see growth
 - 425+ members
 - Includes Warrior, Sled, and Special
- 5 active sled clubs
 - Noticeable growth on youth side
- Record 525 players across 30 teams at hosted event in Dallas – USA NHL Sled Classic
- 350 registered athletes across Dallas, Houston, OKC, and Tulsa for Warriors section
- 60 registered athletes in the Special section

Coaching – Cosmo Clarke

- Hosted 41 clinics enabling 2,230 coaches to update their certification level.
- Kenny McKinley taking over Coach in Chief next season
- USA Hockey will hold its National Hockey Coaching Symposium, or level 5, in Columbus, OH August 14 -17
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Registrars –Tanya Brewer

- Texas currently uses Hockey Shift – Coaches signatures are not in Hockey Shift causing issues with score sheets not being accepted.
 - Scoresheets were ultimately accepted
 - During winter meeting will discuss options to resolve

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Melanie Gotsdiner – Officiating in Chief

- New rule book – '25 – '29
- Delayed offsides is back for U15 and up next season

Safe Sport - John McManaman

- 13 Emotional Misconduct Allegations
 - 8 had SafeSport violation
 - 5 had no violation
- 14 Bullying Allegation Cases
 - 11 had SafeSport violation
 - 3 had no violation

Board Election – Board Election Results

- Cosmo Clarke elected as High School Section President

New Business

- THL League update from Andy Gibson
- TAHA Vice President nominations open until 7/15/2025
- Rocky Mountain District meeting last week in September located in Dallas

Meeting Adjourned

- Mark Servaes motioned to adjourn
- Patrick Warrington second
- Meeting adjourned 3:20PM