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ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE REINSTATED AS A MEMBER OF THE WCHA
Men’s League Board of Directors formally ratifies Chargers’ return to league play on Wednesday

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – June 3, 2020 – Following Friday’s announcement that the University of Alabama Huntsville would reinstate its men’s ice hockey program for the 2020-21 season, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Men’s League Board of Directors today formally approved the return of the UAH program to the WCHA with a unanimous vote during the league’s annual board meeting.

“We’re excited and so pleased that Alabama Huntsville hockey will return in 2020-21,” WCHA Men’s League Commissioner Bill Robertson said following the meeting. “The fundraising effort that has, to date, netted nearly $900,000 is a remarkable accomplishment. I want to commend UAH President Dr. Darren Dawson and Director of Athletics Dr. Cade Smith for giving the program’s supporters a chance to secure funding to keep it alive.”

The university announced May 22 that the program was being discontinued as part of a larger budget reduction brought on by the COVID-19 health scare. In response to that announcement, a group of UAH hockey supporters began a grass roots fund-raising campaign with the understanding that the program would return if a $750,000 funding goal was within seven days. The campaign successfully met that benchmark and the program was reinstated by the university on May 29. That campaign remains active and has netted nearly $900,000 as of June 3.

About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Men’s League
The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, will mark its 69th season of men’s competition in 2020-21. The 10-team NCAA Division I conference consists of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (Chargers), the University of Alaska Anchorage (Seawolves), the University of Alaska (Nanooks), Bemidji State University (Beavers), Bowling Green State University (Falcons), Ferris State University (Bulldogs), Lake Superior State University (Lakers), Michigan Technological University (Huskies), Minnesota State University (Mavericks) and Northern Michigan University (Wildcats). For more information, visit wcha.com.

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