

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
January 4, 2013

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Lynn Thompson, Mike Miley, Annetta Powell, Kris Knauss, Dave Caciliffi, Blake Riekema, Jim Culley, Greg Milles, Jack Tragis, Carolos Gomez, Tim Stage, Mike Laflamme, Keith Armstrong, Keith Morris, Laura Ramsey, Pete Sloan and Nikole Stenehjem.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian, Anna Culley, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey Officials present: Lisa McPheters and Chris Milles.

Visitors present: None

Members excused: Vilma Shuttleworth, Dan Massie, Ted Barton and Dave McCarrey.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. Introductions were made of those present. The agenda was approved as read. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Persons to be heard: None

President's report: Darryl Thompson reported that we are seeing more penalties because of the abuse of officials. He would like for us to spread the word that this should not be happening. Darryl gave a thank you to MHA for following the Safe Sport protocol in handling an issue within their organization. Darryl will be going to the Mid-Winter USA Hockey meeting later this month. He also reminded board members to follow the ADM model regarding full-ice/half-ice. Darryl also would like for an addendum to be added to the guideline book regarding an Officials Code of Conduct.

Finance report: Joe Newhouse presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Statement. He reported that after the audit was completed, it was noted that we need to get theft insurance. USA Hockey gave some recommendations, and he will get us the premium amounts at our next meeting. Joe also reported that the signature changes are almost done.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh reported that the state tournament fees are due today. Attached are the Squirt and PeeWee Major and Minor schedules. Kris Knauss moved and Annetta Powell seconded to approve the schedules as presented. The motion passed. Carol needs the state tournament trophies from last year's winners. Either get them to her at the February ASHA board meeting or get to the hosting association. Attached is the list of hosting associations. The house tournament schedules are almost complete. Some final changes are still be worked out. Brenda

Luthi, secretary, will send out the schedules for an email approval vote once they are ready.

VP Comp Council: Kris Knauss reported that the Comp Council has appointed a player development committee consisting of representatives for the various organizations, including Justin Marcum, Barrett Heisten, Keith Morris, Kris Knauss, Brian Swanson, Dan Massie, Anna Culley to name a few, who will meet and make recommendations to the ASHA board in April for guideline book changes for the following year. They are also looking into the process for coaches and teams to handle summer travel and practice to keep within the boundaries set up by USA Hockey and to set a clear policy for ASHA.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they are discussing the U-8 start dates for next year. A big thanks was given to Carol Hamming for her work on the state tournament schedules. January 16, 2014 is the date for drawing for house tournament placement.

VP Girls/Women Council: Brenda Luthi read Dave McCarrey's report (see attached).

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian reported that they are working on a few match penalties. They also need to work on a process to list tournaments and get them USA Hockey approved. There is a 30-day advance requirement that not many follow. They are also working on getting adult stats on line. The LaBatt's Tournament is coming up with at least 80 teams!

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk presented his report (see attached).

Safe Sport: Darryl reported that the screening process is working well.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that 3 games can count when U18 Tier II teams play U16 Tier I teams. The member counts report is attached.

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles reported that he is headed to the USA Hockey Mid-Winter meeting. He is working on the state tournament referees.

Coach-in-Chief: Darryl reported that they will keep the modules open longer – but coaches must get the modules done to be on the ice.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that an Ice Dog player committed to UAA.

Old Business: Justin Marcum reported that the Girls' District Tournament schedules are almost done. He will be asking for volunteer help at the February ASHA meeting.

New Business: Darryl needs full-ice waiver information ASAP. He explained that he has talked to USA Hockey about advancing block grant money from the general fund to be reimbursed in June when the USQA Hockey Block Grant funds become available, and USA Hockey representatives saw no problem in doing so. The purpose would be to fund the participation purchasing hard ice dividers now. Fairbanks, MHA and South Anchorage would like to purchase hard ice dividers, but the block grant money has already been spent for this year. Carol Hamming moved and Kris Knauss seconded to give them advance from the general fund the moneys to fund ASHA 50% of these hard ice dividers now and to reimburse the general fund from block grant moneys when received in June. Motion passed with no opposition.

Lynn Thompson moved and Greg Milles seconded to allow the Ice Breaker U16 Tier II team move to Tier IV status. Lynn explained the reasons behind this request and answered questions. The motion passed with no opposition.

Board Member Comments:

Keith Berrian commented that goalie clinics were held in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

Keith Morris commented that insurance binders for USA Hockey need to be made available for all rinks.

Carol Gomez apologized for one of his teams pulling out of the state tournament.

Joe Newhouse commented that the 990 tax return is getting prepared, and it will require an email vote approval sent from Brenda Luthi.

Mike Laflamme commented that "ASHA told me to do it".

Laura Ramsey gave a thanks for the help for the fundraiser they held for an ill child.

Wayne Sawchuk suggested that the player development committee come up with a fine system when working with guideline book changes.

Darryl Thompson thanked everyone for their work to promote the game of hockey.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 8, 2014, at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
Secretary