

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
July 20, 2013

Members present: Justin Marcum, Lynn Thompson, Mike Miley, Barrett Heisten, Jerry Mackie, Kris Knauss, David Cacciolfi, Blake Riekema, Jim Culley, Jack Tragis, Steve Nevak, Dan Massie, Mike Laflamme, Vilma Shuttleworth, Keith Armstrong, Laura Ramsey, Pete Sloan, Mike Brody (alt.), Rob Askew (alt.), Michele Nilson (alt.), Rachel O'Brien (alt), A. Tee Amosa-Tosi (alt.) and Tyler Andrew (alt.).

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Dave McCarrey, Anna Culley, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey Officials present: Donna Kaufman and Chris Milles.

Visitors present: Cristy Hickel and Sarah LaCombe.

Members excused: Joe Newhouse, Kathy Merrick, Annetta Powell, Jordy Wolter, Destry Lind, Carlos Gomez, Keith Morris and Ted Barton.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. The following board members were seated:

Steve Nevak	Homer Hockey Association
Justin Marcum	Alaska All Stars
Barrett Heisten	Anchorage Hockey Association

Introductions were made of those present. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Darryl Thompson read a thank you note from the Geraty family thanking ASHA for its contribution given to them at the death of their son. Our hearts go out to our Hockey Family.

Persons to be Heard: Darryl Thompson introduced Donna Kaufman from the Pacific Board of Directors. It is an honor to have someone from our district sit on the USA Hockey Board of Directors. Donna discussed the rule changes made for this year. They can be found on the USA Hockey website. Starting in 2015, there will be a 16-team format for the National Tournament. Alaska (both Anchorage and Fairbanks) is putting in a bid to host the 2015 National Tournament. Donna explained the USA Hockey Advantage Program, which is targeting all people who like hockey. A One Goal Program for Adults is starting soon. There will be a Level 5 Coaching Clinic held in Las Vegas in August of 2014. There have been some changes in staff at USA Hockey. Wendy Goldstein is now our Pacific District Registrar, and she will be here in August. Kris Knauss is the Player Development representative. Donna also reported that Try Hockey for Free will take place in November and March of this season.

Matt Thomas, the new UAA hockey coach, introduced himself and stressed the importance of a strong hockey community. Welcome to Alaska, Matt!

President's Report: Darryl Thompson extended congratulations to the All Stars for getting the Girls National Tournament bid.

Lisa McPheters is our new associate registrar replacing Connie Hardwick, who retired this past season. Darryl gave a huge thanks to Connie for her time, effort and knowledge she gave to ASHA and the hockey community.

USA Hockey recognizes young leaders each year, and this year Adam Powell and Barrett Heisten were awarded Honorable Mentions for their work in hockey. Kris Knauss was presented with a plaque as he received the Youth Leader Award for USA Hockey. Congratulations, Kris.

ASHA will be audited by USA Hockey this fall.

Darryl also gave an explanation of how the Block Grant money works.

First, ASHA will now be administering its own USA Hockey Block Grant money; Second, the total amount of USA Hockey Block Grant money for 2013/14 is \$ 23,211.75, of which ASHA received 75% of it at the June 2013 USA Hockey annual congress which consists of the following: (1) USA Hockey 2013/14 Block grant \$14,499.38; and (2) USA Hockey Foundation 2013/14 Block Grant balance of \$2,899.80. The 25% balance of \$5,812.50 will be distributed at the June 2014 Annual USA Hockey Congress. Additionally, the District Treasurer has forwarded to ASHA the remaining balance of the used USA Hockey Block Grant moneys from prior years in the total amount of \$8,024.40 which bring the total amount of available USA Hockey Block Grant money to \$ 25,423.58. Out of these funds, ASHA and all affiliates in the District are committed to 10% of the 2013/14 USA Hockey Block Grant fund back to the District for District activities, and thus in September, ASHA will be billed and be required to pay \$2,321.18 to the District as ASHA contribution. Also there was one approved Block Grant request from last season of \$652.50 made payable to Anchorage Hockey Association for ice costs for its ADM clinic and there is the approved \$3,500.00 for Web Site management for the upcoming season leaving available in ASHA's Block Grant funding a total of \$18,949.90 for distribution. There are several requests in so far, and some of these funds have already been allocated, so the board was reminded that would like to apply for any block grant money, please get your requests in as soon as possible.

Darryl gave a big thanks to Destry Lind for his work with the Edge of Excellence Camp held this summer, which was a hockey success. Every kid and parent that participated were pleased with the professionalism and skill brought to Alaska by David Roy and his crew. It raised \$3,500.00 to be contributed to ASHA for the ADM, thus these funds and will be available for requested ADM project as well.

Darryl is working with Anchorage School District to outsource Girls High School Hockey to USA Hockey, and specifically to the Scotty Gomez Hockey Association, and to that end, he has proposed for the Boards consideration a high school section to be added to ASHA's guideline book and the changes proposed are included in the Handbook changes.

Darryl also thanked the Scotty Gomez Foundation for hosting the referee seminar which included some NHL referees.

Finance Report: No report.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh reports that the state tournament hosts and dates are being finalized and will be out soon. She would like to thank Chris Milles, Jack Tragis, Clint Hagel and Anna Culley for supplying her with information on referees, schedules and host associations.

VP Comp Council: Kris Knauss reported for Kathy Merrick. In their meeting prior to this one, they discussed the handbook changes. There was a request for a player to play up, which was denied. They are looking for a comp tournament coordinator to work with Carol Hammingh.

VP House: Anna Culley reported that everyone needs to be aware of the handbook changes this year. October 11, 2013 will be the house scheduling meeting held at the Boys & Girls Club for squirts through midgets. The date of the mite scheduling meeting will be coming soon.

VP Girls/Women: Dave McCarrey reported that they had a meeting in June, and will be meet again in August. The AHA Jamboree was a great success. It looks like a nice mix of girl players for this upcoming season.

VP Adult: No report.

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

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: No report.

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles went over the seminar schedule (see attached). He reminded everyone that SafeSport is required next year.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis gave his report (see attached).

SafeSport: Darryl Thompson reminded us that each association needs a trained SafeSport director by September 15, 2013. Be sure to check your list of coaches to make sure screenings are up to date. Remember that even board members need to be screened this year.

Old Business: Darryl Thompson went over the ASHA board meeting dates and places for the upcoming year. There were a couple of conflicts. Wayne Sawchuk moved, Vilma Shuttleworth seconded to move the November 2 date to November 9, 2013 at the Coast Inn. The motion passed. Michele Nilson moved

and Vilma Shuttleworth seconded to move the April 26, 2014 meeting location to the Millenium Hotel. The motion passed.

Jack Tragis moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to have the comp scheduling meetings as follows:

Friday, August 23rd, 6:00-9:00 – Bantam and Midget

Saturday, August 24th, 8:00-11:00 – Squirt and PeeWee

New Business:

Kris Knauss spoke to the guideline book changes for this year. He stated that this year the guideline book is undergoing a significant rewrite. Everyone received a copy of the rough draft of the guideline book along with the proposed changes. The contacts section will be updated as soon as board members make any corrections to the contacts listed.

Kris went over each page and the corrections or additions as needed. Michele Nilson moved and Vilma Shuttleworth seconded to accept this rough draft document as presented. The motion passed.

A huge thanks was given to Mishel Geraty for the formatting and typing she did for this document.

Carol Hammingh moved and Laura Ramsey seconded to accept Amendment #1. The motion passed.

Jerry Mackie moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to accept Amendment #7 for the 2013-2014 season and then sunset, and accept Amendment #2 for the 2014 season and beyond. The motion passed.

Jerry Mackie moved and Laura Ramsey seconded to accept Amendment #3. Carol Hammingh gave an explanation. The motion passed.

Jerry Mackie moved and Laura Ramsey seconded to accept Amendment #4. Carol Hammingh gave an explanation. The motion passed.

Amendment #5 was withdrawn.

Jerry Mackie moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to accept Amendment #6. Mike Laflamme gave an explanation. Mike Miley made a friendly amendment to add “to Comp Council” and it was accepted. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Kris Knauss moved and Jerry Mackie seconded to change the first word in Amendment #6 from No to An. Wayne Sawchuk made a friendly amendment to add “up to 3 teams”. After much discussion, the questions were called. The friendly amendment was withdrawn. The motion passed which changed the wording from No to An.

Justin Marcum moved and Vilma Shuttleworth seconded to have a maximum of two teams at each level (Squirt and PeeWee). The motion passed.

Carol Hammingh moved and Vilma Shuttleworth seconded to accept Amendment #8. The motion passed.

Anna Culley moved and Michele Nilson seconded to have all house teams send their 1Ts to the VP House. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

Rachel O'Brien from KPHA brought up some scheduling issues regarding exhibition games. She presented a first reading for a guideline book change for the following year. (see attached)

Laura Ramsey gave a comment for Destry Lind regarding a flyer that will be emailed out to everyone about the Midnight Sun Hockey Clinic.

Mike Miley discussed the implications of a possible select team comprised of players from different associations during the regular season.

Barrett Heisten commented that maybe guidelines need to be drawn up about the above situation.

Kris Knauss was given a big thanks for his work on the guideline book .

Brenda Luthi gave a reminder that all associations need to get their current list of board members for USA Hockey records. Also, travel funds are due from associations within a 125-mile radius of Anchorage.

The meeting was adjourned. The next ASHA Board meeting will be August 24, 2013, at 11:00, following the scheduling meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary