

Alaska State Hockey Association
Annual Board Meeting
April 20, 2013

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

Corey Millen	Alaska All Stars
Destry Lind	Alaska Firebirds
Lynn Thompson	Alaska Girls' and Women's Hockey
Mike Miley	AHA
Carol Hammingh	AHA
Kent Petty	AHO
Jerry Mackie	Alaska Jr. Aces
Annetta Powell	Ben Boeke Adult League
Dave Caciliffi	Ben Boeke Adult League
Kris Knauss	Ben Boeke Adult League
Blake Riekema	Big Lake Hockey/Jr. Avalanche
Pat McDonald	Boys & Girls Club
Jim Culley	FAHA
Mike Steffey	FAHA
Jordy Wolter	Fairbanks Arctic Lions
Jack Tragis	Fairbanks Ice Dogs
Carlos Gomez	Gomez Foundation Hockey
Ted Barton	KPHA
Dan Massie	Mat-Su Hockey
Mike Laflamme	Mustang Hockey
Vilma Shuttleworth	NAHA
Keith Armstrong	PAHA
Laura Ramsey	South Anchorage Hockey
Keith Morris	South Anchorage Hockey
Pete Sloan	South Central Alaska Hockey
John Stenehem	Subway Adult League
Sally Wright	Subway Adult League
Anthony Podolinsky	Subway Adult League

Board members present: Corey Millen, Destry Lind, Mike Miley, Carol Hammingh, Kent Petty, Jerry Mackie, Annetta Powell, Kris Knauss, Blake Riekema, Pat McDonald, Jim Culley, Mike Steffey, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mike Laflamme, Keith Armstrong, Laura Ramsey, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, Sally Wright, Anthony Podolinsky, and Greg Johnson (alt.).

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian, Kathy Merrick, Dave McCarrey, Anna Culley and Wayne Sawchuk.

Members excused: Lynn Thompson

USA Hockey official present: Dan Rogness, Andrew Good and Chris Milles.

Visitors present: Christy Hickel, Becky Beckett, Justin Marcum, Lane Gunter and Maricar Greif.

Introductions were made of all present. The agenda was approved with amendments. The minutes were approved as read. The only correspondence (magazines) was presented.

Persons to be heard:

Christy Hickel gave a big thanks to all teams who played the All Stars girls' teams this past season. They have been using the ADM model and it has worked. She passed out flyers for the Girls' Showcase (see attached).

A special recognition was given for Pete Sloan, who has been absent from the ASHA Board for a year due to health reasons. Welcome back, Pete!!

President's Report: Darryl Thompson gave thanks to all volunteers who helped make this past season a great one. The incredible volunteer base makes this game happen and is truly overwhelming. A special thanks was given to all who helped with the State Tournaments and Pacific District Tournament, with a special thanks to John Stenehem and the Subway Center, along with Andrew Good and Michelle Nielsen for the live Pointstreak updates of the Pacific District Tournament. You all make Alaska Hockey happen.

At the District Meeting, Darlene Tragis received the Anderson Award for a lifetime of service to hockey – Congratulations to Darlene!! Doug Gillam received the Anderson Award for outstanding work with referees – Congratulations to Doug!!

A big thank you was given to Andrew Good for his work on updating our website and his continued work to keep it current-truly amazing and everyone is asked to provide input to him for areas of improvement or inclusion of additional information. ASHA is hosting a funding raising dynamic power skating clinic with David Roy, who is an incredible power skating coach. David Roy will be putting on an Edge of Excellence clinic May 28-June 1 at the Subway Center and all net proceeds will be directed to ASHA's ADM programs. All associations were encouraged to reach out to their membership for additional support of this clinic. Alaska receives annually Block grant money from USA Hockey. The monies received consist in money that USA Hockey receives for all of its registered members in Alaska of \$3 per registered members. The Block Grant money has traditionally been administered by the USA Hockey Pacific District Treasurer, and it was then distributed to each affiliate. Now Alaska will receive its Block Grant money directly to administer.

This year's Coach Mac Cup, hosted annually as a fund raiser for the Coach Mac Scholarship Fund, was dedicated as a fundraiser for Robby Warren, one of our own

who suffered a paralyzing injury. With inspiring leadership of Reed MacDonald and Michael McCurtain, and the generosity of the participants of this adult 3x3 tournament, over \$17,000.00 was raised to the Robby Warren fund. You all make hockey round and remind all of us in this game why we do what we do. This fundraiser embodied the commitment to Hockey for Life.

Darryl reported that Dan Rogness will be retiring from USA Hockey after 25 years. His term will end at the June USA Hockey meeting. A big thanks was given to him for his years of service. Darryl will be advocating for the Hogan award to be given to Dan at the District level.

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse went over and answered questions about the financial statements. An audit committee will be needed shortly.

VP Tournaments: Rosalie Nadeau has been ill and could not be present.

VP Comp: Kathy Merrick gave the first reading of a guideline book change orally. It states: On page 22, in the gray area, delete the second sentence and replace it with "No comp player will be allowed to play up from non-checking to checking before their age bracket". (also attached) She also gave a first reading of Proposal #1 (see attached). Kathy Merrick moved and Kris Knauss seconded to adopt this proposal immediately for the 2013-2014 season. Discussion followed and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Merrick gave a first reading of Proposal #2 (see attached). Kathy Merrick moved and Kris Knauss seconded to adopt this proposal immediately. Discussion followed, the questions were called and passed. The motion passed.

Kathy also gave a big thanks to Rosalie Nadeau for dealing with all of the adversity during the state tournament season.

VP House: Anna Culley reported that Joe Doyle from USA Hockey participated in their meeting where they discussed the Mite Proposal, and his comments were very helpful. Consequently, a friendly amendment was attached to the Mite Proposal in its second reading. They discussed the 2014 house tournament hosts, and will be presented later in the meeting.

VP Girls/Women: Dave McCarrey presented his report (see attached). He gave congratulations to the All Star teams for their success at the National Tournaments.

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian reported that there will be 70 adult teams in Anchorage next weekend for the LaBatt's Tournament, which is the largest adult indoor tournament in the US. Last year during the tournament, referee evaluators were brought in and it went well.

They will be starting the First Goal Program (see attached) which is a program for adults beginning hockey. He said that block monies could be used to purchase the bags full of gear. Keith also mentioned that there is a new rule change coming this year that will limit the number of teen players on each adult team.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that the Boys Select dates for the 96, 97, 98 birth years will be May 2-5, 2013. The 99 birth years Select dates are June 22-27, 2013. He gave a thank you to ASHA for the money that enabled them to get more team leaders for the district camps. Select dates for the next try-outs will be December 21-22 at Ben Boeke for 15's and 16's. The 13's and 14's dates will be announced later.

Discipline Report: No report.

Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar's Report: (see attached)

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles reported that there are 340 officials registered. Numbers are down in some areas. He is working on seminar dates for the upcoming season. This is a rule change year for USA Hockey, so be on the lookout for them. There will be a referee evaluator at the La Batt's Tournament next weekend. He wanted to say that AHO has done a great job of evaluating referees throughout the season.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that they put 10 players in Division I programs this year. Alaska Junior teams will be traveling more next season due to re-alignment of divisions.

SafeSport: Andrew Good reported that all affiliates must be in compliance for the upcoming season. He is getting the training material together for presentations for any associations that are interested. The Pacific District Safe Sport Director came up and his presentation was video-taped and will be available in 30-45 days. Each affiliate will need a Safe Sport coordinator in place for the beginning of the season. Andrew Good is available to meet with any affiliate which would like for a presentation to explain Safe Sport. There is a power point presentation on the Alaska Hockey website that gives an overview of Safe Sport. He and the affiliate president will be traveling to various locations to conduct information seminars to help kick start the new season.

Elections: Elections were held for the offices of secretary, VP Recreational Council, VP Girls/Women, VP Player Development and VP of Tournaments. Carol Hammingh moved and Joe Newhouse seconded to accept the slate of unopposed offices of secretary (Brenda Luthi), VP Recreational Council (Anna Culley), VP Girls/Women (Dave McCarrey) and VP Player Development (Wayne Sawchuk). The motion passed. The office of VP Tournaments was between Laura Ramsey and Carol Hammingh. A paper ballot was taken, and Carol Hammingh was the winner.

Old Business:

The All Stars handbook coaching restriction was tabled and the committee consisting of Kris Knauss, Corey Millen, Travis Frisk, Dan Massie, Jordy Wolter, Carol Hammingh, Anna Culley and Kathy Merrick will meet soon.

Anna Culley moved and Kris Knauss seconded to accept the Mite Proposal as amended. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. (see attached)

The proposal for submitting a National Tournament bid must be submitted and received by May 1st. It is a very involved process. A big thanks was given to Jack Tragus and Kris Knauss for all of their hard work in getting this together. We will know in September if our bid won.

New Business:

Carol Hammingh moved and Annetta Powell seconded to have Rosalie Nadeau as an honorary lifetime director for ASHA. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Merrick moved and Jerry Mackie seconded to approve the 2014 State Tournament Hosts for the Comp League as presented:

Squirt Minor	KPHA
Squirt Major	All Stars
PeeWee Minor	Jr. Avalanche
PeeWee Major	Mat-Su
Bantam Tier II	North Stars
Bantam Tier I	Jr. Aces
16 B	South Central Wolves
16 A	Arctic Lions
18 B	South Central Wolves
18 A	Jr. Aces

The motion passed unanimously.

Anna Culley moved and Kris Knauss seconded to approve the 2014 House Tournament Hosts as presented so far:

Squirt Tier III	Palmer
Squirt Tier IV	FAHA
PeeWee Tier III	Moose
PeeWee Tier IV	?
Bantam Tier III	Homer
Bantam Tier IV	?
U16 Tier III	FAHA
U18 Tier III	FAHA
U18 Tier IV	FAHA

The motion passed unanimously

Guideline book changes:

Mike Laflamme presented the first reading of the Cross-Ice vs. Half-Ice (see attached) and the first reading of the Change Division Request (see attached).

Carol Hammingh presented the first reading of the Tournament Schedule Changes (see attached).

Corey Millen presented a first reading to delete the provision that prohibits house teams from traveling outside the state during the high school season without prior ASHA approval (p. 10, l.).

Mike Laflamme explained the Bantam Tier IV request for reimbursement for state tournament fees and penalty. Mike moved and Annetta Powell seconded to refund the Mustangs for the fees and penalty. Discussion followed. The Mustangs will apply the money to the PeeWee Tier IV amount owed and pay an additional \$100 to cover the costs. The motion passed.

Jerry Mackie moved and Kris Knauss seconded for the approval to pay Andrew Good \$1500 to update the Pointstreak data. The motion passed. Block grant monies will be available to pay Andrew Good for the ASHA web site maintenance.

Darryl Thompson presented the following ASHA meeting dates for the 2013-2014 season:

July 20, 2013

August 24, 2013 (following the scheduling meeting)

November 2, 2013

January 4, 2014

February 8, 2014

April 26, 2014 (Annual Meeting)

Carol Hammingh moved and Jerry Mackie seconded to accept the 2013-2014 ASHA meeting dates. The motion passed.

Carol Hammingh moved and Kris Knauss seconded voting Rosalie Nadeau as a life time Honorary ASHA Board Member in recognition of her decades of service to ASHA and the hockey community, and the motion passed unanimously.

Kris Knauss presented the Vote of No Confidence for the UAA Athletic Director, Steven Cobb. Kris Knauss moved and Keith Morris seconded to have ASHA accept this letter of No Confidence. The motion passed.

Carlos Gomez made a comment that the Scotty Gomez Foundation is no longer associated with the Boys & Girls Club. They will go on their own and will have C & D division for the upcoming season.

Board Member Comments:

Carol Hammingh commented that she would like all handbook changes sent to her. Jerry Mackie gave congratulations to the All Stars on their National Tournament successes. He liked the spirit of cooperation that has existed between the All Stars and the Jr. Aces and that all teams are moving forward.

Carlos Gomez commented that the Alaska Aces are running a hockey clinic the first week of August for house players.

Brenda Luthi reminded all associations that she needs a current list of officers for the upcoming season, along with a website that shows their handbook for parents.

Kris Knauss commented that there are 15 adult helpers at the Pacific Select Camps from Alaska.

Pat McDonald agreed with Carol Gomez in that the Boys & Girls Club and the Scotty Gomez Foundation have parted ways amicably. BGC are in need of a hockey coordinator. The Presidents' Day Tournament this year had 84 teams and was very successful. A special thanks was given to Annetta Powell, the ice rinks and the referee schedulers.

Kent Berriam commented

Mike Laflamme commented that the Mac Attack Tournament was a success.

Laura Ramsey commented that there will be an auction at the Hilltop Ski Area tonight from 6:00-10:30.

Keith Morris commented that the fitness center will be open soon with hockey specific workouts available.

Pete Sloan commented on how nice it was to be back on the ASHA Board.

Anne Culley gave a thanks to Rosalie Nadeau, Annetta Powell and Carol Hammingh for the House State Tournaments.

Darryl Thompson wants to be put together a comprehensive job description for the ASHA president. He also reminded members that our voices count. He gave a thanks to the newly elected officers for their time and effort. He reminded everyone to keep up the good work. He also asked for members to keep the Garrety family in their prayers for their loss. Hockey for Life!

Kris Knauss commented that \$250,000 of sound improvements was given to the Dipper Arena in Fairbanks from the legislature.

Jake Tragis thanked Kris for helping to make the sound improvements to the rink happen.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be July 20, 2013 at 10:00 at the Coast Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary