

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
January 12, 2013

**Board members seated:** The following members were seated: AHA seated Barrett Heisten for Chris King for this meeting only; PAHA seated Keith Armstrong for Gregg Bembencek; and NAHA seated Greg Milles for Vilma Shuttleworth for this meeting only.

**Members Present:** Corey Millen, Destry Lind, Barrett Heisten, Carol Hammingh, Mike Miley, Rich Brister, Jerry Mackie, Annetta Powell, Kris Knauss, David Cacciolfi, Blake Riekema, Scott Hulse, Jim Culley, Michael Steffey, Jordy Wolter, Jack Tragis, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mike Laflamme, Greg Milles, Keith Armstrong, Travis Frisk, Darryl Thompson, Keith Berrian Dave McCarrey and Anna Culley

**USA Hockey Members Present:** Connie Hardwick

**Visitors Present:** Eric Brimanis, Becky Beckett and R. Mishel Gerraghty

**Members Excused:** Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Wayne Sawchuk, Kathy Merrick, Rosalie Nadeau, Vilma Shuttleworth, Rick Trupp, Chris King and Lynn Thompson.

Meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. Introductions were made of all present. Minutes were approved as presented. There were a couple of magazines, Darryl stated that if anyone wanted them, go ahead and take them. If any board members would like to receive all the email correspondence that Darryl receives, please let him know.

**Persons to be heard:** Eric Brimanis of the North Star Pee Wee Minor team requested permission to take his team to Latvia for a tournament. The Comp Council did discuss this and approved it. The major purpose of this trip is to form a life learning experience for all the players. Carol Hammingh made a motion to allow the team to travel internationally and Annetta Powell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion—the motion passed

**Presidents report**—There have been no meetings for district or USA Hockey since last meeting, ADM is a hot topic and the definition of the game in USA Hockey Annual Guide is being redefined. All exceptions to the cross ice exception need to be made by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is a group in Kodiak that want to become an affiliate to the ASHA board.

The following positions will be open for election in April: Secretary, VP Girls/Women, VP Player Development, VP House/Rec and VP Tournaments.

District tournament packets should be available by January 15<sup>th</sup> let Darryl know who to send the District Packets to, also at districts we will have a safe sport room available at the Dimond Center hotel all associations are strongly encourages to attend (coaches, managers, safe sport coordinator). Steve Lang will be doing a powerpoint presentation..

During the Turkey Shoot, Mike Ashley reported that he is concerned about the gap in the gate at BB2. Darryl wrote a letter to the Mayor requesting that new boards be done at BB2, it was put on the list of capital projects, so please everyone contact your legislatures and encourage them to vote to support getting the funding for the boards at BB2.

**VP Comp Council**—Darryl gave the report for Kathy Merrick—Kathy asked council reps to get feedback from their coaches on the pee wee/squirt seeding and see if there are any changes to the handbook that need to be made. She is asking associations to look at what their game times are running and wants to

add clarification to Item #6 on page 80 of handbook so all divisions are consistent. Jack Tragis mentioned that Alaska was putting in for the 2015 National Tournament bid for Tier I divisions.

A motion was approved to allow North Star team to go to Europe for Tournament in April.

Also, a motion was made and approved to fund \$10,000 to the District Select Camp in San Jose.

**VP House/Rec**—Anna stated that they have been discussing the mandate for U8 Cross Ice and how it will work across the state. They are hoping to have all recommendations for cross ice by the April meeting. The tournament seeding drawings will take place at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting along with discussing the schedules. Trophies are to be turned in at the February meeting, however, if you have a team in the division that you have a championship trophy in, just have them bring the trophy to the state tournament. The House council will also discuss the tournament sizes and how to manage them

**VP Girls/Women's**—Dave stated that he had 78 girls from 9 associations and 23 volunteers from 7 associations that helped run the Girls Selects. The District Selects will be held April 23-25 in Seattle. Thanks to Subway, AHA and all those that helped. Looking at December 21 & 22 for the 2013 Girls Select Camp.

At the last meeting, they discussed improvements to coed locker rooms, girl's tryouts being held in the spring vs August try-outs, getting more girls to officiate, possibly a free monthly training session for all girls, hoping to better educate parents about the short window for girls, the girls jamboree will be hosted by AHA and held March 8-10 in Anchorage.

**VP Adults**—Keith stated that the adults are being fairly quiet, there was a period that the game/match reports were having problems getting through to the proper personnel

**VP Player Development**—Wayne Sawchuk submitted the following report: Thanks to all the 180 players who participated in the 2012 Select tryouts, the lists were posted on the ASHA website on January 6<sup>th</sup>

He has been working with Kris Knauss on getting more spots for our Alaska players. He would like to extend special thanks to all our volunteer evaluators who spent a weekend to help: Mike Ashley, Dennis Sorenson, Keith Morris, Mike Laflamme, Ron Stadem, Dan Massie, Travis Frisk, Mark Weber, Matt Shasby, Nathan Shasby, Corbin Schmidt and Mark Cohen. Thank you Gordy Morgan for handling jersey and t-shirt distribution and AHA for use of their office and the Boeke staff were awesome as always.

**Associate Registrar**—Connie stated that USA Hockey sent out approximately 100 emails to personnel that were on the unclaimed list from Soldotna, Kenai, Palmer, and Wasilla, she received approximately 40 emails back from players that were playing with the name of their association and they were subsequently claimed by the proper association. See attached report for latest update on registration numbers

**Referee in Chief:** Chris Milles was excused. Rich Brister stated that game length has been explained to officials and the number of officials is way down in Anchorage and Fairbanks. In response to Darryl's statement about getting new boards at BB2, Rich Brister mentioned that the referees have been trying to get the ref room at Ben Boeke enlarged due to the fact that the current room does not accommodate all the officials at certain times and has had no support from the city.

**Junior Hockey**—Jack Tragis stated that the Eastern Junior Hockey League is in turmoil and if any of your players are interested in playing for any of those teams, please talk to him first so he can give you the latest information. The Ice Dogs are still playing

**New Business:** Darryl discussed the request for \$10,000 to be paid to the District Player Development fund to help with the move from Kent, WA to San Jose, CA, there is about a 35% increase in the cost of the camp with the move, the funds would come out of the Alaska State General Fund—Darryl stated that he has asked California to match our \$10,000—Kris Knauss made the motion to spend the \$10,000 on the District Player Development Camp, Travis Frisk 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was passed

Election Committee—Jack Tragis will again work the nominations, if you are interested in running for any of the positions available, please contact Jack

Handbook Change Committee—Darryl appointed Kris Knauss to run the Handbook committee, any changes to the handbook, please get them to Kris Knauss.

Board Member Comments:

Darryl stated remember that Hockey is for Life, he also stated that Dru Hammond of Washington was the only name presented to Dan for District Director

Jerry Mackie stated that if anyone wants to help with the Districts, please let him know

Carol Hammingh stated that to remember to engrave the state trophies with the name of the winning team and coaches, the VP of Tournaments is not responsible for engraving trophies

Barrett Heisten stated that he is trying to get all the associations together on the cross ice and if there are any questions, please let him know