

Alaska State Hockey Association
Annual Board Meeting
April 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President.

Seating of Board Members:

Pat McDonald	Boys & Girls Club
Tim Stage	Homer Hockey Association
John Stenejem	Subway Adult League
Sally Wright	Subway Adult League
Gregg Bembenek	Palmer Hockey Association
Dan Massie	Mat-Su Hockey Association
Keith Morris	South Anchorage Hockey Association
Merit Waldrop	South Anchorage Hockey Association
Annetta Powell	Ben Boeke Adult League
Kris Knauss	Ben Boeke Adult League
Dave Caciliffi	Ben Boeke Adult League
Destry Lind	Alaska Firebirds
Rich Brister	Anchorage Hockey Officials
Corey Millen	Alaska All Stars
Travis Frisk	South Central Hockey Association
Jim Culley	Fairbanks Amateur Hockey Association
Wayne Sawchuk	Fairbanks Arctic Lions
Jack Tragis	Fairbanks Ice Dogs
Jordy Wolter	Northern Alaska Hockey Association
Ted Barton	Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association
Mike Laflamme	Mustang Hockey Association
Lynn Thompson	Alaska Girls' and Women's Hockey, Inc.
Carol Hammingh	Anchorage Hockey Association
Mike Miley	Anchorage Hockey Association
Mandy Reale	Anchorage Hockey Association

Members present: Corey Millen, Lynn Thompson, Carol Hammingh, Mandy Reale, Mike Miley, Rich Brister, Annetta Powell, Kris Knauss, Pat McDonald, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Tim Stage, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mike Laflamme, Gregg Bembenek, Keith Morris, Travis Frisk, Sally Wright, Anthony Podolinsky, Merit Waldrop, David Cacciolfi, Jordy Wolter, Kim Griffith (alt.), and Mike Brodie (alt.).

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Rosalie Nadeau, Kim Rupp, Anna Culley, Lisa McPheters, and Kathy Merrick.

USA Hockey officials present: Connie Hardwick, Rick Trupp, Chris Milles, Joe Barth , and Mike Arnold.

Visitors present: Christy Hickel and Hugh Towe II.

Members excused: Scott Hulse and Vilma Shuttleworth.

Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

There was no correspondence.

Persons to be Heard: Kevin Erlenback from USA Hockey gave a presentation on growing hockey nationwide and in Alaska. He spoke about the 2 and 2 Challenge Programs which focus on retention, acquisition and conversion. Kevin can be reached at kevine@usahockey.org if you have any questions.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson reported that John Jolly, our Discipline Committee Chairperson, has resigned. Mike Arnold has been appointed to replace John. Mike Arnold's email is Arnold@gci.net.

The Pacific District Director election is going on, so if your association hasn't voted, please have them do so.

Darryl reminded everyone that there are block grants available to associations. Alaska hockey receives \$3 per player, so money is available. He gave an explanation of how the grants monies work and he encouraged associations to make use of the block grant monies. Please contact Darryl if you have questions or are interested in applying for some grant money. Kevin Erlenback also mentioned there are opportunities for grants within USA Hockey. Please contact Kevin if you are interested in any grants within USA Hockey.

There is a proposal within USA Hockey regarding the number of non-citizen players on a team. A limit of two per team is the proposal, so if you have an opinion on this matter, please let Darryl know.

Darryl gave a big thank you to John Jolly for his years of service as the Discipline Committee Chairperson.

Congratulations went to the Ice Breakers and the Blue Devils for each having a team to win a National Championship. A big thank you went to Lynn Thompson and the Ice Breakers for the great job hosting their tournament.

Bids to host district tournaments are due May 15, 2012 to Dan Rogness.

Darryl presented two Anderson Awards. Connie Hardwick received the Andy Anderson Award for her years of work in administration with USA Hockey. Dennis Sorenson received the Dempsey Anderson Award for his work with coaching.

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse went over the financial report and reported that the taxes are filed.

VP Tournaments: A big thank you was given to Lisa McPheters for the work she has done for our state tournaments these past few years. Lisa reported that all the state tournaments are complete, and the winners are posted on the website. Lisa received great responses and especially positive feedback from the following state tournament hosts and sites:

Homer	Squirt C
Palmer	Bantam C
All Stars	Mite C

She also wanted to give an extra thanks to Anna Culley for her help in Fairbanks which went above and beyond the norm. Also, an extra big thanks to John Jolly for helping with the shipping of the trophies and awards. Lisa wanted to say thanks for the opportunity to work with everyone involved in hockey.

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau reported that the Comp Council met prior to the board meeting this morning. She went over her report – which is attached.

VP House Council: Anna Culley said they met and discussed state tournament bids. Their recommendations are attached. They also discussed mandating cross-ice, but decided to not make it mandatory, just encouraged. They also discussed the proposed Scotty Gomez Foundation proposal as a house association and announced that the House Council was supportive of the new association.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kim Rupp reported that the National Tournament was held March 28-April 1. Congratulations to the Ice Breakers U14 for their gold medal and to the Team Alaska U19 for their bronze medal. The free clinics they held this year were a success with 51 players participating.

VP Adult Council: Brenda Luthi read Keith Berrian's report (see attached).

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk said the Selects dates are on the website.

Discipline Committee: Darryl Thompson introduced Mike Arnold as the new Discipline Committee Chairperson. Attached is John Jolly's report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Connie Hardwick reported that the USA Hockey fee is \$40 per player this year, along with \$5 for ASHA, which is an increase from last year. The new registration software will be out in 2-3 weeks.

Referee -in-Chief: Chris Milles reported that three officials from Alaska attended the National Tournaments. They are getting ready to schedule referee seminars for next season. They are looking into increasing fees for women officials.

Joe Barth would like to work with cross-ice programs and bring 12-year-old referees in to get them interested in becoming referees. He might check into some possible block grant monies.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that USA Hockey is working on changes in coaching clinics and modules. The dates for the coaching clinics will be forthcoming.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that you can check the NAHL website for a complete list of teams. Information on the possible move by the Alaska Avalanche will be available on Monday, April 23, 2012.

Elections: Jack Tragis presented the list of candidates to fill the open seats for regular elections as well as those officer positions for VP of Player Development and VP of Tournaments that were created by the resignations of Dennis Sorenson and Lisa McPheters.

President	Darryl Thompson
Treasurer	Joe Newhouse
VP Comp	Kathy Merrick
VP Adult	Keith Berrian
VP Tournaments	Rosalie Nadeau – to complete the last year of term
VP Development	Wayne Sawchuk – to complete the last year of term

It was discussed that the officer positions were filled by directors who held seats as “Members at Large” and that when the Article VII Section A of By-Laws was amended to increase the term of elected officers to two (2) years, the Board did not also increase the corresponding terms of the Members at Large. It was discussed that the By-Laws needed to be amended accordingly to be internally consistent with the new staggering terms of officer positions. For this election, it was discussed that the Board would be required to first seat all nine Members at Large, to seat those positions for officers whose terms have not yet expired, namely Anna Culley as VP of Recreations, Brenda Luthi as Secretary, and Kim Rupp as VP of Girls/Women, as well as those running for the open officer seats. As such, the following persons were nominated to fill the nine Members at Large seats for the next year’s term of the office:

Darryl Thompson
Joe Newhouse

Kathy Merrick
Keith Berrian
Rosalie Nadeau
Wayne Sawchuk
Anna Culley
Kim Rupp
Brenda Luthi

Rosalie Nadeau moved and Kris Knauss seconded to accept the list of candidates for Members at Large and for the respective open Officer positions as presented. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Darryl Thompson gave a brief history of the House Travel Restriction Proposal. The Alaska State Activities Association will be voting on the restrictions of hockey teams traveling during the high school season this week. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Annetta Powell seconded to bring the ASHA proposal off the table and open it up for discussion and voting. Following a break, the original motion was read from the November 2011 ASHA meeting, which was then tabled at the January 2012 ASHA meeting. Discussion followed. Wayne Sawchuk moved and Kris Knauss seconded to amend the original motion to read: There will be no U14 and older recreational boys/girls team travel out of state during the high school season without ASHA approval. More discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion passed. It was also discussed and agreed upon among the body that Darryl Thompson was to write a letter to ASAA on behalf of the Board advising them of ASHA's new House Travel Restriction and of the Board's position on the ASAA's proposed Amendment to the ASAA Dual Participation Rule and the adverse impact the proposed amendment would have on ASHA House hockey.

Wayne Sawchuk explained the Pee Wee Tier I proposal which is in its second reading at this meeting. The motion passed.

New Business:

The recreational and comp state tournament hosts will be decided at the July ASHA board meeting. Joe Barth presented number to make his suggestion of trying to have a central location for state tournaments. Joe will be added to the tournament committee for comp.

Rosalie Nadeau moved and Jordy Wolter seconded to renew the ASHA agreement with Dennis Sorenson to continue to maintain Pointstreak at the rate of \$1,500 per season. The motion passed.

Darryl said that he is going to hire Plonta Creative to update the ASHA website and keep it current using \$3500 of block grant monies.

Please have all handbook changes need to be submitted to Brenda Luthi by June 15th in order to have them included in the handbook for 2012-2013.

Applications for membership:

Carlos Gomez spoke on behalf of the Scotty Gomez Foundation Hockey Association. He is requesting membership into ASHA. The association will only have house teams. They have been part of the BGC for the past three years, and are wanting to break out on their own. Travis Frisk moved and Keith Morris seconded to approve the Scotty Gomez Foundation Hockey Association to join ASHA. The motion passed.

Kris Knauss spoke for the Frontier Hockey Academy, dba Alaska Select Hockey Academy. They are wanting to provide more exposure, higher competition levels and academics for elite players. It would provide a AAA program for the serious hockey player. Keith Morris spoke to the academics stating that they wanted the players to be the best student athletes they can be. They would work to get the paperwork filed with the NCAA Clearinghouse and ACT and SAT preparation. Merit Waldrop spoke to the benefits of AAA hockey and the good group of association leaders they have already assembled. Matt Shasby spoke to the betterment of Tier I 14, 16, and 18 players and the higher commitment level. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the Frontier Hockey Academy. Discussion followed which included from some wanting the proposed association to present with their request for admission a business plan, a budget, and evidence that they have fund raising in the bank along with a mission statement. It was addressed by Darryl Thompson that the association has met the eligibility requirements established by ASHA, and that to now require for admission as a member association in ASHA such things as business plans, budgets, and fund raising in place would be to place new and different requirements on this association that are not required by ASHA by-laws and which have never historically been placed on any other association seeking admission in ASHA. It was then discussed that perhaps this association is not presenting anything new to Alaska hockey. Thereafter, a vote was taken, with some members of the board abstaining. It was denied with a vote of 12 for and 14 against.

The dates for ASHA meetings for the 2012-2013 season are as follows:

July 14, 2012 – 10:00

August 25, 2012 – 11:00

November 10, 2012 – 10:00

January 12, 2013 – 10:00

February 2, 2013 – 10:00

April 20, 2012 – 10:00 (Annual meeting)

Board Member Comments:

Lisa McPheters commented that the All Star Bantam B team made it to the semi-finals at the national tournament.

Brenda Luthi commented that she needs a list of officers for the 2012-2013 season from all associations, along with a place where their Handbooks can be found.

Travis Frisk commented that Pete Sloan is very well and to continue with thoughts and prayers for him.

Rosalie Nadeau gave congratulations to the Alaska players who made it to the Final Four in college hockey.

The next meeting will be July 14, 2012, at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary