

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
February 4, 2012

Members present: Corey Millen, Kathy Merrick, Carol Hammingh, Rich Brister, Kris Knauss, Chad Jones, Scott Hulse, Kim Griffith, Jack Tragis, Mike Laflamme, Vilma Shuttleworth, Pete Sloan, Cullen Wallace (alt.), Brian Gross (alt.) and Merritt Waldrop (alt.).

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Rosalie Nadeau, and Anna Yates-Culley.

USA Hockey officials present: Connie Hardwick, John Jolly, Dan Rogness and Joe Barth.

Visitors present: Christy Hickel, members of the Mite C team.

Members excused: Lynn Thompson, Sally Wright, Sally Messing, Keith Morris, Annetta Powell, Kim Rupp, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Pat McDonald and Tim Stage.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as presented.

There was no correspondence to be shown. Darryl Thompson asked the board to let him know if anyone would like to receive any of the electronic correspondence that he receives.

Persons to be heard:

Ethan Horman, a Mite C coach, spoke to the topic of the Mite C state tournament. Ten teams are allowed to go this year, but there are 11 teams that would like to participate. He was asking ASHA to consider letting the 11th team, his team, into the tournament if there is time and ice available. Darryl explained that in this circumstance, that the VP of Tournaments had already agreed to include the team in the State Tournament, therefore all 11 teams will be able to participate. He also cautioned to be aware of the regulations in the ASHA guideline book. A big thank you was given to both AHA and Boys & Girls' Club for giving up the ice to make it happen.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson reported that he was not able to make it to the mid-winter meeting in Florida due to illness. He discussed the Red, White and Blue Hockey Program for 8 & Under players. A mandate for cross-ice programs is being discussed at the national level. Comments were taken from the ASHA board

on the issue of whether to mandate it or not. Some of the board expressed concerns about the impact a mandated cross ice might have on the proper development of the second year mite, and others, including the house council, expressed concerns about how a mandate might negatively impact the small, rural association.

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse presented the finance report. He gave a reminder to teams that the travel funds are due.

VP Tournaments: No report.

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau moved, and Connie Hardwick seconded to amend the Pee Wee comp proposal to include Squirt age players. Discussion followed. The Comp Council voted to approve the amendment. The motion passed. Rosalie also read a first reading proposal which states: A player in a non-checking "comp" division may not be allowed to skate up into a checking division. There was much discussion about whether or not the prohibition should be extended to all levels, comp and recreation alike.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they met on January 26 and discussed the state tournaments. Brian Gross moved and Connie Hardwick seconded to add the state quarter final games back to the Squirt D State Tournament. Discussion followed, and the motion passed.

VP Girls/Women Report: Brenda Luthi read the attached report for Kim Rupp.

VP Adult Report: No report.

VP Player Development: Darryl reported that Dennis Sorenson has resigned from this position, but will continue his duties until a replacement can be elected at the April Annual Meeting.

Discipline Committee: John Jolly presented his report (see attached). Connie reminded associations to send any money issues to John immediately until waiting until August at the start of a new season.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Dan Rogness reported that he was at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Florida. There will be a \$10 fee increase for next year. Registrations were up 4% this year overall in the US.

Associate Registrar: Connie Hardwick presented her reports (see attached) and reminded teams that they must have a travel permit for any out-of-state travel.

Referee-in-Chief: Joe Barth reported that the number of Level 1 registrations are down. He would like to see more associations utilize these level 1 referees at the Mite level.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Junior Hockey Report: Jack Tragis reported that he had just returned from meetings where they want to tighten up the rules on fighting in Juniors. They especially want to stop the staged fights.

Old Business:

Pete Sloan moved, and Connie Hardwick seconded to accept the Tryout Defined proposal as amended. The motion passed. (see attached)

Kris Knauss moved, and Connie Hardwick seconded to accept the Whistleblower policy. The motion passed. (see attached)

Pete Sloan moved, and Rich Brister seconded to accept the Match Penalty proposal. The motion passed. (see attached)

Connie Hardwick moved, and Pete Sloan seconded to accept the online registration proposal. The motion passed. (see attached)

Rosalie Nadeau moved, and Kris Knauss seconded to table the ASHA Player Release Form until further discussion occurs. The motion was tabled.

Darryl Thompson also tabled the House Team Travel Restriction Proposal in order to gather more information.

Jack Tragis volunteered to chair the Nominations Committee for the ASHA elections in April.

Board Member Comments:

Cullen Wallace mentioned that the Icebreakers are still working on the concussion issues.

Brain Gross expressed concerns about the PeeWee/Squirt proposal in that there are getting to be too many comp teams.

Mike Laflamme mentioned that MHA is looking for comp coaches for next season.

Anna Culley inquired as to when we would vote to approve the state tournament schedules. Brenda Luthi will get them electronically from Lisa McPheters with the corrections made that were voted upon today and send them out to everyone for an electronic vote.

Rich Brister mentioned that there are many games in Eagle River that require extra travel for referees and the cost involved.

John Jolly reminded everyone to get the state trophies to where they are needed for the upcoming state tournaments. If you need to get a trophy to an away location, please contact John Jolly at johnj@wwmiak.com and he will assist in getting the trophies to their destination. Any local trophies need to get to Lisa McPheters.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2012, at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage. This will be our Annual Meeting for seating and elections.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary