

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Annual Board Meeting  
April 16, 2011

**Members present:** Corey Millen, Destry Lind, Lynn Thompson, Kathy Merrick, Carol Hammingh, Rich Brister, Rob Snelson, Annetta Powell, Chad Jones, Pat McDonald, Kris Knauss, Kim Griffith, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Paul, Thomson, Tim Stage, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mike Laflamme, Dorothy Laiti, Rick Keil, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, Sally Messing, and Sally Wright,

**Officers present:** Cullen Wallace, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian, Rosalie Nadeau, Kim Rupp, Anna Culley, Dennis Sorenson and Lisa McPheters.

**USA Hockey Officials present:** Dan Rogness, Connie Hardwick, Chris Milles, Joe Barth and John Jolly.

**Visitors present:** Joan Hancock, Dave McCarry and Darryl Thompson.

**Members excused:** Scott Hulse

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President.

**Seating of 2011-2012 ASHA Board Members:**

Alaska All Stars	Corey Millen
Alaska Firebirds	Destry Lind
Alaska Girls/Women	Lynn Thompson
Anchorage Hockey Assoc.	Kathy Merrick
	Carol Hammingh
Anchorage Hockey Officials	Rich Brister
Anchorage Jr. Aces	Rob Snelson
Ben Boeke Adult League	Annetta Powell
	Kris Knauss
Big Lake/Jr. Avalanche	Chad Jones
Boys & Girls Club	Pat McDonald
Eagle River Glacier Hockey	Scott Hulse
Fairbanks Amateur Hockey	Kim Griffith
Fairbanks Arctic Lions	Wayne Sawchuk
Fairbanks Ice Dogs	Jack Tragis
Homer Hockey	Tim Stage
Kenai Peninsula Hockey	Ted Barton
Mat-Su Hockey	Dan Massie
Mustang Hockey	Mike Laflamme
Northern Alaska Hockey	Dorothy Laiti
Palmer Amateur Hockey	Rick Keil

South Anchorage Hockey  
South Central Hockey  
Subway Adult League

Wasilla Wild

Keith Morris  
Pete Sloan  
Sally Messing  
Sally Wright  
Paul Thomson

Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes were accepted as presented.

One piece of correspondence was presented.

**Persons to be heard:** Jeff Wood from ERGHA presented the facts on the reasons why ERGHA wants to hold U16 Tier II try-outs. If there would be enough interest, they would like to field a team. They have the ice and the players. If there is not enough interest, they won't field a team. The Comp Council discussed this at their meeting this morning. Discussion followed.

**Presentation:** Cullen Wallace was presented with a plaque honoring his years serving as ASHA President and his countless contributions to hockey in Alaska. Thank you, Cullen!

**Elections:** Rosalie Nadeau moved and Jack Tragis seconded to elect those officers who were not contested. The slate passed unanimously.

President	Darryl Thompson
Secretary	Brenda Luthi
Treasurer	Joe Newhouse
VP Development	Dennis Sorenson
VP Tournaments	Lisa McPheters
VP Recreational	Anna Culley
VP Adult	Keith Berrian

VP Girls/Women – Kim Rupp and Dave McCarry each gave a synopsis as to why they would each like to hold this position.

VP Comp – Rosalie Nadeau and Cullen Wallace each gave their reasons as to why they would each like to hold this position.

Ballots were passed out for every seated board member to vote, and they were taken away to be counted.

**President's Report:** Cullen Wallace presented his report (see attached).

**Finance Report:** Joe Newhouse presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit/Loss Statement. Discussion followed.

**VP Tournaments:** Lisa McPheters presented her report (see attached).

**VP Comp Council:** Rosalie Nadeau presented her report (see attached). Rosalie explained the ERGHA desire to have a comp team this year. The Comp Council was split on the decision. They suggested that ERGHA speak to the board since the vote was so close, which he did during Persons to be Heard. Palmer Hockey Association also requested permission to field PeeWee and Bantam comp teams this year. The Comp Council voted to allow PAHA to have comp teams.

Rosalie moved and Pete Sloan seconded in favor of PAHA to field comp teams this coming year. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

Rosalie moved and Carol Hammingh seconded in favor of ERGHA to field a comp team this coming year. Discussion followed. The motions passed 18-13.

**VP House:** Anna Culley reported that they will have a meeting on April 21, 2011. They will be working on house state tournament hosts and handbook changes.

**VP Girls/Women:** Kim Rupp reported that they will meet today and discuss handbook changes.

**VP Adult:** Keith Berrian reported that their USA Hockey numbers keep increasing. There will be 80 teams in Anchorage for the USA Hockey LaBatt's tournament the last weekend in April.

**VP Player Development:** Dennis Sorenson reported that since Bruce Urban isn't in our district any more, USA Hockey may make a change in his job at the Select Festivals. April 28-May 1 is the Select Camp for 96-97, and May 5-May 8 is the Select Camp for 94-95.

The Alaska Select Camp will be December 22-23, 2011 at Ben Boeke I. If you have people in your organization that want to help, please contact Dennis. He will continue to find out more information about the ADM.

**Discipline** John Jolly presented his report (see attached). A thank you was given to John for his hard work with the discipline committee.

**Associate Risk Manager:** No report.

**Registrar:** Dan Rogness reported that if your association is interested in hosting a district tournament, May 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to let Dan know.

**Associate Registrar:** Connie presented the numbers (see attached). Do not wait until the last minute to make changes to the 1T, and don't wait until the last minute to make collections. She also needs help in knowing what all adult league teams are in the valley.

**Referee-in-Chief:** Chris Milles reported that the state tournaments went quite well except for a few glitches. A thanks to Dennis Sorenson was given for helping out when needed. He needs to check into how to raise funds for referees for travel. One possibility would be a game fee increase for Bantam and Midget games. Alaska sent officials to the National Tournaments in New Jersey and Virginia. They also have candidates going to instructor camps.

**Coach-in-Chief:** No report – but you can check out the website for USA Hockey.

**Junior Hockey:** Jack Tragis reported that junior players are signing college scholarships and doing very well. The three Alaska Junior teams were very competitive this year.

**Old Business:**

Election results:

VP Girls/Women

Kim Rupp

VP Comp Council

Cullen Wallace

**New Business:** The dates for meetings for 2011-2012 will be:

July 16, 2011

August 27, 2011

November 12, 2011

January 7, 2012

February 4, 2012

April 21, 2012 (Annual Meeting)

All meetings will be held at the Coast Inn, Anchorage at 10:00 with the exception of the August board meeting, which will be held following the scheduling meeting at Hanshew Middle School.

**Board Member Comments:**

Rosalie Nadeau commented that the new UAA Sports Complex plans in the legislature do not include an ice rink.

Joe Newhouse gave thanks to Rosalie and Cullen for the jobs they have done for ASHA as they are stepping down. He also gave a reminder to all Anchorage area associations to send him the \$100 travel fee for the next season.

Lisa McPheters gave thanks to Carol Hammingh, Annetta Powell and Anna Culley for their help with state tournaments this year. Also thanks went to Cullen Wallace and John Jolly for their tournament help and support. She reminded everyone that the deadline for tournament host requests is tomorrow.

Ted Barton gave thanks to Rosalie and Cullen for jobs well done.

**Anna Culley gave thanks to the house representatives and the house tournament hosts.**

**Kim Rupp gave congratulations to Dennis Sorenson on his son, Tanner's, win at the National Tournament.**

**Dennis Sorenson gave congratulation to all four Alaskans on the Shattuck's team that won at Nationals. Alaska is still developing good players. There are six Alaskans in the 93 age groups that are playing Division I hockey. Be sure to ask your organizations about the concussion bill that is before the legislature.**

**Brenda Luthi will need updated contact information for all board members and officers.**

**Cullen Wallace gave his last board member comments as President:**

- **The referee /Department of Labor issue is still ongoing.**
- **The handbook needs a good clean up .**
- **The screening committee is working well.**
- **Midgets and bantams are leaving home to play hockey and that can be detrimental.**
- **The trend is toward the ADM, so we need to get with it.**
- **The girls teams keep getting better, but the different associations need to get along better.**
- **Parents are starting to get out of control – enforce the Code of Conduct they are asked to sign each year.**
- **Special thanks were given to Brenda Luthi, Jack Tragis, Dan Rogness, Dick Coombs, Bruce Urban, Connie Hardwick and all board members for their help during his term as president.**

**Handbook changes are due to Brenda Luthi by July 1, 2011, so they can be read ahead of time and then voted on at the July meeting. The Handbook Revision Committee will consist of Carol Hammingh (chair), Connie Hardwick, Kris Knauss, Lisa McPheters and Cullen Wallace.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary**