

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 29,2009

Members present: Corey Millen, Darryl Thompson, Brian Graff, Rich Brister, Robbie Snelson, Chip Conroy, Pat McDonald, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Rick Eckert, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mark Koeckritz, Tom Fisher, John Robertson, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, Sally Wright and Kim Griffith (alt.).

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

USA Hockey officials present: Bruce Urban, Lynn Beehler-Urban, Dan Rogness, Connie Hardwick, Chris Milles and Charlie Fuertsch.

Members excused: Scott Hulse, Todd Green, Annetta Powell, Keith Martin, Lynn Thompson, Joe Newhouse and John Jolly.

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President. Charlie Firch was introduced as one of the Pacific District Directors. Introductions were made of all present.

The minutes of the July 18, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

The agenda was approved as presented.

One piece of correspondence was passed around for members to see.

There were no persons to be heard.

President's Report: Cullen reported that he is busy working on the screening of the coaches. Please check the updates as Cullen sends them out.

Finance Report: No report.

VP Tournaments: Lisa McPheters reported there were two changes to the tournament schedules as published in the new ASHA guideline book:

Tier II Squirt State Tournament dates are now February 25-28, same location.

Tier IV PeeWee host is Palmer, same dates and location.

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau reported that the Comp Council did not meet, but had an electronic vote regarding try-out dates. The Comp Council passed in favor of having try-out dates no sooner than August 1st.

VP House Council: Anna Yates-Culley asked that associations get the tournament director names for the State House Tournaments to her ASAP.

VP Girls/Women: Kim Rupp reported that the Mustangs will host the Girls/Women State Tournament March 19-21, 2010. They also have a meeting coming up on September 2nd at 6:00.

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian reported that the only issue pending is the question on whether or not an adult association can choose to refuse an application from a player for play style issues rather than a disciplinary action. He has forwarded this on to USA Hockey and is awaiting a reply. He will let the adult organizations know when he hears back from USA Hockey.

VP Development: Dennis Sorenson reported that the dates for the Select Try-outs are in the ASHA guideline book. If your association has a coach interested in helping with the try-outs, please let Dennis know. Dennis made a motion, seconded by Rosalie Nadeau, stating the no association will hold try-outs for youth or girls teams prior to August 1st of each year. Much discussion followed. The question was called, which passed. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Discipline Report: No report.

District Director: Bruce Urban reported that there will be no Tier II District Tournaments for this season, each state will go directly to the National Tournament. 48 states will participate. The Tier I District Tournaments will be held in San Jose, CA. The Select Camps will be held in Washington.

Lynn and Bruce are moving to Arizona the first of October. Bruce will be allowed to finish out his term until June. People need to send any names for nomination to Dan Rogness by December 31, 2009. Bruce has held this seat for 17 years, and a big thank you was given to us for our support during his tenure.

Director at Large: Lynn Beeher-Urban reported that November 1st is the due date for any legislative changes for a non-rule change year. She thanked us for eight years of serving in Alaska. Since they will be moving to Arizona, she will switch to the Rocky Mountain District as her home base.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Dan Rogness reported that he needs any nominations for Bruce Urban's replacement. Also, there is a correction on page 16 of the ASHA guideline book. The Women's Tournament is from March 4-7. His report is attached.

Associate Registrar: See attached.

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles reported that the seminars are scheduled and they can be found on the website. Any changes that are made are updated on the website.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that he expects a very competitive season this year among the Alaskan teams.

Old Business:

Cullen Wallace gave us a screening update. Dennis has the master list up on the website. Cullen emails a list of all registered coaches to us. So, if a coach is not on that list, they are NOT registered. Contact Connie Hardwick if you have a coach not on the list. The clear names have passed, the yellow names have not been screened and have 30 days to get screened, and the green names have been screened, but will expire August 31, 2009. We must have the screening results for a coach to be eligible. If an association has a coach who is not screened, and he or she is on the ice, this situation could put that association in a “not in good standing” status with USA Hockey.

New Business:

Mark Koeckritz asked for a clarification as to why NAHA and Arctic Lions each have comp teams at each level, which could be viewed as in violation of p. 31, #G. Discussion followed regarding the two organizations and their association with each other. It was determined that they are indeed two separate organizations.

Cullen Wallace asked the board members to discuss with their associations if we should continue to have Jr. Hockey allowed a seat on the ASHA Board since we have no say in what they do.

Board Member Comments:

Pat McDonald apologized for being late.

Brenda Luthi reminded everyone to supply her with their list of officers for the 2009-2010 season. She will be in contact with those associations who have not sent them to her.

Charlie Fuertsch, the visiting District Director, re-emphasized the need for us to nominate someone from Alaska to fill Bruce Urban’s seat in June. Contact Charlie to get his help and support.

A big thank you was given to Bruce Urban for his contributions to Alaska over the past 17 years!!!! We will miss you, Bruce!!!

Cullen reminded everyone to check on the screening – we have a zero tolerance on coaches who are not screened.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 7, 2009, at Coast International Inn, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary