



PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting
September 10, 2005
Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

Committee Meetings held 9:00am – 12:00pm

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 1:08 p.m.

1. Sign-In

- Sign-in sheets distributed and on official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: PNAHA President – Dru Hammond; PNAHA Vice President – Dave Bittenbender; PNAHA Vice President – Steve Stevens; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer – Kristin Videto; EYH – Chris Raub; IEAHA – David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – Wes Travis; MAV – Brenda Fundak; PSAH – Teri Paine-Mcgee; SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Kevin Quinn; SAYHA – Corey Condron; TCAHA – Ryan Ollero; WHAT – David Koss; WWAHA – Debbie Abrams; WAHA – Mark Preston; YAHA – Diane Craig; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson.
- Evergreen Independent Teams – Now known as West Coast Hockey – Roy “Dusty” Nicholas
- Non-voting League members present were Donald McInnis – Portland; and Ken Evans – Eugene.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Executive Board, Directors and guests. A special welcome to Past PNAHA President and current Pacific District Director - Donna Kaufman; and Andy Cole, Greater Seattle Adult Hockey who has recently accepted the appointed position of PNAHA Senior Director (non-voting position).

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the June 18, 2005 minutes. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) motion [to approve the minutes], seconded by Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Kristin Videto

A. September Treasurer Report

- Balance as of September 10, 2005 is \$33,918.16. Motion [to approve the Treasurer’s Report] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.

B. 2005-2006 Proposed Budget

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) discussed the details of the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Motion [to approve the Proposed Budget] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Kevin Quinn (SNK). Motion passed.

5. Special Guests

- Donna Kaufman (USA Hockey District Director) was introduced. Donna announced that she had been assigned to the Rules Committee for the Pacific District and hoped that would allow her to be a good voice for PNAHA when it came to those discussions and decisions and that she looked forward to being our voice. She will also be advising the committee that is looking into League changes for PNAHA.

6. Coaching Director Report

A. Player Development – Rob Kaufman

- Rob stated that they had a good session in the coaching committee meeting held this morning. He gave out information at the committee meeting on websites, including off-ice conditioning and summer programs. At the usahockey.com website you can watch video’s on-line and print out drills as well. The Coaching section of the usahockey.com website is very detailed and very useful for your coaches. He also covered PNAHA’s Squirt Policies and philosophies and those at the meeting thought this age level was going well. Need to continue educating our Mite and Squirt parents/coaches to be patient and to have equally divided teams and to keep working toward a 1 to 2 game to practice ratio. We shouldn’t be cutting at the Squirt Level and developing A Level teams. They will not be welcomed into the State League.

- Rob informed us of Coaching Clinic's to be held at the Everett Events Center for Levels 1, 2 & 3 on September 24th and 25th. The Level 1 & 2 will be held on September 24th from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and the Level 3 on Sept. 25. You can register on-line for Level 2 and 3; make sure to choose the Pacific District. Portland is hosting one Oct 7 – 9, 2005 at the Oregon Sports Complex in Beaverton which is also available for on-line registration. Tri-Cities is also hosting one Oct 8 – 9, 2005 at the Silver Cloud Inn. October 8 will be Level 1 & 2 and October 9 will be Level 3, again online registration is available. There will be no Spokane Clinics this year. If you need assistance in enrolling please contact Rob at pshcrkauf@aol.com.
- Rob attended training this summer at the Lake Placid Coaching seminar to refine and update the coaching clinics. Rob also attained his Level 5 coaching certificate in Grand Rapids, Michigan this summer as well. Scotty Bowman, former Detroit Red Wings coach, was the keynote speaker. The Level 5 certification is usually only held ever other year but there are so many coaches in need of this training another clinic will be held next year. If you have coaches interested it is highly recommended. You must write a 15 page thesis to achieve the Level 5 certificate. Most of the philosophy discussed was very similar to ours which focuses on skill development, especially at the Squirt and Mite divisions. Rob also purchased 2 copies of a 4 CD Coaching Development package by Constintine Hockey. Let Rob know if you are interested in checking this out for a short period of time. Dru Hammond will keep one copy for the East Side Associations to check out and Rob will keep the West Side copy. If you are interested in your own copy for your association you can purchase it for \$299.00.
- The State Select Camp date will be January 27th - 29th in Tri-Cities. AmeriSuites and TRAC will host. Players will be fed in the AmeriSuites this year. Tom Pauley is a group leader in Tri-Cities and is being trained to run the camp. He will be looking for group leaders. Please identify a couple of volunteers to assist. Mostly they will be assisting the kids in time management. Managers and Coaches are good volunteers. Rob described the process. He needs the Coaching Director, Ace Coordinator and/or Hockey Director to evaluate your '92, '91, '90 & '89 players for recommendations for invitations. Rob will contact each Association in November to rank the players to create the invitations for December. The list will go to evaluators throughout the state (six around the state) to choose the players and alternates. Six goalies, 24 forwards, and 16 defensemen will be invited. The evaluators will watch these players through December. Rob will contact each association at the end of December to update the list in case someone has progressed and deserves consideration. The goal is to get the top 40 kids at each age group. Seventeen will go on to the district camp. At District camp 80 kids will be evaluated down to 17 that will go on to Nationals. Players must be US Citizens. Cost of the camp is \$125 which includes 3 games, overnight accommodations, food and a jersey. Dru acknowledged Tri-Cities for their support in helping and thanked them for helping us keep the cost down. She also acknowledged the referee's who officiate the camp at a reduced rate.

7. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens

- Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President/Supervisor of Officials) indicated that they are short on officials. They lose most after 1 – 2 years. Most of them say it is because of parents and coaches.
- Associations must monitor their parents and coaches to continue to improve.
- Referees can now complete their registration and take their tests on-line.
- The Referee clinics are listed on PNAHA website. They had a great high quality Level 4 clinic in Tri-cities. They held another in Spokane.
- There is a National camp – Elite Level for referees. Nine officials go to the select camp. We have had one from PNAHA the last 3 years with their lowest finish being third.
- We have an official at the NHL prospects camp. As of Friday he was ranked 2nd in the camp.
- There was a District Officiating Seminar at Kent. It is offered every other year. It included 7 ½ hours of skating. It is run by the National and District Referee in Chief and one PNAHA person teaching.
- We need to continue to back the little guys just starting out.
- Please contact Steve directly if you have problems with officials.

8. USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes

- Ed handed out a flyer on Risk Management. Cost went up from \$25 - \$30. There is no charge for team insurance anymore. Associations no longer have to purchase their own D & O insurance. He also has USA Hockey Rule books, USA Hockey Guidebooks and insurance guides. He will hand them

out after the meeting. If there is was not a representative at the meeting contact Ed and he will get them to you.

9. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond

- Dru Hammond introduced Brenda Fundak as statistician for the League and she has also been filling in for Greg Galeski as League Commissioner.
- If you have not submitted your checklist or Coaching contacts Brenda needs this information immediately. Her email address is tfbf@aol.com.
- Diane Craig (YAK) indicated that it has become obvious that they need to schedule the women's league earlier, preferable by September. It was stated that a Women's team from Spokane pulled out of the District tournament. A letter was sent to reprimand and put this team on notice. It is important that these teams understand that they are not allowed to pull out of tournaments after the December 1 declaration. Communications need to improve so that the developing Girls/Women section understands what they are committing to.

10. Senior Hockey

- Andy Cole has been talking with USA Hockey about Recreational and National Hockey Tournaments for the Adult Leagues. He is trying to initiate a State level tourney to be held in 2007. He is trying to be a resource and raise awareness of USA Hockey to adults. You can reach Andy at admin@gshockey.com.

11. Women's Hockey

- Diane Craig urged everyone to encourage their women's teams to understand what the insurance rules are when they are playing Canadian teams.

12. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave had no report.

13. 2nd Vice President – Steve Stevens

- Steve reminded everyone that when reporting a match penalty you must hold a hearing in the Association and give your recommendation to either Steve or Dave, depending on who your Vice President is, for approval.
- Abuse of Officials need to be reported immediately.

14. President's Report – Dru Hammond

- A reminder to cc: Dru on releases. Please put the player's name and the Association in the subject line. Please make sure there are not outstanding financial obligations or discipline, and that all equipment and jersey's have been returned. Releases go directly to the family, not to the new association.
- Dru asked that we observe a moment of silence for Dennis Wolbert of the Mavericks who passed a few weeks ago after a battle with cancer. Dennis was a strong supporter of the Development Camp and Maverick Hockey.
- Jennifer Ollero was recognized for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A lot of publicity was generated due to her efforts and contributions on behalf of the local Tri-Cities hockey community. An upcoming article in District Doings will celebrate the efforts put forth by the Jennifer and the hockey community.

15. Tournaments

- State Tournament potential teams were counted.
- Bids for the Tier II Tournament that were received on time were Sno-King and Tri-Cities. Kevin Quinn presented for Sno-King. Sno-King is proposing Feb 16-20, 2006 playing at Kingsgate and Castle Ice. The Sheraton is the host hotel. Ryan Ollero presented for Tri-Cities. The cost of the tourney would be \$650 if they have enough teams. They would utilize the Coliseum, Rink B and TRAC. They are also looking at February 16-20, 2006 but would consider other dates. Would like to use real time internet stats as a trial for other tourneys they will be proposing in the future.
- The deadline for Girls/Women declaration is October 1, 2005.
- December 1, 2005 is declaration day to the District for Tier 1. If you declare to send a team and then don't you still must pay and will receive a fine.
- B-Tourney-Tri-Cities was the only bid received. They would like to bid the Squirt Festival and the B – Tourney together. March 10-14' 2006.
- Squirt Festival – Inland presented to hold the Squirt Festival at Planet Ice. Tri-Cities presented that they could not just hold the B or the Squirt Festival individually, they need both to make it work.

- Dave Bittenbender and Kristin Videto will be counting the written votes.
- Squirt Festival and State B Tourney was awarded to Tri-Cities
- Tier II State Tourney was awarded to Sno-King.

16. Old Business

- Host Hotels – Please submit list to Brenda Fundak for League distribution by September 15.
- Guidebook changes – Kristin Videto made a motion, *[to accept the changes as presented.]* Mark Preston (WAHA), seconded. There was no discussion on The By-laws. There was no discussion on the Constitution. There was no discussion on the Rules and Regulations. Motion passes. Dru will add these to the website.

17. New Business

- There was no new business

18. Annual Winter Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Winter meeting will be held on January 7, 2006 at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, located at 201 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Room reservations can be made by calling (509) 662-4411. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

19. Adjournment

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) *[motioned to adjourn]*, seconded by Ryan Ollero (TCAHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.