



## PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting

September 11, 2004

Red Lion

Wenatchee, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 1:00 p.m.

### 1. Sign-In

- Sign-in sheets distributed and on official record with these minutes. Voting delegates present: BAHA – Mike Buckley; EYH – Chris Raab; IEAHA – Jeni Ragan; KVHA – Les Grauer; MVAHA – Greg Galeski; PSAH – Kristin Videto; SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Art Baldwin; SAYHA – Jenny MacDonald; TCAHA – Ryan Ollero; WWAHA – Debbie Abrams; WAHA – Mark Preston; WWFHA – Shirley Williams; PNAHA VP – Dave Bittenbender; PNAHA VP – Steve Stevens; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer – Dru Hammond, PNAHA President, Donna Kaufman.
- YAHA – Diane Craig and WCAHA – John Courtney not represented at this meeting.

### 2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Executive Board, Directors and special guests.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the June 12, 2004 minutes. Jack Chaney (SJR) motion *[to approve the minutes]*, seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.

### 4. September Treasurer Report

- Balance as of September 11, 2004 is \$17,632.01. Motion *[to approve the Treasurer's Report]* by Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Ryan Ollero (TRI). Motion passed.
- Dru (PNAHA Treasurer) presented the 2004 – 2005 proposed budget of \$26,650.00. Art Baldwin (SNO) motion *[to approve the 2004-2005 proposed budget]*, seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.
- Dru announced that she received her bank statement and noticed that the check she issued in June for Directors and Officers Insurance through Chubb still had not cleared the bank. She contacted our Jon Bernard who apologized for not contacting PNAHA earlier that their renewal had been denied. Jon had been negotiating with Chubb to explain that our renewal had been denied in error. In the interim Dru acquired a policy with Philadelphia Insurance Company for coverage until January 1, 2005. The policy provided an equal amount of coverage for a significant cost savings. On January 1, 2005 PNAHA will then be covered by the new Directors and Officers Policy as negotiated by USA Hockey.

### 5. Special Guests

- Joan Mariconda, USA Hockey Youth Council and Director Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association presented a well received presentation covering various subject areas that the USA Hockey Youth Council addresses. She shared portions of the "Introduction to Mite Parents" developed for hockey in the New Jersey associations, Massachusetts "Effort" Program, as well as the Saint Barnabus Program. During the presentation she distributed samples of some of the successful programs that were available for review during the meeting and provided information on how others may obtain these materials. Some material can be obtained without charge while other Programs such as Saint Barnabus (\$100.00) are available for a nominal fee when you consider the positive impact these programs can have on associations and their future successes. If you need more information Joan can be reached at [amhl@nac.net](mailto:amhl@nac.net) or [metleag@aol.com](mailto:metleag@aol.com).

### 6. Coaching Director – Rob Kaufman

- Rob introduced a Skills Fundamentals DVD he brought back from Minnesota Hockey. Rob intends to distribute to all PNAHA associations the week of September 18, 2004. Associations are allowed to make as many copies as necessary. This DVD includes excellent information on skating fundamentals. Rob was extremely impressed with the area that focuses on backward skating and encouraged all associations to impress upon their coaches what an excellent tool this is.
- Rob reviewed coaching credential requirements. He indicated that officials would be requesting to look at coaching cards prior to every game. Score sheets will document who the coach is, his coaching education program level achieved and when the coach received his/her accreditation. He reminded everyone that the local association is responsible for ensuring that they only have appropriately credentialed coaches on the bench.

All associations were reminded that their coaches are required to maintain their accreditation. If a coach received his/her accreditation more than 3 years from the current calendar year, the card will be rendered invalid/expired if below a Level 4 Advanced level without participation in a refresher course at the same level or attending a clinic at the next level. Refresher courses are available on line. Those in attendance indicated that the on-line Refresher Course is very user friendly.

- Rob solicited interest from all associations for coaches that would like to participate as a District team coach. If any coaches are interested they need to submit their applications no later than December 1, 2004 to Rob. Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) will forward these applications upon request.
- The PNAHA Development Camp will be held February 12-13, 2005. Rob requested that associations interested in hosting submit their intent to host along with a budget to him no later than November 1, 2004.
- USA Select Camp will be held the weekend of May 7, 2005 at the Mountain View Arena in Vancouver. Those attending this year will be Select 14 (1991), Select 15 (1990), Select 16 (1989) and Select 17 (1988). Note that the Select 17 players do not attend the PNAHA State Development Camp. Rob stressed that associations need to remember not to send non-US resident players to the State Development Camp. Non-residents do not advance to the USA Select Camp.

#### **7. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens**

- Steve stated he was pleased to announce that the National Referee-in-Chief stated that more officials were advancing from PNAHA than anywhere else nationally.
- The Excel Seminar held in Spokane, August 6-8, 2004 at Planet Ice was outstanding. Experienced officials that were looking for opportunities at higher levels realized those expectations due to three being picked up by the Western Hockey League. The less experienced officials found the seminar to be excellent as well and many feel the instruction they received will help them to advance within their local associations.
- Steve announced that officials can now register on-line for the 2004-2005 season. Registration runs through May 2005.

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

- Ed thanked all the associations for their assistance in sending their registrars and/or representatives to the meeting. He handed out all pertinent information to the representatives during the committee meeting to take back to their local associations.
- Everyone was reminded that they need to get their tournaments registered on time to avoid penalty payments.
- Ed requested that association representatives meet with him after the meeting to collect copies of the USA Annual Guide and the Official Rules of Ice Hockey.
- Associations that need forms can now order them directly through the CyberSport Registration Program.
- Travel permits can be acquired by contacting Ed. You can reach him at (509)529-5999.
- USA Hockey Director and Officers Insurance is now be offered by Philadelphia Insurance Company. Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) will be billing each association \$15.00 per team based on the 2003-04 team count. Invoices will be due no later than December 1.

#### **9. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond**

- Dru indicated that during the league committee meeting that some members had discussed the frustration of traveling to play just two league games a weekend. Some representatives at the meeting indicated that they would prefer to participate in a format similar to the Southwest League. Other members would be satisfied if they could play a minimum of 3 games in a given weekend. Additional discussion included looking at implementing changes to the PNAHA League that would impact entry into the State Tournament. League standings would potentially be utilized to determine seeding for the PNAHA State Tournament. A committee representative list was developed during the league committee meeting. Dru will contact the representatives for input and compile submitted responses. A League Rule revision will be submitted for review to the PNAHA Board at the January meeting so that PNAHA associations can take the change proposal back to their associations for consideration. A final proposal would then be submitted for adoption at the June Spring/Summer meeting.
- During committee Ken Evans requested that Eugene be accepted into the PNAHA League as a full member verses an exhibition member. Dru made a motion from committee that *[Eugene be allowed to join the PNAHA League as a full league member verses exhibition member]*. Discussion weighing heavily on the travel issue. Motion defeated.

- Concerns were stated that many associations failed to bring with them their final league commitment packets. This information needs to be faxed or emailed by midnight today. No more teams can be dropped or added as of midnight. League scheduling efforts will begin on September 12, 2004.
- Commitments for league teams for the 2003-2004 season are: **(B Division)** INL= 1 Squirt; Kent = 1 Squirt, 1 Midget B; PSR= 1 Squirt, 1 Midget B; SJR= 2 Squirt; SNO= 2 Squirt; SPO= 1 Pee Wee; TRI= 1 Squirt, 1 Midget B; WEN= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee; PORTLAND= 2 Squirt, 2 Pee Wee, 1 Midget B; **(A Division)** Kent= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Midget U18; MAV= 1 Bantam, 1 Midget U16, 1 Midget U18; PSR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget U16, 1 Midget U18; SJR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget U18; SNO= 1 Midget U18; SPO= 1 Midget U16; Midget U18 TRI= 1 Bantam, 1 Midget U16, 1 Midget U18; WEN= 1 Bantam, 1 Midget U18; POR= 1 Pee Wee, 2 Bantam, 1 Midget U18; Utah= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget.

**10. Women's Hockey**

- No report.

**11. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender**

- No report. Donna expressed condolences to Dave in his recent loss on behalf of PNAHA.

**12. 2nd Vice President – Steve Stevens**

- Looking forward to a great year. Encouraged members to contact him with issues that don't require the escalation to Donna.

**13. President's Report – Donna Kaufman**

- Donna announced that the USA Hockey Mid Annual Meeting will be held January 19-24.
- Donna shared that she and Steve Stevens recently attended the USA Hockey Affiliate Workshop in Colorado Springs, September 19-20, 2004. Both she and Steve found the Workshop to be informative.
- Donna provided an overview of District Tournament information.

March 3-6, 2005	Pee Wee, Bantam Tier I	Seattle, Washington
March 3-6, 2005	Midget U16 and U18 Tier I	El-Segundo, California
March 3-6, 2005	Girls/Women – All Divisions	Anaheim, California
March 10-13, 2005	Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget U16 & U18 Tier II	Lakewood, California
March 30-April 3, 2005	Nationals	Bensenville, Illinois

**14. Tournaments**

- Donna stated that she had received bids for state tournaments from Seattle Junior, Tri-Cities, Mavericks and Inland Empire. She asked the forum if there was any other interest in hosting. Following a period of non-response she provided time to each of the bidders to address the board.
- Ryan Ollero represented the Tri-Cities and indicated that their first preference was to host the Tier II tournament with their second choice the Squirt Festival. If they would not be awarded those choices, they would consider hosting the state "B" tournament. He indicated that the Pee Wee and Bantams would play February 25, 26 and 27. The Midgets would play February 26, 27, and 28. Mavericks (Greg Galeski) stated they would like to host the Tier II Tournament. Due to the number of teams they felt they would have to host it over two different weekends. Discussion. Mark Preston (WEN) motioned [*Tri-Cities be awarded the bid to host the Tier II Tournament February 25 through February 27*], seconded by Corey Condron (SPO). Discussion. Motion passed.
- Matt Ohlinger represented Seattle Junior and stated that it was their desire to host the Squirt Festival this year. Jeni Ragan represented the Spokane area and stated that she felt the two Spokane organizations had worked together well the past couple of years in hosting the State B and Tier II Tournaments. She felt they could host a very successful Squirt Festival. Tory Larson (SNO) motioned that [*Seattle Junior be awarded the bid to host the Squirt Festival*], motion seconded by Mike Buckley (Bremerton). Motion passed. The Squirt Festival will be hosted by Seattle Junior March 11-13, 2005.
- Spokane requested to host the "B" State Tournament. Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President) motioned, [*Spokane be awarded the bid to host the PNAHA State "B" Tournament*], seconded by Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer). Motion passed.

**15. Old Business**

- Dru reminded everyone that host hotel information was due by September 15.
- The majority of the associations have submitted their Membership information as required by the PNAHA By-Laws.

- Editorial changes were on-going to the PNAHA Guidebook and therefore it has not been printed for distribution at this time. All associations were provided an association contact list. Guidebook information is posted on the PNAHA website.
- Casey Jorgensen, PNAHA Legal Advisor, is also reviewing the By-Laws in accordance with USA Hockey requirements.
- Dru did remind everyone that they need to let her know of contact changes as they occur so that she can keep the website current. Send updates to: hammondk@charter.net

**16. New Business**

- Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) revisited Rule 14. Clarification and interpretation of Rule 14 came into question over recent player and coach movement between the Spokane Youth Amateur Hockey Association and Inland Empire. The result was that a committee will revisit Rule 14 in an effort to clarify the “intent” of the rule should future occurrences of a similar nature require addressing.
- Art Baldwin announced that this is the 40<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Sno-King organization. The organization will celebrate this birthday in the adoption of a new name as the, “Sno-King Junior Thunderbirds”, and will also adopt the Seattle Thunderbirds colors.

**17. General Winter Meeting**

- The PNAHA General Winter meeting will be held on January 8, 2005 at the Red Lion in Wenatchee. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**18. Adjournment**

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ryan Ollero (TRI). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.