



PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting

September 14, 2013

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center

201 North Wenatchee

Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Gordon Brown, at 11:35 a.m. after the round-table discussions.

1. Sign-In

- ◆ Sign-in sheets distributed and are an official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: PNAHA President – Gordon Brown; 1st PNAHA Vice President – Adam Speer; 2nd PNAHA Vice President – Rob Azevedo; Secretary/Treasurer – Janet MacFarlane.
- ◆ Member Organizations: EYH – Chris Raub; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KCAH – Jay Miller; KVHA – Les Grauer; TAHA – Jared Bucci; SJR – Derek Donald; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; VAH – Bob Knoerl; WAHA – Tami Gurnard; WCAHA – Mark Smith; WWFHA – Cindy Dayley.
- ◆ Member Teams: YAHA – Paul Kelley
- ◆ Member Organizations not represented – MLYHA – Celeste Estrada; Winthrop – Nigel Mott; TCAHA – Dale Hollandsworth.

2. Introductions

- ◆ Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guests Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director; Wendy Goldstein, Pacific District Director; Dru Hammond, Pacific District Director.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Reading of the June 15, 2013, PNAHA Annual Spring/Summer meeting minutes. Jared Bucci (TAHA) noted that TAHA's Midget Tier II declaration was inadvertently left out of the June 15, 2013, Minutes. Motion *[to approve minutes with addition of TAHA's declaration]* by Doug Kirton (SKAHA), seconded by Rob Azevedo (PNAHA 2nd Vice President). Motion passed with correction noted.

4. Treasurer Report

- ◆ Doug Kirton (SKAHA) made a motion to increase the State Tier II tournament fees from \$750 to \$1,000. Rob Azevedo (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) seconded the motion. After a short discussion, the Motion passed.
- ◆ Gordon Brown (PNAHA President) reminded each Member Association that a motion was passed at the June 2013 meeting to provide \$500 to each Member Association from block grants to grow the game.
- ◆ Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the June-August 2013 Treasurer's Report and provided copies of a year-to-date comparison. The balance as of August 31, 2013, is \$106,945.94. Janet also informed everyone that PNAHA does have a second set of eyes that reviews the books and reconciles it. Janet also mentioned that PNAHA would be having its USA Hockey tax audit on November 4, 2013, in Spokane. Adam Speer (PNAHA 1st Vice President) motion *[to approve Treasurer's Report]*, seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). Motion passed.

5. Special Guests – Donna Kaufman, Dru Hammond, Dan Rogness, and Wendy Goldstein

- ◆ Gordon Brown (PNAHA President) introduced Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director), Dru Hammond (Pacific District Director), Dan Rogness (Pacific District Registrar), and Wendy Goldstein (new Pacific District Registrar).
- ◆ Donna Kaufman informed the association that the District Youth Tournament is being moved from Las Vegas to San Jose (see June 2013 minutes). She encouraged all associations to take advantage of this being an Olympics year to help increase number of players.
- ◆ Dru Hammond informed the association of Fred Vallee's passing. Mr. Vallee was a co-founder of the officials association in Tri-Cities and had been an official with TCAHA for numerous years. Dru also thanked the association for her \$2,500 gift as the former President of PNAHA and said she and her husband had a wonderful time on their Alaskan cruise.

- ◆ Dan Rogness informed the association that he is retiring as Pacific District Registrar. He stated that he and Ed Imes have been working together since 1988. Wendy Goldstein will be Dan's replacement as Pacific District Registrar.
- ◆ The Pacific District meeting will be held in Seattle at the Hilton Sea-Tac Hotel on October 25 and 26, 2013.
- ◆ Wendy reminded the association that the deadline to add players to a roster is December 31, 2013.

6. Officer's Reports

◆ Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

- **Boys' Development Camp:** Rob informed the association that the Boys' Development Camp would again be in Wenatchee, with registration taking place on Friday, January 24, and the camp taking place on Saturday and Sunday, January 25 and 26. The convention center for registration has been reserved and hotel rooms for the weekend have also been reserved at the Wenatchee Coast Hotel. Rob recommended that nominee lists from each association be sent to him so that invitations could be sent out in December. Lloyd Degelman has retired as Rob's assistant, so Rob is looking for a main person to help him coordinate the camp. Rob also mentioned he is always in need of qualified evaluators and team leaders. All evaluators and team leaders must be properly screened before the start of the camp. Rob would like one evaluator and one team leader from each association, with evaluators needing to be independent and unbiased regarding players from their own association. The players who move on are decided by all the evaluators, not just Rob and his coordinator. The Boys Select Camp will be in San Jose in 2014; the Girls' Select Camp will be held in Mt. Lake Terrace.
- **Coaching Clinics:** Rob stated that there would be three coaching clinics in Tacoma in September for Levels 1, 2, and 3. There will be an on-ice session, which is the first time in ten years that they've been able to have an on-ice session. Level 4 clinic will again be in Las Vegas, which ran very smoothly last year. There will be a Level 5 clinic in Las Vegas in August 2014, with USA Hockey running the clinic. The Level 4 clinic will be in May 2014 and may be moved from Las Vegas to San Jose. USA Hockey is asking for \$10,000 from the Pacific District to help with the Level 5 expenses, as there would need to be at least 500 coaches in attendance for USA Hockey to break even with the costs of running the clinic. The Level 5 clinic will run for four days, from Thursday-Sunday. After completion of the clinic, each coach will be required to write a thesis within two to four months before being certified as a Level 5 coach.

****Lunch break taken at 12:20; meeting resumed at 1:10 pm****

- Rob Kaufman also mentioned that, coming out of the round table discussions this morning, some parents are still resisting the ADM format. He encouraged all associations to have their coaches reinforce the benefits of ADM. Also out of committee round table discussions, a motion was passed that there will be no full-ice Mites starting in the 2014-2015 season. Some exceptions may be granted for smaller associations and cross-border leagues.
- ◆ **Registrar/Risk Manager - Ed Imes**
 - Ed stated that all association registrars should now be using the new CyberSport software. Ed also reminded each association that games do not count until the team has been rostered and certified by him. Birth certificates and non-foreign-born player information is required; non-USA citizens need certificates; and this needs to be done for ALL players. For all Tier I and Tier II teams, travel permits have been sent out to every association. Guidebooks and Rulebooks are now available on-line. Ed also mentioned that there are no excuses for coaches, team managers, etc., not being screened appropriately and that the coaching modules need to be done on time.
- ◆ **Supervisor-of-Officials – Tony Milles**
 - Tony Milles stated that Jason Michelbook is no longer the Eastside Supervisor-of-Officials and that Ben Staehr from Tri-Cities has been appointed for that position. Tony will email Ben's contact information to all association representatives. Tony mentioned that the officials seminars are posted on-line, but that there were only a few more remaining clinics for the year. Tony asked each association to remind their coaches that there are a lot of rule changes and that each coach needs to familiarize him/herself with the new rules and that the Rulebooks now cover a four-year period.

- ◆ **ADM – Doug Kirton**
 - Doug informed the associations that Joe Doyle is out as the ADM Administrator and that Ty Henness is Mr. Doyle's replacement. Doug also stated that SKAHA has been named as a model club, with 3:1 practice:game ratio with combined team practices. Doug stated that there will be a high performance coaching clinic in SKAHA at the end of November.
- ◆ **SafeSport – Doug Ross**
 - Doug Ross reported that the deadline for screening has been pushed back this year to November 1. Next year, screening will need to be done before coach/parent is allowed on the ice. Updates to the approved volunteer list are posted weekly on the PNAHA website. He asked that all screening volunteers practice patience after they have done their screening as it does take time to get the list updated—checking with Doug continually will not get it done any quicker. Volunteers should give themselves at least 30 days before their screening expires to get it all completed in time. Doug also mentioned that SafeSport is a part of the coaching clinics.
- ◆ **Girls/Women's Hockey – Cindy Dayley**
 - Cindy stated that she is working on the Girls' Development Camp, which has been moved to Everett this year. The Camp will be held the same weekend as the Boys' Development Camp on January 25-26, 2014. She is reaching out to eastside teams that are co-ed to get girls on female teams. Seattle Women's Hockey is helping to recruit players and grow girls' youth hockey.
- ◆ **League Commissioner – Tami Gurnard**
 - Tami Gurnard asked that if association representatives are not getting emails from her, to please let her know.
 - Each association's host hotel information needs to be posted on their websites by September 23, and that the link from the PNAHA website to the association's website is working.
 - Scores/states from each game need to be posted by team managers or coaches again this year
 - **Tiering:** Host teams need to provide their contact information to Tami. Ice slots from each association need to be given to Tami ASAP. Scoresheets need to be sent to Tami immediately after each game. A lengthy discussion followed regarding compensation for teams hosting tiering events. A *motion to grant tiering host associations* up to \$4,000 (with proper receipts) for this season only was made by Adam Speer (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). After full discussion, the motion passed.
 - **Declarations:**
 - **Pee Wee Tier 2 League:** Kent, SJHA, SKAHA, Spokane, Tacoma, TCAHA, Wenatchee
 - **Pee Wee Tier 2 NL:** SKAHA and Spokane
 - **Bantam Tier 2 League:** West Sound, SJHA, SKAHA, Tacoma, TCAHA, Wenatchee
 - **Bantam Tier 2 NL:** SKAHA, Spokane
 - **Midget Tier 2 League:** Everett, Kent, SJHA, SKAHA, Tacoma, TCAHA, Wenatchee
 - **Midget Tier 2 NL:** Spokane
 - **Squirt League:** SJHA - 2, SKAHA - 3, Spokane, Tacoma, TCAHA,
 - **Pee Wee B NL:** Everett, West Sound, SJHA, SKAHA, Spokane and Vancouver
 - **Bantam B NL:** Kent, SJHA, SKAHA, Spokane
 - **Midget B NL:** West Sound, SJHA, SKAHA, Whatcom
 - **Pee Wee Tier 1 NL:** Everett and SJHA
 - **Bantam Tier 1 NL:** Everett and SJHA
 - **U16 Tier 1 NL:** SKAHA
 - **Everett Rule 14 Exception Request:** Jerry Weir from EYH discussed Everett's request for an exception to Rule 14 for this year only. *Motion to deny* Everett's Rule 14 exception request was made by Jared Bucci (TAHA), seconded by Derek Donald (SJHA). After lengthy discussion, the motion was passed to deny Everett a Rule 14 exception (eight votes to deny; four votes to grant; one abstention).
- ◆ **1st Vice President – Adam Speer**
 - Adam Speer had nothing to report.
- ◆ **2nd Vice President – Rob Azevedo**
 - Rob started a discussion on the recent inquiry of a rumored situation regarding a conflict of interest with a certain state facility. It was stated that there is no conflict of interest until an actual

sale is completed. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic. Gordon Brown (PNAHA President) advised the membership that he and possibly other investors would be interested in purchasing the Kent Valley rink or any other ice rink in the state if it were to become available. Rob Azevedo will talk with an attorney to get information on the law now that this is no longer just a rumor and he will report back to PNAHA.

◆ **PNAHA President – Gordon Brown**

- Future Pacific District Meetings
 - October 25-26, 2013 - Seattle
 - February 8, 2014 - Reno
 - May 17, 2014 - Seattle

7. New Business

◆ **Tournament Bids**

- Tri-Cities submitted a proposal to host the State Tier II, Squirt, or B tournaments (in order of priority). The Tier II would be the weekend of March 7, 2014, with the Squirt or B tournaments the weekend of March 14, 2014.
- Spokane submitted a proposal to host the State Tier II tournament the weekend of February 28 or March 7, 2014.
- Sno-King submitted a proposal to host either the B or Squirt tournaments the weekend of March 14, 2014.
- A motion to award Spokane the State Tier II tournament was made by Rob Kaufman (TAHA), seconded by Tami Gurnard (PNAHA League Commissioner). Motion passed.
- A motion to award Sno-King the Squirt Festival was made by Jay Miller (KCAH), seconded by Derek Donald (SJHA). Motion passed.
- A motion to award the B tournament to Tri-Cities was made by Rob Azevedo (PNAHA 2nd Vice President), seconded by Tami Gurnard (PNAHA League Commissioner). Motion passed.

- ◆ **TAHA's Tier I Proposal:** A short discussion ensued regarding the Tier I proposal by TAHA from the June meeting. A motion to take the motion off the table was made by Adam Speer (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Jay Miller (KCAH). Discussion followed regarding setting up a committee for further discussion. Motion passed.

- ◆ **High School Showcase:** It was discussed that more information needed to be distributed to the member associations. Pam Preisser would again be the manager for this team.

8. Score Sheets

- ◆ Score sheets are available; Janet will invoice the associations for them. Make sure you sign out how many you take on the checkout sheet.

9. Winter Meeting

- ◆ The PNAHA Winter meeting will be held on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014**, 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. All members are reminded to make their room reservations prior to leaving the facility as availability is always limited at the hotel due to high occupancy during the hockey season. **Reminder: The meeting will again be in the Hotel and not in the convention center.**

10. Adjournment

- ◆ Adam Speer (PNAHA 1st Vice President) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Rena Sullivan (KVHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.