

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 29, 2015

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Theresa Austin, Annetta Powell, Dave Ruiz, David Cacciolfi, Michael Steffey, Dima Kulmanovsky, Mike Barth, Ted Barton, Matt Shotenski, Joey Merrick, Keith Armstrong, Keith Morris, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Michele Nilson (alt.) , Mandy Reale (alt.), Matt Gervais (alt.)and Barrett Heisten (alt.)

Members present electronically: None

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian, Matt Shasby, Anna Culley, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

Members excused: Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Sally Wright, John Stenehjem, Kirk Payne, Tim Zobel, Merit Waldop and Rick Trupp.

USA Hockey Officials present: Lisa McPheters, Mike Ashely, Kris Knauss and Steve Laing.

Visitors present: Christy Hickel and Joe Appelhans.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President.

Seating of Board Members:

Todd Henderson – NAHA

Matt Gervais alternate for Merit Waldrop

Mandy Reale alternate for Carlos Gomez

Michele Nilson alternate for Jack Tragis

Barrett Heisten for Jason Dinneen

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved with additions.

The minutes were approved as presented.

There was no correspondence.

Persons to be Heard: Darryl Thompson introduced Steve Laing, President of CAHA (California). Steve spoke to the open Pacific District Director position and his interest in running for this position.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson spoke to the USA Hockey Foundation Investment program. The application was passed out to all members for them to read over. Joe Newhouse and Travis Frisk will investigate the program and talk with USA Hockey representatives to find out about this program. It would earn us much better interest on our money. We will vote on this program at the October ASHA board meeting. Darryl reported that Andrew Good has moved to Ohio, but he will continue working with our website and screening. Andrew has resigned as our SafeSport representative. Mike Ashley will replace Andrew as our SafeSport representative. Darryl commented that if anyone sees any corrections to the newest guideline book, please let Lisa McPheters know. The corrections can be made to the online version.

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse went over the financials with us. He gave Carol Hammingh a thank you for the correct budgeting with the state tournaments. Darryl gave Joe a thanks for all he does for ASHA.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh went over the final tournament schedule. (see attached)

VP Comp Council: Matt Shasby reported that the comp scheduling went well this weekend. There are a few associations that need to turn in their league fees. He gave a big thank you to the division coordinators:

Squirts 10U – Carol Hammingh

PeeWees 12U – Michele Nilson

Bantams 14U – Jackie Graeber

Midgets 16U – Kerri Epple

Midgets 18U – Phil Giorgione

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that their scheduling meeting will be held on October 9, 2015 at the Wasilla Sports Center. Squirts Tier III/IV and PeeWees Tier III/IV will be from 6:15-7:45pm. Bantams Tier III/IV and Midgets Tier III/IV will be from 7:45-9:15pm. Anna gave congratulations to AHA, FAHA, MHA and Homer for achieving the Gold Level with the USA Hockey 2 and 2 8U Award.

VP Girls/Women Council: Brenda Luthi presented Kirk Payne's report. The Girls Selects for birth years 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 will be held at the Subway Rink on December 19 and 20, 2015. The ice times are as follows:

Saturday, December 19

9:15am-10:15am BLUE

10:30am-11:30am BLUE

3:15pm-4:15pm BLUE

4:30pm-5:30pm BLUE

Sunday, December 20

9:15am-10:15am BLUE

10:30am-11:30am BLUE
3:15pm-4:15pm BLUE
4:30pm-5:30om BLUE

The times on Sunday afternoon may change for earlier if the rink can manage it. The next GWC meeting is Monday, September 14, at noon at the BP Energy Center.

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian reported that they have wrapped up the LaBatt's tournament loose ends. The adult season will be starting soon.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that their next meeting will be on October 8, 2015, at 6:30 at the Subway rink. The dates and times for the Select Try-outs are in the guideline book and on line. He reminded associations that each association needs to help with the Select Try-outs or pay a fine as per the new guideline book. The girls' associations with comp teams must provide personnel for the girls' camp or be fined as well.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Lisa McPheters gave the numbers from the attached report. She reminded everyone that in order for games to count, she needs an approved certified roster. Lisa was given a thanks for all of her work on the guideline book.

Referee-in-Chief: No report. Darryl did remind us that we need to police our own coaches and players. We need to remember to treat officials with respect.

Coach-in-Chief: Brenda read Rick's report since he is in Seattle helping to run a Level 4 Clinic. The clinics for Alaska have been posted for the fall in Juneau, Wasilla, Kenai, Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kodiak. The Level 4 Clinic will be held November 7-8, 2015 in Anchorage. Associations need to ensure that their coaches get registered online and attend a clinic prior to December 31st. Online modules can be started at any time.

Ir. Hockey: No report

SafeSport: No report, welcome Mike.

District Report: Kris Knauss reported that there have been some changes on the national board. The USA Hockey Pacific District Youth Player Development Camp will be held May 5-8, 2016 in San Jose, CA for 1999, 2000, and 2001 birth years. The High Performance Development Camp will be held June 18-22, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO for 2002 birth years. Kenny Rausch will be up for our Level 4 Coaching Clinic November 7-8, 2015. He will be here with his counterpart from Finland. On November 9, 2015, in Anchorage, there will be a meeting with Kenny and his counterpart from Finland on how Finland does ADM. They are working on getting a

meeting in Fairbanks on November 10th. The Pacific District website is getting redesigned. Hopefully it will be ready by November. They are working on an I Phone app too. Kris commented that he is really glad that Steve Laing came to Alaska for our meeting, and that Steve has his full support for the upcoming District Director position.

National Tournament Committee: Lisa McPheters reported that the next meeting will be September 9, 2015 at 6:00 at the BP Energy Center. The meetings are listed in the new guideline book. Dave Ruiz thanked everyone for their support in letting his team participate in the scheduling meeting. They are looking for some open Friday night ice.

Old Business:

Dima Kulmanovsky spoke to the squirt state tournament issue and how it was passed with an electronic vote. The Arctic Lions were disappointed in the outcome, but are ready to move on. Dima moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to have the Arctic Lions host the squirt state tournament next season. The motion passed unanimously. Carol Hammingh explained the reason the squirt state tournament was changed. Matt Shotenski moved to reconsider the squirt state tournament electronic vote, Joey Merrick seconded. Much discussion followed. The motion failed.

New Business:

Wayne Sawchuk discussed the need for a Player Development Personnel Travel Fund. Wayne moved and Keith Morris seconded to receive \$5000.00 in ASHA funds for bringing up Flint DOUNGCHAK for the April 13/14 Select Camp (He's the Co-camp director for the Multi-district 14U camp in Colorado Springs), send two extra camp staff to San Jose for the Pacific District camp in May and send one young coach to work with mentors in the Multi-district 14U camp in Colorado Springs. The motion passed unanimously.

Joey Merrick had questions regarding the Anchorage/Valley Mite Agreement. Discussion followed. Darryl Thompson explained that the Anchorage/Valley Mite Agreement must be agreed to by all the associations in Anchorage and the Valley. The House Council cannot impose certain restrictions on just the Anchorage/Valley that the full ASHA Board has not approved. Without a full agreement, there is no agreement.

Brenda Luthi wants to form a committee to set guidelines for electronic voting and audio conference participation in ASHA meetings. Volunteers are Mike Barth, Joey Merrick, Kris Knauss, Carol Hammingh and Brenda Luthi. They will present a proposal to the board at the October meeting.

Mike Barth moved and Travis Frisk seconded to suspend all electronic voting until guidelines are established and voted upon by the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments:

Mandy Reale commented that they are taking over the Aces jersey raffle. House teams get first pick, then the comp teams. Contact her if your team is interested in the Aces jersey raffle.

Travis Frisk thanked the board for the plaque that was made for Pete Sloan since he retired from hockey this past season.

Matt Shotenski commented on the effects of the squirt tournament changes.

Todd Henderson commented that he is glad to be involved with USA Hockey.

Dima Kulmanovsky commented that he appreciates all of Carol's efforts with state tournaments, and the Arctic Lions are looking forward to hosting the squirt state tournament next season.

Michele Nilson thanked Todd for being her replacement on the ASHA board.

Joey Merrick commented that he appreciates all volunteers. He also wants us to think about rethinking the beginning and ending dates for mites and squirts next season.

Steve Laing commented that CAHA will have an NHL-size outdoor arena in Sacramento for a couple of weeks this winter. Information will be coming soon. It will be available December 18-January 3 with lots of activities. The flyer will be out soon.

Mike Barth had some questions regarding our voting procedures as they are outlined in our guideline book.

Mike Steffey gave many thanks to all who helped in Fairbanks.

Keith Morris also spoke to the season length for mites and squirts, and encouraged members to be present at the Player Development meeting so it can be discussed.

Brenda Luthi reminded some associations that she still needs their Board of Directors for this season. She will send out reminders.

Lisa McPheters commented that if you see any corrections to the guideline book, let her know. If you need any guideline books, see her. She gave a reminder to all coaches, managers and volunteers to keep their SafeSport updated.

Darryl Thompson commented that the April 23, 2016 Annual ASHA board meeting will be held at the Dimond Center Hotel instead of the regular location due to the

availability at the Coast Inn that Saturday. He thanked Mike Ashley for becoming the SafeSport Coordinator. He gave a thanks to all volunteers. He reminded everyone to be sure to pass along the information received at ASHA meetings to all associations. He gave a thank you to Steve Laing for coming. The contact information for Mike Ashley will be coming out soon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary