



PNAHA ANNUAL SPRING/SUMMER MEETING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

COAST WENATCHEE CENTER HOTEL &  
WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER  
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Gordon Brown, PNAHA President called the PNAHA Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. SIGN-IN

- ◆ Sign in sheets distributed and are on official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present:
  - PNAHA President – Gordon Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup> PNAHA Vice President – Rob Azevedo; Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Didzerekis, 1<sup>st</sup> PNAHA Vice President – Adam Speer
  - Member Delegates present: EYH – Jerry Weir; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer;; SJHA – Ian Armstrong; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Brad Moon; TAHA – Jared Bucci; VYHA – Bob Knoerl; WAHA – Tami Gurnard; WWFHA – Colin Nurse; and WCAHA – Ted Ritter.
  - Member Delegates not present: KCAH, MLYHA, and YAHA.
  - Member Association not represented - WINTHORP

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- ◆ Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guest Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director, Steve Stevens, Pacific District Referee In Chief and Ed Imes, Pacific District Registrar.

3. CONFIRMATION OF CURRENT MEMBERS

- ◆ All members are current and in good standing, Winthrop remains a Member Association.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- ◆ Reading of the January 10, 2015 PNAHA Annual Winter meeting minutes. The minutes are approved as distributed, *all in favor*.

5. TREASURER REPORT – DEBBIE DIDZEREKIS

- ◆ Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the January-May 2015 Treasurer's Report. Ending balance as of May 31, 2015 is \$89,885.15. The treasurers' report is approved as distributed, *all in favor*.

6. SPECIAL GUESTS

- ◆ DONNA KAUFMAN, USA HOCKEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR – Donna reported that the Pacific District youth tournament for 18/16 will be in El Segundo, CA and girls/women tournament will be in Anchorage, AL. Pacific District was 3<sup>rd</sup> in grown for USA Hockey.
- ◆ STEVE STEVENS, USA HOCKEY REFEREE IN CHIEF – Steve reported that the district has gained officials and attributes that to the growth in numbers of players. Even with the growth in officials there is still a need for more officials. Oregon had the largest gain of players in the adult programs. Hawaii has 11 officials.
- ◆ ED IMES, USA HOCKEY PACIFIC DISTRICT REGISTRAR – See report below.

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

◆ COACHING DIRECTOR – ROB KAUFMAN

- ◆ Level 4 coaching clinics will be held in Seattle SeaTac area around Aug 28-30, 2015.
- ◆ State Development Camp will be held weekend of ~~Jan 30-31, 2015~~ Jan 23-24, 2016 the week before the superbowl. Tami will confirm this date with the Town Toyota Center. Once confirmed the committee will secure hotels and space for check in.
- ◆ The 15, 16 and 17 year old national festival nominees are posted on the website.
  - ◆ 2000 birth year 8 from California, 4 from Alaska, 3 from Washington and 1 from Oregon.
  - ◆ 1999 birth year 10 from California, 2 from Alaska and 1 from Washington
  - ◆ 1998 birth year 9 from California, 2 from Alaska and 1 from Oregon

◆ GIRLS/WOMEN DIRECTOR– CINDY DAYLEY

- ◆ The girls/women development camp had record attendance, the young and older groups were able to be separated out which has not happened before. The number of girls/women that were able to be sent on to district camp was limited, and Cindy lobbied to have more female spots from pacific district attend and eventually got 10 additional spots for females for pacific district.
- ◆ 2015-2016 Female Development camp will be held the weekend before superbowl.

◆ SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS – BEN STAEHR, TONY MILLES

- ◆ Nothing significant going on right now as there is not a lot of hockey going on.

◆ REGISTRAR/RISK MANAGER - ED IMES

- ◆ Not much going on from registration stand point. New software is to be out following Annual Congress, wouldn't look for it until the first part of July. To get the new program for 15-16 you have to follow up

on USA Hockey email sent to all registrars from 14-15 on 4/23/15. YOU MUST REQUEST THE NEW REGISTRY (15-16) SYSTEM. Any questions contact me. Imes@Centurylink.net

- ◆ LEAGUE COMMISSIONER – TAMI GURNARD
  - ◆ League banner presentation, banners were not available, can be mailed, please contact Debbie Didzerekis, otherwise they will be delivered between now and the September meeting.
    - ◆ 2014-2015 PNAHA League Winners
      - Squirt – Spokane
      - PeeWee – Spokane
      - Bantam B – Tri Cities
      - Bantam TII - Tacoma
      - Midget – West Sound
    - ◆ 2014-2015 PNAHA State Tournament Winner
      - Squirt – Spokane
      - PeeWee – Spokane
      - PeeWee B – Tri Cities
      - Bantam B – Everett
      - Bantam – Snoking A2
      - Midget U16 TI - Everett
      - Midget – Tacoma
- ◆ SAFESPORT – DOUG ROSS
  - ◆ New Safesport manual will be coming out, mainly technical updates. This year is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program. There is a 30 minute refresher course that everyone must do this year if they completed it 2 years ago. Coaches really need to ensure they are getting through to Section 6 of Safesport program. Doug recommends that we have each association or PNAHA as a whole have coaches sign off that they understand their responsibilities under Safesport.
  - ◆ Must have a locker room monitor, not optional.
  - ◆ Coaches must have Safesport module or refresher prior to taking the ice for the 2015-2016. Doug will have access to verify who has completed modules and will be contacting associations.
- ◆ ADM DIRECTOR WEST SIDE – DOUG KIRTON
  - ◆ Pacific District ADM Regional Manager Ty Hennes is transferring to New Jersey to become the ADM Manager of that District. Feel free to reach out and thank him and wish him luck.
  - ◆ **Ty Hennes update** - PNAHA ADM...Focus on the next steps in the ladder of development. We will never lose sight of the importance of the entry level grassroots programs but we are seeing the content and quality of 10U and 12U hockey needing to be addressed.
  - ◆ Bonnett most recently served 14 seasons (2000-2014) as an assistant men's ice hockey coach at Colorado College. He helped guide the Tigers to three Western Collegiate Hockey Association championships, seven NCAA tournament appearances and a trip to the NCAA Frozen Four. He also helped produce 16 NCAA All-America selections and two Hobey Baker Memorial Award recipients.
  - ◆ A longtime volunteer for USA Hockey, Bonnett has been part of various USA Hockey Player Development Camps, including Select 14, Select 15, Select 16 and Select 17 camps. In 2003, Bonnett was an assistant coach with USA Hockey's Under-17 Select Team, which finished in first place at the Five Nations Tournament in Prievidza, Slovakia
  - ◆ **Joe Bonnet update** - In terms of the recently held High performance Symposium I think you can relay to the PNAHA board that this was USA Hockey's attempt to bridge the gap between USA Hockey and successful Tier 1 programs, USHL Teams as well as professional coaches. For many years, USA Hockey has been criticized for not supporting these types of programs. It is a priority of the ADM Staff to build trust and a sort of comradery among these coaches who influence the top hockey talent in their regions. The symposium was a resounding success. Coaches and directors left feeling invigorated and appreciated. The feedback was outstanding among the participants. I know Kevin and the ADM staff are in a position to continue these feelings and thoughts among this group and plan on continuing the conversations started through follow up meetings, calls, webinars etc.....
  - ◆ **PNAHA ADM Clinics** - Gord Brown, along with Ty Hennes are planning to host two ADM clinics. July 18<sup>th</sup> at Sno-King Renton and July 19<sup>th</sup> in Tri Cities. Associations are encouraged to send ALL coaches and leadership to attend. They are planning on having an off-ice and on-ice portion. **Details TBA**
  - ◆ **Western Regional 14U Camp** - I will be attending the camp in Colorado Springs from June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>. USA hockey ADM Managers will be assisting with the setup of practices. This camp does an excellent job running appropriate station based practices for 14U players. If any association would like copies of well-run station based practices that have 36 players and 4 goalies please let me know.
- ◆ ADM DIRECTOR EAST SIDE – HERMAN CHO
  - ◆ No additional report, new to the position and looking forward to the coming year.
- ◆ 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – ADAM SPEER
  - ◆ No discipline issues.
- ◆ 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT – ROB AZEVEDO
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- ◆ PRESIDENT – GORDON BROWN
  - ◆ 2015 PNAHA Tournaments - Thank you to Kent, Spokane, Tri-Cities and Sno-King for hosting the tournaments / Festivals this year. (and to all of their volunteers who made them a great experience). The tournaments went fairly smoothly with a few learning moments along the way which will be covered in motions or sent to committees to review.
  - ◆ Spectator Behavior - There has been a fair amount of news, especially from north of the border regarding spectator behavior at youth hockey events and how ugly things can get. The spectators at the PNAHA tournaments were fairly well behaved when the consequences were clearly and widely communicated and when there was someone around to enforce them. When the enforcement was not present some slipped back into inappropriate behavior. I'd like the PNAHA board and associations to come up with some ideas as to how we can reduce the inappropriate behavior for all the games and not only when Azevedo is towering over them.
  - ◆ Elections - This year there are elections for President and East Side VP. I am interested in continuing on as President for another term. I believe we've made some good strides over the last couple years with branding (new website and logo), reducing costs and volunteer hours with background checks, clarification / ease of finding the Affiliate rules. Now I'd like to see what I can do to help the state work together where the combination of our efforts will become much more than the sum of the parts. There is a lot that can be done with growing the game with sharing best practices and raising awareness across the state. In addition to increasing the base of youth players there are a lot of opportunities around girls, sled, special and adult hockey.
  - ◆ There is a lot that can be done with our player development with educating players, parents and coaches on the sciences behind becoming better athletes and on how to communicate with our players to enhance their passion and performance.
  - ◆ USA Hockey is spending a lot of the NHL's money on both of those areas to gather that information from the experts for us. It's our responsibility to help use that information to ensure PNAHA's players, coaches and officials realize their potential.
  - ◆ Rob Azevedo has asked me to pass along his desire to run again for the east side vp position.
  - ◆ Rule 14 - Ever since I've been involved with PNAHA Rule 14 seems to come up every summer. I've spent some time to put down my thoughts on rule 14 into a short document which I've attached. Please send me any feedback you may have on it and I'll work to update it for future discussions around this area.
  - ◆ Competition Committee – Elections and 12u League Tiering
  - ◆ At this meeting we will be forming a competition committee. As per the current guide book, *“Each Member Organization that has a team in a PNAHA State League that is State or National bound will appoint a representative to the Competition Committee. The Members of this committee will be identified at the Spring/Summer Meeting of PNAHA.”*
  - ◆ Please let me know if you, or someone from your association, are interested in one or more of these roles.
  - ◆ PNAHA previously changed the 12u league rules to eliminate tiering and we now have one year of experience with that. I will be tasking the Competition committee with reviewing that decision and determining if there are any changes that should be made for this coming season.
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
- 9. NEW BUSINESS
  - ◆ NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS
    - ◆ 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Rob Azevedo nominated, 3 calls and no other nominees, ***all in favor.***
    - ◆ PRESIDENT – Gordon Brown nominated, 3 calls and no other nominees, ***all in favor.***
  - ◆ PROPOSED SUSPENDED COACH/PLAYER TEAM INTERACTION RULE
    - Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas) made motion to [***accept proposal***], 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Moon (SAYHA). (***All in favor***) ***Motion Passed.***
  - ◆ 12U TOURNAMENT GAME LENGTH
    - Rob Azevedo (2<sup>nd</sup> VP PNAHA) made motion to [***accept proposal***], 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas). (***All in favor***) ***Motion Passed.***
  - ◆ 10U SQUIRT LEAGUE TEAM FORMATION RULES
    - Doug Kirton (SKAHA) made motion to [***accept proposal***], 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas). (***6 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstained***) ***Motion Failed.***
  - ◆ 10U LEAGUE SCHEDULING
    - Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas) made motion to [***accept proposal***], 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Moon (SAYHA). (***5 in favor, 6 opposed, 4 abstained***) ***Motion Failed.***
  - ◆ LEAGUE CHAIR, SCHEDULER, AND STATISTICIAN
    - Tami Gurnard (WAHA) made motion to [***accept proposal***], 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas).
    - Gordon Brown (PNAHA President) motion to [***table proposal temporarily***], 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tami Gurnard and agreed by Debbie Didzerekis.. (***All in favor***). Discussion regarding quorum during last PNAHA Meeting in January. Disagreement on who and how delegates were appointed. PNAHA rules do

not let proxy voters. Understanding by President was that those that filled in did so as an appointee by the association. Adam Speer (1<sup>st</sup> VP PNAHA) motion to *[PNAHA Board ratify the president's decision for delates for January meeting and ratify those votes. Also PNAHA needs to come up with a process for determination substitute delegates going forward.] (All in favor) Motion Passed.*

- Gordon Brown (PNAHA President) motion to *[Readdress the League Chair, Scheduler, Statistician proposal]*. Additional discussion on the proposal. *(7 in favor, 5 opposed, 3 abstained) (Motion passed).*
  - ◆ RULE 14 REMOVAL
    - Ian Armstrong (SJHA) motion to *[Remove Rule 14]*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Les Grauer (KVHA). Discussion points on reasons to remove and reasons to keep Rule 14 in place. Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas) called the question. *(5 in favor, 6 opposed, 4 abstained) (Motion Failed).*
  - ◆ VYHA RULE 14 EXCEPTION REQUEST
    - Bob Knoerl (VYHA) motion to *[VYHA Rule 14 One time exception for 2015-2016 season]*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami Gurnard (WAHA). *(1 in favor, 14 opposed) (Motion Failed).*
  - ◆ PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND RELEASES
    - Jared Bucci (TAHA) motion to *[Player Eligibility and Release]*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Armstrong (SJHA). Discussion, intent was to clean up current rules for clarification. Additional changes added should be submitted outside the rule clean up. Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas) motion to *[Postpone vote, send proposal to Competition committee for review and clarification, and then report back at the September meeting. Rule clean up and change to rules should be submitted separately.]*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami Gurnard (WAHA)
  - ◆ COMPETITION COMMITTEE CHAIR, STATISTICIAN AND SCHEDULER ELECTIONS
    - Only those 2014-2015 Competition Committee members voted. Those included SAYHA, SJHA, EYH, TAHA, WAHA, WS, VYHA, SKAHA and PNAHA VP's)
    - Committee Chair election: Rob Azevedo nominated by Ian Armstrong (SJHA), Tami Gurnard volunteered to continue as Commissioner. Votes tallied and Tami Gurnard was elected to serve as the 2015-2016 Committee Chair.
    - Scheduler election: Tami Gurnard volunteered, Donna Kaufman nominated by Jared Bucci (TAHA). Votes tallied and Tami Gurnard was elected to serve as the 2015-2016 Scheduler.
    - Statistician election: Debbie Didzerekis nominated by Tami Gurnard (WAHA). No other nominees, Debbie Didzerekis will serve as the 2015-2016 statistician.
    - Items for the Competition committee to address prior to September 1, 2015:
      - B League winner can opt in to Tier II tournaments, committee needs to figure out a schedule time frame that works to facilitate this if they choose to do so.
      - 10U Scheduling
    - Associations are requested to give their competition committee member to the Commissioner as soon as possible.
  - ◆ ON ICE OFFICIALS RATES FOR PNAHA TOURNAMENT
    - Not submitted 30 days prior to the meeting, will be moved to the September meeting for approval. Discussion on costs of hosting a PNAHA tournament, Committee will review PNAHA Tournament structure and costs, Gordon Brown requests that TCAHA and SAYHA be key in this committee as they have hosted many tournaments.
10. ASSOCIATION REPORTS
- ◆ Round table of those associations present to go over anything they are doing to grow the game and successes they are having.
  - ◆ Doug Ross shared note that coaches can take the refresher course for Safesport now and that will count toward this coming season and for the 2 years after.
  - ◆ Gordon Brown reminded associations to put on their thinking caps for coming up with how we will use the Grant money this coming season.
  - ◆ Please also send your preliminary league team declarations to Gordon Brown as soon as possible.
11. SCORESHEETS – REMINDER (ORDER THEM ONLINE)
12. FALL MEETING
- ◆ The PNAHA ANNUAL FALL meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2015** at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, located at 201 N. Wenatchee Avenue.
13. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.