

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
July 16, 2016

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Merit Waldrop, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Dima Kulmanovsky, Ben Roth, Doug Campbell, Michele Nilson, Keith Morris, Travis Frisk, Jeff Dick, Scott Sivulich (alt.), Mike Rogers (alt.), Justin Johnson (alt.) and Nathan Norton (alt.).

Members present electronically: Jackie Graeber and Joey Merrick.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Jim Newhouse, Larry McBain, Matt Shasby, Anna Culley, Kirk Payne and Carol Hammingh.

Members excused: Mike Ashley, Eric Simmons, Sally Wright, John Stenejem, Luther Brice, John Glover, Mike Barth, Ted Barton and Jack Tragis.

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

Visitors present: None.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Matt Boline	Juneau Douglas Ice Assoc.
Jeff Dick	Challenge Alaska
Dan Bare	Anchorage Hockey Assoc.

Mike Rogers as alternate for Luther Brice  
Scott Sivulich as alternate for Tim Zobel  
Justin Johnson as alternate for Destry Lind  
Nathan Norton as alternate for Mike Schachle

Introductions were made of those present. The agenda was approved with two added items from Jim Newhouse. The minutes were approved as presented. The only pieces of correspondence were two magazines available for anyone.

Persons to be Heard:

Kris Knauss discussed the Tier I guidelines that he sent out in an email to board members earlier. Oregon has restructured their hockey programs. A long range planning committee is beginning. Kris went over some suggested ASHA handbook changes for us to discuss. (see attached). He reminded us that we all need to read up on recruitment rules. USA Hockey is clamping down on legal hockey masks. The national tournament game times are changing for some groups in district and

national Tier I tournaments. He suggested that we follow those guidelines in our own state tournaments for these levels. USA Hockey is also looking into how affiliates take care of collections from players who owe money. USA Hockey now refers to all teams using numbers, such as 6U, 8U, etc. instead of mites, squirts, etc. Kris reminded us to look at the youth proposals, especially if you have Tier I teams.

Steve Laing discussed the expansion NHL team coming to Las Vegas and what that might mean to Nevada hockey in that youth hockey should increase there. The USA Hockey registration numbers are looking good. The Pacific District is #4 out of 12 with approximately 50,000 members, so we are growing! Alaska numbers are at approximately 8700, and the big numbers are with the 6U ages. The Alaska girls/women numbers are over 1900, which is very good. The Alaska officiating numbers are down, and we need to get those numbers up. He suggested setting up a booth at older age tournaments and offer incentives to referees. Safe Sport is a very important part of USA Hockey. USOC will take over the serious matters within Safe Sport in 2017. 93% of coaches in Alaska are current, 91% of officials are current, but only 62% of volunteers are, so we need to bring up those volunteer numbers. He reminded us that we need to adhere to the USA Hockey locker room policy. There have been criminal cases brought forth from problems in the locker rooms. Remember that all district events are on the website. USA Hockey is putting together a bid packet for district tournaments, which should make it easier for host associations. Club Excellence is coming, and the information will be available soon. Steve spoke to high school hockey in that there had been a meeting between USA Hockey and the National Federation of Hockey which governs high school hockey. They are trying to figure out how to work together for the good of the high school aged player. The Showcase is changing, and there are many scouts out there watching the games at the Showcase now. He encouraged Alaska to put together an Alaska team, which hasn't been done in years. He gave a thank you to Darryl for his positive working relationship with Steve. Feel free to contact Steve Laing with any questions or concerns at [steve3674@att.net](mailto:steve3674@att.net).

President's report: Darryl Thompson went over the legislative proposals (see attached) from USA Hockey. We will need to reflect upon these changes as they relate to our own handbook. Darryl thanked everyone for the Quick Change Goalie Gear vote. The order is placed. Alaska Airlines is helping with the shipping costs. Each association should be hearing from Club Excellence. It is a portal to be used by local associations, and can be utilized as each association sees fit. USA Hockey is working on recruitment issues. Safe Sport sexual assault complaint will be outsourced to an independent entity. Local associations will retain summary suspension jurisdiction, and remain empowered to act on immediate concerns. We need to be aware of what is going on – if you see it, say it. Darryl will be bringing up the block grant money issue later on in the meeting in order to free up the block grant money.

Finance report: Jim Newhouse went over the Quick Change Goalie Gear breakdown and the Balance Sheet. Carol Hamming moved and Keith Morris seconded to use

the money from the national tournament hosting to help associations pay for the Quick Change Goalie Gear. The motion passed unanimously.

VP Tournament: Carol Hammingh presented the proposed state tournament schedules. Much discussion followed. Travis Frisk moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to approve the state tournament proposals. Annetta Powell offered a friendly amendment, which was approved by Carol, to take the Tier I section of the state tournament proposals off the table and just vote on the remaining tournaments. The motion failed. Carol will put in the handbook that the tournament schedules will be available on the website.

VP Comp Council: Matt Shasby reported on the high school hockey issue. After a meeting of ASAA, high school hockey will not be moving to a fall sport as we had hoped. We are in need of a PeeWee Comp Coordinator. If you are interested, please let Matt know. Each association should send their try-out information to Andrew Good, our webmaster. The scheduling meetings will be held August 26, 6:00-9:00 and August 27, 8:00-10:00 at the Coast Inn. Discussion was held on how to further pursue high school hockey and USA Hockey working together.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that October 12, 2016 from 6:30-9:00 pm will be the house scheduling meeting. She is securing the location and will release the information to the House Council members as soon as she knows. Congratulations to Homer, FAHA and the Mustangs for achieving the gold level with the USA Hockey 2 and 2 Challenge.

VP Girls/Women: Kirk Payne reported that the dates will be upcoming with the January Selects.

Adult Council: Larry McBain reported that they would like an adult page on the website. Andrew Good is developing one.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk was not present, but his report was presented.

- February 18-19, 2017, Subway Ice Rink

2002 (15's), 2001 (16's) and 2000 (17's) Ice will run from 8:00am-6:00pm each day. Players advancing will attend the USA Hockey Pacific District Player Development Camp in San Jose May, 2017.

- April 14-16, 2017, Subway Ice Rink

2003 (14's) and 2004 (13's) Select Camp

2003 (14's) players advancing will attend the USA Hockey Western Regional Select 14 (2003) High Performance Camp – Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO – June 2017.

The 2004 (13's) camp is limited to the first 21 Defensemen, 36 Forwards and 6 goalies who register. This camp is to provide experience and knowledge for future years.

Discipline: No report.

Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that the portal will be released soon, and that there are changes. She will reach out individually as needed. She needs forms from midget players who need written transfers. The numbers are looking good and she will have reports available at the August ASHA meeting. The coaches screening list is on the website, and it is current, so please check your coaches! She asked everyone to please do the Safe Sport and background screening in order to get the rosters approved.

Sally Wright is doing the handbook this year, so please send her any changes and upcoming events so she can get them in the handbook. The deadline is July 31, 2016.

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons was not present, but his report was presented. The statewide officiating seminars for the 2016-2017 season will be available online as of July 15, 2016. Joe Barth, Doug Gillam and Eric will be working with Carol Hamming to finalize state tournament dates in the coming weeks. A statewide plan for mentorship for new officials will be laid out with local area supervisors in early August in an effort to bolster the officiating numbers, stem the attrition, and create a healthier situation for young officials in the state. Eric will be at the August state board meeting with early numbers on registration and a forecast of the upcoming season. Kris Knauss added that abuse of officials is a big reason officials do not return.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

Safe Sport: No report.

Old Business:

Handbook Changes – Darryl went over the handbook changes according to their number (see attached).

Page 1 – Carol Hamming moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the changes on page 1. The motion passed unanimously.

Page 2 – Annetta Powell moved and Anna Culley seconded to accept the changes on page 2. The motion failed.

Page 3 – Kirk Payne moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the changes on page 3. The motion passed unanimously.

Page 4 – Annetta Powell moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the changes on page 4. The motion passed unanimously.

Pages 5 through 8 – these changes were tabled.

Page 9 – #1 – Annetta Powell moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to accept the changes on page 9 #1. The motion passed.

Page 9 - #2 – Anna Culley moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to accept the changes on page 9 #2. The motion passed unanimously.

Page 9 - #3 – Annetta Powell moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the changes on page 9 #3. Justin Marcum made a friendly amendment that was okayed to have the players' names announce during warm-ups. Justin then withdrew his friendly amendment and that was okayed. Travis Frisk then made a friendly amendment that the change apply to non-national bound teams. The motion passed.

Page 10 – Annetta Powell moved and Kirk Payne seconded to accept the changes on page 10. Much discussion followed. The motion passed.

Page 11 – Carol Hammingh moved and Annetta seconded to accept the changes on page 11. A friendly amendment of 24 hours was added. The motion passed unanimously.

Page 12 - #1 – Annetta Powell moved and Scott Sivulich seconded to accept the changes on page 12 #1. The motion passed unanimously.

Page 12 - #2 – Annetta Powell moved and Kirk Payne seconded to accept the changes on page 12 #2. The motion did not pass.

Page 13 – Annetta Powell moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the changes on page 13. The motion passed unanimously.

Page 14 – Annetta Powell moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the changes on page 14. The motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

- Darryl Thompson presented a first reading of the investment policy (see attached).
- Kris Knauss presented a first reading of an ASHA handbook change (see attached).
- Annetta Powell moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the collection rules guideline book changes as presented by Darryl Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.
- Anna Culley moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the funds used to purchase the Homer Hard Ice Dividers (and shipping) , and the funds used to spilt the Kodiak Hard Ice Dividers (and shipping) be used out of the General Fund, to free that amount up equal amount for the USA Hockey Block Grant funds as suggested by Darryl Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jeff Dick moved and Annetta Powell seconded to give up to \$3250.00 to Challenge Alaska for the sled hockey team to host a weekend tournament in either October of 2016 or January of 2017 at the Palmer MTA Events Center. It will consist of Team Alaska and five other teams from the Lower 48. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Newhouse moved and Travis Frisk seconded to close the Wells Fargo accounts associated with hosting the National Tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

- Carol Hammingh moved and Annetta Powell seconded to require two signatures on checks for ASHA expenditures over \$10,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.
- Matt Shasby moved and Keith Morris seconded to create a document to outsource high school hockey and spend up to \$5,000.00 and present to the governing body. A committee will be formed, Keith Morris is interested in serving on this committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Merit Waldop moved and Keith Morris seconded to hire Mike Geraghty, an attorney, to address the ice allocation in Anchorage. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Jeff Dick gave a thank you for allowing Challenge Alaska to be part of ASHA.
- Anna Cully asked for clarifications of first reads presented.
- Carol Hammingh asked the originators of the first reads for clarification.
- Travis Frisk commented that South Central Hockey Association is now legally the Alaska Wolves.
- Justin Marcum commented on the ice allocation policy rewrite.
- Annetta Powell commented that the ice allocation policy needs to be rewritten.
- Keith Morris welcomed Challenge Alaska to ASHA.
- Brenda Luthi reminded all associations that she needs their current Board of Directors and that the \$100 travel fund fee per seated board member is due from associations within a 125-mile radius of Anchorage.
- Darryl Thompson commented that the ice allocation policy does need to be changed. He also commented that the US National Team will be in Fairbanks to play the Ice Dogs this season.

The meeting was adjourned. The next ASHA meeting will be held Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 following the scheduling meeting at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary