

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
July 11, 2020 - via Zoom & The Megan Room

Members present: Kirk Kullberg, Anna Culley, Rick Trupp, PD Melgoza, Justin Marcum, Annetta Powell (alt.), Angelina Grant (alt.), Jason Dinneen, Theresa Austin, Jeni Mason, Nate Crabtree (alt.), Ben Roth, Scott Vockeroth, Nathan Norton, Renee Loree, Teala Lund, Chris Carney, Karl Greninger (alt.), Jason Witt, Kirk Payne (alt.), Mandy Reale, Keith Morris, Mike Moeglein

Members excused: Andrew Good, Merit Waldrop, Travis Frisk, Robin Dahlman, Joey Merrick, Ron Stadem

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Nikki Garcia, Kevin Fitzgerald, Kirk Payne, Lacey Smith, Carol Hammingh

Officers excused: Jim Newhouse, Ron Gray, Matt Shasby

Visitors present: Kirk Kullberg, Cristy Hickel

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Roll call was done.
- A motion was made to amend the Agenda to include the following items under new business:
Eagle River submitted a proposal for administrative grant money on a UA program and Hockey Club Fairbanks submitted a request for an administrative grant. The motion was approved.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Correspondence: Email is the primary method to receive correspondence. Please open and read all emails from USA Hockey.

Persons to be heard: None

President's Report:

- Wylie Rogers stepped down from the Goal Tender Coordinator position. PD Melgoza was formally appointed by Pat Keller of USA Hockey to be the Goal Tender Coordinator for ASHA through USA Hockey. PD thanked the board for the appointment.
- USA Hockey has issued an interim suspension of John Eric Simmons in his capacity as a Referee in Chief. USA Hockey is currently investigating. Darryl put Josh Ellis up as an interim Referee in Chief, which is being vetted by USA Hockey.

- The SafeSport Agreement must be signed and returned to Anna Culley for your associations' portals to be opened.
- Ben Boeke plans to be opened the 2nd week of August. The second sheet of ice at Dempsey should be opened by July 27. Dempsey will be available for Tier II try-outs, Boeke will not.
- ASHA COVID Protocol: If you are willing to take part in a committee to discuss what ASHA is going to do regarding restrictions during the hockey season, contact Darryl or Anna Culley to join a Zoom meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 pm.
- Ice allocation scheduling meeting will be held Aug. 29.
- All staff are furloughed at USA Hockey at least until the end of July. Registration is down by 60% from this time last year. Block grant money issuance is delayed until September.

Finance:

- Jim Newhouse was absent; financials were sent via email.
- A motion was made to approve the 990 send to the board for review via email. The motion was seconded and approved.

VP Tournaments:

- Carol made a motion to approve the following State Tournament hosts: 10U Major/Minor, 12U Major/Minor – South Anchorage Moose, 14U Tier II – Mustangs, 16 Tier II and 18 Tier II – Wolves, 10A - Mat-Su, 10B – Kenai, 12A – Homer, 12B – Hockey Club Fairbanks, 14A – Juneau, 14B – Mustangs, 16A – Jr. Avalanche, 18A&B – Tok. The motion was seconded and approved. A motion was made to approve the tournament schedule. The motion was seconded and approved. Dates have not been set.
- Carol suggested creating an ASHA Facebook page and would like to hear from anyone that can take over this task. Carol made a recommendation for Lisa Silance to administer the page along with other approved administrators.

VP Comp Council:

- Kevin Fitzgerald thanked Lisa McPheters for her involvement as the Tier I Coordinator and thanked Carol Hammingh for stepping into the role.
- Dennis Sorensen was selected as Team Alaska 15's Head Coach.
- Tier I try-outs are July 17-19 and Tier II try-outs Aug. 4.
- An application for a U13 team at the national level was not recommended by the Comp Council.
- An application from Hockey Club Alaska for an additional comp program at U10 and above. U12 was approved for a recommendation to the board.

VP House Council:

- There was discussion at their last meeting, and they will continue to discuss how to eliminate requests for dual rostering.

- The House Council has recommended a handbook change for checking 14U and above.

VP Girls/Women Council:

- They were able to move forward with Tier II try-outs.
- The council had a Zoom call with all the representatives with the Pacific District affiliates. They discussed a multi-district camp and decided to do a Pacific district camp to allow for more Alaska players to participate and it will move it up to April, shortly after Nationals, and will be held in Las Vegas.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: No report. (Darryl mentioned Matt Shasby announced 15 and 16 Select Camps will be Jan. 2-3, there will be no 17 camp, it is invite only.)

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- The admin portal has been released to all the associate registrars.
- SafeSport Agreements must be sent in ASAP.
- If your team chooses to travel outside of Alaska at any time, even during the summer, your team must get a travel permit approved before you leave.
- No one in the Pacific District is approving invitational tournaments yet. If your team is going to travel outside of the state and going to a non-sanctioned USA Hockey tournament, it is strongly encouraged that you buy insurance as your USA Hockey insurance is not in place when you play in a non-sanctioned games/tournaments. Also, you may not wear the jersey you would normally wear in a USA Hockey sanctioned game.
- 2003 and older players must do SafeSport before they are added to the roster.
- The following coaches have received a temp coach card for the 2019-20 season and must renew at the level they waived before joining the ice: William Yonkins, Benjamin Meaves, Devin Lamont, Sy Young, Jeffery Summerhayes, Trevor Gerin, Levi Goldsby, James Ashton, Darryl Mastie, Cory Coles, and Graham McManamin.

Hall of Fame Committee:

- The Hall of Fame ceremony has been cancelled.

Referee in Chief: No report.

Coach in Chief:

- The group has been working the past few years to create a new curriculum and have changed the way they provide the clinics.
- They plan to roll out virtual clinics due to the pandemic.

- Level 4 will be 1-day, 6 ½ hour class.
- USA Hockey sent out a letter to all coaches nationwide saying if they wanted to secure their current level certification from this year without having to go to a clinic, they could sign up for a temp card through July 31 and be set for the year. You would not advance to the next level but keep your certification static for the rest of the year.

Jr. Hockey: No report

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Alaska ADM Coordinator:

- Darryl congratulated Kirk Kullberg for the USA Hockey New Leader Award for ASHA.
- Half ice rules need to be revisited and Kirk asked if anyone has feedback or suggestions to email him.

Goal Tender Coordinator:

- PD asked that the affiliates consider having goalie coaches at the practices at least once a month.
- He asked affiliates to reach out to him for ideas for “Try Goalie” days, goalie gear swaps, and making lower cost goalie gear available.

Old Business:

- Proposal for U13 Team Alaska team will be rescheduled.
- A motion was made to allow Hockey Club Alaska to have a 12U comp program, it was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to approve handbook changes to provide a structure to have discipline appeals streamlined, it was seconded and adopted.
- A motion was made and seconded to return checking to House A level hockey (Tier III) and discussion ensued; checking clinics were suggested for the players. The motion passed.
- Anna Culley read the following proposals that were sent to the board via email on June 22:

1. 2.4 (1) Dual Rostered Players
2. 3.4 Credentials Book
3. Recommended Qualifying Games for Comp Teams
4. 5.6 10U Half Ice
5. 8.6 Roster Changes
6. 8.7 Changes to Team **and Player** Classification
7. 6.1.1 Game Misconduct Penalties
8. 15.2.1 12U Players on a 14U Tier II National Bound Team

Motions were made and seconded to approve changes to 2.4 (1) Dual Rostered Players, 3.4 Credentials Book, Recommended Qualifying Games for Comp

Teams, 8.6 Roster Changes, 8.7 Changes to Team and Player Classification, 6.1.1 Game Misconduct Penalties, and 15.2.1 12U Players on a 14U Tier II National Bound Team. The motions passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve changes to 5.6 10U Half Ice Games. An amendment was made to change the language to say that they could play 50% of the required games in their age division. (For example, a 10U minor team can play 3 games against a 10U major team.) The motion passed.

New Business:

- A proposal and motion were made to use ASHA funds to supplement the MHA registration fees for players. The motion was seconded, discussion ensued, the motion failed.

Board Member Comments:

- Associations provided ice rink closure information due to COVID.
- Carol Hammingh made a motion to have Lisa Silance set up and be the administrator for the ASHA Facebook page it was seconded and an electronic vote will be made.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 29, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage or via Zoom if mandated.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Garcia
ASHA Secretary