

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
October 9, 2021

Members present: Brandon Harker, Jenna Redford, Shana Pilkinton (alt), Ron Stadem, John Stenehjem, Allen Maltbie, Mandy Reale, Keith Morris

Members present via Phone: Merit Waldrop, Jason Dinneen, Brian Bowman, Heidi Haas(alt), Kathy Mattila, Andrea Bock, Ben Roth (alt.), Jason Beach, Renee Loree, Jen Hunter, Joey Merrick

Members excused: Scott Sivulich, Justin Marcum, Bruce Haas, Annetta Powell, Gina Hoke

Officers/Members present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Carol Hammingh, Matt Shasby, Kirk Payne (phone)

Officers excused: Jamie Larsen, Lacey Smith, Ron Gray

USA Hockey Alaska Representatives present: Rick Trupp, Alaska Coach in Chief, Anna Culley, Pacific District Associate Registrar for Alaska, Kirk Kullberg, USA Hockey ADM Representative of Alaska

Visitors present: Kris Knauss, USA Hockey Board Member and Chairman for USA Hockey Pacific District Board; Wayne Sawchuk, USA Hockey Board Member

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Roll call was done. Quorum established.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The August 21, 2021 minutes were approved as presented
 - Carol H. motioned, Keith M. second

Persons to be heard:

Kris Knauss- USA Hockey Director

- California- some rink mandating vaccines
- USOPC is going from 22% to 30% athlete directors
- USA Hockey allows up to 4 board members in each district- 91 total board members. They are hoping to move to a 92 member Congress in 2022, if approved.
 - Congress would have oversight over budget
 - Restructuring the governing body, District directors will have 4 board seats. One affiliate president would have a board seat
 - Roles will change at the local level
 - USA Hockey would move more to be staff driven

- IHF (International Hockey Federation)- USA no longer has a seat on that board after more than 30 years.
- USA Hockey at the district level has a director vacancy. Should be filled in the next couple weeks.
- Girls Districts will be in Fairbanks this season.
- USA Hockey staff changes have taken place. Some transitional periods.

President's Report:

- Vacancies on our board-
 - Goaltending Coach
 - Discipline Committee
 - ASHA Governance restructure to be covered by Kirk Payne

Finance:

- Jim Newhouse shared that it is very beneficial for block grant requests need to be received in advance. If anyone knows of the need for a block grant, to submit sooner than later
 - Approximately \$11,000 left in the block grants for this current season, there are current pending requests
 - Toys for Tots
- Keith Morris motioned for a \$4000 block grant to come from ASHA for Toys for Tots. Motion was seconded. No opposition. Motion passes.
- Jim encouraged all associations to get their fees paid, as well as invoices for scoresheets.
- Jim asked that we waive the fees for Firebirds & Wolves as they do not have teams currently.

VP Tournaments:

- Carol shared that state tournament dates are still being worked out.
- Registration forms for comp and house state tournaments will be sent out soon.

VP Comp Council: No report- excused

VP House Council: No report- excused

- House scheduling meeting is taking place right after this meeting.

VP Girls/Women Council:

- Kirk shared that they are working on getting league coordinators finalized
- Working on state tournaments as well, if needed.

VP Adult Council: No report. Excused.

- Ron Gray is looking to step down, if anyone has any recommendations, please let Ron or Darryl know.

VP Player Development:

- Matt Shasby shared that Selects (Boys & Girls) will be held December 17th & 18th at the Royal Ice Center

Discipline Committee: No report. VACANT

Registrar Report:

- Anna shared the current numbers:
 - 2554-adults, 306-18U, 475-16U, 562-14U, 641-12U, 608-10U, 611-8U, 751-6U
 - These numbers will increase between now and the next meeting.
- Reminder that tournaments must be sanctioned before advertising.
- Anna reminded all coaches/managers to review their 1T rosters for accuracy.
- Dual rostering- the current handbook posted online has the current rules, so please refer to that when possible.

COVID Report:

- Anna asked that each association send her a monthly report regarding COVID.
- If associations policy has changed from last year must send the new plan to Anna.
- Please be considerate of all the rink mandates and rules.

Referee in Chief: No report.

Coach in Chief:

- Rick Trupp shared that the Coaching Education Program is underway- almost exclusively online. The virtual clinics fill up fast, but any online clinic can be attended not just ones based in Alaska. Encourage coaches to check regularly.
- In person clinics are taking place in Fairbanks in November, hopefully a couple more in Anchorage
- Requests more coaches to help with the clinics to train and get more individuals involved in helping train.
- Goalie Clinic with PD will take place in December.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report. VACANT

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

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- House and Comp Tournament Hosts and locations -update if any
 - No update
- Wolves Readmission into the Alaska League – tabled
- Governance – Kirk Payne- looking at a restructure of the board to limit the number of board members and perhaps replace the By-Law provisions that provide for 1 board seat for every 450 association participants, with a cap of three (3) seat, to provide a small cap on board members and have the associations casts votes according to the number of participants. This topic will be discussed in the future while working with Mike Walsh of the Foraker Group as ASHA’s consultant.

New Business:

- Huddle-\$4,500 to purchase of services to be used by all 4 Tier I Alaska teams
 - Matt Shasby motion, Jim Newhouse second. Motion passes
- We had the following electronic votes ratified:
 - Matt Shasby resigned as VP Player Development on 11/5/21. Kirk Payne motioned for Matt Thompson to replace Matt Shasby as VP Player Development and to serve the remainder of the term, which expires April 2023. Jason Beach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Scott Vockeroth motioned that for the 2021-2022 season, 10U teams may use the following information to determine which teams they can play to secure the 6 required half ice games.
 - 10U Minor:10U Minor, 12UA, 12UB
 - 10UA: 8U Red, 10UB, 10UA, 12UB
 - 10UB: 8U Red, 10UB, 10UA

Jason Beach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Board Member Comments:

- Mandy Reale with the Scotty Gomez Foundation is happy to announce their new Pond Hockey partner, the Seattle Kraken!!

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on December 4, 2021 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan’s Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage or via Zoom if mandated.

Respectfully,

Jamie Larsen
ASHA Secretary