

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
October 5, 2019

Members present: Anna Culley, Theresa Austin, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Brandon Harker, Bruce Haas, Jack Tragis, Mandy Reale, Teala Lund, John Glover (alt.) Chris Carney, Melissa Casey (alt.), Shana Pilkinton, Mike Moeglein

Members present electronically: Justin Marcum, Ben Roth

Members excused: Graham McManamin, Scott Sivulich, Jamie Matthews, Joe Barth, Andrew Good

Officers present: Carol Hammingh, Nikki Garcia, Jim Newhouse, Lacey Smith

Officers excused: Darryl Thompson, Kevin Fitzgerald, Kirk Payne, Wayne Sawchuk

Visitors present: Kenny Rausch, USA Hockey and PD Melgoza, UAA Goalie Coach

The meeting was called to order by Carol Hammingh, VP Tournaments

Seating of Board Members:

Scott Vockeroth	Fairbanks Amateur Hockey Association
Mandy Reale	Gomez Foundation Hockey Association
Bruce Haas	Arctic Lions Hockey Association

- Introductions were made of everyone present.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard: Deanna Dickey, Youth Scheduler for AHO & Lance Dickey, Vice President AHO spoke about hockey officials at the Termination Dust tournament happening this weekend in Anchorage.

- There are not enough officials to cover all of the 14, 16, 18 games.
- They had to drop the 14's to two officials instead of three to cover all the games.
- They need ideas to work together to plan tournaments; they suggested splitting the 16's and 18's onto two different weekends.
- There was discussion about high school hockey, the lack of available officials for non-tournament games on tournament weekends and possibly blacking out those dates for non-tournament games.
- There was a suggestion to go down to a three-man system and Lance explained he would lose officials who do not have the skating ability to go up and down the ice and he feels it's a better game with four as there is more being seen on the ice.
- There was discussion about a giving a stipend for traveling officials, doing Wednesday and Thursday evening games for local teams to alleviate the lack of officials on Fridays.

PD Melgoza, UAA Goalie Coach, was here to introduce himself and offer help with anything goaltending related. He also offered to have UAA hockey players and coaching staff come to youth practices.

President's Report:

- Carol Hammingh, on behalf of Darryl Thompson reminded everyone that Jack Tragis is looking for nominations for Hall of Fame candidates. Refer to the ASHA handbook for criteria. Jack Tragis followed with more information about the committee and criteria.
- Bruce Graham asked that the officials and coaches talk about the body checking rule and enforcement. A video link has been sent to the officials and all coaches registered with USA Hockey.

Finance: Pegs for the intermediate nets were available for pickup. Invoices were given for travel fees to in-town associations. Jim Newhouse went over the financial statements with the board. Jim Newhouse made a motion for the budget to be approved and it was seconded by Dave Cacciolfi. The budget was approved.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh will send out the tournament application forms for house and comp along with a draft copy of tournament schedules for national bound and 10 and 12s. She asked that association located their local tournament director and she will communicate with them.

VP Comp Council: No report.

VP House Council: Lacey Smith reported there are five 16UA teams that want to schedule a state tournament at that age and that Juneau and Kodiak asked for an exception to the 5/10 rule due to not being on the road system and it was passed.

VP Girls/Women Council: Nikki Garcia read on behalf of Kirk Payne a reminder that the Girl's Camp is December 21 & 22 for birth years 2003, 2004, 2005, & 2006.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: Report read by Carol Hammingh. See attached report.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- Anna Culley reported that all T1 & T2 Major/Minor drop/adds must be submitted by December 21.
- All A/B teams' rosters are due to her by December 15, but can drop/add until January 31.

- All volunteers must be claimed by the associations in the portals.
- A YTD report of association numbers was distributed. See attached report.
- All board members for Alaska State Hockey must have Safe Sport and she will contact those that show in the portal as not having it completed. Board members must also register with USA Hockey as a volunteer.

Referee-in-Chief: No report.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey/Hall of Fame Committee: Jack Tragis reported junior hockey is off to a good start. Kenai and Fairbanks have 15 new players on a 23-man roster.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

- Ice allocation: John Rodda has retired.

New Business: None.

Board Member Comments:

- Mike Moeglein reported Talkeetna will not be registering players this season until they get everyone on board with Safe Sport. They are meeting with the school district about scheduling as the school district owns the rink.
- Brandon Harker informed everyone that today was Blind Sports Day and that there was a blind hockey game taking place. He asked that if we know anyone who is blind or has limited vision and is interested playing to contact him.
- Theresa Austin asked that we consider not scheduling board meetings on tournament weekends.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Garcia, ASHA Secretary