**General Membership**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**February 19 @ 6 PM**

**In Attendance:** Travis MartinArlen AyojiakMelissa Casey

Joey MerrickMandy Love John Rathert

Mike LaflammeWalt Eunice IIHeather Calcaterra

Kai Sims (interim for Matt Kirby)

**Meeting Call to Order:** 6:03 PM

**Meeting Location:** Community Room of the MAC

**Guest Concerns:**

Member letter read aloud by M. Casey from Abby O’Neill re: appreciation for 10U House A coaches B. Bell & B. Brickhouse

**Approval to excuse absent Board Members:** Karl Greninger & Angela Unruh

Motion made to excuse Board Members, John/Mike, motion carried

**Approval of the February 19, 2020 Agenda:** Motion made to approve Agenda, Arlen/Mandy, motion carried

**Approval of the January 15, 2020 Minutes:** Motion made to approve Minutes, Arlen/Mandy, motion carried

**Approval of the Treasurer’s Report:** 10-99’s mailed out. Beltrami is still behind in sending monthly statements so update is from January. Currently showing approximately $200K. There is such a large balance because MAC Attack registrations are coming in and nothing for the tournament has yet been paid for (ice/goodie bags/Palmer rental…) We also have ice bills coming due, still on course to end the season with a minimal working balance. Interest by Kai to change format of reporting for ease of reading. Continuing to work with Beltrami to correctly separate house/comp and label expenses/income rather than using ‘unknown’ category. Kai will be meeting with them soon to properly categorize unknown and unlabeled monies (most likely sponsorship/registration money unlabeled upon receipt), complete our taxes, and start budget for 2020-2021 season. Motion made to approve treasurer’s report, Arlen/John, motion carried

**Items for Discussion:**

**Old Business**

* Beltrami and Associates (HC/KS) –
	+ scheduled a review meeting for 2019-2020 (concerns on drop in quality, timeliness of communications, timeliness of reporting) with Joey, Kai, and Brian/Maria from Beltrami
	+ Kai will also research other firms, bittersweet as Beltrami was so good in the beginning
	+ Rullien was recommended by W. Eunice, referencing who other associations use also proposed.
* Ice allocation for Mites 2020-2021 (TM/MC) – tabled until later
* Front Comp jerseys for 2020-2021(KG/MLV) – tabled until Karl available
* Play with MHA in July (HC/MLV/MC) –
	+ need sticks & Arlen will donate
	+ M. Casey will check with ASHA to ensure any event will not be considered ‘recruitment’
	+ possibly tie to MHA Open House/Meet the Board
* Ice allocation total at ‘decent’ times 2020-2021 (HC) – tabled until Mite coaches are chosen

**New Business**

* Coach selection committee –
	+ MHA does not use committee rather Coach Coordinator does the leg work, collaborates with Comp Director and House Director, makes recommendations to Board, Board approves
	+ to encourage more variety in coaching staff and have coaches selected by April/May for Comp and House MHA will take interest surveys on-line through SportsEngine registration, link is live and available on website, FB, mailer to general membership, and QR code on bulletin board
* Comp Coaches (WE) – Walt emphasized current coaches get 1st right refusal as incumbent unless parent/coaching survey or other discipline related incidents make that improper, head coach chooses assistants but must be approved by Board and in completion of all coaching requirements
	+ 6U/8U Director – Travis Martin
	+ Red/10U Minor - possibly Dave Bell
	+ 10U Major - Ryan Comer and Mike Casey
	+ 14U Minor – Billy Bagron, Dave Bell and Walt Eunice interested as well
	+ 16U Minor – John Decaro
	+ Compliment to note, Youngers have been excellent for the 14U House team, as has Mike Farmer, hopefully they’ll return
	+ All coaching levels are tentative depending on numbers at tryouts in August/September
* MAC Attack Status Check (AA) –
	+ no paid score keepers this year, depending on parent volunteers
	+ due to registration error 50+ teams which makes this the largest 8U tournament in N. America
	+ will utilize Palmer on Saturday/Sunday again like last year
	+ rules for volunteers & tax letter for donations available
	+ managers have days covered and assigned
	+ will display score this year
	+ M. Casey prepared paperwork for clock box & made video with parent Holton for clock
	+ all goodie bags ready other than t-shirts
	+ recommendation from parent to start earlier next year with committee at start of January, still feels last-minute and rushed
* Board Election 2020 – May 20 meeting, M. Casey will post positions and descriptions to website, bulletin board, and mail to membership ASAP
* Board Appointed Positions – Goalie, 6U/8U, Manager of Managers, Manager of Treasurers, tabled until May
* ASHA Minutes (MLV) – End of year wrap-up; minutes attached, books turned in for state, referee retention/availability still an issue; being more vigilant about coaches having CEP done, Mite Red proposed changes for future: touch and go, display & keep score, still in concept stage, questions whether USA Hockey ADM approved
* Comp Council Minutes (MLV) – how to keep Tier 1 in AK, some feel too expensive for Team AK, performed in middle of pack, looking to make year around, taking coaching applications
* House Age Group Adjustments, 8U, 12U, 15U, 18U (ML) – is being proposed to ASHA, house has fewer rules than comp and teams in rural areas still file a lot of waivers to have enough kids to make teams, would make it easier to field teams
* House Skill Levels A/B/BB (ML) – being proposed to ASHA; would make House 10U – 18U more like Red/White/Blue of Mites; less about age and more about skill-level of players to make competitive teams; create a ‘beginner’ level so kids can start hockey safely at all ages and keep teams competitive; will forgo state and have own mini-version in Anchorage; testing it this year with a few teams at ‘BB’ level (middle); bring back checking in House A
* Coaching Certification for House Coaches (ML) – being proposed to ASHA/USA Hockey that coaches in House only have to go up to level 3, or choose 3A/3B route, as opposed to mandating the level 4 and High Performance which seems excessive for House play
* Sponsor Banner (JR) – needs all the info to get it done, Reid will switch out in summer when ice is out
* Sponsor Plaques (JR) – needs all the info to get it done
* MHA Disciplinary Policy for Coaches (WE) – specific complaint moved to executive session; reiterate process and need to explain better in handbook (1. Document, 2. Attempt to solve with team coach, 3. Bring to coach coordinator or program director, 4. Council coach in question, 5. Disciplinary committee, 6. If no longer eligible to coach for MHA, coach in question will receive written notification as well as verbal explanation at disciplinary hearing)

**Next Meeting:** Mustang Hockey Association: March 18, 2020 at 7 PM

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn at 7:46 PM, Mike/John, motion carried.

**Board Members**

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| President - Joey Merrick (JM) | Vice President – Arlen Ayojiak (AA) |
| Secretary – Melissa Casey (MC) | Treasurer – Matt Kirby (MK) / Kai Sims (KS) |
| House Program Director – Mike Laflamme (ML)  | Comp Program Director – Karl Greninger (KG) |
| Volunteer Coordinator – Mandy Love (MLV) | Public Relations – John Rathert (JR) |
| Coach Coordinator – Walt Eunice (WE) | Girls’ Coordinator – Angela Unruh (AU) |
| Player Development – Travis Martin (TM) | Office Manager/Registrar – Heather Calcaterra (HC) |

**Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting**

August 24, 2019

Members present: Justin Marcum, Merit Waldrop, Jason Dinneen, Theresa Austin, Scott

Sivulich, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Brandon Harker, Kerry Hafele, Teala Lund,

Jen Hunter (alt.), Joey Merrick, Deanna Anderson (alt.), Jackie Graeber, Lisa Silance

(alt.), Mike Moeglein.

Members present electronically: Angelina Grant (alt.), Jason Beach (alt.).

Members excused: Jaime Matthews, Jack Tragis, Keith Morris.

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

Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Nikki Garcia.

Officers excused: Wayne Sawchuk.

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

Seating of Board Members: None.

• Introductions were made of everyone present.

• The agenda was approved as presented.

• The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

• The key for the PO box will be retrieved from Brenda Luthi to check for

correspondence to ASHA. News from USA Hockey is sent to members via email.

Persons to be heard: None.

President’s Report:

• SafeSport discipline; there is hypervigilance regarding SafeSport. Reports are

going directly to USA Hockey and then being sent to the local affiliates.

• Scheduling questions, ideas, and input can be sent directly to Kevin Fitzgerald,

VP Comp Council.

Finance: Jim Newhouse went over the financial statements with the board.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh read and made a motion to approve the state

tournament schedules, it was seconded by Dave Cacciolfi. Motion passed. The schedules

will be sent via email.

VP Comp Council:

• Kevin Fitzgerald reported that scheduling was completed. Tier I 14, 15, and 18’s

were invited the scheduling meeting to get them some in-state competition. All

Tier I teams are planning to go outside for tournaments.

• Justin Marcum reported on the trips already planned.

• Darryl spoke about ASAA, the high sports administrative agent program,

modifying their dual participation restrictions; freshman can dual participate all

year long, sophomores, juniors, and seniors can play games up until the first high

school game.

VP House Council:

• House scheduling will be held on October 5th after the ASHA board meeting.

• The House Council voted in support to bring back checking Tier III but will be

tabled for now. They will continue to discuss and be prepared for the next April

meeting.

• The House Council weighed in on the girl’s dual participation five player

limitation. It originally passed with full support, then it was tabled. The Girl’s

Council called into one of their meetings and after discussion, it passed by two

votes.

VP Girls/Women Council: Language was passed regarding girl’s tournament and league

at the last meeting.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development:

• Report to be emailed.

• Lisa Silance reminded everyone about the 10U half ice grants that are available

for tournaments. Applications are due Sept. 15 for majors and minors and house is

due Oct. 15.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

• Anna Culley asked that travel permits are submitted as soon as possible as they

take time to process.

• Travel permits for non-USA Hockey events cannot be signed off by Anna.

Guidelines need to followed by teams that attend non-USA Hockey events.

Players are not covered by USA Hockey insurance and parents of players need to

be informed and the teams should look into purchasing additional insurance to

cover the players.

• Travel permits for non-USA Hockey events still need to be submitted for tracking

purposes.

• Coaches need to complete certifications before they get on the ice.

• Association that have not turned in their SafeSport affiliate agreements must turn

them in ASAP.

• Electronic scoresheets only, instead of paper, are being requested at the end of the

tournaments, grouped by age.

Referee-in-Chief:

• Speaking for Eric Simmons, Scott Sivulich reported that seminars are set up and

dates are available on the official’s website.

• Registration is underway and they are trying to recruit. There are a lot of

opportunities for younger referees to learn from the half ice games and jamborees.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: Speaking for Rick Trupp as well, Kirk Kullberg attended the

High Performance Coaching program. The content of the education program is not

changing but the delivery is changing significantly. Clinic information can be found on

the ASHA or USA Hockey website.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

• Board member information from all associations for the handbooks must be

turned in to Lisa McPheters ASAP.

• Ice Allocation policy meeting update.

• The Girl’s dual participation tabled vote was discussed and the motion passed.

(Page 46, 2.4 National Tournament Bound Players (2nd Paragraph) "A female

player...for State Tournament play." Add the following: "A House/Recreational

team may have up to five dual rostered females on a 1T.")

New Business: Long Range Planning: A motion was made and seconded to invoke

outside professional help for long term planning and governance structuring for the

board. Motion passed. Darryl will get quotes from suggested firms and bring the

information to the board.

Board Member Comments:

• Mike Moeglein requested advice and help to get his association to comply with

SafeSport. A teleconference can be set up with ASHA board members for their

Sept. 17 board meeting to discuss the SafeSport program and guidelines.

• One 16U team left early and did not schedule. They will get them on the phone to

resolve.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am

to 1:00 pm at Megan’s Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Garcia, ASHA Secretary