

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
January 26, 2019

Members present: Justin Marcum, Graham McManamin, Jason Dinneen, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Jack Tragis, Ben Roth, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Jason Witt, Ron Stadem, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Mike Moeglein, Dan Bare (alt.), Scott Sivulich (alt.), Bruce Haas (alt.), Teala Lund (alt.) and Lisa Silance (alt.).

Members present electronically: Dave Bartlett

Members excused: Ted Barton, Brandon Harker, Jaime Matthews, Keith Morris, Tim Zobel, Luther Brice, Lacey Smith, Theresa Austin and Kerry Hafele.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Brenda Luthi, Ron Gray, Kirk Payne, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey official present: Steve Laing, Anna Culley, Rick Trupp, Eric Simmons, Glen Bailey, Kirk Kullberg and Steve Thompson.

Visitors present: Lane Geisler

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

Seating of Board Members:

Teala Lund for Ted Barton  
Lisa Silance for Keith Morris  
Scott Sivulich for Tim Zobel  
Dan Bare for Theresa Austin

- Introductions were made of everyone present.
- The agenda was approved with changes presented by Ben Roth, Jim Newhouse and Travis Frisk.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.
- Correspondence was read – thank you notes from Homer Hockey.
- An appeal that was to be heard was tabled until later.

Persons to be heard: Steve Laing, USA Hockey Director for the Pacific District spoke to the possible upcoming changes within USA Hockey that will affect everyone. He reminded everyone that he is always available for any questions or concerns.

- The federal government is putting laws in place, which affects National Governing Bodies (NGBs). USA Hockey and ASHA as such NGBs.
- Screening for the 2020-2021 season will be done nationally and governed by the USOC and USAH. It will cost approximately \$30 starting April 1, 2020. In

the past when red flags showed up for screening, it was handled by the state affiliate. Now, it will be handled by the national office. The national office will have the right to disqualify the applicant or let the red flag on the applicant go. It will be out of the hands of the local affiliate.

- Screenings are now part of Safe Sport. Each affiliate will be required to have one contact for both screening and Safe Sport starting April 1, 2019.
- In 2020-2021, **everyone** will get screened whether it is your year or not. As of now, USA Hockey is not sure if the screening will be needed every year or every two years.
- USA Hockey will create one master data base, and it will be available to the public.
- Screening fees will be required at the time of registration. You are not registered until all of your screening and Safe Sport are complete.
- Affiliates will switch at the same time, the old ones will no longer work after the 2020-2021 season.
- There is discussion to extend the screening requirement to the Rink employees in order to have a contract with USA Hockey.
- The Safe Sport document is being revised.
- We are all now mandatory reporters and mandated to report every single incident.
- There will be a revised Parent Code of Conduct, will a possible mandatory parent training.
- No minor under 18 can participate on an adult team – no exceptions, and there is discussion that once a player becomes 18 on a youth team, he or she must be screened.
- Referee associations are not part of USA Hockey. They will need to provide and assure affiliates that they are all certified and trained.
- Safe Sport training will be done by certified Safe Sport trainers.
- An affiliate **must** report all complaints of sexual abuse or emotional abuse to USA Hockey and then on to USOC.
- The affiliate Safe Sport coordinator will send a report each month.
- Any sexual abuse must be reported immediately to local law enforcement and Safe Sport. Immediate interim suspension authority remains with the local affiliate, but the Center for Safe Sport may overturn the interim suspension pending a hearing. In any event, the local affiliates cannot investigate until Safe Sport HQ gives the go ahead.
- Each affiliate will have access to the banned participant list.
- The annual USA Hockey registration fees are being raised by \$6.00 for a new total of \$46.00 – and any affiliate registration fee will be in addition to the \$46.00. The increase is because the cost of doing business is extreme (especially with Safe Sport), and the additional insurance to cover the various liability claims.

The next Person to be Heard was Lane Geisler who spoke to his son's suspension, along with the suspension he had himself from KPHA. Darryl advised him to get in

contact with our Discipline Committee as the board could not hear the matter until he had exhausted his administrative appeal right under USA Hockey By-Law 10. The player suspension must be addressed with the local association, and his parent suspension must first be addressed by the ASHA Discipline Committee.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson reported that he will advocate for an individualized approach to screening red flags. He reminded us most abusers are not found on background screens and are first time offenders, and it is us as the front line that must be ever vigilant to make sure we are committed to report. If we see something, say something.

Finance:

- Jim Newhouse reported that we all need to be aware of the financial people in each association.
- Jim went over the financial reports.
- He asked that associations please pick up the intermediate nets and get them strung. Jim needs checks for the travel fund and for the district tournaments.
- Please submit block grant requests to Darryl Thompson.
- Jim explained how a boulder fell on a car of a hockey coach on the Seward Highway, and that the coach (Jason Carter) is in a coma and has a brain injury. Dave Cacciolfi moved and Annetta Powell seconded for ASHA to give \$5000.00 to the family as a donation. The motion passed.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh presented her report (see attached).

- Carol moved and Kirk Payne seconded to give Carol Hammingh and Lacey Smith the authority to approve the 18U A and 18U B state tournament schedules. The motion passed.
- Carol moved and Travis Frisk seconded to approve the following state tournaments – 10U Minor, 10U Major, 10U A, 10U B, 12U A, 12U B, 14U tier I, 14U A, 14U B, 16U Tier II, 18U Tier II. The motion passed.
- Carol moved and Travis seconded to approve the 12U Major, 12U Minor and 14U Tier II as they are still playing league games until February 4<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed.
- She reminded everyone who won a state tournament last year to be sure to get the trophy to the 2019 host in clean and good shape.

VP Comp Council: Travis Frisk reported that the Tier I application deadlines are coming up, and he suggested that if Ben Stevens is too busy with his new position with the Governor, then perhaps and that they may need a replacement.

VP House Council: Lacey Smith was absent (see attached)

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne thanked Wayne and Travis for their help. They have discussed the girls' state tournaments.

VP Adult Council: Ron Gray reported that he would like to add to his discipline committee.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk presented his report (see attached).

Discipline Committee: Glenn Bailey reported that they are busy.

Associate Risk Manager: No report

Registrar: Anna Culley reported:

- Deadline for player movement for all A and B teams in January 31, 2019.
- Deadline for BC is January 31, 2019.
- All 14U/16U/18U Youth and Girls Tier II team books are due by February 14, 2019. Teams in Anchorage, the Valley, Homer and Kenai need to send their books to Lisa McPheters or drop them off at Ben Boeke. All others should arrange to have their books mailed to Anna Culley, 1109 Park Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99709 by February 14, 2019.
- Thanks to Lisa McPheters for all her help with credentials for books this year.

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons reported:

- The officiating program is in good shape. We are seeing the highest numbers of registered officials in the state's history. The mentorship program is in its third year, and is by all accounts a big success.
- We do still have some issues with the aging of our more experienced officials, and a lack of 20 and 30 year old coming up to fill those shoes, but we are addressing that with a recruitment campaign in the upcoming season.
- The female officials from the Pacific District have been identified to work the Girls' District Tournament in Anchorage and a few Alaskans have also been identified to work the Boys' District Tournaments in Las Vegas and Anaheim.
- State tournaments are in the process of being scrutinized at this time so that staffing decisions can be made soon. It will be an "all hands on deck" scenario again this year in order to man all the tournaments throughout the state.
- Eric will have a complete numerical breakdown at the next ASHA Board Meeting summing up the registration numbers.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that there will be a Level 4 Clinic April 19-21 with quality presenters. The clinics went well this year. They had more temporary cards this year than in the past.

Jr Hockey/Hall of Fame: Jack Tragis reported that they have selected a list of nominees, but they haven't notified them yet. Nominations are still open until

January 31, 2019. The ceremony will be April 27<sup>th</sup> following the ASHA Board Meeting.

Safe Sport: no report

Alaska State ADM Coordinator: Kirk Kullenberg reported that he went around the state with Kenny Rausch. He is here for your support. He is compiling a chart for each level for what is needed. He would like for us to support the UAA attendance with upcoming events such as Skate with the Seawolves.

Goal Tender Coordinator: Steve Thompson reported that they are going to reframe the gold, silver and bronze goal tender education levels. In Alaska 53 coaches took the silver and bronze levels. They are working on restructuring the goalie camps. He encourages kids to play things other than hockey in the summer.

Old Business:

- Darryl Thompson reported that there was an Anchorage bowl area ice allocation meeting recently. It was a good meeting, but no decisions were made.
- Two motions were made electronically in between ASHA meetings, but both were not passed due to not having a majority voting.

New Business:

- Travis Frisk moved and Kirk Payne seconded to increase the registration fee to ASHA for the 2019-2020 season by \$4.00. Discussion followed, and the motion passed unanimously. The new ASHA Registration Fee will \$9.00, which when added to the USA Hockey new fee of \$46.00 would make a total registration fee for both ASHA and USA Hockey \$55.00.
- There was a first reading of the Proposed Conflicts of Interest Policy (see attached)
- There was a first reading of the proposal from Hockey Club Fairbanks (this will be sent out shortly). This will be voted upon with an electronic vote.
- There was a first reading of a change to our electronic vote procedures from Travis. He presented that with electronic voting, it only takes 50% plus 1 to determine a majority. This may be presented for voted with an electronic vote.

Board Member Comments:

- Joey Merrick commented on a questionable call made during a 14U game. The call was sent to the Discipline Committee, but if it is not a match penalty, there is no hearing. Discussion followed. There is no real process if it is not a match penalty, but the referees can review calls.
- Mike Moeglein commented that Talkeetna needs colder weather for their outdoor rink.
- Steve Laing commented that he will be back to Alaska on February 27, 2019.

- Travis Frisk commented that they had a tournament with a 6-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place – a first!
- Justin Marcum commented that for their Polar Bear Tournament, they had a team up from Littleton, Colorado. It was a great experience.
- Ben Roth asked Steve Laing for any solutions to dealing with technology in hockey.
- Steve Thompson commented that the High Performance Goalie Camps will be in August in Southern California, and they are looking for goalies.
- Wayne Sawchuk commented that they are working on a Level 4 Clinic
- Darryl Thompson thanked everyone for all they do for hockey. He also thanked Travis Frisk for his handling of a tournament situation at the Dan Rogness tournament. .

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00 am at The Megan Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary