

Alaska State Hockey Association Annual Meeting

July 16, 2022

10:00 am

Members present: Derek Tannahill (alt.), Rob Forbes (alt.), Andy Morton (alt.), Clint Lancaster, Brandon Harker, Lisa Silance, John Stenehjem, Allen Maltbie, Annetta Powell, Colby Swenor

Members present via Zoom/Phone: Kris Wistoff (alt.), Scott Sivulich, Justin Marcum, Gina Hoke, Andrea Bock, Ben Roth, Jason Beach, Jenna Redford, Breanna Peterson, Jen Hunter, John DeCaro, Bruce Hass, Mandy Reale

Members excused: Luther Brice

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Carol Hammingh, Nate Anderson

Officers present via Zoom/Phone: Jamie Larsen, Lacey Smith, Matt Thompson, Verna Giani

Officers excused: Kirk Payne

USA Hockey Alaska Representatives present: Josh Ellis, Alaska Referee in Chief; Anna Culley- Pacific District Associate Registrar for Alaska (via Zoom); Rick Trupp, Alaska Coach in Chief; Gina Hoke, Alaska SafeSport Coordinator; Kirk Kullberg- USA Hockey AK ADM Coordinator; Merit Waldrop, Team Alaska Director,

Visitors present: Kris Knauss, Pacific District Director, Chairman, Brian Horschel, Cristy Hickel, Jennifer Matson, Rob Spangler, Cassie Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members:

Alaska Hockey League	Kris Wistoff
Alaska Oilers	Derek Tannahill
Anchorage Hockey Association	Rob Forbes
Anchorage Hockey Association	Andy Morton
Anchorage Wolverines	Aaron Schutt

- Roll call was taken and a Quorum established.
- Approval/Change of Agenda – Nate Anderson moved to add AHA adding a 10U Comp team, seconded, motion passed.
- Minutes – Justin Marcum moved to accept the Addendum to the January 29, 2022 minutes, seconded, motion passed. Jim Newhouse moved to accept the April 23, 2022, minutes, seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence:

We received a Thank You card from Hockey Club Fairbanks Girls U16 Tier II team thanking ASHA the financial support of their team for Nationals.

Persons to be heard:

Kris Knauss, Pacific District Director, Chairman -

- The Board of Directors changed the board from 91 to 26 members. They added Girl's Council, Affiliate Presidents, there will be 33% Athlete directors, and District Directors will now be District Reps.
- Taking a hard look at 130 National Level.
- Kris will chair the Player Development Committee. Select 17 National Tournament with 12 teams from District.
- Kris was elected to the USA Hockey Executive Committee.

Cristy Hickel-

- Opposed to add GWC National Bound team votes on National issues.

Jennifer Matson-

- Agrees 100% with Cristy.

Rob Spangler-

- Need to revise wording on girl's National Bound.

#### VP Tournaments, Jamie Larsen (Zoom):

- We still need hosts for the 14, 16, and 18 B State Tournaments. Jamie moved to replace all of the State Tournament Trophies and to spend no more than \$15,000 for 20 trophies, seconded. Discussion on how to hand off trophies and what fines to incur, possibly have a trophy case to keep the trophies in, can we get quotes to get the best price, could we look at replacing the trophies on a 3-year span to defray the cost, we need a policy in place. Jamie will get other quotes and create a policy. Motion passed.

#### President's Report, Darryl Thompson:

- Changes in fees need to be approved at the January or February meeting [must announce the fee increased to USA Hockey by March 15, of each year] to take affect for the next season.
- Regarding the WC proposal, Kirk has sent minutes out and there was not one opposition; however, we are not the body to review their minutes.
- Anyone can submit a proposal for handbook changes. This must be done at least a month before the annual meeting, so associations have time to review. We need to follow the process.
- At Annual Congress, the Youth Council wants to get rid of tryout rule before Nationals and wants to leave it to the Affiliates. Thompson voiced objection and is now on a committee with other affiliate presidents and USA Hockey representatives reviewing the topic.
- Our USA Hockey ADM Manager Kristen Wright would like to introduce a pilot program in our affiliate whereby she and others come on a regular basis and work with the girls programs to provide more high quality face time with our development of the girls competitive programs.
- Our disabled section went to the Hendrickson Festival where 2 warrior teams and 1 sled team all won.

#### Finance Report, Jim Newhouse:

- Financial statement was provided for review. He did share a few points:
  - Girls & Boys Selects- About \$20,900 overage.
  - Block grant- SAHA has put in for a \$5,000 grant for Toys For Tots
  - Jim moved to have ASHA sponsor Seawolf hockey \$500.00, seconded, motion passed.

#### VP Comp Council, Nate Anderson:

- They have had 2 meetings in the last month.
- Discussion on Districting for the 10U and 12U. Would like to see this as a pilot program this year. There was much discussion on how many kids are driving into Anchorage.

- Discussion on a Seeding Tournament for the 10U and 12U pilot program for this season.
- Team Alaska, we would like to build the program. We have a 14U, 16U and 18U Team this year. We selected a Director by a vote of 8-6 with Merit Waldrop winning the vote. We would like to have a shared Directorship with Merit and Matt Thompson.
- With ice allocations for Anchorage not distributed yet, we would like to push back the scheduling meeting to August 26, for the 14, 16, and 18; and September 10, for the 10U and 12U.
- Comp Tryouts start August 2, please get your dates and times to Jason to be posted on the ASHA website no later than 1 week before tryouts.

VP House Council, Lacey Smith (Zoom):

- Still need hosts for a couple of State Tournaments.

VP Girls/Women Council, Kirk Payne:

Kirk Payne provided his report via email to the ASHA Secretary.

- I submitted some handbook changes that the GWC would like to see at the last meeting. On the game matrix we are proposing to eliminate the one on page 78 because we feel the one on 128 is more appropriate. The two are inconsistent so if it makes sense to keep 78 and make it look like 128 and eliminate 128 we are fine with that as well.
- If your association would like to have a representative on the GWC please have your President send me the contact info (Email and phone number) for your rep.
- I am continuing to support Matt Thompson for the Girl's Select camp which he has scheduled for December 16-18 at the same time and place as the boy's camp.
- Lastly, since the Girls Tier I program will be going to Team Alaska next year we have been chosen by USA Hockey to put together a pilot program in which they will provide resources to help develop all of our National Bound teams. We are still working on exactly what this will look like but should have a draft later this month or early next month.
- GWC will work with both Merit Waldrop and Matt Thompson over the balance of the year to ensure we make the Team Alaska transition as smooth as possible, learning from the boy's experience.

VP Adult Council, Verna Giani (Zoom):

- We have only had 1 discipline hearing.

VP Player Development, Matt Thompson (Zoom):

- Selects Girls (14-17) and Boys (15-17) dates December 16-18, 2022. The 14 camp will be in April.
- We had 4 Alaskans in Buffalo at the National Camp.
- Kristen Wright is slated to come up for Selects as well as the Tier I Coaches.

Discipline Committee: No report. Currently vacant, opportunity available

Registrar Report/Hall of Fame, Anna Culley Zoom):

- Please let Anna know who your registrar will be for the 2022/23 season.
- Remember that the 2005 and older players need SafeSport.
- There is anew Tournament Sanction form which specifically talks about SafeSport requirements. .
- There is a shift in age bracket fees. If a player registers in one age bracket and they need to be in another, USA Hockey will void the registration and refund the fee. You will then need to have the player register in the correct age group.
- The SafeSport acknowledgment form applies to Adult Board members and they must have SafeSport. All ASHA Board must be SafeSport.
- Hall of fame will be September 10, 4-7 pm at the Captain Cook Quarter Deck.

Referee In Chief, Josh Ellis:

- Seminars should be posted soon. There are registration changes that make it easier.
- There is a huge shortage of referees, this is a Nation-wide problem. Please encourage players and coaches to be refs. Some of the attributes are:
  - Free ice
  - Learn the game better
  - Earn money
- The Girls District Tournament in Fairbanks went well. We have no high-level Female Officials in Alaska.
- Please schedule like games back-to-back when scheduling games.
- Refs need to be 12 years of age or older.
- Encourage 1 player on each team to go to an Official Seminar.
- Your Association may request AHO come to your ice and put on a Seminar.

Coach in Chief, Rick Trupp:

- The Coaching Clinics will be posted in August. The Virtual clinics will be open only to those in District first. In September they will be open to everyone.
- There is a change in Coaching levels 1, 2, 3.
- Level 4 must have continued education and will expire in 3 years.
- Level 5 expires in 5 years.
- We had 9 people from Alaska volunteer to help run clinics at the Coach Developer Academy.
- Official class gives you coaching credits. One hour for hour credit.

Jr. Hockey, Jack Traxis: No Report.

SafeSport Coordinator, Gina Hoke (Zoom):

- Finishing up last season reports.

Alaska ADM Coordinator, Kirk Kullberg: No Report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: Currently vacant, opportunity available

- PD will be coming in December.

Old Business:

- Disposition of Excess funds from Selects (Previously Tabled). Nate ~~Thompson~~ [Anderson] moved to have \$10,700 of the Boys to go towards Team Alaska Directorship and to have \$10,200 of the Girls to go toward support of Kristen Wright's USA Hockey Development pilot program in ASHA , seconded, motion passed.
- Final Non-Provisional approval of Jason Beach's Contract. Jim Newhouse moved to fully approve Jason Beach's contract, seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

- Handbook Changes – Girls and woman's Proposals
- Annetta Powell moved to accept the following handbook changes, seconded, motion passed with a vote of 14-8
  - Add
    - *Each participating association president shall designate, in writing to the VP of Girls and Women's Council (GWC), one representative to the GWC and shall have the option of designating an alternate. For an association to sit (vote) on the GWC, that*

*association must have registered at least one girls team that played in sanctioned games the previous season and intends on registering at least one girls team that plays in sanctioned games this season. Associations may be asked to provide 1T and game sheets. For National Bound issues only those representatives whose associations have fielded National Bound teams in the past and current season will be allowed to vote. GWC meetings are open to all ASHA members*

- Page 127 Change-
  - *Change “National Bound teams shall hold their tryouts no earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of May for the upcoming season.” To “Tier I tryouts shall be held no earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of May for the upcoming season. Tier II tryouts shall be held no earlier than 24 hours after Tier I tryouts have been completed.”*
- Page 70
  - *Remove the game matrix as there is another matrix on page 128*
- E-Vote: Jim New House moved to accept the vote results on the motion made by Jamie Larsen to accept the State Tournament Hosts for 2023, seconded, motion passed with 30 yes votes, seconded, motion passed.
- AHA Additional Team Request major/minor U10 Team-
  - Rob Forbes brought forth a request from AHA to field a 4<sup>th</sup> 10U Comp team. Due to their successful learn to skate/player development mite program. They would like the option to field an additional 10U teams at the comp level. Currently, AHA has over 50 kids in the designated birth years that would be moving into the 10U division and likely at the comp level. AHA would like to have options for these players to remain with AHA. AHA would like to develop these players using the ADM Guidelines. Rob moved for AHA to be allowed to field an additional 10U teams (4 total with it being 3 minor teams and 1 major team), seconded. Much discussion ensued, Colby noted that they were awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> team at the April meeting, Clint mentioned associations should have development programs, it was asked if any kids would dual roster, ~~there would be no dual rostered players~~ [they would make every effort to not dual roster players to gain comp advantage]. Motion passed with a vote of 10-9.
- E-Vote: Jim Newhouse moved to accept the vote results on the motion made by Jamie Larsen to accept the State Tournament Hosts for 2023, seconded, motion passed with 30 yes votes, seconded, motion passed.

#### Board Member Comments:

- Ben Roth asked if we need to think how we break out Comp and House programs.
- Anna Culley would like someone from Anchorage Hockey Club to contact her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm. The next meeting will be on August 20, 2022 at 11:00am at Megan’s Room, 6591 A St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Anchorage. Call in and Zoom options will also be available.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Hammingh  
ASHA Secretary

Minutes Approved as Corrected August 20, 2022