

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
January 8, 2011

Members present: Corey Millen, Darryl Thompson, Lynn Thompson, Kathy Merrick, Carol Hammingh, Rich Brister, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Pat McDonald, Kris Knauss, Kim Griffith, Joan Hancock, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Tim Stage, Mike Laflamme, Tom Fisher, John Robertson, Jeff Barney (alt.), Diane Firmani (alt.) and Travis Frisk (alt.).

Officers present: Cullen Wallace, Brenda Luthi, Rosalie Nadeau, Anna Culley, Dennis Sorenson and Lisa McPheters.

USA Hockey officials present: Dan Rogness, Connie Hardwick, Rick Trupp, Chris Milles and John Jolly.

Visitors present: Christy Hickel, Matt Ketchum and Colleen Waltz.

Members excused: Rob Snelson, Randy Zarnke, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Pete Sloan, John Stenehjem, Sally Wright, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian and Kim Rupp.

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President.

Introductions were made of all present.

The minutes of the November 13, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Cullen Wallace will send out information from Courtney Welch from USA Hockey.

There were no Persons To Be Heard.

President's Report: Cullen Wallace presented the record retention policy and the conflict of interest policy for Joe Newhouse (see attached). Cullen reminded everyone that penalties incurred in Canada will be served here, they do not just disappear. The Mid-Year USA Hockey meeting is coming up in Florida, and it is a rule change year. He will report back at the next meeting.

Finance Report: No report.

VP Tournaments: Lisa McPheters reported that the Comp State Tournament schedule is in place and they have directors for them. The House State Tournaments schedules are pretty much ready. The Bantam C and Squirt D tournaments are large this year. Don't forget that once you declare you are going to a state tournament, you are expected to go

and will get billed whether you go or not. The state trophies from last year are due at the February ASHA meeting. You are responsible for the trophy if you lose it. They are still working on the girls' state tournaments. Homer had date issues with the girls' tournament and won't be able to participate. Discussion followed regarding the location of the girls' tournaments.

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau reported that they are changing their Comp Council meeting time from 8:00 to 8:30 am starting at the next meeting. Travis Frisk is chairing the committee on try-out recommendations. Contact him if you have any input or ideas. Information will be presented at the February ASHA meeting. They discussed the costs of hockey and tournaments. They recommended to look at the cost of traveling referees as a possible way to reduce costs.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they met and voted to not make cross-ice mandatory. They are getting ready for the House State tournaments.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kim Rupp's report is attached.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: Dennis Sorenson reported that there were 190 registrations this year with 8-9 evaluators. David Carle from Denver helped and John Hill from Minnesota watched, but didn't evaluate. The names of the twenty skaters that advanced for each level were put on the website January 1, 2011. Dennis gave a thanks to AHA for the use of their office and a thanks to the referee association for loaning us the referees.

The District Selects will be in Seattle. 14-15 year olds will be April 28-May 1. 16-17 year olds will be May 5-May 8,

The website is updated. Please send any information to Dennis that you want on the website. Dennis will discuss the ADM model with the House Council at a future date. He encourages associations to accept the ADM model and will bring more information to the ASHA Annual meeting.

The equipment issue has gotten out of hand. We need to tighten up on checking chin straps, ear pieces and mouth guards. USA Hockey is talking about eliminating checking at the Pee Wee level. It is food for thought. Also, there is talk of eliminating checking at the house level entirely.

Discipline Committee: John Jolly presented his report. (see attached) John gave a reminder that all coaches must wear an approved chin strap.

Risk Management: Brenda Luthi reported for Suzy Coronel. She would like for associations to submit their requests to her, then she can send them to John at USA Hockey. She has only seen 3 sanction requests all season for fund raisers and would like to remind everyone that if they do an off-ice fund raiser that isn't sanctioned, and

someone gets injured, the whole insurance coverage thing gets sticky. Please take note of this reminder.

Associate Register: Connie went over the reports (see attached). Travel permits are not needed for district tournaments, but travel permits are needed for all out-of-state travel. She also needs tournament sanctions with rules at least 30 days in advance.

Registrar: Dan Rogness reported that we are at 95% of the membership from last year. Alaska is in good shape with our player-coach ratio. (see attached)

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles reported that they held 19 referee seminars. There are 393 referees registered with 310 of them ready to referee, which is similar to last year. They are working on state tournaments. They will address the issue of cutting referee traveling costs and the equipment issue.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that they held 15 coaching clinics with 412 coaches, which is a 26% increase over last year. He wants to try putting on a Level 4 Clinic each year. He did 19 Level 4 waivers this year. He emphasized safety to coaches.

ACE: No report.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis discussed the NAHL Prospects League. It involves U18, U16 and U14 teams who get grant money to help with their tournaments. It is working well, and he will have more information at the next meeting.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

Board Member Comments:

Darryl Thompson gave a congratulations to the Ice Breakers team for their showing at tournaments.

The next meeting will be February 5, 2011 at the Coast International Inn at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary