

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
February 6, 2010

Members present: Corey Millen, Darryl Thompson, Brian Graff, Rich Brister, Rob Snelson, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Pat Mc Donald, Lynn Thompson, Wayne Sawchuk, Dan Massie, Becky Silves, Tom Fisher, John Robertson, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan and Kim Griffith (alt).

Officers present: CullenWallace, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian, Rosalie Nadeau, Anna Culley and Dennis Sorenson.

USA Hockey officials present: Connie Hardwick and Mark Brooks.

Visitors present: Becky Beckett and Derek Donald.

Members excused: John Jolly, Ted Barton, Kim Rupp, Lisa McPheters, Rick Trupp, Rick Eckert, Todd Green and Scott Hulse.

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President. Introductions were made of all present. The agenda was approved as read with one addition. The minutes were approved as presented. There was no correspondence. There were no persons to be heard.

President's Report: Cullen Wallace presented his reports from the Mid-Year USA Hockey meeting in Orlando, Florida and the Pacific District meeting in Reno, Nevada. (See attached).

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse went over the balance sheet and the budget worksheet. He reminded Anchorage bowl associations that they need to pay their \$100 for travel.

VP Tournaments: Dennis Sorenson went over the report for Lisa McPheters. Tournament schedules were sent via email to ASHA board members earlier this week. Teams not seeded will be updated as soon as their seasons are complete. Dennis Sorenson moved and Rosalie Nadeau seconded that the ice not be resurfaced between periods at the Mite Tier II, Squirt Tier II and the Squirt Tier I levels. After discussion, Dennis added a friendly amendment, with Rosalie in agreement, to include house teams in this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Anna Culley moved and Dennis Sorenson seconded to have three games in the Squirt Tier III State Tournament in Soldotna/Kenai moved to the outdoor rink in order to avoid late night games on the indoor rink, based on the indoor ice availability due to the game time changes. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau reported that AHA wants to use the ADM model to run their Squirt II teams in the future. This means having more than one team at that level divided evenly. The Comp Council is supportive of this idea and will get a print version out for the board to peruse for a handbook change in the near future.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that she needs the tournament director contact information from hosting associations along with rosters sent to her. The House Council is talking about changing the format and trying to keep 10-12 team tournaments to three days in future years.

VP Girls/Women: No report.

VP Adult: Keith Berrian reported that the season is moving right along with many tournaments coming up.

VP Player Development: Dennis Sorenson reported that the Selects for 14&15-year olds will be in Seattle from April 22-25, 2010. Selects for 16 & 17-year olds will be in Seattle from April 29-May 2, 2010. Names of the players selected are on the website. Bruce Urban is handling the travel and accommodations.

Discipline Report: no report.

Registrar: Connie Hardwick reported that the unclaimed numbers are down. The Girls team books are due to her by March 1, 2010. Please remember that the 1T forms needs a red stamp from Connie to be considered official.

Associate Risk Manager: Brenda Luthi reported for Suzy Coronel that she has not seen any off-ice sanction requests this season except for two or three at the beginning of the season. If fundraisers are happening that are not sanctioned, this is a huge risk for the leagues and for USA Hockey.

Referee-in-Chief: Rich Brister reported that they are having difficulty getting enough referees to certain state tournaments, so please remember the referees when scheduling. The District Tournament in San Jose wants us to send two referees down. Rich moved and Rosalie Nadeau seconded to use \$700 of block grant money to help cover the cost of sending the referees down. The motion passed. The referee fund will help offset costs too.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp will be appointed our Coach-in-Chief once it is confirmed in Colorado Springs. His report is attached.

Old Business:

Ballots for the USA Hockey Pacific District Director will be mailed out to all association registrars in April and they will be due the end of April. Cullen Wallace is running against Casey Jorgenson.

New Business:

The ASHA Annual Meeting will be held on April 17, 2010. This will be an important meeting as we will have a representative from Pointstreak and Joe Doyle and Courtney Welch from USA Hockey in attendance. A thank you was given to Dennis Sorenson for his time and effort in keeping Pointstreak current.

The Freeland Grand applications can be sent to Bruce Urban. The Block Grant applications can be sent to Cullen Wallace.

Jack Tragis is heading up the nominations committee for ASHA again this year. If you are interested in running for an at-large position, please submit your name to Jack Tragis.

Annetta Powell presented a By-Law Proposal for the first reading. (see attached)

Board Member Comments:

Congratulations were given to Keith Morris on his new baby.

Cullen Wallace reminded us that coaches are to sign the score sheet before the game, write down the players who are serving game disqualifications and to cross out any players not playing in the game.

Cullen Wallace also asked the board to consider the possibility of having permanent state tournament sites in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary