

**Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
July 18, 2009**

Members present: Corey Millen, Brian Graff, Todd Green, Rich Brister, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Pat McDonald, Lynn Thompson, Wayne Sawchuk, Rick Eckert, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mark Koeckritz, Tom Fisher, John Robertson, Keith Morris, and Pete Sloan.

Officers present: Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Rosalie Nadeau, Kim Rupp, Dennis Sorenson, and Lisa McPheters.

USA Hockey officials present: Connie Hardwick.

Visitors present: Becky Beckett.

Members excused: John Jolly, Rob Snelson, John Stenehjem, Bruce Urban, Lynn Beehler-Urban, Cullen Wallace, Keith Berrian, Jack Tragis and Anna Yates-Cully.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Sorenson, who was filling in as president for Cullen Wallace.

Introductions were made of all present.

Seating of board members:

Rich Brister was seated for Anchorage Hockey Officials.

The minutes of the April 18, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

The agenda was approved as presented.

One piece of correspondence was passed around for members to see.

There were no persons to be heard.

President's Report: Dennis Sorenson read the report from Cullen Wallace (see attached).

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse went over the financial statements.

VP Tournaments: Lisa McPheters went over the 2010 tournament information (see attached).

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau will bring up an item under New Business regarding U14 Tier II and below teams. The scheduling meetings will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Hanshew Jr. High. This is the schedule:

Friday, August 28, 6:00-9:30 P.M. – Midgets 16 & 18, Bantams, and PeeWee Tier I.  
Saturday, August 29, 8:00-11:00 A.M. – PeeWee Tier II, Squirts, and Mites.

VP House Council: No report.

VP Girls/Women: Kim Rupp reported that the Select try-outs will be December 19-21, 2009. Online registration will take place between October 1 and November 15.

VP Adult: No report.

VP Development: Dennis Sorenson reported that the jerseys are ordered for Selects. If your association wants to become involved with the Select try-outs, be sure to let Dennis know.

Discipline : No report.

District Director: No report.

Director-at-Large: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: Brenda Luthi reported for Suzy Colonel that she wants to remind everyone to fill out Certificates of Insurance when they are needed. (see attached).

Registrar: Connie Hardwick reported that she needs a 60-day notice for tournament applications (which need to be submitted with the rules for the tournament). The fees are still \$50 (if not Canadian team is involved) and \$75 (if there is a Canadian team involved). She also needs a 60-day notice for travel permits. Tier I Squirts are now called AAA, Tier II Squirts are now called AA.

Referee in Chief: Dennis Sorenson reported that the seminars are scheduled. The information is online. Please check the website for rule updates and changes.

Coach in Chief: Dennis Sorenson reported that we still need a replacement for the Coach in Chief. Mark Brooks will be taking care of coaching issues in the meantime. The screening list hasn't been updated since December, but will be updated soon since coaches are getting their screening done. It is on the website. Make sure your coaches keep their screening current, along with people who have access to kids.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

Old Business:

Tom Fisher moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to accept the Alaska State Hockey logo as presented (see attached). The motion passed.

New Business:

Lisa McPheters went over the changes to the Tier II Nationals. Every state winner now qualifies. They will be in four sections – 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A. The sections are based upon registration numbers. Alaska is section 3A. (see attached).

Rosalie Nadeau went over the handbook changes for the year. She moved, and Kim Rupp seconded to accept the changes proposed in the handbook according to the handout plus the following changes:

1. Page 93-94 deletions
2. Page 77 changes to include U14 Tier II and U12 Tier II teams may play until February 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Page 32 changes to section H
4. Add the penal code to page 76.

Discussion followed. Brian Gross moved to amend page 32 section H to take effect with the 2010/2011 season. Rosalie accepted the amendment.

The handbook changes passed.

Rosalie asked for any directory changes get sent to her as soon as possible in order for her to get the book to the printer in time.

Board member comments:

Dennis Sorenson reminded everyone to check the website for updates, and for everyone to get any information to him that needs to be on the website.

Ted Barton asked about expectations regarding travel with Juneau. If they join the league, then home and away games may be worked out between the teams involved.

Tom Fisher asked if there would be invitational tournament information at the scheduling meeting, and he was assured information would be there.

Rosalie Nadeau reminded everyone that they read the coach's section carefully and follow the rules!

Brenda Luthi reminded everyone of the attendance policy and asked that members let her know if they are to be excused from a meeting. She also needs a list of each association's officers and By-Laws each year to be in compliance with USA Hockey.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 29, 2009 at Hanshew Middle School at 11:00 A.M. The late start is due to the scheduling meeting prior to the ASHA board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary

## President's report

I attended the District meeting in May in Seattle. This year we had a two day meeting with the first day being used as a summit for the player development program. Each affiliate brought in the people who are in charge of the program within the affiliate for both the boys and the girls. We spent most the day discussing how the system currently works and ways to improve it for the future.

The second day was spent handling general District business. Also, the district tournament locations were announced. They are as follows:

All Tier I and Girls will be in San Jose, CA  
All Women's will be in Vacaville, CA

I attended the National Congress in Colorado Springs in June. The main topics this year were the American Development Model, growing the game and the proposed playing rule changes. As Ken Martel explained when he was here in April, the ADM is moving forward in various parts of the country. The long range hope is that even in areas that can't meet the whole model, the affiliates will pattern themselves after the program. The general feeling is that this program will help bring people into hockey and to retain them once they start.

The two main rule change proposals were changing the off sides rule and making icing called at all times regardless (as we did last season with our pilot program). Both of these were defeated. So off sides will stay automatic and teams will be allowed to ice the puck when shorthanded without an infraction being called.