



PNAHA SPRING/SUMMER MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010

COAST WENATCHEE CENTER HOTEL & WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER
201 North Wenatchee Avenue
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The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 9:08 a.m.

1. SIGN-IN

- Sign-in sheets distributed and on official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: PNAHA President – Dru Hammond; PNAHA 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender.
- Member Organizations; EYH – Chris Raub, KVHA – Danny Lorenz; KCAH – Jeremy McCann; PSAHA – Rob Kaufman; SJR – Scott Farrell; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; TCAHA – Jeff Thom; WAHA – Teka Parks; WCAHA – Mark Smith; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson; YAHA – Paul Kelley.
- Member Organizations Not Represented – IEAHA, MLYHA, and WWHA.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and guests. Guests included Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director and Nick Strobl representing Northwest Designs from Bellevue, Washington.

3. CONFIRMATION OF CURRENT MEMBERS – DAVE BITTENBENDER

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) announced that five Member Organizations had not turned in their required legal documents along with their updated membership information to PNAHA. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) stated that she understood that we have a number of new administrators, but this is not a new requirement within PNAHA. She told everyone to review page 62 in the PNAHA Guidebook under Bylaws “*4a Membership in Good Standing.*” This clearly states that in order to be a member in good standing within PNAHA that each Member Organization and Member Team shall submit to PNAHA each year a copy of its Constitution or Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations (if any), a list of their current officers, and a membership compliance checklist using PNAHA’s current form, all certified by its presiding officer (i.e., the President, owner or designated Team Representative), prior to PNAHA’s spring/summer meeting. She requested that those associations that failed to submit their documentation please get it to her by Wednesday, June 9, 2010 or risk being declared “Not In Good Standing” within PNAHA. It was further explained in order to have access to USA Hockey that you must be in Good Standing with the Affiliate.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Reading of the January 9, 2010 minutes. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked the PNAHA Board of Directors to approve a couple of changes to the Agenda. She asked to have the presentation by Nick Strobl representing Northwest Design under New Business be moved up as the first order of business since he is a guest and this would allow him to present and then leave this meeting if he chooses. She also asked the PNAHA Board of Directors to move the elections of the PNAHA 1st Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer from New Business to follow the presentation by Nick Strobl. Approved.

6. PNAHA GUEST PRESENTATION – NORTHWEST DESIGN BY NICK STROBL

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Nick Strobl and shared that the purpose of his visit was to ask this Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve as the vendor of choice during State Tournaments to provide souvenir shirts, hats and other apparel. In exchange for this designation they would offer to design the tournament logos with the final approval by the hosting organization and also provide a percentage of the sales to that organization. Northwest Design takes the risk, hassle and guesswork out of the imprinted sportswear and guarantees a profit to the hosting organization. Apparel is processed at the site of the tournament and can be purchased online for up to six months after the event has been held. Examples of their product were distributed to the Board of Directors. The Board

of Directors were provided a packet with more information regarding Northwest Design including recommendations from previous customers that include but are not limited to Wenatchee Fire (Soccer), USA Gymnastics, and the Brownsburg Swim Club from Indiana. A few questions were directed to Nick for clarification. It was explained that since this is the first exposure to this company that the board members would like to take some time to review the packets. Nick was also told that tournament bids are due by the September PNAHA meeting and that the bidding organizations are currently present and that they would be more prepared to make this decision in September. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) thanked Nick for coming to the meeting and indicated she would get back to him a bit closer to the September meeting.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS 1ST VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY/TREASURER)

A. 1st Vice President

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that the nomination for the position of PNAHA 1st Vice President is now open. Dave Bittenbender nominated for PNAHA 1st Vice President by Rob Kaufman (PSAHA). The President announced that according to Roberts Rule she will ask three times for anymore nominations for the position of PNAHA 1st Vice President. Motion *[to close nominations]*, by Rob Kaufman (PSAHA), seconded by Jeff Thom (TRI). Motion passed. Motion *[to accept by acclamation]* by Mark Smith (WCAHA), seconded by Rob Azevedo (SPO). Motion passed.

B. SECRETARY/TREASURER

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that the nomination for the position of PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer is now open. Katie Kusske nominated for Secretary Treasurer by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President). Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked three times for anymore nominations for the position of PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer. Motion *[to close nominations]*, by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). Motion passed. Motion *[to accept by acclamation]* by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). Motion passed.

8. TREASURER REPORT – KATIE KUSSKE

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) shared that Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) was unable to attend this meeting due to unexpected surgery. The President had distributed copies of the January – May 2010 Treasurer Report during sign in to all PNAHA Reps that Katie had prepared and sent in her absence. The balance as of May 31, 2010 is \$74,488.08. Motion *[to approve the January 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010 Treasurer's Report]* by Shirley Williamson (WWFHA), seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

9. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Coaching Director - Rob Kaufman

- **PNAHA Development Camp Update (Wenatchee):** We had a good group of Evaluators this year. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) said that he will touch base with last years Evaluators to see if they can be available again for the 2011 camp for continuity and also bring in some new faces for exposure to the process. E-mails will be going out to all the association Hockey Directors for their player's names to be looked at. Registration will be closed the week prior to the camp so that final preparations can be made. Be sure to make sure that your families know that there will not be any exceptions taken regarding this deadline this year. We are looking at migrating to the Rocky Mountain Registrar for registration because this appears to be the vendor of choice for USA Hockey and all our information will then be in one repository. PNAHA will be testing the new process over the summer. Next years camp is scheduled for the last week of January (January 29-30, 2011) and will be held in Wenatchee again. The contracts have already been signed with the Toyota Town Center and the Red Lion Hotel.
- **Pacific District Select Camp Results (Kent):** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) announced that they are finding most of the top players are from California and Alaska. The bottom line is it is a numbers game when it comes to California. However, Washington did well this year at the younger ages. This was the first year to offer another opportunity for these players to be seen by participating in a multi-district tournament. Two teams were approved by the Pacific District U14 and U15. PNAHA had a number of players selected to participate on these teams. Unfortunately, the District was unable to get enough players to commit to the U15 Multi District

team and it was cancelled. We anticipate that the U14 Multi District team will be pleased with the level of competition and exposure they get to various scouts. We anticipate based on positive feedback that both teams will be fielded next year. The Pacific District Camp is scheduled to be held the last weekend of April 2011 and 1st weekend of May 2011 at the Kent Valley Ice Centre again. This venue seems to be a perfect fit for the Pacific District Select Camp. A list of those who advanced was distributed to the PNAHA Reps. This list can be found on the Pacific District website at www.pacificdistricthockey.com.

- **Coaching Clinic Dates:** The Level Four Clinic is being held this year in Las Vegas on August 19 – August 22, 2010. Coaches need to register online for this. At the Midget Tier I and Tier II level anyone on the bench must have their Level Four coaching credentials. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) said that there is a proposal from USA Hockey that will make it mandatory that coaches can only attend one clinic a year and that waivers will be rare for late comers. This is your last year to obtain three levels in one weekend. Advice to all associations is to really convince your volunteer coaches to get their Level One, Two and Three this year as they will be grandfathered in. There is a big concern that if coaches are only allowed to obtain one level per season the impact on the smaller associations not having a large volunteer base to draw their coaches from could be significant.
- The PNAHA Coaching Director indicated that it is a bit early for associations to commit as to when they will be holding their 2010-2011 coaching clinics. Lloyd Degelman will continue to hold clinics in the Spokane area and it was mentioned that Lloyd also held one in Wenatchee last year. Rick Ellison will also be teaching clinics this year as well as Doug Kirton (SKAHA) and Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President). It is hoped that we can schedule Doug and Glen independently this year and therefore get a couple of extra classes on the books. Their addition will be helpful this year to help with the additional clinics that could be scheduled to compensate for the upcoming changes proposed by USA Hockey as well as prepare PNAHA with new training instructors because some of the older instructors have indicated that they would like to cut back a bit in the number of classes they obligate themselves to teach.

B. Supervisor-of-Officials – Jason Michelbook

- Trevor Shively (TRI) and Steve Walsh (SPO) officiated at the National Tier II Tournament NAHL (Junior A) Championship game. Boone Bruggeman who is from Wenatchee worked the USHL Tier I National Tournament (Junior A) Championship game. Jeremy Del Campo (SPO) worked the National U16 Tournament Championship game as the referee. Colby Olsen (Seattle/Cheney) worked the National U14 Tournament Championship game. Clearly PNAHA officials are alive and advancing as well or better than ever before. Their hard work, dedication and professionalism are being noticed at all levels. They are also giving back to their home communities. This is great to see.
- PNAHA has five officials that plan to attend the various officiating camps. Trevor Shively will be attending the National Camp June 24 – July 1 in Rochester, New York. Sean MacFarlane, Anthony Guzzo, and Geoff Kuth will attend the Regional Camp in Rochester, New York, July 16-21; Sean MacFarlane and Goose Guzzo will attend the USA Development Camp August 19-22 in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Their attendance at this camp will open up the opportunity for them to officiate NAHL, USHL and other Junior and upper level leagues. Jeremy Del Campo will attend the WHL Camp for Referees and later the Linesman Camp in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Jeremy is already recognized as an excellent linesman, so this new invitation is an excellent opportunity for him as his career progresses. Some of these dates will vary for these events.
- The PNAHA President indicated that the Cascade Officiating Organization had their 501(c)3 nonprofit status reinstated by the IRS and they did not incur any fines. This is wonderful news and PNAHA recognizes those who put forth a tremendous amount of work to accomplish this.
- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) stated that after discussions with the PNAHA President and the PNAHA 2nd Vice President that they had come to a consensus that perhaps too many 601 penalties were being given out. Some of these penalties carry a one year suspension with them and too often during the hearing it comes back that the official didn't feel that the infraction was such that the player/coach should be suspended that long. If this is the case than it was the PNAHA Executive Officer's opinion that the wrong call is being made. These hearings take a lot

of time to set up and can become costly in both time and dollars. The executive officers will meet with Tony Milles, Jason Michelbook and Steve Stevens to discuss this issue further and resolve it prior to commencement of the 2010-2011 season.

C. League Commissioner – Rob Azevedo

- **2009-2010 League Results:** Rob Azevedo (PNAHA League Commissioner) thanked everyone for working together this last season in working together to promote a successful season and make his transition into this job enjoyable. The new League format appears to be easing the financial strains on the traveling skaters and their families. Final League results were provided and League champions in each division recognized as follows:
 - Tier II: Midget=SAYHA; Bantam=SJHA; Pee Wee=Kent
 - B Division: Pee Wee=SAYHA
 - Squirt Division: SJHA Blue
- **Tier I State Tournament Results:** Bantam Tier I: Seattle Jr = 1st; Spokane = 2nd
- **Tier I District Results:** Kent Valley Rainers Pee Wee's won District.
- **Tier II State Tournament Results:** Midget U18=SAYHA; Midget U16=SAYHA; Bantam=SNO; Pee Wee=SAYHA. These teams all advanced directly to Nationals this year.
- **State B Tournament Results:** Midget U18=SAYHA; Bantam=SAYHA; Pee Wee=TRI.
- **League Banner/Squirt Festival Distribution:** The banners are available for pick up after the meeting adjourns. Gold Division winner = Sno-King '99 Junior Thunderbirds coached by Rodney Clark; Silver Division winner = Sno-King '00 Jr. Thunderbirds coached by Jason Kwiatkowski; Bronze Division winner = Spokane Jr. Chiefs coached by Scott McIntosh.
- **Preliminary Count of Teams for 2010-2011:** A preliminary count was taken of teams committing to participation in the PNAHA League. The final declaration of teams will be at the September 11, 2010 Annual Fall meeting.
- **Preliminary League Declarations:**
 - **Tier I Teams:** *Pee Wee:* SJR=1; *Bantam:* Kent=1, SNO=1, SPO=1; *Midget U16:* SJR=1, SPO=1; *Midget U18:* None.
 - **Tier II Teams:** *Pee Wee:* EYH=1, Kent=1, PSAHA=1, SJR=1, SNO=2, SPO=1, WEN=1, WCAHA=1; *Bantam:* EYH=1, Kent=1, SJR=2, SNO=1, SPO=1, TRI=1, WEN=1, WCAHA=1; *Midget U16:* SJR=1, SNO=1, SPO=1, TRI=1; *Midget U18:* EYH=1, Kent=1, PSAHA=1, SJR=1, SNO=2, SPO=1, TRI=1, WEN=1, WCAHA=1.
 - **B Teams:** *Pee Wee:* EYH=1, SJR=1, SNO=1, SPO=1, TRI=1; *Bantam:* EYH=1, Kent=1, SJR=1, SNO=1, SPO=1, TRI=1; *Midget U16:* TRI=1; *Midget U18:* EYH=1, SJR=1, SNO=1, SPO=1, TRI=1.
 - **Squirt:** Kent=1, Pierce County=1, SJR=2, SNO=2, SPO=2, TRI=1, WEN=1, WCAHA=1.

D. Girls/Women's Hockey – Shirley Williamson

- **PNAHA Female Development Camp Update (Wenatchee):** The second PNAHA all Female Development Camp was held the second weekend of February in Wenatchee. The numbers were low but higher than the first year, but that was to be expected due to the low numbers of girls participating in the sport of hockey. The camp was held in Wenatchee, Washington at the Home Toyota Center. In order to host an all female event it was necessary to augment the players being evaluated with additional female volunteers to fill out the lines. A big thank you to the women of Wenatchee for their willingness to assist with the camp and to the girls that participated from the Oregon Affiliate.
- The PNAHA Girls Development Camp will be held again in Wenatchee, Washington at the Home Toyota Center February 5-6, 2011. Efforts to work with OSHA to host a combined camp next year are being discussed.

E. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- **Discipline:** There have been a number of Adult Hockey incidents this year. Also, a number of hearings for players where the parent is requesting the hearing and preparing the case.
- **Recruiting (Coaching Ethics Guide/Recruiting Complaint Form):** We have had a number of Coaching Ethics violations reported to the Executive Board as well. This is not where you start when addressing Coaching Ethics issues. USA Hockey has a process for handling Coaching Ethic

violations and they begin with an informal approach. All of you were provided the Coaching Ethics Book and Coaching Ethics Violation form electronically. Please use them before contacting us. Remember that an investigation begins informally.

F. 2nd Vice-President – Glen Triner

- No Report. The PNAHA President shared that Glen was unable to attend this meeting due to work obligations and the graduation of his daughter from high school. Congratulations were extended to his daughter for this accomplishment.

G. President – Dru Hammond

- **Pacific District Meeting Report:** The PNAHA President did not attend the May 15, 2010 meeting due to illness. Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director shared that Wenatchee was awarded the Robert Freeland Grant. The next Pacific District Meeting will be held in Seattle on October 16, 2010.
- **Annual Congress:** The Annual Congress will be in Colorado Springs June 10-13, 2010. The potential elimination of participation of U12 in Nationals will be discussed at this meeting. The PNAHA President shared that a survey has been posted on the Pacific District website at www.pacifidistricthockey.com and encouraged all associations to copy the link to their own website in an effort to increase the awareness of this potential change and to get a pulse on our membership as to how they feel about this. Donna Kaufman asked the PNAHA Board how they feel about this to help her get a feeling as to how they would like to see her vote. Another subject that is sure to stimulate discussion is the potential elimination of body checking at U12 to allow for greater skill development. Both of these changes fit with the philosophy of the new ADM Program that has been launched by USA Hockey. The PNAHA President said it will be interesting to hear how others across the nation feel about this shift.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) indicated that there is new emphasis being put on coaching ethics and in particular recruiting and tampering. She was provided a document by USA Hockey and will forward that document to all associations. She won't post it on the PNAHA website because at Annual Congress the potential exists that they might tweak the document a bit. She wants to be sure the correct information is posted. The PNAHA President stated that it is the intention of the Coaches Section and Legal Council that this document be placed in the Policies section of the Annual Guide immediately following sub-section A. Zero Tolerance. Some of the requirements emphasized include:
 - The importance of coaches recognizing their responsibility as role models
 - A new emphasis on avoiding harm to others utilizing any type of electronic media
 - A statement that coaches will not recruit a participant who is already a member of another USA Hockey team
 - A statement that perceived violations of the code of ethics will be reported to the President of the local association and an ethical violation form will be provided with the report of a perceived violation. It will then be processed utilizing Bylaw 10. Coaches are required to cooperate with the investigation. Failure to cooperate will be considered a violation of the code.
- Discussion on recruiting. Mike Montgomery (WEN) stated that he finds the rules regarding tampering and/or recruitment to be rather vague. There appear to be gray areas and it is hard for a coach to know and/or understand when they can communicate with a player and/or parents. It was explained that some associations have what is called an "open tryout." You pay your tryout fee, let's say for example \$50.00. At that point you either make the team or you do not. If you are notified you did not make the team then you are free to return to your previous association or go somewhere else. On the other hand, some associations require that a player register with their organization before they can try out for a team. Many associations within PNAHA require you to do this. Once a player has registered with that association it is the expectation that if that player does not make the top team that they are automatically placed on the next level team. If a coach wishes to talk to the parents and/or player in a case like this they must wait until the player obtains a release from this association or it would be considered tampering/recruiting. The issue is you don't know what the player's situation is. It was a consensus that the first question out of a

coach's mouth should be "are you registered with any association and/or team." If the answer is "yes" or "I don't know" then you need to end the conversation. During this conversation the Kitsap Representative, Derek Donald stated that recruiting is just plain unethical. Most members around the room nodded their heads in agreement to this statement. At this point Scott Farrell (SJHA) stated that as a new administrator for SJHA that he is personally learning all he can about this subject and will be meeting with their coaches to educate them and will be the first to self report any of their violations that they are aware of in the future and follow-up on any other abuse from other associations.

- The fourth annual Hockey Weekend Across America, presented by Reebok, will take place February 18-20, 2011. NBC and the NHL will salute the roots of the game as part of the celebration.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- Everyone was reminded that when a player transfers out of their organization that they should be provided with a written release signed by the association's President, Vice President, Registrar or Board designated person. A copy of this release is to be forwarded to the PNAHA President. The President asked that associations put the player's name in the subject line to make it easier when performing searches. Also, on the flip side, it was noted that a receiving organization should seek a release for any player that did not play for them the previous season. Failure to comply with this rule can result in a first offense fine of \$50.00, second \$100.00 and \$200.00 for each following offense. USA Hockey ran a report for the PNAHA President last year that demonstrated many associations were not adhering to PNAHA Rule & Regulation #9. It was recognized that there were many new administrators, however, this is not a new rule and needs to be adhered to. Kristin Videto from Puget Sound and Rena Sullivan from Kent were both recognized for doing good jobs in this area.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- **Spring/Summer Teams:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) explained that Spring/Summer teams are considered informal teams. However, it is the expectation of USA Hockey that these players that come together for Spring/Summer play are claimed and rostered by an approved Member Organization within PNAHA. If these teams do not do this they are not afforded the benefits they are entitled to by USA Hockey. Furthermore, they negate the benefits other USA Hockey members are entitled to should they engage in any type of competition. This also impacts the referees that officiate these games. The rules that apply during the regular season apply to these teams as well. Although PNAHA does not require a release for players during spring/summer play it has come to the President's attention that numerous players that are not in good standing with their local association sign up to play on these spring/summer teams. The PNAHA President asked if the time had come to think about either requiring releases or at a minimum, requiring players to obtain a courtesy "Memo of Player in Good Standing" prior to allowing them to participate on spring/summer teams. Some discussion but there was no immediate consensus.
- **District Elections:** It was announced that Casey Jorgensen had won the Pacific District Director election with a total of 16,586 votes out of 22,808 votes cast during the election. The PNAHA President thanked everyone for casting their votes. She stated that she believed that Casey would do an excellent job for the District.
- **SJR – Jack Chaney Farewell:** The PNAHA President read a farewell memo to the Board of Directors from Jack Chaney. Jack had been with the PNAHA Board for 11 years and recently stepped down as a Director at Seattle Junior Hockey Association. Jack has been a great representative bringing much wisdom and a sense of balance to the many topics and issues that have faced the PNAHA Board of Directors over the years. Jack also stepped up to serve as the PNAHA Screening Director during his last year with the PNAHA Board. His service, smile and friendship will be missed by all.
- **Degree Youth Hockey Jersey Program:** Two associations were able to obtain jerseys through the Degree Youth Hockey Jersey Program. This program made available jerseys for 7-12 year old house/recreational leagues. The jerseys were limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Associations were encouraged to access the site as soon as it opened on April 1. The PNAHA President had sent out an email to remind everyone of this opportunity. Members indicated that it was difficult to get through and when they did get through that they found that they were out of supplies. Next time we'll have some early morning jersey parties since the three hour time difference definitely impacted those

of us on the west coast. Members were reminded that the jerseys would be sent free of charge in mid-September.

- **Sled Hockey:** The PNAHA President shared that that Todd Gowin is working with others from Oregon to bring sled hockey to the Oregon/Washington area. Todd is focusing on the Seattle area. He would like to bring a sled hockey exhibition to the Seattle area featuring Gold Medal Olympic participants. Todd can be reached at impact@impactsportsfoundation.org or you can call him at 360-340-4914. This is an excellent opportunity to grow hockey by tapping into another user group. Additionally, Portland, Oregon will be hosting a sled hockey clinic on October 2, 2010 and Eugene will host on October 3, 2010.
- **Locker Room Coverage Policy:** It was communicated that USA Hockey sent out a memo at the end of April alerting everyone of security issues regarding locker room activities involving youth hockey players. A man in his 60's was able to enter locker rooms where players were changing and showering. He attempted to collect contact information. Additionally, it appears when players were on the ice that identification information was removed from player's clothing. It was stated that it was imperative that all local programs have an adult (coach, assistant coach, and team manager) present in the locker room, or at the locker room door, to assure that only players, coaches and approved team personnel are permitted in the locker room. The notice went on to state that coaches/team managers must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while players are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when players are on the ice. It is anticipated that at the Annual Congress that a policy regarding locker room coverage will be implemented.
- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) also shared that as a youth organization we had also been notified of a new and potential serious injury groin-punch "game" called "sack-tapping" or "nut-tag." Most boys are reluctant to report being a victim of this activity. However, urologists are reporting numerous instances of this activity over the past year and it is on the rise. Proper locker room coverage would reduce or eliminate these types of activities as well. Dave also reminded the association that bullying or similar behavior is very detrimental to the game and that coaches and parents are expected to monitor and be clear to players that these behaviors will not be tolerated and can result in serious disciplinary action to the participants.
- **Screening:** The PNAHA President shared that USA Hockey has now included a report on screening activities and adherence to the screening policy in its Affiliate Annual Report. The anticipated migration to a national screening program has run up against some legal snags and will not be implemented this season as anticipated. Pacific District utilizes Acxiom and will continue to do so until further notice.
- **New Tier I/II Declaration Date:** The PNAHA President reminded everyone again about the new October 1 declaration date for Pacific District tiered teams.
- **State Tournament Applications:** Tournament applications are due by September 1. The PNAHA President indicated that the Tier II teams will advance directly to National again this year. To date she has not received any applications, but encouraged everyone to get those applications in. Last year it was nice to know when the tournaments were happening and their locations in September. Teams that attended Nationals last year asked if it would be possible to provide one additional week prior to Nationals so that teams could prepare and potentially save additional dollars on purchasing airline tickets.
- **District Tournament Dates:** The following dates and locations were announced for the 2011 District Tournaments:

All Women's Divisions	February 25-27	Host: San Diego Heartbreakers
	February 24	Mandatory coaches meeting
Girls' Tier I/Tier II	March 3-6	Host: Anaheim Ducks
	March 2	Mandatory coaches meeting
Youth Tier I 12U/14U	March 3-6	Host: San Jose Sharks Ice
	March 2	Mandatory coaches meeting
Youth Tier I 16U/18U	March 3-6	Host: South Central Alaska
	March 2	Mandatory coaches meeting

- **National Tournament Dates:** The following dates and locations were announced for the 2011 District Tournaments:

Youth Tier I 12U/14U	March 30-Apr 3	Hackensack, New Jersey
Youth Tier I 16U/18U	March 30-Apr 3	Hartford, Connecticut
Youth Tier II 12U	March 30-Apr 3	San Jose, California
Youth Tier II 14U	March 30-Apr 3	Amherst, New York
Youth Tier II 16U	March 30-Apr 3	Reston, Virginia
Youth Tier II 18U	March 30-Apr 3	Mentor, Ohio

Girls' Tier II All Divisions	March 30-Apr 3	Anaheim, California
Girls' Tier I All Divisions	April 6-10	Detroit, Michigan

Women's Senior A,B & C 30 & Over	April 1-3	Detroit, Michigan
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- **America's High School Showcase/Chicago Showcase Results:** Pam Preisser indicated that Team Washington lost their first game to Pittsburgh Gold 6-0; Won Second game 2-1 against New Jersey White; and Won third game 5-2 against Oregon. Pittsburgh Gold lost to the New Jersey White team and coach Jim McTaggart believes that he had a strong team and that due to the all day travel and 3 hour time difference that had the team had a day of rest the outcome might have been different and they might have won all their games. Pittsburgh is a local team and the travel/time difference had to play a role. The team moved into a consolation game with Florida where they tied 2-2. Oregon did not have any players on the team this year since they sent their own team. The Oregon team did not win any games. Since Oregon players were not on the team this year participation by Alaska players were bumped up to 7. Several of the players were approached by scouts and Pam offered to provide PNAHA a list of the scouts that were in attendance at this event since it moved to Pittsburgh. PNAHA was thanked for its continued support of this event.
- **Cross Ice Requirement – New York:** The New York State Amateur Hockey Association (NYSAHA) recently passed legislation that requires cross-ice only programs are implemented for all eight and under and younger age classifications beginning with the 2012-13 season for all tournament-bound associations. In addition, the NYSAHA strongly recommends the implementation of strictly cross-ice programs at those levels starting next season. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) mentioned that the move to this was to come in line with the ADM Model. She indicated that she has heard some Affiliate Presidents discussing that they wish that USA Hockey would mandate cross-ice programs. Others have suggested that perhaps USA Hockey should limit National Bound team participation to only those associations that are ADM compliant. She then asked for a show of hands as to how many associations utilize cross-ice for squirt and below.
- **New Membership – Eastern Washington High School Hockey of Spokane (Travis Knowles/Laurie Hobson):** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Travis and Laurie to the PNAHA Board of Directors and provided them with 10-15 minutes to discuss their application for Member Organization status. The President indicated that EWHSHS had submitted all the appropriate paperwork, membership application and fee for consideration in January. After a brief description of their program and future goals members of the board posed a couple of questions for clarification. It was stated that this group had been registering their teams through the Spokane Adult Program in previous years. They realize that they need to be registered as a youth program and desire to register appropriately. It became obvious that their group would not qualify for PNAHA Membership as a Member Organization because they would be required to field no less than one team in at least three recognized USA Hockey youth divisions, or no less than two recognized USA Hockey Girls/Women's age divisions. Another huge stumbling block was the failure to demonstrate an internal development program for current and future players. Their structure also did not fit the requirements under Member Teams. They were asked if they had considered approaching SAYHA about running a high school program under their banner. This type of arrangement has been successful in other areas within the

state. Seattle Junior runs a High School program as does Tri-Cities Amateur Hockey. Tri-Cities Amateur Hockey also has a Middle School Program and their Adult Program is administered through TCAHA. The PNAHA Board of Directors suggested this approach first because currently PNAHA does not have a classification to accommodate them and the current climate doesn't support creating a new classification when other arrangements for high school teams have worked out successfully across the state. The PNAHA President offered to assist in facilitating a meeting between the two groups but Laurie and Travis indicated that they would go back and work on negotiating an arrangement with SAYHA.

- **Fraser Valley Winter Club:** The PNAHA President shared that a group based out of Langley, B.C., and recently proposed creation of the new Fraser Valley Winter Club. However, the application for membership was not accepted at the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Consequently, Fraser Valley Winter Club is not a registered Minor Hockey Association within PCAHA/BC Hockey/Hockey Canada and any teams formed under the banner of Fraser Valley Winter Club are not eligible to play exhibition games, tournaments, or league games against registered teams of Hockey Canada or USA Hockey. The PNAHA President indicated that she and others have been contacted regarding membership in leagues and/or participation in exhibition games and tournaments. The PNAHA President indicated that we need to communicate to our teams that they cannot play any teams under this banner and she has requested confirmation of this status as well from Kim Folsom, Manager, USA Hockey International Administration. This confirmation will be forwarded to all once she receives it from USA Hockey. In the meantime, all are to communicate to their membership that they are not allowed to play these teams if contacted.

12. PNAHA ANNUAL FALL MEETING

- September 11, 2009 – Wenatchee Coast Hotel & Conference Center.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), [*motion to adjourn*], seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.