

## PNAHA General Winter Meeting

January 27, 2001

Ellensburg Inn

Ellensburg, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 9:00 a.m

### 1. Sign-In

- Sign-in sheets distributed and on official record with these minutes.

### 2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board and Directors.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the September 9, 2000 minutes. Jon Danks motion to approve, Kevin Schroeder second. Motion passed.

### 4. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond

#### A. Treasurer Report

- After performing an audit on the books, a discrepancy of \$3,266.91 was reported between the actual register amount of \$18,943.09 and the June 24, 2000 Treasurer Report balance of \$21,545.44. Due to this discovery an Amended September Treasurer Report was prepared reflecting the changes and a corrected final balance of \$14,410.76.

An effort to identify where the original error occurred is proceeding. It does appear that the error is a result of a typo because audits on the bank statements demonstrate we have balanced for quite some time.

- The treasurer requested that the PNAHA establish a time frame in which to submit invoices/receipts for reimbursement. Due to the delay in the submittal of approved expenses, it appeared that PNAHA had less reserve funding available than anticipated. It was motioned that [*expenses be submitted within 90 days for reimbursement*] by Jon Danks, seconded by Kevin Schroeder. Discussion. Motion approved.
- The treasurer also requested that the PNAHA revisit player fees. A concern was issued regarding the fact that we had reduced player fees from \$8.00 to \$6.00 a couple of years ago. Our only revenue is from player fees and they are not submitted until January. We seem to average approximately \$20,000.00. After paying expenses this year the treasurer was unable to make some payments until player fees were submitted. After reviewing our planned expenses and comparing that to the actual finances on hand it is obvious that adjustments will need to be made to the budget that was approved at the September meeting in the amount of \$24,850.00.

Discussion was held on the proposed player increase. The treasurer will review prior records to determine a recommended increase at the June meeting. Jeannie Beckett from Tacoma offered to work with Dru on this task. She will submit a report prior to the June 16 meeting to the members.

#### B. September Treasurer Report

- Balance as of January 27, 2001 is \$16,008.61. Moved by Jon Danks to accept, seconded by Kevin Schroeder. Motion passed.

### 5. Special Guests

- Donna introduced our special guest, Karen Garver, previous PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer.

### 6. Director's Reports

#### A. Coaching Director – Rob Kaufman

- Efforts continuing to secure an Advanced Coaching Clinic in Washington next summer. Rob is discussing this issue with Ron White.
- Rob reported that coaching communications are going well. About 90% of the communications occur utilizing electronic mail or via phone. Over the last couple of years the state has developed an excellent electronic mail network that seems to work very well.
- It was reported that 120 invitations have been extended to the Chicago Showcase tryouts. To date they have received 70 responses.

- It was announced that the Coaching Merit Program is being reinstated. You must be an American citizen to participate however. Discussion on what the philosophy is and why we don't use non U.S. citizens. Donna was requested as our voice for PNAHA, to encourage acceptance of Canadian coaches.
- Obtaining a program representative is necessary for conducting the women's/girls program. It was suggested that a representative from both the east and west side of the state be identified. PNAHA representatives were requested to take this information back to their associations and forward interested names to Rob. Currently we have Girls teams that exist in Tri-Cities, Yakima, Mountain View and Spokane.
- An open District Evaluation Camp for Girls will be held in Vancouver. This is not a State Camp, representatives from California, Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii will be represented. Robin Willins will be submitting the date for the camp.

**B. Player Development – Rob Kaufman**

- Wenatchee will host the PNAHA Developmental Select Camp and Chicago Showcase the weekend of February 10/11, 2001. The camp will host birth years 85, 86 and 87. Rob Kaufman indicated that the state extends a big "thank you" to Jim Haglund who has been responsible for making arrangements for both these events.
- Discussion was held on the possibility of discontinuing the State Development/Select Camp. Gord Whitaker suggested that there are possibly better ways to utilize those funds. Rob Kaufman did indicate that he felt that this year's camp had the potential to be "self-supporting." If that would be the case, and if the feedback continues to be positive, then perhaps the camp should continue. Brian Burkhalter volunteered to write a proposal. He suggested that a task force be developed to look at this issue and possibly develop a Pilot Program. It was suggested that we spend too much time on evaluating players verses developing players.

**C. IP Program – Chuck Easton**

- No report.

**D. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens**

- Steve indicated that the Bantam/Midget Tournament in Spokane was outstanding, there were no major penalties.
- Efforts are under way to set-up officiating for the State B Tournament in Tri-Cities.
- Concern about issues with the Mountain Youth Hockey in Coeur d' Alene and the suspension of coaches and/or players. Steve will write Greg Lucker to address the issue. It was suggested that both Donna Kaufman and Steve Stevens also try to work these issues from a jurisdictional level. Brian Burkhalter and Brad Baker will address issues at the local level.
- The issues regarding Mountain Youth Hockey stimulated conversation on Match/Gross penalties. An adhoc meeting will follow this meeting to discuss the consistent application of Match/Gross penalties. There were concerns regarding a one-year suspension that was reduced to sixty (60) days, paperwork not completed, as well as other issues. Brian Burkhalter indicated that he would put together a matrix as a guide for these particular penalties.

**E. USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes**

- As of today (1/27) PNAHA has a total of 5405 players and coaches registered and 371 teams. Over all the District is down 500 teams. Ed explained that team registration numbers relate directly to Director positions. He also distributed a revised registered player list. The following three associations owe for additional players since they were originally invoiced; Inland Empire (28), Mavericks (4), Spokane (7) Yakima (6) and Tacoma (27).
- Tier I and II credential packets will be submitted to Ed and Donna prior to their tournaments. This will save approximately three hours of meeting time at the pre-tournament Credential/Coach meeting.
- Representatives were reminded to communicate to their teams (Tier I & II) that only individuals listed on their Team Rosters are allowed on the bench. This includes the trainer.
- To date forty eight (48) Invitational Tournaments have been registered. Six (6) of these tournaments are scheduled to be held the same dates as the State "B" Tournament. The high number of tournaments being held on similar dates is creating a shortage of available referees on these dates. It is recommended that associations start communicating with each other prior to locking in dates to ensure that each association sponsored tournament is successful.

- Ed has received ninety (90) travel permits to date. This figure does not include the “blanket” permits. He received five (5) this week. It is suspected that teams are not submitting these permits as required. All representatives were reminded that their teams are subject to suspension for failure to submit these permits. Each association was provided a copy of these permits at the September meeting. Spokane permits need to be more complete. Contact Ed for further instructions. Ed indicated that we do not charge for Travel Permits, while Canada charges \$10.00 for each permit.
- Ed reminded everyone that the travel permit he distributed in September does not cover International Travel. Please reference your USA Hockey Guidebook for requirements on international travel. This includes teams coming in to the USA and our teams traveling abroad.
- Discussion regarding dual rostering of Midgets and Juniors. Junior teams have a Drop/Add form. Ed distributed a copy of a FAX he received from Dan Rogness regarding this issue. The focal information indicated that most districts do not allow for dual rostering at all. Since we have so many new Junior Teams forming it was decided to allow movement between these teams by utilizing the Drop/Add form and process them just as if it were two midget teams involved. This process is: If a player will be playing in Junior games, he must be officially dropped from the Midget roster. When he returns to play on the Midget team, he must be re-added to that roster with an official roster addendum. If a drop notice is not given when a player on a Midget team plays in Junior games, we will assume that he is off the Midget roster until he is officially re-added. A copy of this communication is attached to the minutes.
- Teams were reminded (B, T1, T2) that their rosters were “fixed” as of December 31.
- Discussion concerning “Protected Lists.” Donna contacted the Junior Teams as a courtesy and requested that these teams drop any midgets that they were not playing. It is obvious that we need to educate both the coaches and players regarding rules and regulations and their impact on teams now that the number of Junior teams have increased.

#### **F. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond**

- The season started off a little rocky but has now settled down. It has only been necessary to suspend two coaches this season and two fines have been assessed. Teams are doing a better job getting in their score sheets and marking them accurately.
- Bert Johnson was tasked with submitting a Squirt Division Tiering Proposal in response to his personal recommendation that this process would improve the league. Bert was directed to involve two representatives from the West and East sides of the mountains in the development of this proposal. Ken Johnson and Bill Audycki did assist in the development. Discussion regarding item number 4 since teams are “fixed” as of December 31 and this item is in conflict with a USA Hockey established date. The general consensus was that this proposal needed more work. Direction to obtain the rest of the committee as initially requested. The committee of four will finish working on this draft for final submittal at the PNAHA June 16 meeting. Draft proposal attached to the minutes.

#### **G. Women’s Hockey**

- No report.

#### **H. Adult Hockey – John Petruzzelli**

- No report.

#### **I. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jon Danks**

- Bert Johnson brought to the floor an issue from Sno-King. One of the full time squirt teams had failed to submit their roster by December 31 to be eligible for play at the PNAHA Tier II tournament. Sno-King administration had a change in secretaries and during the transition the roster was overlooked. No roster has been completed or signed at the time of this meeting. Gord Whitaker (Seattle Jr.) motioned [*to allow for the exception to the December 31 deadline and allow the team to participate in the PNAHA State Tournament*], Brian Humphrey (Whatcom) seconded the motion and called for the question. Motion passed. John Danks (abstained)
- Jon indicated that we were still having difficulties getting releases.
- It appears that the new Tier I policy regarding the acquisition of over five (5) players and the requirement to declare Tier I, in the PNAHA Guidebook, page 56 seems to be working. Jon stated that common sense needs to prevail; the intent is not to force a house team to declare Tier I because they acquired six players from outside their local association. If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact Jon Danks or Donna Kaufman.

- In September during the committee breakouts there was discussion about the number of Tier I teams in the State of Washington. Dialog regarding the possible combining of some of these teams was addressed.

Gord Whitaker indicated that there have been further efforts to consider creating a team of this nature with tryouts to be sometime in August. Northwest Amateur, Sno-King and Seattle Junior have been exploring the feasibility of such a team and plan on opening up tryouts to the whole state. This team would primarily be considered a "tournament team". He is fairly optimistic it will be a go for the 2001-2002 season.

Players would be responsible for their own lodging and other financial responsibilities. This would then be the only State Tier I team, all other teams would declare Tier II. Since this team would be considered strictly a "tournament team" it would not participate in any league. There was discussion as to the ramifications for those associations who would not be fielding a team this season in the Pacific Coast League. Gord indicated he had explored this issue and that the Pacific Coast League would allow for a one (1) year absence. It is felt that PNAHA would have an opportunity to gain recognition at the National level if it created a team of this caliber to compete.

It was suggested that the three associations that field Tier I teams meet and discuss this possibility prior to the June 16 meeting.

- Jon reported that he has not received any comments on the development of Goals and Objectives that were solicited in September. Members were given direction to review the draft outline that was submitted by Jack Chaney and come prepared to vote upon their priorities at this meeting. Since there were no comments this was tabled for now. Members were requested to please FAX their comments to Gord Whitaker or Rick Ellison by April 30. A copy of the original draft is attached to these minutes.

#### **J. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kevin Schroeder**

- USA Hockey, two attorneys and a judge have researched the legality of imposing fines that could be levied against teams that do not adhere to the newly adopted Hotel Policy. Their finding is that as an organization we can adopt such a policy and enforce it legally with fines.
- Suspensions are low this season and Kevin indicated that he and Steve Stevens have been working well together.

#### **K. President's Report – Donna Kaufman**

- The Maverick organization completed their investigation as directed and reported their findings to Donna. She will prepare a letter of closure and put this issue to rest.
- Elections for President and Second Vice President are in June of 2001. Donna encouraged the members to communicate this information to their local associations. Those individuals interested in running for the position of President cannot hold the position of President, Vice President or be a Director of another association.
- We also have some open appointments. Donna will contact April Caldwell to see if she has interest in filling the position of PNAHA Girls/Women Representative.
- The Internet project was discussed. It is targeted for completion by March 15. USA Hockey is expending two million on this project. Administrators of hockey programs will have access to this project, while the general public and players will not.
- Once again there is discussion at the National level regarding age changes. It is proposed that age 14 and below cut-off date be changed to December 31, and all others remain June 30. If this would pass it would not go into effect until 2002. A lot depends on what Canada does in May.
- Utah is not suspended; the Olympics are back on track.
- Pacific District will be holding their meeting in Seattle on February 10, at the Double Tree by the airport. This is a great opportunity for members to see how the District works. Since the meeting is in our backyard, members were encouraged to attend.

#### **7. Evaluation/Development And Select Camps**

- Covered in other areas.

#### **8. Tournaments**

- Discussion concerning a potential date conflict if the Tier I tournament is held the same weekend as the Tier II Tournament for Pee Wee, Bantams and Midgets. Dates not changed.
- Donna Kaufman will travel to Tri-Cities to represent PNAHA for the State "B" tournament February 16-19. Dru Hammond will be in Salt Lake City and will not be available to assist. Jon Danks and Kevin

Schroeder will represent PNAHA at the Tier I Tournament in Seattle March 3-4. Kevin Schroeder and Donna Kaufman will represent PNAHA at the Squirt "B" and Tier II Tournament in Spokane February 23-25. Dru Hammond and Donna Kaufman will represent PNAHA at the Tier II Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget Tournament in Vancouver March 2-4.

- Discussion was held and agreed among the representatives from the prospective associations that we not have a championship game at the Tier I level. Each representative will get back to their respective association and come to an agreement in writing to avoid any potential conflicts down the road. USA Tournament rules shall be used for overtime, tiebreakers and determination of champions.
- Dru indicated that Tournament packets went out to "B" state teams two weeks ago. Everything appears to be on track. Tri-Cities is enthusiastic about hosting the event and welcomes our guests.
- Brian Burkhalter had their schedule but indicated there was a time element concern with one of the games involving Team G. Discussion. Donna performed the draw.
- Sno-King's representative indicated that they will do their draw on February 1 for the Tier I's. Due to school considerations it is possible that they may have to move some of the games to Seattle Junior 's rink. They have three teams playing in each division. Pee Wee = SNO, SJR, SPO; Bantam = SNO, SJR, INL; Midget = NW Amateur, SNO, INL.
- All Tier I and Tier II teams have been advised that any penalties obtained at State will have to be worked off at District.

## **9. Association Reports**

- None

## **10. Old Business**

### **A. Gord Whitaker**

- Gord addressed a concern regarding the votes taken at the September meeting based on motions from the floor. These concerns were also addressed in a memo date September 15 from Rick Ellison, addressed to Donna Kaufman and copies sent to the PNAHA Board of Directors. The issue was the failure to provide a written report for members to evaluate prior to our meeting. Gord requested that in the future that anything being voted on be presented thirty (30) days in advance of PNAHA meetings for evaluation.

Members are required to provide in writing items they wish to have placed on the agenda no later than three weeks prior to the date of the meeting. However, it should be noted that according to Roberts Rules of Order that motions from the floor are appropriate and will be acted upon when presented.

- Gord also requested that the treasurer prepare a report in advance of the June meeting supporting her request to increase player fees.

### **B. 501 (c) 3 Requirements**

- Donna briefed the PNAHA directors on recent activities to achieve 501 (c) 3 status. Our attorneys, Bullivant, Houser and Bailey provided wording that needed to occur in our Articles of Incorporation. In September, Jon Danks made a motion to accept the wording change and Mark Hinchee (Tri-Cities) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Frank Lang had some concerns regarding the timing of these changes and Donna contacted our attorneys to ensure we were not in violation of anything. We are not and our application to the State will be sent. The new wording is attached to these minutes.

### **C. New Associations**

- Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association has met all requirements per PNAHA for affiliate membership.

## **11. New Business**

### **A. Squirt Tiering/Player Development**

- Gord Whitaker indicated that the comments he would be making might not elicit a positive response from some, but felt that if we truly are looking at player development, then we need to address the Squirt Tiering proposal and reevaluate what parameters are in place and/or proposed. In his opinion, tiering would be fine at the local level.
- If we are focusing on player development then we should consider abolishing this level of play at the State Tournament. Perhaps consideration should be given to hosting east verses east and west verses west jamborees every three months. The amount of games should be scaled back and the number of practices should be increased.
- Gord volunteered to submit a new proposition for player development and welcomed input from the other associations.

**12. Spring/Summer Meeting**

- The Spring/Summer meeting will be held on June 16 in Ellensburg at the Ellensburg Inn. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**13. Adjournment**

- Jon Danks motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Schroeder. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.