



PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting
September 9, 2006
Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

Committee Meetings held 9:00am – 12:00pm

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 12:00pm.

1. Sign-In

- Sign-in sheets distributed and an official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: PNAHA President – Dru Hammond; PNAHA Vice President – Dave Bittenbender; PNAHA Vice President – Steve Stevens; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer – Brenda Fundak; IEAHA – David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – Wes Travis; PSAH – Teri Paine-Mcgee; SJR – Rick Ellison; SAYHA – Corey Condron; TCAHA – Mark Miller; WHAT – David Koss; WWAHA – Debbie Abrams; WAHA – Michael Lesky; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson.
- West Coast Hockey Independent Teams – Roy “Dusty” Nicholas
- There were no non-voting League members present.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Executive Board, Directors and guests.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the June 24, 2006 minutes. Shirley Williamson (WWFHA) motion *[to approve the minutes]*, seconded by Dave Koss (WHAT). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Brenda Fundak & Dru Hammond

A. September Treasurer Report

- Books are currently under audit with the transition into office of the new Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Fundak. A treasurer report will be forthcoming when the audit process is completed.
- Current adjusted balance as of September 9, 2006 is \$36,824.66. Motion *[to approve the Treasurer’s Report]* by Dave Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA), seconded by Rick Ellison (SJR). Motion passed.

B. 2006-2007 Proposed Budget

- Brenda Fundak (PNAHA Treasurer) and Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) provided the details of the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Conservative estimates proposed. Only change is to referee fees, all other projected costs remain the same from the previous year. Player fees collected were \$3,568.00. Final billing for 2005-06 player fee invoices will be going out at a later date. This should bring the total to \$3,788.00 for the year. Player fees for the 2006-07 season are projected to be reduced by 600 players due to anticipated revenue loss from Mavericks, Inland and Yakima closures and the national trend in player numbers. The proposed budget total is: \$31,800.00. Motion *[to approve the Proposed Budget]* by Dave Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA), seconded by Rick Ellison (SJR). Motion passed.

5. Special Guests – None

6. Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

A. Player Development

- 2006-07 USA Hockey New Standards of Play and Rules Emphasis was reviewed and a DVD presentation made. This can be downloaded from USA Hockey’s internet site. Dru Hammond encouraged taking this back to associations and have the membership and players view.
- Challenges with new rules expected at the bantam and midget levels as players adjust their game with these new tactics.
- “Small Games” book available at USAH.com – new tactics for Mite hockey, Beginning, IP and Mite – full ice.
- Implement a cross ice program – need to sell coaches on.
- Player Development State Camps – Rob still needs a head coach and coaching director list from each association. Please do not recommend recreational level players. The age groups for this

year will consist of birth years, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 (ages 14-17). This will be the first year of an “Open Camp” format. There are typically 4 teams of 15-20 players in an open camp. PNAHA will strive for four teams of 17 players at each division level. In an effort to keep the level of camp participants of high caliber the recommendations should be from the Tier I and Tier II levels. Registration deadline is mid-January. We are working to get online registration in place to streamline the process. We may be able to set up PayPal to use for special events such as this.

- The Development Camp will be held in the Tri Cities January 27-28, 2007.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) made an announcement regarding an error in USA Hockey Magazine, regarding the 15 penalties (coaches) and 5 penalties/player rule. This will be enforced. It was mentioned that there would be a 3 month leniency – this was a false misprint. Clarification will be noted on the PNAHA webpage.
- USA Hockey has required all affiliates to immediately establish a Task Force Team to address the new Standard of Play. USA Hockey strongly suggests the involvement of a player on this task force. Dru requested volunteers for this player role. The player would need to have the ability to step up and serve on this team, he/she must have speaking abilities and the ability to demonstrate leadership. Deadline for consideration of this appointment is Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006.

B. Coaching Requirements

- A handout was distributed regarding the new USA Hockey rules. Rob reiterated the coaches’ rule regarding the wearing of helmets during on ice instruction. This is a USA Hockey rule and must be adhered to. Discussion regarding a graded approach to disciplinary action; 1st offense – 30 day suspension, 2nd offense – dismissed from coaching. It is hoped that individual associations will monitor this rule and handle it without the need to implement a state rule. Many felt strongly that it is a USA Hockey rule and that there is no need for PNAHA to create a rule to enforce the USA Hockey rule. It was suggested that associations consider providing helmets (USA Hockey approved helmet) – on site for coaching staff, in an effort to make it as convenient as possible. Most coaches probably play and have one anyway.
- Rob reminded everyone that any one on the ice should be certified.
- Coaching Certification Clinics – A handout was distributed with updated clinic dates/locations. Rob will be scheduling a clinic in Tri-Cities to accommodate East side coaches.

7. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens

- Instructional camps are going on for officials at the State level.
- Steve conducted a Level 4 clinic in the Tri-Cities. Attendance was by invitation only.
- USA Hockey affords for officials to go to an instructional camp held in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- There is a lot of material online for officials and parents too.
- So far the new rule changes are being accepted well. This is a big challenge for officials as some will understand and get it easier and faster than others.
- There is an eFax number for match penalty reporting. It is (509)272-4004. By submitting faxes to this number a copy will automatically be distributed to both Vice Presidents, the President, League Commissioner and Supervisor of Officials.
- WHA (World Hockey Association) is not USA Hockey or Canadian sanctioned. Steve was contacted for officials – we will not oblige this request.
- Officials (District/National camps) numbers down. Tony Leonetti from PNAHA attended the Elite Experience. IIHF – card (A/B/C)
- Four PNAHA officials have advanced to the WHL officiating level, Norm Lockton, Steve Walsh, Trevor Shively and Colby Olson.
- Dru Hammond announced that District RIC, Greg Lucker has resigned and Steve Stevens has been recommended to be considered to fill that position.

8. USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes

- Thanked all for attending the Registrars committee meeting earlier in the morning. USA Hockey Guidebooks are here and available to take home to associations.
- It is recommended that all associations put in a request to obtain a copy of their “Certificate of Insurance”. If needed, this takes approximately 30 days to receive. It would be a good idea to request it now and have it on hand throughout the season if needed. Application is on the PNAHA website under Forms.

- Get Rosters and birth certificates in as soon as possible to insure that all games will count towards the 20/10 and 10/5 rules for State tournament requirements.

9. League Commissioner – Brenda Fundak

A. Recap from League Committee Meeting

- The committee recommended that the Host Hotel minimum be raised to \$79.00. Brenda Fundak made a motion, *[that the host hotel minimum be raised to \$79]*. Motion passed.
- League declarations were taken during the committee meeting and confirmed during the general meeting to assure no associations were missed that did not have representation at the morning meeting.
- Tiering weekends were discussed and a request also made that someone track the time/money on the event with an evaluation report at year end. The league committee requested (Rick Ellison – SJR) that the tiering event be moved to the 4th week in September and 1st weekend in October.
- Glen Triner mentioned at the committee meeting that following the league restructuring committee meeting the night before, he needed to request that the weekends be flip flopped – with the ‘crossover’ tiering event happening first and the East vs East and West vs West the second weekend. This is due to ice availability in Tri-Cities those weekends to host the events. Glen contacted committee members following the meeting and it was agreed.
- To date only Portland had submitted their host hotel list. Deadline is September 15, 2006. Send via MSWord or PDF file so it can be uploaded to the PNAHA website.

B. Commissioner Report:

- Final League Declarations confirmed. Note: Portland did not have a representative present at the fall meeting and submitted their declaration to have a Squirt team participate in the Squirt League via telephone call from Joel Martin to Dru Hammond during the committee meetings this morning. During the 2002 season a precedence was set, that an association representative must be physically present for league declarations or there would be no admittance to the PNAHA League. Portland did not follow policy a few years ago and was denied. Steve Stevens (1st Vice President) made a motion *[that Portland not be allowed to play in the league due to lack of representation at the meeting]*, motion seconded by Teri Paine-McGee (PSAHA). Discussion to the floor. Motion Failed. Dru Hammond (President) recommended that Portland’s Squirt team be allowed to participate, but prepare a letter putting them on notice for the future (official written notification). Rick Ellison (SJR) motioned, *[to allow Portland in the League for the 2006-07 season on conditions of written criteria to attend all PNAHA general meetings and if they do not meet reasonable standards set by PNAHA they will not be able to be eligible for the end of season Squirt Festival. The following criteria would be set – Portland would be allowed to participate in Squirt League. 1) Must have representation at all PNAHA meetings. 2) A group to review Portland’s selection process and structure. 3) Performance monitored. 4) Allowed to participate in the festival based on 1-3 above conditions]*. Motion seconded by Dave Koss (WHAT). Vote – 4 (abstain), 1 (no). Motion passed.
- There are not enough B teams to warrant a B League. The B teams would like the option to participate in the “A” level of Tier II league play. Discussion – agreed.
- Brenda gave permission for extension of one week for associations to submit their league scheduling template. As soon as the tiering events are complete and AA and A divisions are decided, a scheduling committee will set the league schedule.

10. Women’s Hockey – Shirley Williamson

- There is a Sr. Women’s team – 19U, the Seattle Bell Ringers. She needs notification by October 1, 2006 of intent to participate at the District Tournament. The application can be found on the Pacific District website and should be forwarded to Margo Dryer. How are other associations doing getting girls to participate? Tri Cities has 4 girls’ teams in their program. Most of the girls are playing on youth teams. Shirley inquired if there is an interest to start a State wide team. NW Selects from Portland Jr Hawks is forming teams and has a desire to play out of Kent. They are not National bound.

11. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Parent behavior has been a bit out of control. We need to do a better job within our individual associations in educating our parents as to the expectations of what is appropriate behavior. It is especially important to start now since the new Rules of Emphasis have been implemented. Dave

would like to know of any issues or concern. Feel free to email or call him with your issues on the West side of the state. Dave's email address is dcbitt@msn.com.

12. 2nd Vice President – Steve Stevens - No report

13. President's Report – Dru Hammond

- Upcoming Pacific District meeting will be October 21, 2006 in Seattle. Hockey is growing! Moscow, Idaho wants to schedule games against PNAHA teams. Dru will forward information for contacting Moscow if any teams are interested.
- Wes Travis (Kitsap) is doing a dissertation – observational study of 2 Squirt level teams. Dru invites Wes to share his findings with the board at the conclusion.
- Groundbreaking for the Wenatchee rink will be on September 12, 2006 at 9:00 am in Wenatchee.
- Reminder that WHA (World Hockey Association) is not a USA Hockey registered organization. Make sure all teams that you play are USA Hockey registered.

14. Tournaments

- State Tournament potential teams were counted.
- State Tournament venues – there were no formal bids submitted. Tri-Cities did call to express interest to host the Tier II tournament.
- Squirt Festival – there were no formal bids submitted to host.
- According to the Rules and Regulations, at this point Dru Hammond will further explore potential hosts and will make recommendations to the officers, who jointly shall select the host and notify all associations within 7 days of the selection.

15. Old Business

- Host Hotels – submit list to Brenda Fundak for League distribution by September 15, 2006.
- Guidebook Changes / Website New Platform - Dru hopes to have the guidebooks ready to be mailed in 2-3 weeks. This goal is totally dependent on the cooperation by all associations. The website will be changing over soon to the new platform, some updating will not be done until this process is complete to assure all information transfers over.

16. New Business

- Screening – How is it going? – MVIA (Jennifer Erskine) and Wenatchee are the only two Associations not yet trained. Everyone else is trained and points of contact determined. Independent teams, Dru Hammond is your point of contact. To date PNAHA has only encountered one hit and the individual and the association point of contact have been notified. The disposition of the hit is being discussed with the person in question. Deadline for background screens is September 30, 2006 to have all persons screened. Screening frequency: Acxiom – every 3 years. WSP (WA State Police) – annually once a person has been through the Acxiom screening process.

17. Annual Winter Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Winter meeting will be held on January 6, 2006 at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, located at 201 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Room reservations can be made by calling (509) 662-4411. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Note that the hotel has expressed concerns that individuals are waiting until the last minute to book their rooms. Often times the hotel is full by the time they are contacted and individuals wishing to book rooms are a bit unpleasant. Members are encouraged to book their rooms prior to departing.

18. Adjournment

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Roy “Dusty” Nicholas (WCHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.