

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 16, 2014

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Lynn Thompson, Barrett Heisten, Leanne Carter, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle Jim Culley, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Ted Barton, Matt Shotenski, Keith Armstrong, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, Sally Wright, Theresa Austin (alt), Mandy Reale (alt), Greg Milles (alt) and Arlen Ayojiak (alt).

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Dan Massie, Anna Culley, Dave McCarrey, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey Officials present: Lisa McPheters, Rick Trupp, Joe Barth, Eric Simmons, and Kris Knauss.

Members excused: Dave Bolin, Joe Newhouse, Amy Nibert, Mike Laflamme, Carlos Gomez, Vilma Shuttleworth, Dave Ruiz, John Stenehjem and Nikole Stenehjem.

Visitors present: Chris Milles, Joey Merrick, Jodi Marcum and Karin Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. Introductions were made of everyone present. Alternates were seated. The agenda was approved with the addition of one item under New Business – SAMM Pee Wee Minor teams. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. Correspondence consisted of magazines. Most correspondence comes to Darryl electronically, and there didn't appear to be any interest by board members to have him forward everything. He sends pertinent information out to everyone.

Persons to be heard:

Chris Milles wanted to thank all local referee contacts who have helped him over his 21 years as the Referee-in-Chief. He congratulated Eric Simmons for taking on the position of Referee-in-Chief. Carol Hammingh moved and Anna Culley seconded to give ASHA's vote of confidence and thanks for his years of service. The motion passed. Chris passed out copies of his letter written to the ASHA Board and he read it aloud to the board members.

Kris Knauss thanked Chris Milles for his years of service. Kris is now the Player Development Director for the Pacific District in USA Hockey. He feels that the representation with the Pacific District Board is very well spread out. USA Hockey is putting together a separate handbook for National Tournaments. San Jose will be the site of a super tournament March 5-9, instead of the usual two sites. The Player Development camp sites and dates are in the handbook. The girls' camp will have three districts combined this year (Rocky Mountain, Pacific, and Northern Plains) to be held at Colorado College in June.

President's report: Darryl Thompson reported that four sets of hard ice dividers will be arriving August 29th to Anchorage. Darryl announced that he has been appointed by USA Hockey to sit on the USA Hockey Legal Council/Committee to fill the vacancy on the Council/Committee created when Charlie Fuertsch was appointed as USA Hockey's Legal Council/Committee Chairman. AHO has advised Darryl that they will be submitting a request for block grant money which Darryl will approve but because this year's Block Grant money has been exhausted, ASHA will need Board approval to pre-fund this project. .

Finance report: No report.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh reported that she would like to move the 16 Tier I State Tournament to January in Fairbanks. All three coaches were given several options and they decided to hold their state tournament on these days. A vote will take place during New Business. The Pee Wee Major/Minor State Tournament will stay with the dates of February 20-23, 2015 as she was unable to secure adequate ice to move it to February 27. The State Tournament Participation Forms are on the ASHA website under the Tournament section. The Comp forms are due by November 8, 2014 and the House-Rec forms are due by December 1, 2014. She has received the numbers of comp teams in each division so she will be working on those tournament schedules. The Squirt and Pee Wee divisions both have 9 teams, so she has asked Kris Knauss to assist her in coming up with a schedule.

VP Comp: Dan Massie reported that the comp scheduling went well yesterday and this morning. He would like to thank all those who helped!

VP House: Anna Culley reported that the House Council heard a motion to allow a MHA team 5 mites on their squirt major team. The House Council did not approve the motion. The fall scheduling meeting for house teams will be October 10, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 at the Coast International Inn. Annetta Powell is organizing the meeting. The House Council voted to not be included in the 1:30 penalty minute change that the Squirt and PeeWee major and minor teams are doing.

VP Girls/Women: Dave McCarrey reported that after this upcoming week, he should know the number of teams for this season. Their next meeting will be in September.

VP Adult: No report.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that there will be a Player Development meeting on October 9, 2014 at 6:30 at the Moose's office at the Subway Ice Rink. December 20-21, 2014 are the dates for the Select Camps for 98, 99 and 2000 birth years. The registration is open between November 1, 2014 and December 2, 2014. There will also be a Player Development meeting on April 9, 2015 at 6:30 at the Moose's office at the Subway Ice Rink. April 10-12, 2015 are the dates for the Select Camps for 01 and 02 birth years. Registration will be open between March 1, 2015 and April 1, 2015. May 7-10, 2015 are the dates for the

Pacific District Player Development Camps in San Jose for the 98, 99 and 00 birth years. There will be a High Performance Camp at Colorado College in late June.

Discipline committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar report: Lisa McPheters reported that she held a registrar's meeting on July 29, 2014. The new software is out now. With the 1T this year, no signature is required, it will have an electronic date and time stamp. She will note that it is in Alaska time.

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons gave a big thank you to Chris Milles for his time and tireless efforts being the Referee-in-Chief for the past 21 years. Eric anticipates a smooth transition with Chris's help. The referee seminars are on track. Retention and recruitment of referees are still an issue. Eric's contact information is:

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Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that the Level 5 Coaching Clinic will be held in Las Vegas next weekend. It is now open to Level 4 and 3. There will be a Level 4 clinic in Fairbanks November 14-16. This information will be on the website soon. The coaching clinics will be online later this week. Rick gave a big thank you to Chris for his time and commitment.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that the NAHL starts in 4 weeks. There are two Alaska teams, the Kenai River Brown Bears and the Fairbanks Ice Dogs. The Blaine Showcase will be coming up soon, and it is the largest in the nation.

Safe Sport: No report.

Old Business:

Carol Hammingh asked board members to wipe out the number of teams column on page 36 in the guideline book. She will get it corrected online too.

Jack Tragis moved and Annetta Powell seconded to move the 16 Tier I State Tournament date to January 2-4, 2015. The motion passed.

Discussion followed regarding the PeeWee Major and Minor state tournament dates, but no action was taken. They will remain as they are.

New Business:

Darryl Thompson gave a big thanks to Kris Knauss and Lisa McPheters for their work on the guideline book for this season. If you notice any corrections, please let Darryl know. ASHA is in need of a new guideline book chairman for next year's

book. Let Darryl know if you are interested. Lisa McPheters said the USA Hockey annual guides should be arriving soon, and she will get them sent out.

Justin Marcum brought up the topic of SAMM's waiver request to field a third team in the PeeWee and Squirt major and minor divisions. In SAMM's request, they specified that if they had 3 teams, those teams would be limited to 13 skaters and one goalie. Justin noted that the team now has 15 players and two goalies. Keith Morris moved and Greg Milles seconded to allow SAMM to have 15 skaters and 2 goalies for the 2014-2015 season. Discussion followed. There was a call for the questions. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

Leanne Carter stated that the referee seminars will include information on off-ice official jobs (such as scorekeepers, timekeepers, etc.) If you would like this information, please contact Leanne Carter.

Annetta Powell commented that the contract to bid is out for increasing the parking spaces at Ben Boeke.

Matt Shotenski asked about evaluations of referees.

Brenda Luthi reminded each association to send her a list of their current Board of Directors.

Carol Hammingh stated that she will get to work on the girls state tournament once she knows the number of teams.

Anna Culley thanked Chris Milles for his hard work as the Referee-in-Chief.

Justin Marcum thanked Chris Milles for his work as the Referee-in-Chief and wished the best for Eric Simmons. He also commented that the board may have set a precedence with the vote on allowing SAMM to exceed their waiver.

Ted Barton commented that some sports have a computer do the scheduling instead of doing it in person.

Wayne Sawchuk asked that if any items are needed on the agenda for the Player Development meeting, please send them to him.

Dave McCarrey thanked Chris Milles for his service.

Darryl Thompson thanked Chris Milles for his service and welcomed Eric to the position.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 8, 2014, at 10:00 at the Coast International Inn.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary