

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
November 8, 2014

Members present: Destry Lind, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Matt Boline, Jim Culley, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Ted Barton, Joey Merrick, Keith Armstrong, Pete Sloan, Nikole Stenehjem, Laura Ramsey (alt.), Scott Lantto (alt.), Bob Walker (alt.) and Theresa Austin (alt.).

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

USA Hockey Officials present: Kris Knauss.

Members excused: Keith Morris, Dave Bolin, Justin Marcum, Matt Shotenski, Mike Schachle, Eric Simmons, Dan Massie, Dave Ruiz, Keith Berrian, Leanne Carter, Barrett Heisten and Carlos Gomez.

Visitors present: Jackie Graeber, Gary Smith, Patricia Smith, Sheyanne Bertrand, Shari Prince, Kelly Abbott, Cynthia Bertrand, Catherin Ruiz and Beau Stevens.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President.

Seating of Board Members:

Joey Merrick	Mustang Hockey Association
Luther Brice	Alaska Girls/Women

Introductions were made of everyone present.

Alternates were announced:

Bob Walker	for Justin Marcum
Theresa Austin	for Amy Nibert
Scott Lantto	for Mike Schachle
Laura Ramsey	for Keith Morris

The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. Correspondence - two magazines - was shown to all.

Persons to be Heard:

Catherine Ruiz spoke to the board regarding Tier I teams and national tournaments. Wayne Sawchuk, Darryl Thompson and Kris Knauss answered her questions regarding these tournaments.

President's report: Darryl Thompson reported that all FOUR Alaska girls U14 Tier II teams will be advancing to the District Tournament, although normally all girls' teams do advance, there was some question this season because there were four of

them. On the Youth side, at the Pacific District Tournament, two Alaska U16 boys teams will be advancing to the District Tournament.

The Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Northern Plains Districts have committed to a combined Multi-District Development and Evaluation camp for 2015. The directors of these three USA Hockey Districts have agreed to the concept and many of the camp's details will be finalized over the coming weeks/months. **The 2015 Multi-District tryout camp is scheduled to be held at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO. The dates are June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Similar to the 2014 Pacific District Development and Evaluation Camp the 2015 Multi-District Development and Evaluation Camp is being designed to mimic the National Camp in its format. The Pacific District and Rocky Mountain District will use the Multi-District Development and Evaluation Camp to select players to the 2015 National Camp. *Note: Beginning in 2015 there will not be a 14U National Camp.*

The 2015 Multi-District Development and Evaluation Camp will occur later than each participating district has done in past years. For most players the new dates will conflict less with school commitments. One of the greatest benefits to holding the camp in June is the ability to allow NCAA D-I and D-III coaches to be involved with all aspects of the on-ice and off-ice camp experience. Another benefit with having players from three USAH districts participating in the 2015 Multi-District Development and Evaluation Camp is an expected increase in level of competition. In addition, with the event being held in Colorado Springs, more coaches and scouts will be there to see the players in action.

Without question moving the Pacific District tryout camp to Colorado is a significant change to the Pacific District Development and Evaluation Camp process. The Multi-District camp format will provide the "value-added" piece players and parents have been asking for; while at the same time providing USA Hockey with the ability to identify players tracking towards the National Camp and potential National Team placement.

Darryl also reported that ASHA will be working with ASAA to coordinate high school hockey with club hockey. Darryl spoke with Billy Strickland, ASAA Executive Director. Darryl will speak to the ASAA Board on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the ASAA meeting.

Darryl thanked Jack Tragis for helping a hockey player and his family with a junior hockey issue. Jack is a great resource and has always and continues to be willing to help hockey players and families understand junior hockey.

Darryl asked members of the board how their associations take care of coaches' fees for background checks and coaching certifications. Most associations do reimburse their coaches. He will give this information to the NCAA compliance officer.

Finance report: Joe Newhouse went over the balance sheets and the profit & loss statements. He answered questions and reminded associations of their travel fund dues.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh reported that the comp team deposits are due for the state tournaments today. The rules/tie breakers as outlined in the ASHA Handbook refer to the Annual Guide. It should say refer to the District and National Championship Tournament Guidebook. Annetta Powell moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to approve the Comp State Tournament Schedules presented by Carol Hammingh (which were approved by the Comp Council). The motion passed unanimously. See attached.

VP Comp Council: Carol Hamming reported that the Comp Council is looking at game and period lengths, and will present a proposal at the ASHA January Board Meeting.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that the House Council met in mid-October, and will meet again in two weeks. December 1, 2014 is the deadline for associations to declare their house teams and payment for tournaments is due. December 15, 2014 is the deadline to get 1T's to Lisa McPheters, registrar. The house state tournament directors are set. Anna reported that Kodiak may be bringing teams to the state tournaments.

VP Girls/Women Council: Dave McCarrey reported that the multi-district camp described earlier will be great for girls/women hockey. The try-outs will be December 21, 2014 – check the ASHA website for details. Eight teams will go to the District Tournament. He appreciates the boys' teams that are playing the girls' teams.

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian was absent, but sent word that he hasn't received a single game report yet.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that the registration is on the website for the camps. Here is the information on the Boys' Camps:

15 (2000), 16 (1999) & 17 (1998) – December 20 and 21 at Ben Boeke Ice Rink. The ice runs from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm each day. The registration is November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>. \$120 includes ice, jersey and shirt. Players advancing will attend the USA Hockey Pacific District Player Development Camp, Sharks Ice, San Jose, CA, May 7-10, 2015. Players advancing will be placed on teams with players from other states.

14 (2001) & 13 (2002) – April 10-12, 2015 at Subway Ice Rink. Registration is March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday's ice starts at 5:00 pm and Sunday's last sheet ends at 1:00 pm. The 13 (2002) camp is limited to the first 21 Defensemen, 36 Forwards and 9 goalies who register. \$120 includes ice, jersey and shirt.

All comp associations need to send a volunteer to the state camps. Allocations have been reduced at the 16 & 17 levels. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the U14 Tier 1 coaching selection committee has delayed its recommendation for a head coach.

Discipline: Bruce Graham was absent, but he has only had one discipline meeting so far this year.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: No report.

Referee-in-Chief: His report is attached.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey Report: Jack Tragis reported that each year there are changes in the Jr. Hockey Leagues, so be sure to do your homework and check into the various teams and leagues when thinking of sending your player away to play.

SafeSport: No report.

Pacific District Director: Kris Knauss reported that they held a meeting two weeks ago in Seattle. Here are the upcoming camps:

15, 16, 17 Camp	May 7-10, 2015	San Jose, CA
Girls Multi-District Camp	June 13-18, 2015	Colorado College
14 Camp	June 20-24, 2015	Colorado College

Kris reported that they are looking for a new treasurer for the Pacific District. The Pacific District has presentations available to present to associations on long term athlete development. The ADM model has been very successful so far.

#### Old Business:

Darryl Thompson mentioned that ASHA is in need of a handbook chairman for next year. Please ask your associations if anyone might be interested. Kris Knauss is the one to contact with any questions as to what the job entails.

#### New Business:

Darryl Thompson discussed the Homer Hockey Association's request for help in purchasing replacement glass for the Kevin Bell Arena using future grant block money. Pete Sloan moved and Laura Ramsey seconded to fund the Homer Hockey Association's request for glass replacement. The total cost would be \$4,380.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Joey Merrick moved and Laura Ramsey seconded to approve ASHA formally a 2016 Tier I Bantam National Tournament Host and ASHA host a Tier I Bantam team. Alaska was awarded this national tournament recently. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete Sloan moved and Joey Merrick seconded to approve a committee of people to head up the National Tournament in 2016. The members are: Lisa McPheters, Chairperson, Vice Chair, Bob Walker-Blue Rink, Vice Chair Larry McPheters- Red Rink, Joe Newhouse, Treasurer, Andrew Good, Game Statistics and Sports NIGN Input/Web Services, John Jolly, Rosalie Nadeau, Mike LaFlamme, among others. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Sawchuk moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to table the coach recommendation for the Tier I Bantam Host Tournament team for 2016. They have applicants and are in the process of interviewing. They will recommend a coach soon and have it voted on electronically. The motion passed unanimously.

Carol Hammingh moved and Annetta Powell seconded to fund \$5000.00 for Player Development. The money would be used to bring up someone for a presentation on player development and to send people to the multi-district camp and San Jose camp to bring experience back to Alaska. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments:

Scott Lantto commented that the Jr. Avalanche is using the hard ice dividers and have several all valley mite jamborees planned this year.

Pete Sloan commented that Ralph Marcott, a long-time hockey supporter, has passed away.

Matt Boline commented that Juneau is using the hard ice dividers and they greatly appreciate the help from ASHA.

Keith Armstrong commented that Kris Knauss did a presentation to Palmer Hockey Association on long term athlete development, and it was very worthwhile.

Joey Merrick commented that MHA greatly appreciates the cooperation from other associations with their ice issues in Eagle River. They are hoping for a January 1, 2015 opening.

Darryl Thompson commented that we need to have patience with the process of preparing for the 2016 National Tournament here in Anchorage. Alaska hockey has great volunteers and we can do it! He also wants to remind everyone that we want happy, healthy kids in hockey for life.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 3, 2015 at 10:00 at the Coast International Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary