

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 27, 2016

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Annetta Powell, Jeff Dick, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Ben Roth, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Ron Stadem, Keith Morris, Jackie Graeber, Sally Wright, Dan Bare (alt.), Scott Siviluch (alt.), Nate Norton (alt.) and Clint Hagel (alt.).

Members present electronically: Travis Frisk

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Jim Newhouse, Matt Shasby, Kirk Payne, Anna Culley, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

Members excused: Ted Barton, Larry McBain, Mike Schachle, Eric Simmons, Tim Zobel, Destry Lind, Anna Culley, Jason Dinneen, Merit Waldrop, Kory Wright and Dave Cacciolfi.

USA Hockey official present: Lisa McPheters, Mike Ashley, Wylie Rogers and Kris Knauss.

Visitors present: Matt Thomas

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

Seating of Board Members:

Ron Stadem	Palmer Hockey Assn.
Chris Carney	Mat-Su Hockey Assn.

Clint Hagel as an alternate for Ted Barton
Scott Siviluch as an alternate for Ted Zobel
Dan Bare as an alternate for Jason Dinneen
Nathan Norton as an alternate for Mike Schachle
Brandon Harker for whenever Jeff Dick is absent

Keith Morris moved and Annetta Powell seconded to add 3 items to Old Business. Motion passed. The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes were approved as presented. Darryl Thompson read a letter from Shelley Laukitis, the President of Homer Hockey thanking ASHA for the funding for the rink divider purchase and the Mite goalie gear.

Persons to be heard:

Matt Thomas, head coach of the UAA hockey team, spoke about the possible elimination of Division I hockey in Alaska due to budget cuts. The hockey program

needs to generate revenue. We need to get on the website in support of UAA and UAF hockey. Both UAA and UAF hockey teams would love to come to youth hockey practices, hold more summer camps, etc. Buying season tickets is the best price for hockey games. There will be a meeting to support UAA hockey on Tuesday, August 30th at 5:30 at the 49th State Brewing Company. There will also be open forums to discuss UAF hockey in Fairbanks on September 1st and UAA hockey on September 7th. All support is needed!!

Introductions were made of those present.

President's report: Darryl Thompson gave a thank you to Matt Thomas for attending our meeting and he encouraged us to reach out and support UAA and UAF hockey. Joey Merrick moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to send a resolution to UA President, Jim Johnson to support UAA/UAF hockey. The motion passed. The new ASHA handbooks are here and a big thank you was given to Sally Wright and Lisa McPheters for doing all of the work on them. Darryl started an ASHA Hall of Fame earlier this month, so Carol Hammingh moved and Keith Morris seconded to make this official. The motion passed. Joey Merrick moved and Keith Morris seconded to have Darlene Tragis be the first member of the ASHA Hall of Fame. The motion passed. A committee is needed to get the ASHA Hall of Fame started and guidelines set up. Jack Tragis volunteered to be a member of this committee. Others will be added later.

Finance report: Jim Newhouse went over the financial statements and answered questions. There was recently a review and an audit of our books. Jim and Darryl spoke to some of the suggestions. Jim will get a report soon from the audit and will report back to us.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh presented the proposed 2017 state tournaments. (see attached) Carol moved and Joey Merrick seconded to accept the tournament schedules. Discussion followed. The motion passed. Carol gave a thank you to the many people who helped create the schedules with special thanks to KPHA, Jr. Avalanche and the referee association.

VP Comp Council: Matt Shasby reported that the comp scheduling meetings went well. There are still a few teams who need to pay their league fees. Matt thanked everyone who made the scheduling so smooth.

VP House Council: No report.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne reported that UAA hockey will be playing Simon Frasier on September 30th at the Palmer Ice Arena, so come out and support UAA hockey! The Girls Select Camp will be held January 28-29, 2017 at the Mac Center in Eagle River.

VP Adult Council: No report

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported on the following dates:

- Boys Select Camp will be held February 18-19, 2017 at the Subway Ice Rink. 2002 (15's), 2001 (16's) and 2000 (17's) Ice will run from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm each day.
- The 2017 USA Hockey Pacific District Youth Player Development Camp will be held in San Jose, CA (May 4-7, 2017).
- Boys Select Camp will be held April 14-16, 2017 at the Subway Ice Rink. 2003 (14's) and 2004 (13's). The 2004 (13's) camp is limited to the first 21 defensemen, 36 forwards and 6 goalies who register. This camp is to provide experience and knowledge for future development camps.
- The 2017 Western Regional Performance Camp (WRHPC) for Select 14's (2003's) will be June 17-22, 2017 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Discipline: No report.

Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that the reports were sent out earlier. (They are attached if you need to see them again). Most all dates for events are in the handbook.

Referee-in-Chief: No report.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

SafeSport: Mike Ashley reported that if your association has a new contact person for SafeSport, please let him know. If you have concerns about a name not being on the list, contact Andrew Good. He asked everyone to be aware of locker room supervision, camera phones can create issues.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report.

Alaska USAH Goaltender Coordinator: Wylie Rogers introduced himself and reported that USA Hockey is working on how to teach consistent goaltending throughout USA Hockey. He wants to help coaches learn how to teach their goalies. There are webinars and other resources online to help with teaching goaltenders.

Old Business:

- Wayne Sawchuk moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to accept the Investment Policy that was presented at the previous meeting. Travis Frisk abstained from voting. The motion passed.
- Ice Allocation – Darryl Thompson and Kris Knauss met with Michael Geraghty, an attorney, who is willing to move forward with reviewing the

policy and would like to talk to all of those impacted by the current MOA Ice Allocation policy and any user groups.

- A committee is needed to work with the ADM.
- Matt Shasby is starting to look at options in dealing with high school hockey working with USA Hockey.

New Business:

- Travis Frisk reported on the American Showcase and the need of a \$950 placement holder fee that is due by December. Travis Frisk moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to have ASHA pay for the American Showcase application fee. Discussion followed. It is open to juniors and seniors across the state. The motion passed.
- Joey Merrick suggested establishing a committee to develop specific plans to help maintain Division I hockey in Alaska. The committee will consist of Keith Morris, Joey Merrick, Matt Shasby, Wayne Sawchuk and Scott Siviluch with Matt being the chairman.

Board Member Comments:

- Ben Roth commented that he will share the ideas from UAF with our newly formed committee.
- Teresa Austin commented that the Termination Dust Tournament is now all electronic, so you need to go to the AHA website to register. There is a limited amount of teams that can register. The Holiday Tournament for PeeWees and Squirts will have details ready soon. On September 9-10, 2017, there will be a free clinic with Olympic Silver Medalist Brianne McLaughlin. This event is free and open to all girls/all associations. For complete details, please visit the AHA website.
- Jackie Graeber gave a thank you to Carol Hammingh for all her work on the tournament schedules.
- Kris Knauss commented that Kenny Rausch will be in Anchorage and Fairbanks September 22-28. Also, on December 2-3, the National Development Team will be in Fairbanks playing the Ice Dogs.
- Joey Merrick commented that the Mac Attack for U8 will be around Spring Break time – the information will be available soon. He also gave a thank you to Carol Hammingh and Clint Hagel and KPHA for their work on the tournaments.
- Carol Hammingh reminded everyone that having enough referees for the state tournaments will be an issue this year, so please be respectful. We do need to help recruit and retain referees.
- Ben Roth moved and Joey Merrick seconded to support the first five kids in each association who sign up as beginning referees with the association paying for half of their fees and ASHA paying for the other half as a motivation to get more young referees involved. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned. The next ASHA meeting will be held Saturday, October 15, 2017, at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary