

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 25, 2018

Members present: Justin Marcum, Graham McManamin, Jason Dinneen, Annetta Powell, Brandon Harker, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, matt Boline, Kerry Hafele, Jack Tragis, Ben Roth, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Jason Witt, Ron Stadem, Keith Morris, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Mike Moeglein, Scott McIlroy (alt.), Scott Sivulich (alt.), Ian Pitzman, Mandy Reale (alt), and Teala Lund (alt.).

Members present electronically: Debbie Glover for John Glover.

Members excused: Lacy Smith, Eric Simmons, Ted Barton, Tim Zobel, Carlos Gomez, Mike Barth and Theresa Austin.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Brenda Luthi, Ben Stevens, Kirk Payne, Wayne Sawchuk, and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey official present: Kris Knauss, Anna Culley, Andrew Good, Kirk Kullberg and Steve Thompson.

Visitors present: Matt Curley, Todd Bethard and members/parents of Todd's team.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Teala Lund for Ted Barton
Scott Sivulich for Tim Zobel
Many Reale for Carlos Gomez
Ian Pitzman for Mike Barth
Scott McIlroy for Theresa Austin.

- Introductions were made of everyone present.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The minutes were approved with one correction, on page 5 it should read eliminate body checking at Tier III.
- Correspondence is sent out electronically as it is received from Darryl Thompson and others. Magazines were available.

Persons to be heard:

- UAA Hockey Head Coach, Matt Curley, introduced himself and gave his background history in hockey. He is looking forward to working with hockey players in Alaska. He said he is happy to help everyone and is wanting to get involved in the hockey community in Alaska. Welcome Matt!!!
- All Stars Coach, Todd Bethard, APPEAL:

- Todd Bethard presented an appeal on behalf of the Allstar's U14 Tier II Girls' Team appealing the decision of the Girl's and Women's Council to not allow the U14 Allstar's Girls' Tier II team to have three (3) U12 players "play-up" onto the U14 team. The Girl's and Women's Council has been vested with the authority delegated to it by the ASHA Board on the implementation and enforcement of the new USA Hockey Rule that limits the number and the circumstances under which a U12 girl may be allowed "play-up" on a National Bound U14 girls team and be included on the U14 Team Roster. Coach Bethard spoke on behalf of the three U12 girl players and the team and asked the ASHA Board overturn the Girls and Women's decision to not allow the girls to be rostered on the U14 Team. After presenting his appeal, all non-ASHA Board Members left the room. Thereupon, Justin Marcum moved and Kirk Kullberg seconded to overturn the Girls/Women Council's decision to not allow the three U12 girls to play up. Discussion followed. After discussion, the motion passed. Everyone was brought back into the room and the decision was announced that Girls and Women's Decision to not allow the three (3) U12 girls to play on the U14 Girls Tier II Allstars Team was overturned and the three (3) U12 girls will be allowed to play up on the U14 Team
- Kris Knauss, Pacific Director, went over his report.
 1. There is a need for ASHA to determine a process since the Pacific District took action on allowing only an even number of teams into District Championships. This can be done by affiliate seeding or a state tournament.
 2. Kris discussed Nevada (NAHA) and their challenges and action to take over officiating from the Las Vegas Hockey Officials Association (LVHOA). He believes there has been good progress on both sides to retain and grow officials within the market.
 3. Kris discussed new PD Director Flint Doungeck (Oregon) replacing USA Hockey VP of Junior Council Donna Kaufman (Washington), Kris Knauss move to Youth Council, Tom Hancock move to Adult Council, Steve Laing as Pacific District Tournament Director, and the departure of Phil Osear, ADM Goaltending Manager to the Tampa Bay Lightning.
 4. Kris promoted the USA Hockey CEP Coaching Director Program in Las Vegas, September 6-9, 2018 and hopes all can attend.
 5. The District is looking at reducing affiliate allocations at the Select 17 Boys Player Development Camp. There will be growing discussion on this matter in the future.
 6. The NHL and interested parties have done significant outreach in the PNAHA Affiliate. USA Hockey looks forward to support their success in the coming months and years.
 7. He followed up on the USA Hockey Pacific District Assessment increase of \$1.00 per player. He noted that he would be happy to

discuss further with any individual or organization within ASHA. This matter was brought before the PD Board in February 2016 and requested feedback from affiliate associations. The measure passed (PD minutes May 2018) 6-1. CAHA and OSHA raised their fees in 2017 to prepare for this increase.

8. Kris noted the expectation that was delivered from USA Hockey Leadership that membership fees will most likely be increased for the 2019-2020 season.

President's Report:

- Darryl Thompson reported that the ASHA handbooks are not quite ready yet, they should be available September 1, 2018.
- Anchorage School District ("ASD") and AHA have entered in to contracting negotiations on a current contract to outsource high school girl's hockey for this 2018/2019 school year. The latest draft has been submitted to ASD and AHA is awaiting a response. ASD is open to outsourcing without the sport being under ASAA. Brian Gross will be in charge of the girl's high school hockey if the final terms can be met.
- Darryl also reminded associations to check the Safe Sport list for coaches and volunteers for the 18-19 season. The re-certifications are good for two (2) years, but if coaches recertified last year, they will not appear on the "Cleared" list until they register with USA Hockey for the 2018/19 season. Contact Andrew Good if you have any questions or concerns.

Finance Report: Jim Newhouse went over the financials.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh is working on the state tournaments now that the comp scheduling meetings are complete. There were changes to some dates and times for state tournaments, but the correct ones will be in the online handbook.

VP Comp Council: Ben Stevens reported that the comp scheduling meetings went very well. There are 48 teams this year. Coordinators for each division will go over the game schedules to confirm. A few associations need to pay their comp league fees. Ben thanked everyone involved with the comp scheduling, it went smoothly. As a point of clarification, tournament games count for league games, and whatever the score is at the end of the third period, is the score that counts for league play.

VP House Council: No report.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne thanked the board for their input.

VP Adult Council: No report, but Darryl welcomed Suelyn Van Brunt for joining us today to listen in for Anchorage Women's Hockey, and encouraged engagement with

Ron Gray, ASHA's VP of Adult for any and all adult hockey issues until next April when her association may apply at the annual meeting for a board spot..

Jr. Hockey/Hall of Fame:

- Jack Tragis reported that the Ice Dogs are starting up. There is interest in bringing in new Alaska teams to the NAHL. The Ice Dogs had 14 players placed in Division I hockey programs last year.
- Jack Tragis reported that there will be a form on the website soon to nominate members into the Hall of Fame. There is a Wall of Fame at the Subway Rink.

VP Player Development:

- Wayne Sawchuk moved and Joey Merrick seconded to extend the deadline for comp teams to apply for the grant money to September 15th. The motion passed. (see attached reports)

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Anna Culley reported that she has a limited number of USA Hockey Annual Guides, so only one per association. Be sure to get her your tournament applications. With her new position in ASHA, remember to use her registrar email for registration questions. There is a registrar training today at 2:00 following our ASHA meeting.

Coach-in-Chief:

- Rick Trupp gave the dates of upcoming clinics – October 20 and December 8 for Levels 1 and 2, November 17 for Level 3.
- The online modules are updated online.
- Be sure to check Safe Sport for your coaches. Once they are registered, it activates their Safe Sport if they are current.

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons sent in his report – it is attached.

Safe Sport Coordinator: Andrew Good reported that there is one issue he is working on now.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: Kirk Kullberg reported that he is happy to help with associations whenever he can. Try Hockey for Free is to be scheduled soon. He asked about a date for the Mite Scheduling meeting, and looks like it can be when the house scheduling meetings are held – October 5th.

Challenge Alaska: Brandon Harker reported that Greg Kessler did a presentation at the Level 4 Clinic. If someone wants to get involved, please contact him. In October

there will be a USA Disabled Hockey training in Las Vegas, and Brandon and Jeff Dick would like to attend. Joey Merrick moved and Dave Cacciolfi seconded to approve funds to send them to the training in October – which would run approximately \$2000.00. The motion passed.

Goal Tender Coordinator: Steve Thompson shared a power point presentation and encouraged everyone that it would be available for associations. We even had a “live” presentation for Quick Change Goalie gear from a five-year-old Kullberg☺ Talkeetna needs Quick Change Goalie gear, along with Kodiak. Jim Newhouse moved and Jackie Graeber seconded to use block grant money to buy intermediate nets for rinks. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- There will be a meeting on August 30th regarding ice allocation in the Anchorage bowl area. A document will be coming out after the meeting.
- Electronic vote was moved by Travis Frisk and seconded by Jackie Graeber to request a change to wording: Bids to host the state tournaments shall be presented to the appropriate councils at the meeting prior to the ASHA Annual Board meeting. The proposed hosts for each category will be presented at the Annual meeting. Hosting associations must be members of ASHA and all teams under their jurisdiction must be properly registered. **The dates for the State Comp Tournaments will be set after the May Pacific District meeting in which the Pacific District Tournament hosts, dates and venues are awarded.** The motion passed.
- Electronic vote was moved by Kirk Payne and seconded by Ron Stadem. ASHA has adopted the language USA Hockey developed for 12U players playing up to the 14U Tier 2 level. The Alaska affiliate is required to define geographic areas with respect to the language USA Hockey developed and ASHA adopted for 12U girls playing 14U Tier 2. Kirk’s motion is to adopt the Girls/Women Council motion that designates those geographic areas to mirror Borough boundaries here in Alaska. This motion passed.
- Electronic vote was moved by Kirk Payne and seconded by Ron Stadem that compliance and any dispute resolution is handled by the Girls/Women Council. The motion passed.

New Business:

- Darryl talked about long range planning with ASHA and the need to look into alternate board governances.

Board Member Comments:

- Mandy Reale commented that the Pond Hockey Tournament will be in Big Lake on March 8, 2019.
- Jim Newhouse reminded all associations within a 125-mile radius of Anchorage that their travel fees are due.
- Brenda Luthi thanked everyone for the current Board of Directors.

- Scott Sivulich commented that if you need referees for cross ice jamborees, let them know so they can plan accordingly. Scott also said the referee scheduler for the valley will be Gaylynn Towe for house, comp and adult games.
- Joey Merrick commented that the Mac Attack will be February 28-March 3, 2019 in Eagle River. Flyers will be sent out as soon as it is sanctioned. He also thanked the board for their support with the goalie clinics.
- Brandon Harker thanked the board for their support.
- Darryl Thompson thanked everyone for all everyone does for hockey in Alaska.

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 11:00 at Megan's Room in Anchorage following the House Scheduling meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary