

Alaska State Hockey Association Annual Meeting

October 8, 2022

10:00 am

Members present: Cristy Hickel (alt.), Travis Frisk, Jean Carey, Clint Lancaster, Brandon Harker, John DeCaro

Members present via Zoom/Phone: Drew Kriner, Bruce Haas, Jake Thompson, Nathan Norton (alt.), Jake Thayer, Jenna Redford, Breanna Peterson, Duane McKenzie (alt.), Beau McBrien, Ron Stadem, Mandy Reale, Colby Swenor

Members excused: Derek Tannahill, Gina Hoke, John Stenehjem, Allen Maltbie, Annetta Powell

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Carol Hammingh, Jamie Larsen, Nate Anderson, Lacey Smith, Kirk Payne, Matt Thompson, Verna Giani

Officers present via Zoom/Phone: n/a

Officers excused: Jim Newhouse

USA Hockey Alaska Representatives present: Anna Culley (zoom) - Pacific District Associate Registrar for Alaska; Kris Knauss, Pacific District Director, Chairman; Wayne Sawchuk (zoom), Pacific District Director; Josh Ellis (zoom), Alaska Referee in Chief

Visitors present: Merit Waldrop (zoom), Team Alaska Director; Cassie Campbell (zoom), Anchorage Women's League; Chris Kamal, Alaska Goaltending Development

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members:

Alaska All Stars	Cristy Hickel
Jr. Avalanche	Nathan Norton
Matsu	Duane McKenzie

- Roll call was taken and a Quorum established.
- Approval/Change of Agenda – Travis Frisk moved to approve the Agenda, seconded, motion passed.
- Minutes – Darryl moved to table approval of Minutes to next meeting so they can be emailed to entire Board, seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: n/a

Persons to be heard:

Kris Knauss, Pacific District Director, Chairman and USA Hockey Director -

- USA Hockey Board went from 91 to 26 members and this will take affect in January.
- Will see a lot of changes with USA Hockey Board next year.
- Player Development restructured the 17 camp to be a tournament style.
- Player Development Committee is now 6 people.

Wayne Sawchuk, Pacific District Director

- District Tournament will be February 23-26 in San Jose and utilize 6 sheets of ice; it will be a monster tournament.
- Alaska will probably have to have Girl's State Tournaments at all Divisions.
- Thank you for help funding Development Camps.
- Selects Development Camp will be June 12-17 at Colorado College.

Chris Kamal, Lead Goalie Instructor, Alaska Goaltending Academy

- Have worked with a handful of Associations.
- Will work with any goalie at any level that wants help.
- Working on getting Coaches educated on goalies.

President's Report, Darryl Thompson:

- Kris Knauss is a great resource for Pacific District and USA Hockey questions.
- USA Hockey wants to get rid of all Tryout Rules. The task force has met several times and now has a draft that is being circulated on how to deal with tryout tampering. They have talked about using Player Cards.
- Chris Kamal has been appointed by USA Hockey as Alaska's current GDC (Goaltender Development Coordinator).
- In Anchorage there was a proposal to use Dempsey Anderson as an Emergency Homeless Shelter. Several people showed up at the meetings and did have an opportunity to speak. Many people wrote emails. Sullivan Arena has been turned back in to an Emergency Homeless Shelter now.
- There was an incident at the 907 Tournament involving players and parents. The Discipline Committee handed down several suspensions. Darryl thanked AHA President and Palmer President for their assistance.
 - Jean Carey said this was a lesson learned regarding on ice vs off ice behavior and how language can incite others.
 - Clint Lancaster stated that we have to do better.

VP Player Development, Matt Thompson:

- Team Alaska did address allegations of impropriety with all of the teams. The 14 coach required every player on the team to write an apology letter to the Valley Thunder.
- The 16 and 18 teams are heading out next week to Minnesota for a NAPHL Showcase.
- The 14's are headed to Omaha for a World Invite and this is their first trip.
- Selects Girls (14-17) at O'Malley December 16-18, 2022.
- Selects Boys (15, 16, 17) at O'Malley December 17 and 18, 2022.
- Selects Boys (14) will be March 10-12, 2023. Looking at a 13 level camp.
- The Tryout Registration will be posted earlier, also there will be an earlier deadline.

Finance Report, Jim Newhouse (excused):

- Financial statement was provided for review.
 - Darryl pointed out several associations, Jr. Avalanche, Alaska Oilers, Mustang Hockey, Anchorage Hockey Officials, Mat-Su, Palmer, Ben Boeke Adult League, that still owe their '21-22 Travel Fees.

VP Tournaments, Jamie Larsen:

- The State Tournament Entry Form is being updated and will get that to Jason and Carol
- Updates on Dates
 - 10U B Homer March 3-6
 - 10U A
 - 14U B Matsu March 17-20

- Still need hosts for the 16B, Jr. Avalanche will host the 18B.
- Working on mock schedules for the Comp teams.

VP Comp Council, Nate Anderson:

- There were 2 League Games with no refs.
- We need to teach behavior and character. Think there is too much focus on Win and Loss.
- Will be working to recruit youth referees.
- It is not ok to yell at a ref; you would not be able to get away with it at your job.

VP House Council, Lacey Smith:

- Scheduling meeting today.
- Tried to get ahead of the game by sending out Dual Roster Rules. There have been 2 Associations request that were approved.
- Palmer will host the 16B State Tournament.
- If there are any teams that are not able to come to the scheduling meeting, there is a contact sheet that is sent out.

VP Girls/Women Council, Kirk Payne (Zoom):

- Working with Kristen Wright to work with National Bound teams, still need blackout dates from HCF and Oilers.
- Need help with Selects.
- Working on Team Alaska final dates and how to implement.

VP Adult Council, Verna Giani:

- Working on getting a news letter sent out to associations.

Discipline Committee: No report. Currently vacant, opportunity available

Registrar Report/Hall of Fame, Anna Culley (zoom):

- Update on current numbers there are 6863 (400 more than last year at this time) claimed players so far this season with 2664 adults, 300 18U, 449 16U, 607 14U, 679 12U, 665 10U, 647 8U, 852(increase of 100 more than last year) 6U. This number will increase as associations continue to roster teams and as more adult associations start playing.
- We have 78 youth teams submitted in the portal currently.
- A reminder that all coaches and managers should be reviewing their 1T's as soon as they get them for accuracy of players and staff.
- There are still lots of questions about dual rostering, the online version of the handbook has the current language of rule 2.4, please refer to that for guidance. As a reminder, a youth player playing in the comp divisions, whether it is Tier I/II or M/M, they can not dual roster on an A or B team.
- Thank you to all the registrar's working to make sure players are claimed and teams are rostered.
- Hall of Fame: Darryl reported that it was September 10th at the Captain Cook and about 120 people were there. When it came to Brian Swanson, he invited his parents to come up and said this would not be possible without them.
 - Hall of Fame Committee needs input from everyone for nominees in each category.

Referee In Chief, Josh Ellis:

- Very short list of officials right now.
- Trying to get some new recruits.

- Work on a better game rapport with coaches and off-ice officials.

Coach in Chief, Rick Trupp: no report

Jr. Hockey, Jack Tragis: no report.

SafeSport Coordinator, Gina Hoke (Zoom):

- Nothing new to report.

Alaska ADM Coordinator, Kirk Kullberg: no report.

Goal Tender Coordinator, Chris Kamal:

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Board Member Comments:

- Darryl says now is the time to implement changes like a Seeding Tournament.
- Clint Lancaster says organizations are not self-policing. We need to have seeding tournaments at the 10 and 12 Minor/Majors
- Travis Frisk help the entire Board to understand the needs of the Comp Council so that what Comp Council decisions are not voted down by the entire ASHA Board.
- Kirk Payne mentioned that we should look at complete board structure change.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am. The next meeting will be on December 10, 2022 at 10:00 am at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage. Call in and Zoom options will also be available.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hammingh
ASHA Secretary