

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting  
April 24, 2021 - via Zoom

Members present: Anna Culley, Joe Barth, Justin Marcum, Scott Sivulich, Merit Waldrop, Jason Dinneen, Theresa Austin, Bruce Haas, Brandon Harker, Ben Roth, Nathan Norton, Renee Loree, Teala Lund, Debbie Glover (alt.), Jennifer Hunter (alt.), Melissa Casey (alt.), Ron Stadem, Mandy Reale, Annetta Powell, John Stenehjem, Kerry Hafele, Gina Hoke, Scott Vockeroth

Members excused: Jessica Horn, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Keith Morris

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Nikki Garcia, Jim Newhouse, Ron Gray, Kevin Fitzgerald, Kirk Payne, Lacey Smith, Carol Hammingh

Officers excused: Matt Shasby

Visitors present: Jenna Redford-McPhail, Jamie Larsen

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members:

Justin Marcum	Alaska All Stars
Scott Sivulich	Alaska Hockey Officials
Merit Waldrop	Alaska Oilers
Theresa Austin	Anchorage Hockey Association
Kerry Hafele	Arctic Lions
Brandon Harker	Challenge Alaska
Gina Hoke	Copper River Hockey Club
Ben Roth	Hockey Club Fairbanks
Scott Vockeroth	Hockey Club Fairbanks
Renee Loree	Juneau Douglas Ice Association
Jenna Redford-McPhail	Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association
Melissa Casey	Mustang Hockey Association
Bruce Haas	Northern Alaska Hockey Association
Ron Stadem	Pioneer Amateur Hockey Association
Mandy Reale	Scotty Gomez Hockey Association
Annetta Powell	South Anchorage Hockey Association
Keith Morris	South Anchorage Hockey Association
John Stenehjem	Subway Adult League
Sally Wright	Subway Adult League
Carrie Jokiel	Subway Adult League

- Roll call was done.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The January 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard:

Kris Knauss, USA Hockey Director, Chairman of USA Hockey Pacific District Board of Directors

- There were several date changes for the season, and they are working to get the tournaments back to the 2021 initial locations.
- Boys Camp for 15,16, 17 Selects will be May 6-9 in Las Vegas, Girls Camp for 14, 15, 16, 17 will be in Henderson the same weekend.
- The World U18 will be held in Dallas April 26-May 6.
- The World Women's Championships were cancelled by the host, Canada, and there was not an alternative venue.
- The executive committee of USA Hockey voted to increase the tournament fee from \$50 to \$250. There was no support to raise membership fees by \$6-\$9.

Wayne Sawchuk, USA Hockey District Director

- The 14 Western Regional High Performance Multi-District Camp will be held in Dallas July 20-24.

Elections:

Seats up for election are: Secretary, Vice President House/Recreational Committee, Vice President Player Development, Vice President Girls and Women, and Vice President Tournaments

VP House/Recreational, VP Player Development, and VP Tournaments seats are uncontested. Secretary nominees are Jaime Larsen, Melissa Casey, and Gina Hoke. VP Girls and Women nominees are the incumbent, Kirk Payne, and Tami Miller.

Voting was done via Google Docs and a link was sent by Anna Culley to all voting members.

The slate of 2021-2022 officers is the following:

Secretary – Jamie Larsen

VP Player Development – Matt Shasby

VP Tournaments – Carol Hammingh

VP House/Recreational – Lacey Smith

VP Girls/Womens – Kirk Payne

President's Report:

- Darryl discussed the district locations, and they will try to keep them the same as was originally set for 20-21, Fairbanks for the girls and Irvine for the Youth.
- USA Hockey is looking for an affiliate growth leader to work with Kevin Erlenbach to participate in summits and to get information from other affiliates about growing the game.
- Darryl discussed the effects of COVID on hockey numbers and games and thanked the board for all the extra work that had to be done.

#### Finance:

- Jim Newhouse went over the financials with the board.

#### VP Tournaments:

- Carol thanked the local tournament directors for the work they did this season, the valley associations for giving up ice for state tournaments, the referees for working short staffed, Brian Horschel for heading the Tourney Machine app, and Justin Marcum with his help with the schedules.
- History was made in Alaska:
  - The 10B state tournament was decided in the seventh period where the Jr. Avalanche defeated South Anchorage in a 2-1 game.
  - Tok hosted their first ever state tournament for the 18As
- A motion was made to table state tournament dates and hosts. House and Comp Council have a June 1 deadline to provide to Carol where they want tournaments held. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### VP Comp Council:

- Kevin reported Tier I coaches have been selected:
  - 14s will be coached by Matt Shasby and Merit Waldrop
  - 15s will be coached by Jeff Carlson and Brian Swanson
  - 16s will be coached by Matt Thompson
  - 18s will be coached by Graham McManamin
- Kevin announced Carol Hammingh has stepped down as the Tier I Coordinator and thanked her for her service. Comp Council is looking to fill the vacant Tier I Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Comp Council is also looking to fill two division coordinator positions for the 10s and 12s.
- Kevin requested information from organizations as to who their comp council representatives will be for the handbook and his own information.

#### VP House Council:

- House had a successful season even with the COVID restrictions in place.
- There were some double rostering complaints, but Lacey reminded the associations that this is something that is voted on.

#### VP Girls/Women Council:

- Kirk thanked everyone for their support for the election.
- Kirk reported on Tier I allocations: They allocated 14U Tier I girls to the North Stars, 19U Tier I to the All Stars, and 16U Tier I to the All Stars.
- Tryout dates for Tier I cannot be before June 1 and Tier II tryouts cannot be before June 14.

#### VP Adult Council:

- Ron congratulated to all the teams that made it to districts and nationals and reported it is all quiet in the Adult front.

VP Player Development: No report. Excused for attendance at the Seawolf Fundraiser.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- Anna thanked all of the registrars for their work during this challenging season.
- For the 20-21 season there were 4,294 youth players, 2,345 adults, 683 coaches, and 731 managers and volunteers in Alaska.
- There were 1700 less adult and youth players this year; the biggest decline was for the 6U players. Coaches were down by 75 and manager and volunteer numbers were almost identical.
- There were 21 invitational tournaments planned or held, which was down by 50%.
- Anna will hold Fall Zoom trainings for all registrars and Zoom training for associations, especially national bound teams, to go over credentialing. Darryl asked if she would also include scoresheet training as well.
- Anna asked all associations to let her know who their registrars will be for the new season.

Hall of Fame Committee:

- Hall of Fame has been moved to the August meeting

Referee in Chief: No report.

Coach in Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report. Excused for attendance at the Seawolf Fundraiser.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report. Excused for attendance at the Seawolf Fundraiser.

Old Business:

- COVID-19 Update: Anna read three proposed changes for ASHACOVID policies:
  - ASHA will update this policy to address guideline changes made by the CDC in reference to mask wearing, vaccines and social distancing.
  - If a person has been fully vaccinated from Covid-19 and they are determined to be a close contact of a positive Covid case, they must refrain from hockey activities if they show symptoms at which time, they must follow all ASHA/CDC guidelines for quarantining and return to

activity. If they are not exhibiting any symptoms, then they are not required to quarantine and can return to activities.

- If rink/local policy allows, teams may use locker rooms for dressing and undressing. Teams may only enter 15 minutes before their ice time and must exit the building 15 minutes after their ice session ends. NO showers are permitted. Masks are required off ice while in the rink, including locker rooms.

A motion was made to adopt the changes. The motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. The motion passed.

#### New Business:

- Justin Marcum made a motion to fund an administrative grant request of \$10,500 - \$1,500 per team to cover National Entry fee for 7 of the national bound teams (Team Alaska 15U already received a block grant). The motion was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to renew the website data contract (\$5,250) and to renew the website maintenance contract (\$2,250). The motion was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to approve next season's Megan Room schedule:

#### ASHA Board Meetings:

Saturday, July 17th, 2021, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday, August 21st, 2021, 11:00am-2:00pm  
Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday, December 4, 2021, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday, January 29, 2022, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday, April 23, 2022, 10:00am-12:00pm

#### ASHA Comp Council Standing Meetings:

Saturday, July 17th, 2021, 8:00am-10:00am  
Saturday, October 9, 2021, 8:00am-10:00am  
Saturday, December 4, 2021, 8:00am-10:00am  
Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:00am-10:00am  
Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00am-10:00am

#### Comp Scheduling Meetings:

Friday, August 21, 2021, 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Saturday, August 22, 2021, 8:00am-11:00am

#### House Scheduling Meeting:

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 1:00pm, 6:00pm

#### ASHA 2021 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony:

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Saturday, April 23, 2022, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Location for all meetings:  
Megan's Room: 6591 A Street, 1st Floor, Anchorage, AK

The motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Mandy Reale congratulated West High Alumni for winning their first high school alumni tournament. Also, on Sept. 11, the Scotty Gomez Foundation is partnering with Skinny Raven to host the fundraiser, The Scotty Gomez 5K. The Pond Hockey Classic dates (to be held in late Feb.) will be announced at the July meeting.
- Jason Dinneen gave a shout out to Edwin Blair an Anchorage Skate Club for the work they did at the rinks this year.
- Debbie Glover thanked the valley for their work to make the state hockey tournaments successful.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 17, 2021, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Anchorage or via Zoom if mandated.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Garcia  
ASHA Secretary