

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting  
April 25, 2020 - via Zoom

Members present electronically: Kirk Kullberg, Anna Culley, Justin Marcum, Rick Trupp, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Jason Witt (alt.), Ron Stadem, Andrew Good, Annetta Powell, Keith Morris, Jack Tragis, Mandy Reale, Travis Frisk, Jason Dinneen, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Brandon Harker, Eric Simmons, Mike Schachle, Dave Bartlett, Teala Lund, Jessica Horn, Brandon Harker, Scott Vockeroth, Kerry Hafele, Merit Waldrop, Travis Frisk, Jason Dinneen, Theresa Austin, Scott Sivulich, Mike Moeglein

Members excused: None

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

Officers excused: None

Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Roll call was done.
- ASHA acknowledged Nolan Nicholas, winner of the Senior Class Award at UAA and Jeremy Swayman of Anchorage, winner of the Mike Richter Award and runner-up for the Hobey Baker Award.
- Anna Culley announced the board positions up for election with all incumbents running. For President, Darryl Thompson Travis Frisk; for Treasurer, Jim Newhouse; for VP Comp Council, Kevin Fitzgerald; and for VP Adults, Ron Grey. There were no nominations from the floor and the incumbents will remain in their seats. A ballot was emailed to the ASHA board with a cutoff of 3:00 pm, April 25. Travis Frisk and Darryl Thompson addressed the board.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard: Kriss Knauss, USA Hockey Pacific District Chairman

Kriss Knauss:

- The normal revenue streams from the memberships have slowed due to the pandemic.
- The Annual Congress was cancelled and will be held virtually.
- At the District level, the Youth Player Development Camp, the Boy's Camp in Las Vegas, the Girl's Multi-District Camp in Colorado Springs, and the Multi-District Western Regional High Performance 14 Camp are cancelled.

- At the National level, the World 18s and Women's World have been cancelled. USA Hockey is moving to cancel the Select 15 National Festival but looking to do a Select 16 and Select 17 National Camp in July with a third of the regular 240 players. The Girl's 18 Camp will continue, with the rest of the Girl's Camps cancelled.
- Youth Council has moved the National Tournament dates a week up next year. 2021 District Championship dates for Girls Tier I/Tier 2 will be Feb. 18-21 and Youth Tier I will Feb. 25-28 with locations TDB.
- Kriss spoke with the Mayor Berkowitz regarding the five Anchorage municipal facilities that have been used for homeless shelters. The mayor challenged the hockey community to come up with solutions for the homeless community.
- Kriss thanked PD Mendoza for keeping the kids engaged in the AK Goaltenders and Rick Trupp for keeping the coaches engaged in the Coaches Corners.
- USA Hockey is predicting a 3-5% decline in membership this year; there may be program cuts.
- Joey Merrick discussed his conversation regarding the rinks with Mayor Berkowitz. Dempsey will be turned over completely in the near future, Sullivan is projected to be turned over by July 1, and Ben Boeke by August. Darryl asked Joey along with Tim Bateman to head an ad hoc committee.

#### President's Report:

- The NCSI is live on the website for the national background screening. People who are screened through the 2021 season do not need to be screened again. This is a bi-annual screen.
- Darryl thanked the tier programs and the Comp Council for coming together and making one Tier I program. The girls were congratulated; each level won was an Alaskan team.

#### Finance:

- Jim Newhouse went over the financials with the board.
- The financials were approved as presented.

#### VP Tournaments:

- Carol thanked the Curtis D. Mernard Memorial Sports Center for staying open for 16 & 18 championship games for state tournaments.
- 38 teams that encompassed the 12UB, 14UA, 12U Minor, and 12U Major whose State Tournaments were cancelled, refund checks have been mailed to the associations.
- If the House Council and Comp Council can meet and send their hosts for the 2021 State Tournaments by May 30, Carol can begin to set up the dates.

#### VP Comp Council:

- Tier I tryouts are currently scheduled for the end of May.
- A Comp Council meeting is scheduled for May 16.
- Coach selections have been selected.

VP House Council:

- A first read was sent out to remove the no checking at the 14UA and older levels.

VP Girls/Women Council:

- The Girls/Women's Council allocated a Tier 1 16 team for next year.
- Tryouts are suspended, new dates TBD.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development:

- 13/14 High Performance Camp was cancelled.
- Billy Crumm was contacted to provide online off-ice workouts. They have been uploaded to the ASHA website.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- 2019-20 season there were 4,440 youth players, 3,918 adult players, 728 coaches, and 731 managers and volunteers. Youth player breakdown: 241 18U, 481 16U, 619 14U, 663 12U, 117 10U, 700 8U, 1,019 6U.
- There were 18 adult invitational tournaments and 24 youth invitational tournaments.
- There were 175 dual rostered players in Alaska, some were on teams outside of Alaska.
- A list will be sent out for coaches who received temporary coaching waivers for the 2019-20 season. They must attend the certification classes they need to be on the ice with any team or association.

Hall of Fame Committee:

- The committee has selected the inductees for the year. The ceremony was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Referee-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey:

- Draft to be done via Zoom. There will be no tryout camps due to the virus.
- Fairbanks did well this season although the season ended abruptly and the team lost money because there were no playoff games. There is no information regarding Kenai's finances for the long term.
- There was discussion to bring a third team to Alaska, however the pandemic has made this difficult financially for the 2020-21 season.

SafeSport Coordinator:

- Local affiliates are handling their incidents' well, but they are encouraged to report all incidents with the SafeSport Coordinator.
- Andrew reminded anyone involved with USA Hockey to not participate alone in Zoom, Skype, and FaceTime videos with their players; it is a SafeSport violation.
- Andrew thanked Carol for helping with scoresheets. He will offer Zoom trainings for the affiliates to instruct them how to correctly fill out scoresheets.

Alaska ADM Coordinator:

- The Sully Showdown was a success; over 40 teams and over 400 players participated.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report.

Coach-in-Chief:

- A new curriculum will be out for Level 1 and 2 this year.
- Dave Cruz has put up webinars on YouTube.

Old Business:

- Todd Bethard addressed the board regarding the proposed Team Alaska U13 team. He asked that Team Alaska extend to the U13 level. A motion to take this up with the comp council was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business:

- The board heard from Hockey Club Alaska, a new association asking for approval to join ASHA. A motion was made to approve them as an associate within our affiliate with USA Hockey and seconded. The floor was opened for discussion and questions. Discussion clarified the board is voting on whether they meet the eligibility requirements. The motion passed.  
A motion was made to table their application for comp teams until the Comp Council has formally weighed in and makes a recommendation to the ASHA board. The motion was seconded and passed.
- A motion to address the proposed bylaw change for appeals was made and seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. A motion was made to amend the bylaws to create the authority to set up a discipline appeals committee. The motion passed.
- A motion to table the tournament hosts designation was seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. The motion passed.
- A motion to renew the website date and maintenance contracts was seconded and approved.
- A motion to approve the proposed 2020-21 Board Meeting Dates and Locations was made; after discussions, an amendment was made and seconded to change the dates to accommodate the Termination Dust Tournament. The motion passed.
- Joey Merrick will chair the Anchorage Ice Subcommittee.

Board Member Comments:

- Carol mentioned Kevin was looking for division coordinators for next year for 10U-18U comp.
- Scott reminded everyone to keep recruiting for new officials.
- The Gomez Foundation thanked everyone for the support for the Pond Hockey Tournament; a record 122 teams participated. The tournament will be moved to the third weekend in February going forward.
- Anna reminded everyone to keep voting for ASHA election.
- 2020-21 SafeSport agreements for all affiliates will be due to Anna before the association's portal will be sent out. They will be sent out via email and due before the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 11, 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