

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
July 17, 2010

Members present: Darryl Thompson, Kathy Merrick, Carol Hammingh, Rob Snelson, Annetta Powell, Su Flanders, Pat McDonald, Joan Hancock, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Keith Berrian, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Tom Fisher, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, John Stenehjem, Sally Wright, John Robertson, Kris Knauss, Matt Shasby (alt.), Brian Gross (alt.), Linda Colang (alt.), Keith Martin (alt.) and Mike Laflamme (alt.).

Officers present: Cullen Wallace, Brenda Luthi, Keith Berrian, Rosalie Nadeau, Kim Rupp, Anna Culley and Lisa McPheters.

USA Hockey Officials present: Dan Rogness and Joe Barth.

Members excused: Dennis Sorenson, Becky Silves, Lynn Thompson, Scott Hulse, Rich Brister, Corey Millen and Chip Conroy.

Visitors present: Christy Hickel, Bailey Wright, Kayla Haus, Brett Haus, Abby Graham, Marianne Kristiansen, Rachel Russell, Tori Hickel, Dave McCrary, Mackenzie Bowden, Randy Zarnke, Joe Dahl, Robert Walker and Vladi Novak.

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President.

Seating of Board Members:

Subway Adult League	John Stenehjem
Subway Adult League	Sally Wright
Ben Boeke Adult League	Kris Knauss

Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved as presented with one addition.

The minutes of the April 17, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be Heard:

Joe Dahl, Alaska All Stars Pee Wee Tier I coach, asked the board to consider allowing the Pee Wee Tier I teams to be included in the Bantam Tier II scheduling. There are only going to be two Pee Wee Tier I teams this year, and they need more competition. They will travel to the Bantam Tier II team locations to play. Last year this situation worked well.

Mary Gasperlin, a representative of US Travel and hockey mom, presented information regarding group travel and passed around information. (see attached)

New Associations:

Cullen presented two new associations for membership into ASHA – Alaska Girls/Women Hockey Association and the Fairbanks Hockey Hall of Fame.

Linda Colang spoke on behalf of AGWHA, and she explained that there was an amicable split from FAHA. Wayne Sawchuk moved and Darryl Thompson seconded to admit AGWHA into ASHA. The vote was unanimous.

Randy Zarnke spoke for Fairbanks Hall of Fame. He stated that they have induction ceremonies for the Hall of Fame at the Big Dipper Ice Arena, and host an annual Hockey Weekend in Fairbanks. They don't really field teams to participate in the Alaska or House Leagues. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Annetta Powell seconded to admit FHHF into ASHA. The vote was unanimous.

President's report: Cullen Wallace reported that the National and District tournaments have been moved up a week for 2011. The following are the dates and sites of District Tournaments:

Feb. 25-27	Women's	San Diego
March 3-6	Girls	Anaheim
March 3-6	Youth U-12	San Jose
March 3-6	Youth U-14	San Jose
March 3-6	Youth U-16	Anchorage (SCAHA)
March 3-6	Youth U-18	Anchorage (SCAHA)

The District Meeting was uneventful. There is still block grant money available. Please apply and bring your request to the board if you are interested. Cullen has more details.

Finance report: no report

VP Tournaments: Lisa McPheters reported that the 2010 state tournaments went well. She recognized all associations that were hosts. A big thank you went to all!! Palmer Hockey Association and Mustang Hockey Association went above and beyond in their tournament host duties. A change was made to the 2011 tournament hosts in that the Arctic Lions will host the U-16 Tier II instead of Homer, due to ice rink capabilities. Lisa McPheters was thanked for all of her hard work with the tournaments. (see attached)

VP Comp: Rosalie Nadeau reported that they met before the ASHA meeting. Palmer Hockey wants to field three comp teams this upcoming season – U-14 girls, Pee Wee Tier II and Bantam Tier II. The Comp Council voted to support them. They discussed the Pee Wee Tier I teams playing the Bantam Tier II teams. The Comp Council thought it would work if the Pee Wee Tier I teams could play two games with each Bantam Tier II team, but not force the Bantam teams to travel. The Pee Wee Tier I teams could schedule with Bantam Tier II teams at the scheduling meeting after the Bantam Tier II teams have

scheduled their league games. They Comp Council also discussed the issue of one comp team getting commitments from players in writing when try-outs are not to be held until August 1, 2010. They voted that this was seen as a violation, but they needed a clear definition of try-outs. Jack Tragis will chair a committee to clarify the August 1<sup>st</sup> rule and report back to the Comp Council and the ASHA Board.

VP House: Anna Culley reported that they worked on the handbook revisions.

VP Girls/Women: Kim Rupp reported that they had worked on handbook revisions.

VP Adult: Keith Berrian reported that the Labatt's Tournament in Anchorage had 80 teams and went very well.

Discipline: no report.

Associate Risk Manager: Brenda Luthi reported for Suzy Coronel that she has not received the Certificate of Insurance request form from USA Hockey yet. She also said that Suzy would like for COI requests and requests for off-ice fundraiser sanctions go through her first, not directly to USA Hockey. Otherwise, she is not able to keep track and follow up on their requests.

Registrar: Dan Rogness reported that the proposal to do without U-12 national tournaments passed starting in two years. He also said that some states do only cross-ice for mites. Bruce Urban is now the Director-At-Large. Registration numbers are attached.

Referee-in-Chief: Joe Barth discussed the possible changes in regard to the independent contractor issues with the state. Attached please find the report Chris Milles sent to Alaska USAH Officials regarding Alaska District Seminars.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp is now Alaska's official CIC. Matt Shasby reported for Rick that the Level IV Clinic will be held in Fairbanks August 6-8. More registrations are needed to make it cost effective.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that the Ice Dogs had a good run at Nationals. From this past year's team, 16 players now have college commitments, with 13 of those being Division I. The West Division of the NAHL has added two teams – Dawson Creek and Fresno. Several teams from the CHL have gone from minor pro to Junior A.

Old Business: Casey Jorgenson won the election for District Director for our district.

New Business: Cullen Wallace discussed our corporate resolution. The paperwork for this is overdue, so Joe Newhouse will be the registered agent. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Annetta Powell seconded to make this happen as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

John Robertson from Palmer Hockey Association would like to get permission to field three comp teams this upcoming season. They would like to field a U-14 girls, U-12 youth and a U-14 youth team at the Tier II level. They have been an association for six years and have only had house teams up to this point. They have Level IV coaches. Wayne Sawchuk moved and Kris Knauss seconded to allow PHA to field these three comp teams. The motion passed.

Cullen Wallace discussed the background on the commitment letter issue with SCAHA. Players were signing letter of intent and paying money before August 1, which is the first day allowed for try-outs. Matt Shasby moved and Tom Fisher seconded that these commitment letters were not OK. Discussion followed. Brian Gross made a friendly amendment that the commitment letters were not OK, and that the money be returned to the players and they were to notify everyone that try-outs could not begin until August 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion passed 20-8.

Handbook changes were handled by Rosalie Nadeau. She went over each change individually for explanations. Discussion followed. Rosalie moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the handbook changes as presented with the exception of four items that would be voted on separately. The motion passed unanimously.

The first handbook change (pages 45-48) was changed so that it had the word RECOMMENDED in caps, and would read “refer to USA Hockey” instead of much of the wording in regards to recreational tournaments. Discussion followed. Annetta Powell moved and John Robertson seconded to accept the handbook change as amended. The motion passed.

The second handbook change (page 48) was in regard to the number of qualifying games for state tournaments. Discussion followed. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Annetta Powell seconded to not accept this change. The motion passed.

The third handbook change (pages 108-109) was in regard to adding an executive committee that could act for the Board between meetings. Also, the Board terms would be changed to two years with an even and odd year election scheme. Darryl Thompson moved and Kris Knauss seconded to accept the changes. Darryl then added a friendly amendment which added the wording “Seven of the nine members of the executive committee must be present to have a quorum. The majority will be of the entire committee not of the members present.” The motion passed.

The fourth handbook change (page 92) was in regard to changes in the Girls/Women section and players who play outside of the state. Kim Rupp moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept this change. Discussion followed. The motion failed and the rule was defeated.

#### Board Member Comments:

Rosalie Nadeau commented that several Alaskan players did well at the Selects Tournaments.

Anna Culley would like the house council representative names as soon as they are known.

Lisa McPheters needs the tournament director names and information from hosting associations for the 2011 state tournaments.

Darryl Thompson commented that the Firebirds are hosting the Midnight Sun Hockey Clinic July 26-30.

Ted Barton gave a big thanks to Kim Rupp for her work with the Girls/Women.

Brenda Luthi gave a reminder that each association needs to send her their list of officers for the 2010-2011 season, along with their current handbook.

Cullen Wallace expressed appreciation for the support given to him from the Board. He also reminded everyone to be civil and agree to disagree in emails. We are all volunteers.

The next meeting will be August 28, 2010 following the scheduling meeting, approximately 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary