

Alaska State Hockey Association
Annual Board Meeting
April 17, 2010

Members present: Corey Millen, Darryl Thompson, Dean Karcz, Kathy Merrick, Carol Hammingh, Rich Brister, Rob Snelson, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Pat McDonald, Keith Martin, Kim Griffith, Lynn Thompson, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Keith Berrian, Rick Eckert, Becky Silves, John Robertson, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, Diane Firmani (alt) and Desi Baker (alt).

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

USA Hockey Officials present: Joe Doyle, Courtney Welch, Dan Rogness, Rick Trupp, Chris Milles, Mark Brooks and John Jolly.

Members excused: Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Scott Hulse, John Stenehjem and Sally Wright.

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

Seating of Board Members:

NAHA	Tom Fisher
Fairbanks Ice Dogs	Jack Tragis
Arctic Lions	Wayne Sawchuk
Boys Girls Club	Pat McDonald
FAHA	Kim Griffith
FAHA	Joan Hancock
FAHA	Janice Bent (alternate)
FAHA	Keith Martin (alternate)
SCAHA	Pete Sloan
Ben Boeke Adult	Annetta Powell
Ben Boeke Adult	Su Flanders
South Anchorage	Keith Morris
MAHA	Dan Massie
MAHA	Diane Firmani (alternate)
KPHA	Ted Barton
KPHA	Desi Baker (alternate)
PAHA	John Robertson
Homer Hockey	Rick Eckert
Jr. Avalanche	Chip Conroy

Alaska Firebirds	Darryl Thompson
All Stars	Corey Millen
Jr. Aces	Rob Snelson
AHA	Kathy Merrick
AHA	Carol Hammingh
AHA	Dean Karcz
AK Girls/Women	Lynn Thompson
Anchorage Hockey Officials	Rich Brister
MHA	Becky Silves

Special introductions were made for Joe Doyle, USA Hockey with the ADM model and Courtney Welch, USA Hockey with program services. Introductions were made of all present.

Election of officers:

The slate of nominations were presented. Tom Fisher moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to close the nominations. The following slate of At-Large Board members were voted in unanimously:

President	Cullen Wallace
Secretary	Brenda Luthi
Treasurer	Joe Newhouse
VP Development	Dennis Sorenson
VP Tournaments	Lisa McPheters
VP House	Anna Culley
VP Comp	Rosalie Nadeau
VP Adult	Keith Berrian
VP Girls/Women	Kim Rupp

Courtney Welch, the manager of Program Services with USA Hockey, gave a presentation on the many programs that USA Hockey offers. There are a variety of programs available such as: Tape-to-Tape Newsletter, Hockey Weekend Across America, Grassroots Marketing, Retention Phone Call Program, American Development Model, Two and Two Challenge, and many others. Courtney can be reached by phone at 719-538-1118 or by email at courtneyw@usahockey.org.

Joe Doyle, the manager of the American Development Model at USA Hockey, gave a presentation describing the ADM. It is an age appropriate hockey experience with the focus being on players 8 and under. Hockey needs to be fun, develop skills, ice utilization and a healthy dose of competitive hockey. The Red, White and Blue Hockey pamphlets will be coming out soon which describe the 8 and Under Cross Ice practices. Joe can be reached at joed@usahockey.org.

The agenda was approved with no changes. The minutes were approved as presented. One piece of correspondence was passed around for members to see.

President's Report: Cullen Wallace reported that the teams did well at the National Tournaments. The outcome of the District Election, of which Cullen is running for the Pacific District Director position, won't be known until May. There is a possibility that Cullen could stay on as Alaska President until our election next April and begin his term as District Director at the same time.

He asked everyone to start sending any handbook changes to Brenda Luthi no later than June 10th. Cullen feels like the 2009-2010 season went well. There were some bugs in the state tournaments, but they were ironed out. He also asked us to think seriously about changes we pass to put in the handbook.

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse presented and discussed the financial statements. Wayne Sawchuk moved and Rich Brister seconded to keep a maximum of \$5000.00 in the referee development fund and move any leftovers to the general fund by August 31st of each year. The motion passed unanimously.

VP Tournaments: Cullen Wallace asked to hold off on approving the Comp tournament hosts until the July ASHA meeting.

VP Comp: Rosalie Nadeau presented her report (see attached). Rosalie moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the 2011 comp tournament hosts with a caveat that the VP Tournament can present any changes at the July meeting. The motion passed.

VP House: Anna Culley reported that the house state tournaments went well. Anna moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the 2011 recreational state tournament hosts with a caveat that the VP Tournament can present any changes at the July meeting. The motion passed.

Mite C	Jr. Avalanche
Squirt C	Palmer
Squirt D	Mighty Moose
PeeWee C	FAHA
PeeWee D	FAHA
Bantam C	KPHA
Bantam D	Boys & Girls Club
U16 C	Mighty Moose
U16 D	AHA
U18 C	Mustangs

The House Council Report is attached.

VP Girls/Women: Kim Rupp gave her report – see attached.

VP Adult: Keith Berrian reported that the season is wrapping up except for tournaments. The LaBatt's Hockey Tournament in Anchorage is the largest USA Hockey adult tournament in the country.

VP Player Development: Dennis Sorenson reported that the Select Camps for 95 and 96 birth years will be held next weekend in Kent, WA. The Select Camps for 93 and 94 birth years will be held in Kent, WA April 29-May 1. All dates are on the website for Pacific and National Camps.

The Alaska Select Try-outs will be held December 18-20, 2010 at Ben Boeke. Pointstreak is updated and going well. Dennis would like for us to promote the ADM and Mite hockey. He expressed concerns about spring hockey leagues that are not sanctioned by USA Hockey. Parents may not be aware that there is no USA Hockey insurance coverage if the event is not sanctioned by USA Hockey.

Discipline Report: John Jolly presented his report (see attached). Also, we want to thank Mr. Jolly for coming in from Yakutat to attend.

District Director: Dan Rogness reported that the ballots for District Director came out on April 1st and are due April 30th. Of the 42 associations, only 6 have voted. We need to remind associations to vote. The results will be presented at their May 15 meeting. 2011 tournament hosts are needed. If your association is interested, please let Dan know by May 10th.

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles presented his report (see attached).

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that a new CEP curriculum is being discussed. The dates for the coaching clinics will be online in a month or so. They have had several coaching waiver requests before the state tournaments this year. Please remember that December 31st is the deadline each year. The Level IV Coaching Clinic will be held in Fairbanks August 6-8, 2010. Rick Trupp and Mark Brooks can be reached at by email at alaskacic@yahoo.com.

Jr. Hockey Report: Jack Tragis reported that our division has added two new teams for the upcoming season in Fresno, CA and Dawson Creek, BC. That means there will be 6 teams in our division now instead of 4.

Old Business:

Rosalie Nadeau moved and Pete Sloan seconded to pass the By-Law Proposal that was presented at the previous ASHA Board Meeting. Discussion followed and the motion failed.

New Business:

Rosalie Nadeau moved and Pat McDonald seconded to accept the dates for the ASHA meetings for the 2010-2011 season.

July 17, 2010	Coast Inn	10:00
August 28, 2010	Handshew	TBA (following the scheduling)
(August 27, 2010 will be the first half of the scheduling meeting)		
November 13, 2010	Coast Inn	10:00
January 8, 2011	Coast Inn	10:00
February 5, 2011	Coast Inn	10:00
April 16, 2011	Coast Inn	10:00 (Annual Meeting)

Board Member Comments:

Rosalie Nadeau commented that Kim Rupp's daughter played in the championship game at Nationals this year.

Anna Culley gave a thanks to the House Council members for their work this year.

Rich Brister commented that AHO officials will not referee non-sanctioned games.

Courtney Welch asked members to turn in their USA Hockey 2 on 2 Challenge slips.

Dennis Sorenson commented that we need to remember the rules in our handbook and the USA Hockey books are REAL, and we need to obey them.

Brenda Luthi reminded members that with the start of a new season, she needs a list of your board of directors and a website where your By-Laws can be found.

Cullen Wallace gave a thank you to Jack Tragis for serving as the nominations chair. He was also approached by someone who is interested in doing a hockey mom reality show. If anyone is interested, let Cullen know.

The next meeting will be July 17, 2010, at 10:00 at the Coast Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary