

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
January 9, 2010

Members present: Corey Millen, Brian Graff, Todd Green, Rich Brister, Rob Snelson, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Pat McDonald, Scott Hulse, Lynn Thompson, Jack Tragis, Ted Barton, Becky Silves, Tom Fisher, John Robertson, Sally Wright, Chris Storhok (alt.) and Rob Askew (alt.).

Officers present: Cullen Wallace, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Rosalie Nadeau, Anna Yates-Culley and Lisa McPheters.

USA Hockey official present: Connie Hardwick, Mark Brooks, Chris Milles, Joe Barth and John Jolly.

Members excused: Jace Digel, Keith Martin, Wayne Sawchuk, Keith Berrian, Rick Eckert, Dan Massie, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan and Kim Rupp.

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President. Introductions were made of all present. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the November 7, 2009 ASHA Board Meeting were approved with two corrections. Under New Business, Anna Yates should be Anna Yates-Culley. Also under New Business, Cullen Wallace suggested that all referee associations start collecting money now for future use instead of Chris Milles.

Persons to be heard: Derek Donald is back to Alaska from Washington, and he now works for the University of Alaska Department of Athletics. He is interested in making connections between UAA and youth hockey programs. There are many opportunities available for hockey players and families. Attached is some information regarding some opportunities. Derek's email is [Derek@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:Derek@uaa.alaska.edu).

President's Report: Cullen Wallace will be attending USA Hockey meetings later this month. He will give a full report at the meeting next month. At the meetings, discussion will be held regarding the elimination of the Pee Wee National Tournament. Please let Cullen know how your association feels regarding this matter.

Finance Report: There was no report, but the check was written to settle the case between AHO and the State Department of Labor.

VP Tournaments: Lisa McPheters reported that the date for the PeeWee Tier I State Tournament has been changed to March 2-4, 2010. She also reported that the PeeWee Tier IV State Tournament will now be hosted by Boys & Girls Club with the date remaining the same at March 26-28, 2010. The schedules are attached.

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau reported that the Comp Council met and discussed the state tournaments. Also, discussion was held regarding the upcoming actions that will be needed to treat coaches as employees.

VP House Council: Anna Yates-Culley reported that the recreational programs are up and running.

VP Girls/Women Council: Brenda Luthi read the report from Kim Rupp. The girls' select tryouts went smoothly. There were approximately 25 – 1997 birth year girls that showed up for the seminars and pre-tryout ice session along with the approximately 80 players that registered for the tryouts. Names of those selected have been posted on the girls/women's website. Thank you to John and Sally for their help with the rink arrangements, to Keith Morris, and to all the coaches that generously gave their time on the ice and benches.

Council meeting of 12/10/09: The Girls Rec State Tournament arrangements are progressing – ice is reserved, team registrations are in, and medals and participation gifts are in the process of being ordered. Lisa McPheters has been notified of the dates and number of registered teams. The next Girls Council meeting is set for Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

VP Player Development: Cullen Wallace thanked all of the evaluators who helped with select tryouts. Things went quite smoothly.

Discipline Committee: (see attached) John Jolly presented his report. He commented that a coach or association may write a letter to John and the Discipline Committee regarding discrepancies in disciplinary reports and John can forward them to the appropriate parties if necessary.

District Director: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar's Report: Connie Hardwick reported that there will be discussion regarding birth certificate issues at the USA Hockey meeting this month. She would like feedback from associations and registrars on this issue by the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Mat-Su Valley is the biggest growing area in adult hockey in the state, but they are not registered properly. Travel permits are needed from Connie with a 21-day advance if possible.

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles reported that the referee seminars are completed. There are 414 registered, but only 325 completed. Notification was received from Fairbanks regarding the Department of Labor, and they are working on this issue. The referees are getting ready for the state tournaments, and money is budgeted for travel.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that there were 300 coaches that participated in coaching clinics in Levels 1, 2 and 3. 20 coaching waivers were processed. They are

putting together a Level 4 Coaching Clinic in Fairbanks tentatively scheduled for August 6-8, 2010. Rick will attend the coaching sectionals at the USA Hockey meeting and will share any changes to the coaching education program next meeting. He is wanting to increase the coaching education staff, so if you know of any coaches that might be interested, please contact Rick Trupp or Mark Brooks. At some point, ASHA needs to appoint a Coach-in-Chief. Right now we have Rick Trupp working the Southcentral area and Mike McDonald working the Fairbanks area. Please let Cullen Wallace know if anyone is interested in taking on this position.

ACE Coordinator: Mark Brooks reported that they are working on the coaching clinic schedules for 2010.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragus reported the two teams have been added to the West Division, which is Alaska's division. They are Dawson Creek and Fresno. More changes have been made to other divisions too. The Top Prospect Tournament is next week in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Old Business: None

New Business: Cullen Wallace is running for the position of District Director. There is another candidate running from the Seattle area.

Board Member Comments:

Annetta Powell reminded everyone that state tournament trophies are needed by the February ASHA meeting.

Brian Graff thanked Lisa McPheters for her work on state tournaments.

Rich Brister thanked ASHA for their support of the referees during their financial dealings with the State Department of Labor.

Lisa McPheters said her email address in the guideline book is incorrect. It is [lisa.mcp@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa.mcp@hotmail.com).

Cullen Wallace reminded board members to read the minutes carefully, as they are our historical records of the ASHA board. He also asked if anyone had other options for our meeting locations.

Cullen is running for the USA Hockey Pacific District Director, and he asked us for our support in voting for him. Associations get ballots for members to vote. Each association needs to be proactive to get their members to vote so that Alaska has a voice within USA Hockey. He will get us more information regarding the election after the USA Hockey meetings this month.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2010 at the Coast International Inn at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary