

**Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
April 18, 2009**

Members present: Corey Millen, Darryl Thompson, Jace Digel, Brian Graff, Todd Green, Thomas Huling, Robbie Snelson, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Pat McDonald, Scott Hulse, Suzy Coronel for Lynn Thompson, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragis, Cinda Eckert for Rick Eckert, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mark Koeckritz, John Robertson, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, John Stenehjem, and Sally Wright.

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

USA Hockey Officials present: Lynn Beehler-Urban, Mark Brooks, Dan Rogness, Joe Barth, Chris Milles, John Jolly, and Ken Martel.

The meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Cullen Wallace.

Introductions were made of all present.

Elections of At Large Members was held and the following individuals were elected and assumed offices as identified: Cullen Wallace – President, Brenda Luthi – Secretary, Joe Newhouse – Treasurer, Lisa McPheters – VP Tournaments, Dennis Sorenson – VP Player Development, Anna Yates-Culley – VP Recreational, Rosalie Nadeau – VP Competition, Keith Berrian – VP Adults, Kim Rupp – VP Girls/Women.

USAH Presentation: Ken Martel from the Colorado Springs USA Hockey Office provided about a 45 minute power point presentation on the American Development Program. This is the program that has been discussed at National meetings and at State and Affiliate meeting for approximately a year. USA Hockey now has Ken Martel doing presentations around the Nation to describe and explain the program, the research that has gone into its development, and the goals it represents. As a part of the presentation he answered questions from the members.

Changes/Approval of Agenda: The President added 1) Updating the Logo and Handbook Changes to Old Business, and 2) Hosts for House and Comp State Tournaments and Allowing U-12 Tier I to play in U-14 Tier II League.

The minutes of the February meeting were passed as read.

There were no persons to be heard.

President's Report: Cullen Wallace announced that Freeland Grant applications are available on the District website. Several associations were awarded grants last year. He also indicated that he would be attending the mid-May USA Hockey District meeting and that during that meeting hosts would be named for regional Tier I tournaments. Any

organization interested in hosting a regional tournament needs to notify him no later than May 10. He also told the meeting that National Bound Tier II State Champion teams will go directly to Nationals. He will also be attending the National meeting in June. Finally, the President spoke several minutes about the responsibilities of organizations to address the bad behavior of their teams in tournaments. There was a U-18 House team that created problems at the State Tournament, and everyone appears to be passing the buck on just who is responsible for their behavior.

Treasurer's Report: See attached report. Joe Newhouse reported that not all of the bills are in for State Tournaments, so all hosting organizations need to submit those immediately. He also indicated that the PayPal system worked well this year.

VP Tournaments: Gary Hardwick was absent.

VP Comp: Rosalie Nadeau told the group that the U12 Tier I teams wanted to participate in the U14 Tier II league. That item was moved to new business. She reported that Juneau would have two comp teams, U12 and U14 Tier II, in 2009-2010. She also reported that the Comp Council opposed eliminating the VP Tournament position. She also identified the proposed hosts for the 2010 Comp State Tournaments and that was moved to new business.

VP Recreation: Anna Culley reported that the House Council opposed eliminating the Tournament VP. She also provided the proposed hosts for the 2010 State Tournaments. That item was moved to new business.

VP Player Development: Dennis Sorenson reported that the District Development Camps will be held the last two weekends of April in Kent Washington. Dan Rogness will serve as travel coordinator. There will be some changes this year. Numbers of players will drop from 20 to 18 with the National allocation dropping from 12 teams of 20 to eight teams of 18. That will make the competition for those slots tougher for all players. He also reported that the Alaska Development tryouts will be December 19, 20, and 21.

Discipline Committee: John Jolly's report is attached.

Director at Large: Lynn Beehler-Urban reported that the May District meeting will be a major player development meeting. She stressed that it was important to contact Bruce and let him know what your thoughts are before that meeting. She also said it was important to let Cullen, Dennis, Margo, or herself know your thoughts on changing the Girls District before the May meeting.

Risk Manager: Suzy Coronel stressed that it was important to notify her immediately about any injuries so that there is no slow-up in processing claims.

Registrar: Dan Rogness provided registration numbers in reports that are attached. He also indicated that District tournaments may all be in Seattle.

Referee in Chief: Chris Milles reported that three Alaska referees went to Nationals. One of them refed the championship game for the girls National and the two in the Youth U16 were in championship games.

Joe Barth: Joe reported on the unemployment insurance lawsuit. He reported that the Anchorage Officials settled the claim for \$60,000 with a large down payment and \$4,000 per month payment for the balance. In addition, they have begun treating referees as employees and withholding payment from their checks for unemployment as well as paying the employer portion. He told the Board that AHO can no longer carry teams for any length of time. They do not have the money to do so.

Coach in Chief: Rick Trump has taken over much of the duties and reported that he attended a coaches education meeting the past weekend, that there will be a level 5 session in Minneapolis and that there is a change in the coaches curriculum. The information can be accessed on line.

ACE Coordinator: Mark Brooks reported that he has sent parent education materials out to the various organizations.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis spoke briefly about the Junior program saying the league is good this year with four teams in the West.

Old Business: Logo Update Proposal: Darryl Thompson moved and Pete Sloan seconded the motion to get Stellar Design to come up with a proposed logo update. It passed unanimously.

The President asked everyone to get their proposed handbook changes in to the Secretary by June 1st so the proposals could be presented at the July meeting.

New Business: U12 Tier I to play in U-14 Tier II League. Pat McDonald moved that U12, Tier I teams be allowed to play in the U14 Tier II League with the following conditions: 1) the games would not count for the league, 2) the U12's would play both the home and away games in Fairbanks for the Fairbanks teams, and 3) this would be for this season only. Lisa McPheters seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.

Pete Sloan moved that the Board adopt the House tournament hosts as presented by Anna Culley and attached to this report. Pat McDonald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Brian Graff moved that the Board adopt the Comp tournament hosts as presented by Rosalie Nadeau and attached to this report. Pete Sloan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pete Sloan asked about the starting date for the league because of the new registration date of May 1 with games counting beginning August 1. The President referred that to the Comp Council to address.

Proposed Meeting dates were presented as follows: July 18, 2009; August 28 – 29, 2009 – Board meeting and scheduling meeting; November 14, 2009; January 9, 2010; February 6, 2010, and April 17, 2010. Annetta Powell moved adoption of these dates. It was seconded by Rosalie Nadeau and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2009 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.