

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
July 19, 2008

**Members present:** Brian Graff, Todd Green, Annetta Powell, Pat McDonald, Anna Yates, Wayne Sawchuk, Keith Berrian, John Robertson, Pete Sloan, Cullen Wallace, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Rosalie Nadeau, Mike Walsh, Margo Dreyer, Brian Gross, Kim Rupp (alt.) and Gary Hardwick.

**USA Hockey officials present:** Connie Hardwick, Blasé Burkhart, Mark Brooks and Joe Barth.

**Newly seated members present:** Corey Millen, Jamie Smith, Rick Eckert, Ted Barton, Dan Massie and Mark Koeckritz.

**Visitors present:** Becky Beckett.

President Cullen Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. The following members were seated to the ASHA board:

Jamie Smith	Big Lake dba Jr. Avalanche
Dan Massie	Mat-Su
Mark Koeckritz	Mustang Hockey
Rick Eckert	Homer
Tom Huling	AHO
Ted Barton	KPHA
Corey Millen	All Stars

Introductions were made of all present. The agenda was approved with changes presented. The minutes from the April ASHA meeting were approved as submitted.

**Correspondence:** Cullen passed around a fundraising flyer for any association that might be interested.

**Persons to be heard:** None

**President's Report:** Cullen Wallace presented his reports from the district and national meetings (see attached).

**VP Girls/Women Council:** Margo Dreyer reported that the effort to have the Girls/Women go to council status was defeated at the district meeting. Also, the Women going to the adult status was tabled at the district meeting. AHA will be hosting the Girls' State Tournament March 21-23, 2009.

**Finance:** Joe Newhouse went over the financial statements and answered questions. He also reminded everyone that associations within a 100-mile radius of Anchorage need to send him their annual \$100.00 for travel costs.

**VP Tournaments:** Gary Hardwick passed out the drafted proposed state tournament dates. (see attached)

**VP Comp Council:** Rosalie Nadeau announced that the comp scheduling meetings will be Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Bantams and Midgets) at 6:00 P.M. at Hanshew Jr. High, and Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (Mites, Squirts and PeeWees) at 8:00 A.M. at Hanshew Jr. High. She needs to know the number of teams each association will be fielding this year before August 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, she gave a reminder to not schedule any games prior to the official scheduling meeting. (see attached)

**VP House Council:** Brian Gross reported that the first House Council meeting will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room Denali Towers in the GCI Building at 2550 Denali Street.

**VP Adult Council:** No report.

**VP Player Development:** Cullen reported for Dennis Sorenson that the Select Camps will be held December 20-21 for boys. The girls' camp will be held in January, with time and date to be announced.

**State Registrar:** Connie Hardwick reported that she held a teleconference for the registrars. They discussed the registrar duties and answered questions. Online registration is up and going. Also, tournament costs for USA Hockey will go up to \$50.00 after September 1<sup>st</sup>, but will remain \$25.00 until September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Referee-in-Chief:** Joe Barth reported that the referee seminar dates are on the website. He asked everyone to try not to cut back to a 2-man system in order to cut costs, but try to stick with a 3-man system with the older players. He also asked that as games are scheduled, it would help with travel costs if games could be scheduled together to cut back on traveling time and expense. The final state tournament schedule should be ready by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Coach-in-Chief:** Blasé Burkhart reported that the coaching clinics are listed on the website. He asked associations to check the coaching clinic dates and times before scheduling games so there won't be conflicts. The Level 4 Clinic this year had 43 people in attendance, and the feedback was very positive. In the new handbook this year, the coaching section has all of the information in one place, which should make it easier to follow. Blasé then went over the changes with the board. He reminded everyone to be sure to explain the new icing rule to parents of national bound teams at the beginning of the season meetings.

**ACE Coordinator:** Mark Brooks reminded each association to give him their ACE coordinator names.

**Old Business:**

Blasé Burkhart stated that Harry McDonald will be nominated next year at the annual coach-in-chief meeting in April for the coaching education award.

**Handbook Changes:**

Cullen Wallace asked for the numbers of the handbook change proposals that needed to be discussed individually and board members listed them. Then, Pete Sloan moved and Rosalie Nadeau seconded to accept the remaining proposals as presented. The motion passed.

Proposal #1 – Annetta Powell moved and Mike Walsh seconded to change the word “teams” to “participants”. The motion passed.

Proposal #5 – Rosalie Nadeau moved and Pete Sloan seconded to remove the words “and Invitational”, along with some housekeeping changes. The motion passed.

Proposal #8 – Rosalie Nadeau moved and Pat McDonald seconded to pass this one as presented. Motion passed.

Proposal #13 – Wayne Sawchuk moved and Rosalie Nadeau seconded to add “any player wishing to play at the Tier IV level needs house council approval.” The motion passed.

Proposal #14 – Joe Newhouse moved and Brian Gross seconded to pass this one as presented. Motion passed.

Proposal #15 – Mike Walsh moved and Annetta Powell seconded to add the words “effective 09-10 season.” The motion passed. Discussion followed. John Robertson moved and Mike Walsh seconded a motion to separate the two issues involved in this proposal to Part A and Part B. This motion passed. Mike Walsh moved and Pete Sloan seconded to accept Part A as written. The motion failed. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Mike Walsh seconded to accept Part B as written. This motion failed.

Proposal #18 – Anna Yates moved and Todd Green seconded to accept this as written. The motion passed.

Proposal #20 – Rosalie Nadeau moved and Pete Sloan seconded to add the words “shoot out” to overtime and “Tier I and Tier II”. The motion passed.

Proposal #27 – Brian Graff moved and Rosalie Nadeau seconded to strike out the highlighted section and add the words “All rec girls’ games count”. The motion passed.

Proposal #28F – Anna Yates moved and Rosalie Nadeau seconded to accept this as written. The motion failed.

Proposal #28I – Joe Newhouse moved and Pat McDonald seconded to change the wording on number 1 to read “A Student Coach must complete the USA Hockey’s Coaching Education Program Student Coach Clinic training, presented by the designated association ACE representative.” And number 2 to read “Following completion of Student Coach training, the association ACE representative must provide the Alaska District Coach-In-Chief written verification indicating the team on which the Student Coach is duly registered on as a player, and the team for which he/she is participating as a Student Coach. The Alaska District Coach-In-Chief shall then provide a written letter acknowledging completion of Student Coach training. This acknowledgement letter will serve as the equivalent of a formal Coaching Card, and must be in the Student Coach’s possession during all coaching activities.” The motion passed.

Proposal #28K – Brian Graff moved and Todd Green seconded to change the order of the four paragraphs which make up this proposal. Discussion followed and the order now would be paragraph 1, paragraph 3, paragraph 4 and paragraph 2. The motion passed.

A special thanks was given to Connie and Gary Hardwick for their hard work in the excellent lay-out of the handbook changes. Connie reminded board members to get any changes to their personal information to her by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Screening Policy Changes: Joe Newhouse moved and Todd Green seconded to give the Discipline Committee Chairperson, John Jolly, the authority to suspend a coach who doesn’t get his screening done on time. The motion passed.

### **New Business:**

Joe Barth requested permission to put something in writing regarding the referee travel pay for state and district tournaments. He will then bring it to the next board meeting for approval. Permission was granted.

Connie Hardwick passed around the protest committee guidelines for tournaments. (see attached) Please peruse the guidelines and bring them back for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Board Member Comments:**

Brenda Luthi asked for members to check their contact information on the sign-in sheet.

Rosalie Nadeau needs the Comp Council names from associations.

Kim Rupp stated that the Firebirds are hosting a Midnight Sun Hockey Tournament. Information can be found on their website.

Brian Gross needs the House Council names from associations.

Cullen Wallace reminded everyone that nominations can be given to him for the Dempsey Anderson Award (coach), Pete Anderson Award (referee) and Andy Anderson Award (administration).

The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 at Hanshew Jr. High following the comp scheduling meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary