



PNAHA Annual Winter Meeting

January 9, 2010

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center

201 North Wenatchee

Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 9:18 a.m.

1. Sign-In

- ◆ Sign-in sheets distributed and on official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: PNAHA President – Dru Hammond; 1st PNAHA Vice President – Dave Bittenbender; 2nd PNAHA Vice President - Glen Triner: PNAHA
- ◆ Member Organizations; EYH –; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – Floyd Johnson; PSAHA – Stephani Ebenstiner, SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; TCAHA – Frank Dunn; WAHA – Rob Cline; WCAHA – Doug MacLean; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson, YAHA – Paul Kelley.
- ◆ Member Organizations not represented – MLYHA; PCMH.

2. Introductions

- ◆ Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guests Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director and Joe Dole, USA Hockey ADM Program.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Reading of the September 12, 2009 PNAHA Annual Fall meeting minutes. Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA Vice President) motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Dave Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Katie Kusske

- ◆ In Katie Kusske's (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) absence, Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) presented copies and reviewed the September through December 2009 Treasurer's Report which covers September 1 through December 31, 2009 to the PNAHA Board of Directors. The balance as of December 31, 2009 is \$60,814.45. Motion [*to approve the September through December 31, 2009 Treasurer's Report*] by Floyd Johnson (KCAH), seconded by Stephani Ebenstiner (PSAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Special Guests – Donna Kaufman and Joe Doyle

- ◆ Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director). The District declaration of Tier I and Tier II team's deadline has been changed from December 1 to October 1 annually. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked all association Presidents to let her know how many teams are at the Tier I and II levels with the coaches' name, address, e-mail and phone numbers. Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director) reviewed the dates for Nationals. Tier II Nationals will be April 7-11, 2010. Tier I Youth is March 18-21, 2010 and will be held in San Jose California, Tier I and Tier II Girls is March 18-21, 2010 also being held in San Jose California. The District fee for teams is going to be \$1,000.00.
- ◆ Joe Doyle (USA Hockey ADM Regional Manager) is attending to discuss USA Hockey's American Developmental Model (ADM) Program. Mr. Doyle will not be in attendance until approximately 10:00 a.m. due to presenting the model in Seattle the previous night.

6. Officer's Reports

◆ Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

- **State Development Camp Information:** 2010 PNAHA State Development Camp will be held January 29-31, 2010. The location is set to be in Wenatchee again. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded everyone that the player development camp is just around the corner. There is only a limited number of spots and due to the interest in the camp, Rob reminded the associations to get their top end players to register otherwise they may not get a spot. Due to the number of registrations, registration for the camp may need to be closed early. Rob requested the associations to identify any individuals attending the camp, who wished to volunteer as a bench coach. Rob also noted that he had eight player evaluators identified and committed, however, he asked if anyone knew of a goalie evaluator that may be available for the camp.

- **Coaching Clinic Update:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded the associations to review their coaches to ensure they had gotten the proper cards for the levels they are coaching. In addition, Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) mentioned that as of December 31, 2009 all coaches on the bench must have the proper credentials and any waiver applications were due by December 31.
- **Pacific District Select Camp (Kent):** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded everyone that the Pacific District Select Camp will be held at Kent again in 2010. The dates are April 22-25, 2010 for birth years 1996 and 1995; April 29-May 2, 2010 for birth years 1994 and 1993.
- ◆ **Girls/Woman's Hockey – Shirley Williamson**
 - **Female Development Camp Information:** Shirley Williamson (Girls/Women's Director) reminded the associations that the 2010 PNAHA Female Development Camp will be held February 13-14, 2010 in Wenatchee, WA. Evaluators will be Glen Triner and Tekka Parks. Shirley Williamson (Girls/Women's Director) noted that she had asked Candace Scott (Oregon NW Select) to assist with the on-ice sessions and that some Oregon girls will attend the camp to ensure that there are enough girls to have scrimmages, however Shirley Williamson (Girls/Women's Director) stressed the Oregon girls will have a different colored jersey and will not be evaluated against the Washington girls.
 - **Dual Registration for Females Proposal:** Shirley Williamson (Girls/Women's Director) presented the dual registration for females proposal. Dru Hammond explained that this proposal was being brought to bring PNAHA in line with USA Hockey rules. It was explained that the proposal would allow female hockey players to be registered with more than one association within PNAHA. Shirley Williamson (WWFHA) motion [*to approve Dual Registration for Females Proposal*], seconded by Doug MacLean (WCAHA). Discussion centered on concerns associated with adverse impacts to the NPSHL and whether teams would be adversely impacted if a girl chose to participate with one team rather than another. To resolve this issue, a friendly amendment (that the female hockey player must notify each association that they were dual registering and identify their primary association was offered and accepted. After much discussion, the motion passed. The final policy regarding dual registration for females reads:
 - Part 1:**
PNAHA support the USA Hockey position on promoting female hockey and agrees that in order to promote female hockey, a female player is allowed to register and be a member of both a youth association and a female association.
 - Part 2:**
All PNAHA affiliates will be bound by this decision.
 - Part 3:**
Female players who elect to play for a second association, either a youth association or a female association, will give priority to the association they were first registered with for the current season when game conflicts arise. The player shall advise both associations in writing at the start of the season of their intent to dual roster. Register means register with an association not rostering on a specific team.
- ◆ **Supervisor-of-Officials – Jason Michelbook**
 - Jason Michelbook (Supervisor-of-Officials) commented that up to this point of the season that things had been going well with no major issues. Jason requested to receive state tournament schedules as soon as possible due to the effort it takes to get out of town referees to commit.
- ◆ **USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes**
 - Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager) had undergone surgery for a broken back and was doing well. Please keep Ed and his family in your prayers. The PNAHA President indicated that Ed had provided her with a partial list of team declarations for the upcoming tournaments. She indicated that teams that mailed their rosters on December 31 might not be processed yet and be on the list. She requested that associations check with her after the meeting to review the list to verify the information she has been provided for the purpose of tournament planning is correct.

- ◆ **League Commissioner – Rob Azevedo**
 - **2009-2010 League Report:** Rob Azevedo (PNAHA League Commissioner) provided a handout identifying the current league standings. All is going well with no major issues.
 - **Tier II Tiering:** Rob Azevedo (PNAHA League Commissioner) reminded everyone that all tiering games for non-league teams wishing to participate in the state Tier II Tournament must be completed in January or other arrangements made. Rob Azevedo (PNAHA League Commissioner) identified the following status:
 - ❖ **Midgets** – Most games are complete, all that are not complete have been scheduled.
 - ❖ **Bantams** – All have been scheduled.
 - ❖ **Pee Wees** – All games have been scheduled except one.
- ◆ **1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender**
 - Dave (PNAHA 1st VP) spoke on new member proposal presented by Travis Knowles and Laurie Hobson (Eastern WA High School Hockey of Spokane). The group is requesting approval for a High School Association who will offer only spring and summer programs.
- ◆ **2nd Vice President – Glen Triner**
 - Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd VP) explained the double jeopardy rule associated with game misconducts received in league games. In addition, Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd VP) reminded everyone to ensure all game misconducts are served and asked the associations to remind their coaches and team managers to be sure to review all score sheets because they are ultimately responsible to understand the status of their players.
- ◆ **PNAHA President – Dru Hammond**
 - **Credential Packets (Only Tier I/Tier II)**
Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded associations that they were required to turn in their credential books at this meeting. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) pointed out that there were boxes placed at the front of the room to collect the books. Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd VP) and Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) will do the Tier II books this year and Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director) will do the Tier I books. The PNAHA President indicated that everyone was sent information on how to prepare these books. This year books will be returned to the home association if they are not prepared correctly.
 - USA Hockey Mid-Annual Meeting/Pacific District Meeting (Orlando – January 15-17, 2010). Due to her recent foot injury she may be unable to attend this year. The doctor will see how the break is healing before he will release her to travel.
 - Pacific District Meeting – (Reno January 29-31, 2010). The PNAHA President indicated that the upcoming District Tournament would be discussed at this meeting. This is the first “super site” tournament so everyone is excited about this San Jose venue.

7. Tournament Updates

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) began the discussion by apologizing to the members for not having a validated list of teams identified by Ed Imes as properly rostered and committed to the various tournaments. She explained that due to Ed’s surgery she and Ed had not been able to validate the list. She explained that in the next couple of weeks she would validate the list with Ed and call associations with any questions she might have. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) also requested that any association that knew they had submitted rosters but were not planning on sending a team should come and review the current list and/or come see her after the meeting to review the list to ensure everyone was on the same page.

- ◆ **Tier I Tournament (Seattle Junior: February 26-28, 2010):** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) thanked Seattle Junior for volunteering to hold this tournament.
- ◆ **Tier II Tournament (Spokane, March 12th-14, 2010):** Spokane gave a short report letting everyone know that tournament information will be available soon.
- ◆ **Squirt Festival (Tri-Cities, February 12-15, 2010):** Tri-Cities provided the members with a handout. It was explained that the tournament schedule was in draft form and being reviewed by PNAHA. Frank Dunn (Tournament Coordinator) attended the meeting and was available to answer questions.
- ◆ **“B” State Tournament (SnoKing, March 19-20, 2010):** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) went over the location and date for the tournament. She indicated that currently there is not much information on-line concerning the tournament, however the web-sites will be updated shortly.

8. Associations

◆ **Westcoast**

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that the Westcoast 92' and 94' teams dissolved due to the fact that they were not able to field teams. Therefore, there are no approved independent teams within PNAHA.

◆ **American Development Model (ADM) Program – Joe Doyle**

Joe Doyle (ADM Program Administrator) provided a brief discussion of how the program was developed. He noted that currently the program has been defined for the 8 and under age division with plans to develop the program for all age divisions. The program provides specifics for how to work through a five month structured season including specific practice plans. The information can be found at ADMKids.com. Mr Doyle discussed the session held in Seattle the previous evening. Everyone felt that even though it was substantial different than our current practices, it was well received. After much discussion of the timelines for other age groups and the theory behind the program, Mr. Doyle offered to return to the northwest to administer additional clinics. Consensus appeared to be that we would have him return and run a clinic on the east and west side of Washington. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) requested that associations get back to her on the offer to host and participate in the events. Chris Raub (EYH) indicated that they would host a session for the west side of the state. Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) indicated that perhaps Spokane would be willing to host for the east side of the state.

◆ **Kitsap County Amateur Hockey Association (KCAHA)**

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Floyd Johnson from KCAHA will be leaving and heading back east to manage a larger facility. Floyd's replacement, Jeremy McCann, was introduced.

9. Old Business

No Discussion.

10. New Business

◆ **District Director Elections:**

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) shared that she had nominated Casey Jorgenson from Washington for the vacant Pacific Director position. She indicated that Bruce Urban is moving to Arizona and will be missed. He has served as a Pacific Director for many years and has been a close friend as well. PNAHA wishes Bruce and his wife Lynn Beehler the best and is sure that they will become active in Arizona hockey as well. Cullen Wallace from Alaska is also running. Cullen is currently the Affiliate President of Alaska. Both he and Casey should be distributing their resumes in the near future. The PNAHA President indicated that it is always important to vote for these positions because these individuals represent all of us. She will send out reminders to the PNAHA associations concerning the number of votes and the process for casting those votes as she has in the past.

◆ **Net Pegs for Squirt and Above:**

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) briefly discussed the off-line discussion she has had with several associations. She wrote to USA Hockey to verify their ruling on this issue. BJ Ringrose who is the Coordinator of Officials Education for USA Hockey responded to her question and indicated that there is no formal written policy regarding at what age levels the posts should be anchored. This practice is left up to the individual local hockey association, game officials and head of coaches to decide using their best judgment in regard to safety and fairness. The issue was resolved within the local association that was having the issue.

◆ **Summary Suspension:**

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded the associations that the Summary Suspension rule found on page 86 of the USA Hockey Guidebook is there for their benefit. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked the associations to review it and understand that the rule is not only used for discipline, but to protect coaches, players, and parents in cases of alleged sexual harassment and abuse by removing the accused from the situation. A proper investigation can then be conducted. If the investigation finds there is no merit to the allegation then the individual can be reinstated. Unfortunately, we live in a mean spirited world. Although many times allegations of this nature are found to be accurate, at times these allegations are made to harm individuals through rumor and innuendo. In either case, it is best to remove the accused away from the situation and/or potential victims.

◆ **Player Release Audit Findings “Transfers”:**

Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) had USA Hockey run a report so that she could audit the adherence to the Player Release/Transfer requirements within PNAHA. It was obvious that due to turnover of administrators that many are not adhering to this PNAHA Rule. Rule (9) can be found on page 84 of the PNAHA Guidebook. Failure to obtain a written release for all players not registered with your association the previous year shall result in a monetary fine, payable to PNAHA, of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense and \$200.00 for each occurrence after that for any playing year. It is imperative that before you accept new players into your association that you verify that these players are in good standing. The only way to do so is by obtaining a release that says so from the player's previous association. This is a simple process, if they did not play for you the previous season then they are either new to the sport of hockey or they played for someone else. You need to ask this question. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) has the list for your review if you wish to stop and chat with her after the meeting. Some associations would have been fined for a lack of compliance this year and the dollar amount would have been substantial. Let's do a better job from this day forward. Remember to send an email to Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) when you release a player. Just put the words "Player Release – John Doe" in the subject line of the email. It will then be easy to retrieve if someone inquires if they obtained a player release.

11. Spring/Summer Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Spring/Summer meeting will be held on June 5, 2010 at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, located at 201 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Room reservations can be made by calling (509) 662-4411. All members are reminded to make their room reservations prior to leaving the facility as availability.

12. Adjournment

- David Niewenhaus (IEAHA) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.