



PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting

September 12, 2009

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center

201 North Wenatchee

Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 11:00 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 Secretary/Treasurer – Katie Kusske.
- Member Organizations; EYH – Christopher Raub; IEAHA - David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – Jeremy McCann; MLYHA – Lyle Stoltman; PCMH – Kyle Wintermute; PSAHA – Stephani Ebenstiner, SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; TCAHA – Dustin Beck; WAHA – Rob Cline; WCAHA – Doug MacLean; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson, YAHA – Paul Kelley.
- Member Teams – WCHC – Rich Stephenson 92/94.
- Member Organizations not represented – WWHA.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and guests.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked that before we move on with the agenda she would like to announce that Seattle Junior has pulled the three proposals from consideration at this time. Motion *[to take from the table the motion relating to further discussion of the PDR]* by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Scott Farrell (Seattle Jr.). Motion passed. The President requested that this business be replaced on the agenda with an item from Kent “Support the Troops.” Les Grauer (KVHA) will provide us with information regarding this worthy project. No objections by the Board of Directors.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the June 20, 2009 Spring/Summer minutes. Doug MacLean (WCAHA) motion *[to approve minutes]*, seconded by Rob Azevedo (SAYHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report and 2009-2010 Proposed Budget– Katie Kusske

- Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the June through August 2009 Treasurer’s Report which covers June 1 through August 31, 2009 to the PNAHA Board of Directors. The balance as of August 31, 2009 is \$62,661.46. Motion *[to approve the June through August 31, 2009 Treasurer’s Report]* by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Dustin Beck (TCAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) presented the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. All proposed changes were reviewed. The Chicago Showcase fee has increased from \$500.00 to \$750.00. This season the budget had only that one category that has increased. PNAHA will have a second account set up for the Referee’s to be able to manage their own funds. Katie Kusske will be working with Jason Michelbook to ensure that the account is reconciled monthly and on file with her. Total projected expenses for the 2009-2010 season is \$48,430.00. Motion *[to approve the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget]* by David Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA), seconded by Jeremy McCann (Kitsap). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Special Guests – Donna Kaufman and Dan Rogness

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director). The District declaration of Tier I and Tier II teams 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.

- Dan Rogness (Pacific District Registrar) is standing in for Ed Imes (Pacific District Registrar/Risk Manager) who is recovering from a back injury. It was a good round table meeting with all the association registrars. We reviewed insurance claims. Insurance forms can now be found on your registrars CyberSport software disk that USA Hockey provides. It was announced that Bruce Urban's (USA Hockey District Director) term is up in June 2010 and that he will be moving out of Alaska as well.

6. Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

- **Player Development/Coaching Clinic Update:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) thanked all that were present at his round table meeting earlier and stated that they had a great meeting. Coaching certification rules are staying the same this year, but expect changes will be made next year. Any waivers are up to the District Coaching Director and even then there isn't any guarantee that waivers will be granted. People need to make the effort in putting aside the dates and being committed to participating. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone of the two new Certified Instructors being Doug Kirton with Sno-King Amateur Hockey and Glen Triner who is the PNAHA 2nd Vice President. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded everyone to check the USA Hockey website for Level One through Level Three Coaching Credential Clinic locations and dates. Spokane, Tri-Cities and possibly Wenatchee might be hosting. This information will be posted on-line on the USA Hockey website. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) encouraged all coaches to complete all three levels this year if time allows. It is rumored that beginning next season that a coach will only be able to obtain one certification level per year. Those completing all three levels this year will be grandfathered into the program. All associations need to make sure that all their coaches do the background screening that is due every three years. Note that the Washington State Patrol is done every year. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) will be contacting all associations in early December for their volunteer lists. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) also made mention of voiced concerns on ice time expenses. He recommended considering sharing verses holding solo sessions to save money.
- **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. Everyone is requested not to schedule League games or games that hold major significance for your Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget players that weekend. PNAHA will be doing the invitational letter format this year. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) will be sending out the invitations in late December this year. All Association Coaching Directors will be contacted for their player lists so that their names will be put on the watch list for the evaluator teams. If any associations have coaches who are interested in learning the evaluation process and wish to become an evaluator please contact Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) as soon as possible. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that this year there will be a closing date that is one week prior to the event. There have been too many last minute registrations allowed in the past and last year this caused incredible stress for the volunteers working this event and added to some confusion during the registration process. Coupled with internet connection issues the registration process appeared awkward and it was. Individuals need to recognize that if they are interested in going that they need to commit in a timely fashion or pass on this opportunity for greater exposure. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) will remind all Associations to get their skaters to register in time due to the deadline being enforced.
- **Pacific District Select Camp (Kent):** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) announced 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.
- Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) thanked Kent and their staff for doing a great job each year for this event.
- **Chicago Showcase:** The dates are February 7-8, 2010. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) said she will be hearing from Pam Presser on the location for this even as apparently it has changed. When this information becomes available we will have it posted on the PNAHA Website.

7. Supervisor-of-Officials – Jason Michelbook

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that the clinics are listed on the PNAHA Website and on the Pacific District Website. They are listed on the front page under Upcoming Dates as well as in a

table on the Officials page. Jason Michelbook (Supervisor-of-Officials) said that for the Level Four seminar that is being held in Tri-Cities on August 22-23, 2009 there are 30 participants registered to attend. This is one of only three that are being held in our District. All PNAHA Officials are to do their background screening individually prior to working any games this year. Trevor Shively from Tacoma and Steve Walsh from Spokane are now JDOP Officials and Boone Bruggman from Wenatchee is a WHL rated Official. The Officials have a website that they will post their activities on. It is www.pacificdistrictofficials.org.

8. USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager) will be undergoing surgery for a broken back in the near future. Please keep Ed and his family in your prayers. The PNAHA President extended a big thank you to Dan Rogness for coming down to meet with our registrars who attended today. Ed did send out a copy of the travel permit to all associations. If you did not get your copy please contact Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) and she will forward that information to you.

9. League Commissioner – Glen Triner

- **2008-2009 League Report:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) is now the new PNAHA League Commissioner. Rob Azevedo (PNAHA League Commissioner) has many years of hockey experience and will do a great job. Please address all inquiries to both of them. Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) requested that associations still report all game scores to him this season so that he can continue to do the posting to the PNAHA Website and be the statistician. The winners were announced, Midget Tier II Division – Seattle Jr. Admirals; Midget B Division – Wenatchee Jr. Blades; Bantam Tier II Division – Yakima Hawks; PeeWee Tier II Division – Kent Valley Selects; Squirt Division – Spokane Jr. Chiefs. The Squirt Festival winners were announced; Gold Division – Spokane Major; Silver Division – SnoKing 99'; and Bronze Division – Spokane Minor. Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) reviewed the preliminary League team count from the June meeting making adjustments needed to finalize the count for the 2009-2010 season.
- **Options Report Summary From Discussions During Roundtable:** Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) reviewed what information was discussed at their round table meeting earlier today. 2009-2010 PNAHA Draft Schedule, 2009-2010 League Tiering Reauthorization Proposal, 2009-2010 League Rules, June Preliminary Team Declarations review, and the Host Hotels. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) discussed that there has not been an increase in the amount that the Host Hotels should be charging the traveling families and reminded everyone that the rate is \$85.00. Associations must secure at least one Host Hotel at that rate. The PNAHA League has Zero Tolerance regarding this. Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) reviewed the PNAHA 2009-2010 League Scheduling and Tiering Process Reauthorization Proposal that the League members voted unanimously to recommend for approval at the PNAHA meeting held earlier during committee. In that proposal the breakdown was discussed; the Tiering Process, the League Tiering, the Non-League Tiering and Tiering Fees for Non-Host games. The report was very detailed and every section was explained in great length to avoid any potential confusion for the 2009-2010 Season. Motion [*to approve the 2009-2010 PNAHA League/Tiering ReAuthorization Proposal*] by Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President), seconded by Jack Chaney, SJR. No further discussion. Motion passed.

10. Girls/Woman's Hockey – Shirley Williamson

- No report.

11. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave (PNAHA 1st VP) spoke on association issues/problems. Most issues are easily resolved, it's simple either pick up the phone or e-mail anyone of the PNAHA Officers with your concerns. Reviewed sanitation habits regarding the outbreak of the Swine Flu. Work with your teams on keeping water bottles cleaned and used by each player, do not just hand out the water bottles make sure they are all identified with your players names on them.

12. PNAHA President – Dru Hammond

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) congratulated Jeff Theiler as the new USA Hockey Star Chief Operating Officer. Jeff brings 18 years of industry experience to the organization. He has been involved with STAR since 2000 and currently holds both the CIT and 5 STAR designations. Jeff's

duties with STAR will begin during the third week of September and we all want to wish him great success. Brian Skow is the new Director of Operations at the Comcast Arena.

- The Pacific District meeting will be held in Seattle on October 24, 2009. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminder again to all Tier teams that October 1, 2009 is the new declaration deadline. Don't forget to provide the e-mail stating the Tier level of your teams, the name of the Coach, Team Manager and their contact information.
- Screening update: Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that this is the third year of the implementation of screening and many if not most of your volunteers are due to renew their Acxiom screens. Congratulations to Sno-King who jumped right on this over the summer and as a result have completed a large majority of their screens. Now they are left with only a small number of Washington State Patrol background screens to complete. Due to redistribution of duties at Seattle Junior Jack Chaney is no longer the PNAHA Screening Director and the Executive Officers will once again take over this task for this year. It was explained that a new Screening Director will not be appointed at this time since USA Hockey may be taking over this task at the National level next year. According to the USA Hockey Screening Committee the company that will be responsible will be Lexus Nexus. This concerned the PNAHA President because Pacific District/PNAHA is right in the middle of their third year span. Lexus Nexus would be charging a fee equal to the fee Acxiom does. As President she doesn't believe it would be fair to charge this fee to our members two years in a row. The PNAHA President communicated to Steve Laing that the committee should consider grandfathering in participants from the Pacific District since USA Hockey was modeling their program after ours. This is even more important because Acxiom was the previous USA Hockey company of choice for background screens. The PNAHA President will report back at a later date on this. New approved screens will be posted weekly. Also, the PNAHA President extended a thank you to Steve Stevens for getting to us a list of all Officials that are 18 and older. Jason and Tony are currently working with that list to identify who on that list is currently actively participating as an Official and who is not. If they are officiating they need to get screened immediately or not be scheduled for games until they meet this requirement.
- The PNAHA Guidebook is done except for two associations providing their information and then one final proof. Once these three tasks are completed the Guidebook will go to print. We will be sending out Guidebooks to each association within a couple of months.

13. Tournaments

- *Note that Rules and Regulations require that any association wanting to host a PNAHA tournament shall complete the Tournament Application Form and submit its request to the President by September 1st for consideration. All requirements of the tournament articles shall be addressed. The Board of Directors shall select the host of each tournament at the September meeting. Should a host not be selected at that time, the President will make recommendations to the officers, who jointly shall select the host and notify all associations within 7 days of the selection.* Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) gave five minutes to each association to chat about hosting the Tier II Tournament.
- Spokane/Tri-Cities both cast bids for the Tier II event. PNAHA will hold this event March 11th-15th 2010 because Tier II will go directly to national this year. Spokane was awarded the bid to host the PNAHA Tier II Tournament.
- The only bid for Squirt Festival has been placed by Tri-Cities. PNAHA will host this event the weekend of February 12-15, 2010. Since it is our desire to keep players in school the Squirt Festival would run Saturday through Monday. Monday is a holiday. Coaches meeting would be held Friday evening. Tri-Cities was awarded the bid.
- "B" State Tournament. Sno-King has bid to host this tournament March 18-21, 2010. Sno-King was awarded the bid.

14. Old Business

- **Zackery Lystedt Law.** In May Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) sent everyone an e-mail regarding HB1824 or the Zackery Lystedt Law. This has been signed into law. I believe it is very important for you to address this new law not only during the upcoming coaches clinics but at your Board of Director meetings, coaches meetings and to consider addressing this on your websites and in your local association newsletters. The PNAHA President will resend this e-mail to all PNAHA Representatives to provide you with talking points for your associations. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) said that this law is more complicated than expected in protecting young athletes from

severe brain injuries. This is the strongest bill in the nation currently regarding youth. Associations should put out information as it pertains to this new law. Parents need to understand that when coaches suspect head trauma they will error on the side of caution and sit out the player until a competent professional can access the injury and clear the player to return to active participation. Soccer associations are currently distributing informational sheets as well as having the parents sign a paper noting that they understand this law. The soccer associations then keep a copy of this Memo of Understanding on file.

15. New Business

- **Seattle Jr. Proposals (3).** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) discussed that Seattle Junior has pulled these proposals from consideration. However, we would like to address one of these proposals in particular and a part of the driver that is behind it. We are concerned that many of you read something into this proposal that did not exist. This draft proposal was presented for your protection as an association. There is a huge difference in “Reimbursement for Expenses” and paying an individual a salary that is in excess of what many income earners make in the United States and trying to hide it under the umbrella of reimbursement. This is a serious situation on many levels. It could jeopardize your nonexempt status, and the repercussions of paying an individual a “salary” under the table when that individual is not approved to work in the United States could have legal ramifications on both sides of the border.
- **Support the Troops.** Les Grauer (KVHA) stated that Kent Valley Hockey has started a “Support the Troops” project this summer and would like to invite all PNAHA associations to participate. One of Kent’s members is stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan and initiated the project. The Kandahar base is a NATO base, run by the Canadians. In true Canadian style they’ve built a hockey rink on the base. Obviously ice was too difficult, given the environment, so they play ball hockey on an outdoor concrete surface rink that looks an awful lot like a standard ice rink. The rink is not regulation size, it is the size of a mite league rink. The hockey rink and games provide a good outlet for everyone. There are leagues, 40 members per team because of the comings and goings of teammates. Hockey sticks are one of the major consumables of the sport and difficult to come by. Our goal is to collect as many hockey sticks as we can for use by the troops involved in the ball hockey league. Kent currently has 50 sticks collected so far. Dan Lorenz (KVHA) suggested that skaters bring their sticks that they wish to donate when they are scheduled to play at the Kent rink. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) challenged all associations to go back to their home associations and spread the word and get back to her with information on how many sticks your skaters are donating to this awesome cause. Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) asked that this information be posted on to the PNAHA website.
- **Tournament Format:** Scott Farrell (Seattle Jr.) asked the tournament committee to review and consider a new format for five teams. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that the tournaments are USA Hockey formatted. To do what Scott proposed would result in extra days being added to the tournament, kids missing more school, and impact arena schedules as well as increase costs. Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director) said that the only way to do this is to add the extra day. Most were in agreement that this wasn’t in the best interest of the event. Scott thanked everyone for allowing him to state his concerns.

16. Winter Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Winter meeting will be held on January 9, 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 changes during the hockey and skiing season.

17. Adjournment

- Chris Raub (EYH) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Rob Azevedo (SAYHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.