



PNAHA Spring/Summer Meeting

June 15, 2002

Red Lion

Wenatchee, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 9:05 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: DI – Mike Martin; IEAHA – Rob Robb; KVHA – Art Baldwin; MVAHA – Matt Bardsley; MHA – Greg Galeski; NWA – Jon Danks; PSAHA – Rob Kaufman; SJR – Rick Ellison; SKAHA – Steve Cole; SAYHA – Corey Condron; TAHA – Cora Friedrich; TCAHA – Glen Triner; WWAHA – Darrin Wales; WAHA – Mark Preston; WCAHA – Brian Humphrey. YAHA – not represented at this meeting.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board, Directors and guests.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the January 12, 2002 minutes. Brian Humphrey (WCAHA) motion to approve, seconded by Steve Cole (SNO). Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond

A. June Treasurer Report

- Balance as of June 15, 2002 is \$11,663.43. Motion to approve by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion passed.

B. Spring Assessments

- Brief discussion held reminding members of the decision made during the September meeting to start accessing player fees for new players after December and for Spring/Summer teams. The following associations were invoiced: IEAHA – (2); MVAHA – (2); SJR – (6); SKAHA – (68); SAYHA – (257); TCAHA – (36); WWAHA – (6); YAHA – (3).

C. Association Contact Lists

- Associations were reminded to submit their updated contact lists if they have not already done so. Please refer to your 2001-2002 Guidebook and update your appropriate association section. Note that this information is due now. Your organization will not appear in the PNAHA Guidebook if not submitted by June 30. Dru indicated that she had contracted a trade with Tom Keegan the publisher of The Hockey Guides to donate the back page of the PNAHA Guide for advertising to Tom in exchange for 500 printed copies of the PNAHA Guidebook. She showed an example of the up-coming guide and explained that PNAHA would experience a savings of about \$1500.00 as a result of this business trade.

D. Association copies of By-Laws, Constitutions, Rules & Regulations

All associations submitted the requested information except Mountain View Amateur Hockey Association. Associations are reminded that if changes are made to these documents the revised document is to be sent to the PNAHA President within 15 days of said changes (PNAHA Guidebook 2001-02, Page 38).

5. Election of Officers

- Dru Hammond nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Art Baldwin (KVHA). Seconded by Brian Humphrey (WCAHA). Motion to close nominations by Art Baldwin (KVHA). Seconded by Brian Humphrey (WCAHA). Motion to elect by acclamation by Brian Humphrey (WCAHA). Seconded by Jon Danks (PNAHA Vice President). Motion passed.
- Donna Kaufman opened up nominations for Vice-President. Dave Bittenbender nominated by Jon Danks (NWA). Seconded by Steve Cole (SNO). Scott Draeger nominated by Cora Friedrich, (TAC). Seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion to close nominations by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President). Seconded by Steve Cole (SNO). Motion passed. Both candidates provided five minutes to

present platform. Donna Kaufman requested that Dru Hammond and Steve Stevens collect and count ballots. Donna reported that Dave Bittenbender elected to the position of Vice President

6. Special Guests

- Donna introduced our special guest, Dick Coombs, USA Hockey Pacific Director. Dick presented information on the Block Grant Program expanding on how the money was distributed and sharing specifics regarding the California Opportunities In Hockey Program.
- A summary of USA Hockey Legislative Changes that occurred at the 2002 Annual Congress was discussed. A common interest focused on the Level 4 Advanced Coaching Card requirements. Rick Ellison (SJR) stressed the need for more classes and the need to hold a class in the PNAHA jurisdiction verses requiring the travel to Reno. It is just too expensive and discourages coaches from achieving this level of certification. Dick indicated that Ron White is analyzing how best to handle this issue. Bringing in your top-notch instructors is a major factor.
- Dick indicated that he lost his bid for Vice President of the Legal Counsel but indicated that it is a good position for someone from our district to consider in future elections. Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA VP) inquired as to the length of the term. Dick indicated it was a 3-year term.

7. Director's Reports

A. Player Development – Rob Kaufman

- Rob shared that he would hold a working meeting in September to discuss where we go from here.
- It was requested that each association provide him with their ACE Coordinator's contact information. Chuck Easton added that an ACE Coordinator package is available through USA Hockey for \$180.00. This package contains approximately 25 videos and various other pamphlets and training aids.
- The State Development Camp was held in Tri-Cities this year. Rob thanked everyone for his or her help in the success of this camp. He thanked Dru Hammond for coordinating camp activities in the Tri-Cities. Dru shared that the camp made a profit of \$2,730.91. This is the second year that the camp has made a profit and demonstrates that it can be a self-supporting activity. Rob shared that one of the high lights of the camp was the off-ice component designed by Lloyd Degelman. The players seemed to enjoy the competitive atmosphere it generated. Next year he hopes to also have speakers available.
 - It was discussed that next year the three age groups will be handled by an individual age coordinator. This will assist in the notification process and the gathering of player information. The information will then be funneled up to Rob. The new process should prove to be more efficient.
 - Another issue is the notification of the seventeen year olds. Information gathered indicates that efforts need to be made to notify this age group of the upcoming USA Select District Camp much earlier.
- Discussion surrounding the requirement for assistant Tier I and II coaches to obtain an Advanced Coaching Card. Rick Ellison (SJR) stated that this requirement is punitive to our coaching volunteers since we don't provide for a training location somewhere within the state of Washington. Despite the fact that Reno was selected as a central location we are requiring our coaches to pay \$300.00 for the certification, take a week off work, pay for air travel and motel without compensation in order to be in compliance. Matt Blondin (SNO) stated that this requirement places a hardship on all associations. Art Baldwin (KVHA) suggested that perhaps PNAHA could identify an Advance Clinic Coordinator. He also suggested that the Advance Coaching Card training be held in each state in the district where there is an attendance commitment of at least fifty (50) attendees. Ed Imes (Registrar) stated that he felt it still would make it economically non-feasible to hold the camp in Washington. Brian Humphrey (WCAHA) had concerns that he might not have any coaches that meet this requirement. At best, he felt he might only have one coach in each age division. Mark Hinchee (TRI) stated concerns that Pacific District might be implementing requirements above those required by USA Hockey. It was felt by many in attendance that Art Baldwin would serve us well as an Advanced Clinic Coordinator based on his suggestions and energy on this subject.
 - Mark Hinchee (TRI) challenged the position of requiring Advanced Coaching Cards for anyone going on the ice with the players. Dick Combs (District Director) responded that you could have student coaches on the ice. However, they do need to attend a training session prior to assisting in any ice activities. Steve Cole (SNO) stated that progression terms should be identified for achieving IP, Associate, Intermediate and Advanced Coaching Cards to encourage a more realistic learning curve for coaches.

- Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) stated that the District did not intend to impose excessive requirements. At the next District meeting they will address this perception. She will recommend that more efforts be expended to discover a method of bringing the Advanced Coaching Clinic to Washington.

B. Supervisor of Officials (East Side) – Steve Stevens

- Steve indicated that all the State and District tournaments went well. Washington and Oregon officials are working well together.
- Steve stated that despite the State B tournament went well in the Tri-Cities that there were a lot of problems with parents. The fighting between parents in the stands was unacceptable. Fortunately the primary rink is a large facility. When Steve was in Valencia he observed a carding process put in place similar to what you see in soccer. Unruly spectators are issued a “Yellow Card” for unacceptable behavior. Failure to adjust your behavior results in expulsion from the arena. A copy of this card is attached to these minutes
- Changes will be occurring in Tacoma Official Association due to a change in the Board of Directors.
- Tacoma Officials Association and the Cascade Officials are working out the existing language in order to work together with the Kent Valley Ice Rink.
- Steve stated that he receives many questions about accepted methods of officiating. He reminded everyone that exceptions are clearly stated in the [USA Hockey 2001-2003 Official Rules of Ice Hockey](#). The accepted method of officiating is the three-man system for Rep Hockey and other upper level teams. Utilizing a two-man system in house for Pee Wee and below will help retain young officials and assist in their learning progression.
- It was stated that Steve does not assign official’s rates and it is not his job to change score sheets. He is willing to assist in working with associations and officials to come to consensus when requested.
- PNAHA officials worked at both Regional and National tournaments this spring. Two officials attended the Tier I Tournament in Anchorage, one official worked the Tier II Tournament in Fairbanks, and Lisa Osadchuk worked the Women’s Nationals.
- Tony Leonetti and Jeremy Del Campo attended the Men’s National Training Camp in Blaine, Minnesota. Lisa Osadchuk attended the training camp in New York.
- An official’s camp will be held in Spokane August 19-23, 2002 at the Eagles Ice Arena for Squirt through Midget. There will also be an Advanced Camp for officials held in California.
- If you have officials looking for advancement please have them contact Steve.
- Steve Cole (SNO) stated that problems with parents are still a major issue. It appears that it is typically the same people causing problems. Perhaps consideration should be given to having spectators sign-in upon entering tournaments or having heads of associations notify other associations when they have had to resort to removing spectators from their rinks so that discipline could be assessed at the local association level.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) stated that it still comes down to personal accountability not only by the individuals but also by the team. Most coaches and team managers know who their problem parents are. They can and should have methods in place to handle these individuals within the team before the unacceptable behavior begins. Unacceptable behaviors and consequences for those behaviors should be identified at the beginning of the season and acted upon when necessary. No exceptions.
- Mike Martin (DI) stated that many times this violence is precipitated due to the proximity of competing teams. Defining seating sections for teams would reduce some of the parental tension. He also felt the “Yellow Card” process if implemented would help control the parents.
- Dick Combs (District Director) stated that USA Hockey By-Law 10 now has language that should help address these issues. This By-Law has been dovetailed into the Zero Tolerance language.
- Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) stated that USA Hockey is focusing on Hockey Parent Awareness utilizing the Saint Barnabas Health Care System process. Parents demonstrating unacceptable behavior have been suspended for two (2) weeks for the first occurrence and one year (1) for the second occurrence. After the second occurrence you are only allowed participation again upon demonstration that you have completed anger management training. Steve Cole (SNO) has volunteered to serve on the Hockey Parent Awareness Committee.
- Steve announced that registration for Officials could now be accomplished electronically.

- Steve had the opportunity to attend the Annual Congress this year and is pleased to report that we are right on track with the rest of the nation. He felt pretty good about the state of affairs within PNAHA when he left the meeting.
- Discussion comparing Canadian Gross and Match penalties to U.S. Match. Everyone was reminded that when you play in Canada – you play by Canadian Rules. When in the US you play by US Rules.
 - Brian Humphrey (WCAHA) requested clarification on if you pick-up a game misconduct in the last ten minutes of a game in Canada if you have to sit the next game in the US. The response was “Yes” because you are playing under Canadian Rules and if you remained in Canada you would have been required to sit out your next game.
 - It was also explained that since Canadian Gross is equivalent to a US Match Penalty, players and/or coaches would still be required to attend a discipline hearing and adhere to the proper notification of PNAHA disciplinary officials (Kevin Schroeder – East Side, Dave Bittenbender – West Side, Steve Stevens – Supervisor of Officials, Dru Hammond – League Commissioner).
 - Discussion regarding the US requirement for a player who incurs five (5) penalties in a game or a coach who incurs fifteen (15) penalties in a game while playing in Canada. The answer is that you are playing in Canada under Canadian Rules and therefore the U.S. Rule will not apply.
 - Steve emphasized that “Abuse of Officials” for physical assault will be mandatory next season. Players/coaches will receive a one (1) year suspension as well as one (1) year of probation.
- The proposed Suspension Guidelines that accompanied the PNAHA Agenda was introduced for consideration. Art Baldwin (KVHA) motioned to [*accept the Suspension Guidelines as presented*]. Brian Humphrey (WCAHA) seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.

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

- All youth programs within PNAHA are now on electronic registration.
- In April a letter was distributed by USA Hockey inquiring if associations wished to continue participation in the electronic registration process. To date INL, MTV, MAV, WCAHA, WW and TRI have not submitted this letter to Ed. Failure to respond to Ed will result in severe delay in receiving registration materials for the up-coming season.
- All registrations expire on August 31, 2002 from the previous season.
- IMR’s are due to Ed within 14 days.
- Ed reported that PNAHA registered 408 teams. This figure is derived from reports generated from May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002.
- Ed reported that Individual Participant Fees would increase to \$25.00 next season. This is a one-year fee increase to recapture funding for the Internet Project and also to offset Olympic year expenses.
- Every association is encouraged to have their registrar or another representative present at the September PNAHA meeting to participate in the morning workshop.
- Remind your registrars to get their summer teams registered. Any time you have a change of 20% or more to your existing roster the team must register as a new team.
- Note that after May 31 there is no Canadian hockey. Teams are non-registered and USAH insurance is no longer active while playing in Canada (note – insurance is still in place for activities that continue in the US), so please communicate this to players participating on US teams that plan to compete in Canada during the summer. Travel permits to Canada are not required during the summer.
- Non-citizen players under 18 years of age must have a USA Hockey Written Transfer, Letter of Approval completed and forwarded to the USA Hockey point-of-contact listed on the bottom of the form. Ed stressed that these forms impact non-North America players and clarified that Canadian players are North America players. A copy of the form was distributed to each association present.
- Tier I and Tier II players that participate in Junior games after December 31 are not allowed to come back and participate on their Tier teams for the remainder of the season.
- Members reminded to communicate with each other and get a little more organized when determining dates to host a tournament in an effort to ensure successful events for everyone. Ed stated that Tournament Applications are due sixty (60) days prior to the event. Failure to submit these Tournament Applications leave associations subject to suspension by USA Hockey and PNAHA. Late applications are subject to surcharges.
- Ed distributed a handout on the 2002 Olympic Hockey Observation Project. This project is a study of Athlete Puck Possession. A study of the Canada verses United States Gold Medal Game observing

Sakic, Modano, and Amonte is included as well as a study of the 2002 USA Hockey Tier I National Championships of Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midgets.

D. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond

- Dru distributed copies of the 2001-2002 League winners. The “A” Division winners are: Midget – Tri-Cities; Bantam – Tri-Cities; Pee Wee – Spokane; Squirt – Spokane. The “B” Division winners are: Midget – Seattle Junior; Bantam – Tri-Cities; Pee Wee – Spokane; Squirt – Spokane. She stated that the standings would remain on the PNAHA Web Site until the 2002-2003 league schedule is published. Dru also stated that she had received many positive comments from players, parents, and coaches regarding the positing of the League Schedule and Standings on the Web Site.
- League banners were distributed for the years 1999 through 2001. The banners were acquired at a cost of \$56.00 each. The cost to purchase these banners exceeded the \$800.00 budget, but Dru explained that due to the profit made on the Development Camp we were able to offset the additional cost.
- Copies of the State Tournament winners were distributed.
- The Squirt Proposal was submitted with the PNAHA Agenda. [*Motion to accept*] by Rick Ellison (SJR), seconded by Steve Cole (SNO). Much discussion on philosophy for developing players. State focus should be on assisting players to grow skills, train properly and maintain balance between practices and games. Emphasis on reducing the negatives such as excessive travel and cost to parents to participate in this sport. Representatives from Sno-King and Seattle Junior strongly support changing the existing Squirt League format. Lloyd Delegman (SPO) questioned how you ensure the fair assembly of teams. Response that the SJR structure was a good example on how to accomplish equitable team assembly. Friendly Amendment by Matt Blondin (SNO) accepted. That amendment states: [*All teams participating in the league will be “bracketed” to compete in a year end festival. The brackets will be in three divisions Gold, Silver and Bronze. Number of teams in each division will be at the sole discretion of the League Commissioner.*] Motion passed. Jamie Huscroft (SNO) asked for a reading of the motion on the table. Donna restated the motion as amended [*The Squirt League will consist of one level of play. Associations placing more than one team in the league will place balanced teams in the league. If an association wishes to participate in the league, all travel squirt teams of the association must be balanced to have any team placed in the league. There will be an unbalanced schedule to reduce travel. All teams participating in the league will be “bracketed” to compete in a year-end festival. The brackets will be in three divisions Gold, Silver and Bronze. Number of teams in each division will be at the sole discretion of the League Commissioner. The emphasis of Squirt Hockey will be to encourage a two to one practice ratio, but maintain mandatory one to one*], Call for the question by Brian Humphrey (WCAHA). 1 opposed. Motion passed. Roll call requested. DI=yes; IE=yes, KVHA=abstain, MTV=abstain, MAV=abstain, NWA=yes, PSR=yes, SJR=yes, SNO=yes, SPO=no, TAC=yes, TRI=yes, WW=yes, WEN=yes, WCAHA=yes, Kevin Schroeder=yes, Jon Danks=yes, Dru Hammond=yes.
- The PNAHA Tiering Proposal (dated May 23, 2002) was submitted with the PNAHA Agenda. A modified version of that proposal dated June 12, 2002 was distributed to the Board of Directors at the meeting. Brian Humphrey (WCAHA) Motion to [*accept June 12, 2002 proposal*], seconded by Jamie Huscroft (SNO). Discussion. Emphasize that this proposal does not apply to the squirt division based on the approved squirt proposal at this meeting. Scott Draeger (TAC) questioned process of adding additional teams for participation in the State Tournament. Discussion. Motion to amend motion to state that [*associations will be limited to two (2) teams at each division within the tier for the State Tournament*], seconded by Art Baldwin (KVHA). Discussion. Jamie Huscroft (SNO) called for the question on amendment. Motion passed. Jon Danks (PNAHA VP) call for the question on original motion. Motion Passed.
- In January it was reported that the new procedure allowing for teams to withdraw from the league due to insufficient registration numbers until October 1 proved to be impractical considering that League games begin the first weekend in October. The solution is to either move up the beginning of league play or push back the “drop” deadline. It was determined that the new ”drop” date will be September 15. It was also explained that you are only allowed to drop a committed team if you do not get sufficient numbers to field that team. Last season Inland Empire had committed a squirt team to the league on the August 31 “add” date. They in turn “dropped” that team on October 1. It turned out that the team existed, but the parents decided not to play in the league. Associations need to understand that you can only “drop” a team if you do not get the numbers necessary to form a team. It is

imperative that associations explain to parents in advance of tryouts that this team will be participating in the league. Future teams will be fined for all scheduled away games if this situation should reoccur.

- Ken Evans representing the Lane Amateur Hockey Association from Eugene was introduced and provided time to present their request for inclusion into the PNAHA League for the 2002-2003 season. After Ken's presentation, time was allowed for PNAHA Directors to address questions to Ken. LAHA previously participated in the league and concerns were addressed regarding past incidents during that time. A major concern was addressed regarding the responsibility of LAHA to ensure that players, parents, and coaches adhere to the same standards that PNAHA participants adhere to and that LAHA enforce all Rules and Regulations. This appeared to be missing during their past involvement in the league. It was expressed that this can be done successfully and Portland is an example of that success. Travel requirements were also a major concern. Motion by Art Baldwin (KVHA) [*That an exhibition schedule be developed with PNAHA teams who wish to participate in league play with LAHA that does not work towards a league winner. Furthermore, the following conditions must be met: a) discipline be strictly enforced; b) player/parent contracts be developed and signed; c) this agreement be in compliance and agreed to by OSHA; d) that there be full compliance with PNAHA League Rules; e) LAHA adhere to PNAHA Suspension Guidelines; f) any suspensions be fully enforced; g) that LAHA prepare an agreement stating they will submit to PNAHA jurisdiction in all dispute resolutions*], seconded by Rick Ellison (SJR). Discussion. Jon Danks (PNAHA VP) called for the question, seconded by Art Baldwin (KVHA). Motion passed.
- Dru stated that Kyle Branscombe and Gary Barnes representing the Boise Blades requesting exhibition schedule inclusion had also approached her. She shared that due to other commitments the representatives apologized for not presenting their request in person. Directors indicated concern that this issue was important enough for LAHA to send a representative on a seven-hour trip, yet Boise did not make that same commitment. Being that no representative was present the Board of Directors were reluctant to approve admittance into the League. Motion by Rick Ellison (SJR) [*that a list of scheduled league games as well as points-of-contact be provided to the Boise Blades, but that they not be included in a formal League Exhibition Schedule*], seconded by Art Baldwin (KVHA). Discussion. It was also felt that any games played with the Boise Blades meet the same conditions as those required by LAHA. Those conditions are: *a) discipline be strictly enforced; b) player/parent contracts be developed and signed; c) this agreement be in compliance and agreed to by Idaho's governing body; d) that there be full compliance with PNAHA League Rules; e) LAHA adhere to PNAHA Suspension Guidelines; f) any suspensions be fully enforced; g) that LAHA prepare an agreement stating they will submit to PNAHA jurisdiction in all dispute resolutions*]. Jon Danks (PNAHA VP) called for the question, seconded by Brian Humphrey (WCAHA). Three opposed. Motion passed.
- Preliminary commitment for league teams for the 2002-2003 season was requested. The following commitments were made: **(B Division)** – DI=1 Midget; IE= 1 or 1 Squirt, 2 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; Kent = 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee; Mavericks=1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; PSR= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; SJR= 3 Squirt, 1 Midget; SNO= 3 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee; SPO= 2 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; TAC= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; TRI= 2 or 3 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; WEN= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; POR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; Eugene= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 or 2 Midget. **(A Division)** – DI= 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; IE= 1 Pee Wee; Kent= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Midget; MAV= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; PSR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; SJR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; SPO= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 2 Midget; TAC= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Midget; TRI= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 2 Midget; WEN= 1 Midget; Whatcom= 1 Midget; POR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget. Note that Tri-Cities and Spokane both indicated they plan to field a 16 and under and a 17 and under team at the midget ranks.
- Preliminary count for Tier I teams for the 2002-2003 season are: SJR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; SNO= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; NWA= 1 U16, 1 U17; TRI= 1 Bantam. Note that there was no representation at this meeting by Evergreen.

E. 1st Vice President – Jon Danks

- Jon stated that it has been quiet without many issues surfacing.
- Chicago Showcase update. The team played four games and one exhibition. Jon stated that Jamie Huscroft was an excellent coach and did a great job with the team. Getting people to try out for the team proved to be a challenge. The camp had representation primarily from the Seattle area and Tri-Cities. Due to low turnout the Totems participated in some of the scrimmages. Alaska had been

- provided five slots and only utilized two slots. The team composition consisted of eight Junior B players, seven players from the Tri-Cities, eight players from the Seattle area, three from Portland and two Alaska players. The level of play for the Washington team was down, but so was the level of play for other teams in the bracket. The positive side was that this team was comprised of a “great” bunch of kids. Jon also shared that after expenses that team management was able to refund \$50.00 to each player this year.
- Jon has prepared and distributed a survey of kids that were invited to the Select Camp. Many of these top-notch players decided not to attend this camp and the intent of the survey is to discover why decisions not to attend were made. The results will be forwarded to Rob Kaufman and Bruce Urban.
- F. 2nd Vice President – Kevin Schroeder**
- Kevin extended a thank you to Spokane and Tri-Cities for their efficiency in getting documentation into him in a timely fashion.
 - More work needs to be done in the area of “Abuse of Officials”.
 - Kevin stated his concerns regarding the fact that it is obvious that those responsible for disseminating information to associations are not reading the material they are sent. He reminded those present that as a PNAHA Representative that it is their responsibility to take back to their associations what is said at these meetings as well as to share documentation that is sent to them.
- G. President’s Report – Donna Kaufman**
- Donna provided each association a Blue Packet containing the following information: Public Relations information; 2002 Proposal changes for #10,13,17,18,19,20,24,25,27,29; The Value of Small Games In Hockey Development Document; Advanced Coaching Certification Registration Form; USA Hockey Member Counts, Age Classification Changes, Fundraising information document, Tier I District Tournament Eligibility letter, and Tiering Proposal letter. Donna provided a brief summary on all materials contained within this packet.
 - Donna presented to Steve Stevens the District Pete Anderson Award. This award is presented to the outstanding Referee in the District. Rick Ellison took liberties to extend a thank you to Steve on behalf of Seattle Junior and others for the assistance he has provided over the years. Steve took a few moments to thank everyone. Congratulations on well deserved recognition Steve.
 - Donna presented in lieu of attendance the District Andy Anderson Award to Karen Garver. This award is presented to the outstanding administrator in the District. Karen was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. She has been a long standing volunteer and PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer for approximately 20 years. Congratulations on well deserved recognition Karen.
 - Progress has been made in identifying the new PNAHA Female Director. Donna is recommending that Ann Andresen be appointed to that position. Rick Ellison (SJR) motion to [*appoint Ann Andresen as PNAHA Female Director*], seconded by Steve Cole (SNO). Motion passed.
 - Donna is working to promote adult education in the area of youth hockey. Of particular concern is violence by parents in the stands. Donna would like to schedule a time to attend each associations monthly meeting to share information on this issue.
- 8. Tournament Information For Guidebook**
- Dru shared that if tournament information was not to her within 14 days it would not be included in the PNAHA Guidebook this year due to publication deadlines. If you miss this deadline you can still get the information to her to include on the PNAHA Web Site.
- 9. Association Reports**
- None
- 10. Old Business**
- The PNAHA Proposal on New Member Qualifications/Guidelines was submitted with the PNAHA Agenda. Donna stated that much of the document replicated Illinois Guidelines. Donna reviewed the document contents and expanded upon many of the topics contained within the Guidelines. Her question to the Board of Directors “is this where we want to go?” “Is this the right direction?” Discussion. Matt Blondin distributed a proposal for membership voting. This proposal suggests director-voting allocation based upon player numbers in associations. Donna requested volunteers to appoint to a Membership Committee. The following individuals demonstrated interest in this committee: Cora Friedrich (TAC), Rick Ellison (SJR) and Brian Humphrey (WCAHA). This committee will meet and prepare a document to vote upon at the September meeting.

- The PNAHA Proposal on Female Hockey was submitted with the PNAHA Agenda. Work on the Girls/Women’s Task Force is moving forward. Many questions still exist on how to best grow female hockey in the state of Washington. Donna sent the proposal to Robin Willins to review. Robin supported the document and suggested that a copy be forwarded to Karen Lundgren. Brian Humphrey and Rick Ellison suggested that Association should consider “donations of ice” to females to help grow the programs. It was suggested that each association provide the new Female Hockey Director names of their female players. Steve Cole (SNO) stated concerns about releasing these names due to issues surrounding privacy for minors. Discussion seemed to resolve these concerns. It was determined that a motion need not occur to accept this document since by design it is a “working document.”
- Chuck Whitney was introduced to represent a new member application by the Western Washington Female Hockey Association (WWFHA). Chuck stated that their principal objective is to provide hockey opportunities for girls beyond the Squirt age classification. Their initial programs will emphasize development of recreational teams. At the conclusion of the presentation a question and answer period was opened up to the Board of Directors. Clarification regarding composition and dual rostering were addressed. Brian Humphrey (WCAHA) [*motion to accept WWFHA as a new member of PNAHA*], seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion passed.
- The Application For PNAHA State Tournament Bid Form was distributed. Kevin suggested that it might be best to hold the Squirt Tournament in one location. He also suggested that the Tier I, Tier II and B Tournaments be held on different weekends.

11. New Business

A. High School Hockey

- Because of the length on the meeting, Matt Blondin asked to have a discussion with those associations that have High School Hockey after the meeting was adjourned to get input on how they run high school programs in their respective areas.

B. Web Page Class

- Dru Hammond distributed a flyer to associations announcing the PNAHA Web Page training to be held at Columbia Basin College on July 27. Contact Dru for more information.

C. Midget AAA “Washington Totems”

- Jon Danks presented a brief overview on the performance of the Washington Totems for the past season. The team was quite successful. He also distributed tryout information as well as the registration form and encouraged associations to share this opportunity with their local players.

D. Thank you to Jon Danks

- Donna presented Jon with a gift certificate for dinner for two to thank him for his service as PNAHA Vice President.

12. Annual Fall Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Fall meeting will be held on September 7 at the Red Lion in Wenatchee. The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with committee roundtable discussions. The board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

- Art Baldwin (KVHA) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Darrin Wales (WWAHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.



YELLOW CARD

THIS YELLOW CARD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU AS A WARNING THAT YOUR BEHAVIOR IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS EVENT.

YOUR ADMITTANCE TO THIS FACILITY IS A PRIVILEGE TO OBSERVE A CONTEST AND TO SUPPORT THE MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE PROGRAM—**IT IS NOT A LICENSE TO VERBALLY ASSAULT PLAYERS, COACHES AND/OR OFFICIALS!**

WE HOPE THAT SPECTATORS WILL WATCH, ENJOY, AND ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG PLAYERS IN THIS LEAGUE, **WIN OR LOSE!**

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE PLAYERS WITH POSITIVE ENTHUSIASM, NOT YELLING, ANTICS AND/OR NEGATIVE CRITICISM.

FAILURE TO CORRECT YOUR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR WILL RESULT IN BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THIS FACILITY!