

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Annual Meeting  
April 26, 2014

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Amy Nibert, Leanne Carter, Jerry Mackie, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Blake Riekema, Mike Steffey, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Dan Massie, Mike LaFlamme, Vilma Shuttleworth, Keith Armstrong, Pete Sloan, Merit Waldrop, Matt Boline, Lisa Silance (alt.), Aurora Brase (alt.), Kory Wright (alt.) and Desi Baker (alt.)

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Kathy Merrick, Anna Culley and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey Officials present: Lisa McPheters, Rick Trupp, Joe Barth, Justin March and Mike Lukken.

Visitors present: Becky Beckett, Arlan Ayojiak, Arnold Liebelt, Laura Ramsey and Christy Hickel.

Members excused: Ted Barton, Wayne Sawchuk, Lynn Thompson, Barrett Heisten, Sally Wright, John Stenehjem and Nikole Stenehjem.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President.

Seating of ASHA board members are as follows:

All Stars	Justin Marcum
Alaska Firebirds	Destry Lind
Alaska Girls/Women	Lynn Thompson
Anchorage Hockey Assn.	Barrett Heisten
	Amy Nibert
Anchorage Hockey Officials	Leanne Carter
Alaska Jr. Aces	Jerry Mackie
Ben Boeke Adult League	Annetta Powell
	Kris Knauss
	Dave Caciliffi
Jr. Avalanche	Blake Riekema
Fairbanks Amateur Hockey	Jim Culley
	Mike Steffey
Fairbanks Arctic Lions	Greg Milles
Fairbanks Ice Dogs	Jack Tragis
Gomez Foundation Hockey	Carlos Gomez
Juneau Douglas Hockey	Matt Boline
Kenai Peninsula Hockey	Ted Barton
Mat-Su Hockey	Dan Massie
Mustang Hockey	Mike Laflamme
Northern Alaska Hockey	Vilma Shuttleworth

Palmer Amateur Hockey	Keith Armstrong
South Anchorage Mighty Moose	Keith Morris
	Merit Waldrop
South Central Hockey	Pete Sloan
Subway Adult League	Sally Wright
	John Stenehjem
	Nikole Stenehjem

Introductions were made of all present. The agenda was approved as presented with one addition. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. The only correspondence was a magazine.

Persons to be heard: Justin March and Mike Lukken were in attendance today from USA Hockey. Mike is the coordinator for program services with USA Hockey and spoke about the Try Hockey for Free program and the 2 and 2 Challenge program. Justin is the coordinator for Adult Hockey and spoke about the Adult First Goal program and the adult hockey tournament which is held in Anchorage at this time of year – it is the largest traditional USA Hockey adult hockey tournament in the country. Their contact information is available online. (see attached information)

President's report: Darryl Thompson discussed the ADM model and how it is working with USA Hockey. ASHA has spent block grant money on hard ice dividers and he would like to continue providing them for associations. He reminded associations that Lisa McPheters, our registrar, needs the rules and application to her for tournaments 30 days prior to the start of the tournament. Do not forget this important step when hosting a tournament. He thanked the associations who do follow the rules. Darryl reported that the allocation for the Gomez Foundation should make it through the legislature this year.

Finance report: Joe Newhouse went over the balance sheet with everyone. The state tournament bills are paid and we came very close to our budget. He will check into getting more hard ice dividers so that maybe we can do one big order in order to save money on freight. Joe reminded associations that are within a 125-mile radius of Anchorage that their \$100 travel fund fee is due.

VP Tournaments: A big thanks was given to Carol Hammingh for a successful state tournament season! Carol reminded associations who won trophies to get them engraved. There were 17 state tournaments this spring – 49 teams participated in the Comp Tournaments and 78 teams participated in the House Tournaments. Most of the tournaments went quite well. She gave special recognition to the Gomez Foundation and the Mighty Moose for their help in moving tournaments to other venues. Carol also gave a big thanks to Chris Milles and the referees who worked all of the tournaments. She is already working on improvements for next year's tournaments. She reported that with ice rinks having varying ice rental rates, the financial part of tournaments can be a struggle. She would like for the house tournament fees to remain the same next year, even though the costs this year may

have been more than anticipated. They are currently \$900 per team. The PeeWee Tier IV tournament went well, but she does not want to have another state tournament that does not have a designated host.

VP Comp Council report: Kathy Merrick presented the 2014-2015 Comp State

Tournament hosts:

U10 Minor	PAHA
U10 Major	PAHA
U12 Minor	Arctic Lions
U12 Major	Arctic Lions
U14 Tier II	Mat-Su
U14 Tier I	None
U16 Tier II	South Central Wolves
U16 Tier I	Arctic Lions
U18 Tier II	South Central Wolves
U18 Tier I	None

Kathy Merrick moved and Dan Massie seconded to adopt the comp tournament hosts. The motion passed. Kathy also presented a first reading of the recommendations for changes in the guideline book. (see attached).

Kathy Merrick moved and Jerry Mackie seconded to approve the attached resolution regarding high school hockey. The motion passed unanimously.

VP House Council report: Anna Culley requested to make a friendly amendment to the Mite Proposal to eliminate any U8 full ice games and as such, if passed, ASHA will make no Waiver request of USA Hockey for any U8 full ice games. (see attached) This was a second reading of the proposal. Anna moved and Keith Morris seconded. Discussion followed and the motion passed. No U8 Full Ice Waiver request will be made to USA Hockey. Anna presented a first reading of the recommended guideline book changes from the House Council (see attached). She also presented the 2015 State House Tournament hosts:

10U Tier III	Homer
10U Tier IV	FAHA
12U Tier III	Palmer
12U Tier IV	AHA
14U Tier III	Juneau
14U Tier IV	Gomez Foundation
16U Tier III/IV	South Anchorage Mighty Moose
18U Tier III/IV	South Anchorage Mighty Moose

Anna Culley moved and Keith Morris seconded to approve the house tournament hosts. The motion passed unanimously.

VP Girls'/Women Council report: Dave McCarrey presented his report. (see attached)

VP Adult Council report: No report.

VP Player Development report: Wayne Shawchuk's report was read and is attached. Also attached is the first reading of the guideline book changes recommended by the VP of Player Development. Darryl also presented the Anchorage City Program for Anchorage Associations/Alaska Player Development Model (see attached).

Discipline Committee: There was no report, however Darryl Thompson announced that Bruce Graham will now be the chairman of the ASHA Discipline Committee because Mike Arnold's term is up.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that there is new registration software coming to all registrars. Each registrar needs to respond to Lisa in order to receive the software. If you have a new registrar for this upcoming season, please get the contact information to Lisa. She reminded all associations that if you have spring/summer travel teams, you must have a USA Hockey 1T approved by Lisa. You will also need a travel permit if you are traveling to a USA Hockey sponsored event. If you are going to a non-USA Hockey event, you are not covered by USA Hockey insurance. She also reminded everyone to make sure that the team books are in the correct order. House League team 1T's were an issue this past year, so ALL 1T's go to Lisa first for approval!! Handbook changes will be coming soon for a first reading. There is an attachment that gives directions for a correct credentials book.

Referee-in-Chief: Joe Barth read the report from Chris Milles (see attached). There is also an attachment for the 2014-2015 Anchorage Hockey Officials referee rates effective August 1, 2014. AHO does offer score keeping classes following referee seminars. Each ice rink should have instructions on how to work the clock in the score keepers box along with instructions on how to do the score sheet.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that they are revising the Level 1 modules, continuing module development, and there will be a Level 5 Coaching Clinic in Las Vegas. Information can be found on the website. He encouraged associations to send their Level 4 coaches. The coaching clinics went well this past season. There will be a Level 4 Clinic in Fairbanks the end of July. The information will be coming out soon. Rick will work with Joe Barth on educating the coaches on rule changes and bench behavior.

Jr. Hockey report: Jack Tragis reported that the NAHL should be pretty much the same next year as this year. He will know after the NAHL meeting in late May. The Fairbanks Ice Dogs have 12 commitments to D1 colleges this year, which shows what an elite organization they have become in the NAHL.

Elections:

Jerry Mackie moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the three incumbent positions as presented on the ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The Mite Proposal was addressed during the House Council report.

New Business:

Jerry Mackie moved and Dan Massie seconded to continue Andrew Good's contract for \$1500.00 for the website Point Streak data, and to continue Andrew Good's contract for the website maintenance for \$1500.00. The motion passed unanimously. (This amount was subsequently amended to \$3,500.00 for Web master fee by electronic vote of the board.)

Jerry Mackie moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept Dan Massie as the VP of the Comp Council as he won the paper ballot election. The motion passed.

Brenda Luthi has researched the possibility of having the ASHA Board Meetings available for teleconferencing for those associations who may not be able to make the trip to Anchorage. We will begin having a teleconference available at our July meeting. Information will be sent when the meeting reminder is sent.

Attached you will find all of the first readings of the handbook changes.

The schedule for ASHA meetings for the 2015-2015 season is as follows: All meetings will be held at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

July 12, 2014	10:00
August 23, 2014	11:00 (following the comp scheduling meetings)
November 8, 2014	10:00
January 3, 2015	10:00
February 7, 2015	10:00
April 25, 2015	10:00 (Annual Meeting)

Dan Massie moved and Keith Morris seconded to approve the above dates. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

Carlos Gomez commented that they are looking for girls' high school hockey coaches in the Anchorage area. The Gomez Foundation still needs to raise \$70,000 for matching funds from the state. They will hopefully do a pond hockey tournament next year the first weekend in March.

Mike Laflamme gave a big thanks to the Palmer Ice Rink for hosting the Mac Attack and said it was very successful.

Ann Culley gave congratulations to all three hockey teams who won at the Arctic Winter Games.

Justin Marcum gave thanks to Darryl Thompson, Carol Hammingh, Lisa McPheters, Christy Hickel, Dan Rogness, Chris Milles, Bob Walker, Vicki Checken and many others for the successful national tournament they hosted.

Lisa Silance gave thanks to AHO for providing referee supervisors during the state tournaments.

Leanne Carter commented that AHO will continue providing referee supervisors. They are making directions to be placed with the AED equipment at the rinks.

Dan Massie gave a big thanks to Kathy Merrick for her work with the Comp Council these past two years, and he is looking forward to working with the Comp Council this year.

Destry Lind commented that the Excellence Camp will be held at the Subway Rink July 7-11, 2014. Information can be found on the website. Proceeds from this camp help assist ASHA with the ADM.

Lisa McPheters commented that the patches for this past season (hat trick, playmaker, shut-out) are available from your registrar and your registrar may get them from Lisa.

Joe Barth commented that an adult player had a heart attack during a game. The referees and doctors who happened to be in attendance saved him. It is important for everyone to know where the AED's are located in the rinks.

Jerry Mackie moved and Dan Massie seconded to approve hard ice dividers for Juneau and Kenai. The motion passed.

Darryl Thompson gave a big thank you to Kathy Merrick for her time served as VP of the Comp Council. He also gave a big thank you to the All Stars for hosting the national tournament.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi

ASHA Secretary