

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
January 3, 2015

Members present: Justin Marcum, Luther Brice, Amy Nibert, Annetta Powell, Dave Ruiz, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Jim Culley, Michael Steffey, Carlos Gomez, Matt Shotenski, Joey Merrick, Keith Armstrong, Keith Morris, Sally Wright and Theresa Austin (alt.)

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Keith Berrian, Dan Massie, Anna Culley, Dave McCarrey, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey Officials present: Kris Knauss and Donna Kauffman.

Members excused: Ted Barton, Barrett Heisten, Jack Tragis and Eric Simmons.

Visitors present: Jan Rumble and Jackie Graeber.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Theresa Austin as an alternate for Barrett Heisten for today.

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved as presented with one addition by Joe Newhouse. The minutes were approved as presented. Correspondence – two magazines and a Christmas card from Juneau Hockey Association.

Persons to be Heard:

Donna Kauffman from USA Hockey reported that the Mid-Winter Meeting is coming up soon. They are working on long-range planning. She is always willing to answer any questions anyone might have.

Jan Rumble from Homer Hockey Association gave a power point presentation on the Kevin Bell Ice Arena and Homer Hockey Association. (see attached) She went over ways Homer Hockey is trying to save their arena. TILT information will be coming later. Her phone number is 907-321-1569.

President's report: Darryl Thompson reported that he has been to the December 16, 2014 ASAA (Alaska State Activities Association) Board meeting concerning the ASHA Resolution to form a joint committee to improve the quality to hockey in Alaska, with focus on high school hockey. ASAA has agreed to set up a joint committee between ASAA and ASHA to work on looking to ways to improve hockey and the interplay with high school hockey and USA Hockey. Darryl also reported that he sits on the Legal Counsel, and on the agenda for the USA Hockey Mid-Winter

meeting is a proposed protocol to divest jurisdiction to for all sexual assaults to the USOC, and that it was his position that the local affiliates should be able to continue to have the authority issue an immediate suspension.

Finance report: Joe Newhouse presented the balance sheet and the profit & loss statement. He answered questions regarding both.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh reported that ice is almost secured for the House Tournaments. She is working on financial issues with the Polar Ice Rink in Fairbanks. Due to these issues, there will be games played on base. Specific directions will be sent to all participants playing on base as to what they need to get to the rink. She presented the Midget 16 Tier II and Midget 18 Tier II State Tournament Seedings, along with the PW Major and Minor State Tournament schedules. (see attached).

VP Comp Council: Dan Massie reported that there were four items discussed at the ASHA Comp Council meeting held today before the board meeting.

- The final 2015 PeeWee Minor/Major State Tournament schedule was presented by the VP of Tournaments, Carol Hammingh. The Polar Ice Arena is not an option for the 2015 state tournaments, so some PeeWee Minor games will be played at the military base rink. The Comp Council voted to approve the PeeWee Minor/Major 2015 State Tournament schedule as presented.
- The VP of Player Development, Wayne Sawchuk, presented the coaching staff that was selected by his committee for the 2016 Bantam Tier I Alaska team. The following was presented to the Comp Council: The coaching selection committee is recommending that Dave Ruiz and Reid McDonald serve as co-coaches for the U14 Tier I host team for the 2016 National Championship. No assistant coaches will be hired until after the team is selected. The first evaluation for 2001 and 2002 players will be in conjunction with the Alaska Select Camp April 10-12 at the Subway Ice Rink. Tryout dates in May are still to be determined. The Comp Council voted to support the recommendation as submitted.
- As a result of the 2016 Alaska State Hockey bid for the U14 Bantam Tier I Nationals, we would like to submit the following rule change: For the 2015/2016 season, Alaska affiliates will be permitted to host two Tier II Bantam teams. This would allow the National host team to select the best 20 rostered players to enhance the best possible team for the national tournament. The Comp Council discussed and recommended changing the language to make sure that no organization would be allowed to have three bantam teams.
- VP of Comp, Dan Massie, brought up for discussion that of Alaska State Hockey community-based Alaska hockey state districting to the Comp Council. Dan will work to come up with language for a rule change.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they approved the request from Juneau regarding the 5/10 game rule. They are going to propose a rule change on checking to be presented at the April ASHA meeting. There are 81 House teams and 78 of them are going to the state tournaments!

VP Girls/Women: Dave McCarrey reported that the Palmer Pioneers will be hosting a tournament to set up seedings for the district tournament. Since most of the girls and parents will be in Palmer for the tournament, they will be able to hold an informational meeting to address several issues. He also reported that they had 82 girls participate in the Girls Select Try-Outs.

VP Adult: Keith Berrian reported that the LaBatt's Tournament will be held in Anchorage April 23-26, 2015. Due to the change in the game reporting system, he is having difficulty getting the reports. Donna Kauffman will check into the situation to see how to correct this.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that there were 150 kids who attended the Selects Camp December 20-21, 2014 at Ben Boeke. He thanked all the volunteers for their time and effort over the two days. The list was posted January 4<sup>th</sup> for players advancing to the San Jose Selects Camp May 7-10, 2015. At-large selections will be notified as other states finish up camps. The next Player Development Meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at the Subway Ice Rink. The 2001 and 2002 birth years development camp will be held April 10-12, 2015 at the Subway Ice Rink with registration running from March 1, 2015 to April 1, 2015.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: No report.

Referee-in-Chief: No report.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Junior Hockey: No report.

Safe Sport: No report.

Old Business:

Wayne Sawchuk wanted to give extra thanks to Mike Ashley and Rob Proffitt for their help with the 2016 Tier I Bantam National Tournament host coaching selection. Dave Ruiz and Reid McDonald were the co-coach selections from the committee. The Try-Out dates for the team will be discussed at the February ASHA meeting. Keith Morris moved and Dan Massie seconded to accept Wayne's

recommendation of Dave Ruiz and Reid McDonald as co-coaches for the Bantam Tier I host team. Discussion followed. The motion passed. Wayne was given a big thank you for taking the lead on this issue.

Donna Kauffman gave a thank you to ASHA for our donation to help with the Level 5 Coaching Clinic held in Las Vegas this past August.

Laura Ramsey will be the ASHA handbook chairman for the upcoming season.

New Business:

Annetta Powell gave a first reading of a rule change proposal (see attached) regarding Bantam Tier II teams for the 2015/2016 season.

Joe Newhouse stated that ASHA needs to set up an account for the upcoming national tournament to be hosted in 2016. Carol Hammingh moved and Keith Morris seconded to set up an account for the 2016 National Tournament to deal with expenses. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith Morris moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to prefund this above account with \$30,000.00 to the 2016 National Tournament account. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments:

- Dave Ruiz gave his thanks for the coaching opportunity.
- Wayne Sawchuk commented that we need to be thinking about what to do with any money that could be made during the 2016 National Tournament.
- Joey Merrick commented that the Mac Rink is now open!
- Carlos Gomez commented that the Gomez Foundation is hosting a Pond Hockey Tournament March 6-8, 2015. They are anticipating using 11 pond rinks with 100 teams in all divisions. Information can be found at [AKpond.com](http://AKpond.com). He also commented that Girls High School hockey is going well.
- Darryl Thompson wants us to remember that hockey is for life, and we need to remember it is fun.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 7, 2015 at 10:00 at the Coast International Inn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary