

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
February 7, 2015

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Barrett Heisten, Leanne Carter, Annetta Powell, Dave Ruiz, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Matt Boline (via audio conference), Jim Culley, Michael Steffey, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Dave Bolin, Ted Barton, Matt Shotenski, Joey Merrick, Merit Waldrop, Pete Sloan, Sally Wright, Nikole Stenehjem, Michele Nilson, Theresa Austin (alt.), Jackie Graeber (alt.) and Heather Rodgers (alt.)

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

Members excused: Darryl Thompson, Dave McCarrey, Amy Nibert, Keith Morris and Luther Brice.

Visitors present: Matt Ketchum.

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Sawchuk, Vice President.

Seating of Board Members:

Michele Nilson NAHA
Theresa Austin alternate for Amy Nibert
Heather Rodgers for Luther Brice
Jackie Graeber for Keith Morris

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. Correspondence – two magazines.

Persons to be Heard: none

President's Report: none

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse reported that he has started the national tournament account. He went over the balance sheet and the draft budget sheet. Carol Hammingh moved and Pete Sloan seconded to approve the proposed budget. The motion passed.

VP Tournament: Carol Hammingh presented the 2015 state tournament schedules. Carol moved and Anna Culley seconded to approved the tournament schedules as presented. The motion passed. Carol also discussed the Polar Ice Rink situation regarding an ice bill. Discussion followed, and Darryl Thompson and Joe Newhouse will take care of it.

VP Comp Council: Dan Massie reported that at the Comp Council meeting prior to this meeting, they discussed the Bantam Tier II proposed rule change and they did not recommend it. They also discussed the ice time in regards to comp games.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they had a meeting on January 15, 2015. They also discussed the Bantam Tier II proposed rule change and they did not recommend it. They discussed a first reading of a no checking rule change, to be brought up during New Business. They also have had discussions with Lisa McPheters, registrar, regarding 1Ts in the U-8 division. They also worked on team placements for the state tournaments.

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian reported that they have had three major incidents lately. The discipline committee has been involved and there have been suspensions issued. He reminded everyone to look at problem players in their leagues so they don't run off other players by documenting interactions with these problem players. They will help any associations who would like help in this area.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that Selects registration is open March 1, 2015-April 1, 2015 online for 01 and 02 birth years. See the website for specific information. There will be a Player Development meeting on April 9, 2015 at 6:30 at the Subway rink.

Discipline Committee: no report

Associate Risk Manager: no report

Registrar: no report

Referee-in-Chief: no report

Coach-in-Chief: no report

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that he is willing to help parents in the Tier III Junior Hockey Leagues. He reminds parents to check out the team before sending their kids there.

SafeSport: A mobile tournament app is in the works.

Old Business:

A second reading was done on the Bantam Tier II rule change proposal. Jim Culley moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to approve the second reading. Discussion followed and the motion failed (8 yes to 20 no)

Lisa McPheters is the chairman for the National Tournament Committee. So far the fee has been paid, but they are waiting on directions to continue with planning.

New Business: Anna Culley gave a first reading of the proposed rule change: "There will be no checking at any Tier IV level beginning with the 2015-2016 season." Discussion followed. This will be voted upon at the April ASHA meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Carlos Gomez gave congratulations to Fairbanks for winning the girls high school hockey championship. He is encouraging the formation of a girls high school hockey team in the valley. The Pond Hockey Tournament is coming up. Go to AKpond.com for information and registration.

Joey Merrick commented that the Mac Attack in Eagle River is coming up soon.

Barrett Heisten commented on how teaching players how to check has evolved in the past years.

Carol Hammingh commented on a player who is playing in junior hockey and is in need of financial support due to sickness in his family. Carlos Gomez said the Gomez Foundation has taken care of his bills. A big thanks was given to Carlos! Carol also needs to make sure tournament trophies are getting to the correct place for this year's tournaments.

Leanne Carter gave a thanks to the ASHA board for supporting the referee supervisors.

Ted Barton brought a trophy for the state tournament.

Wayne Sawchuk said a pilot program for Tier I U15 2000 birth years is in the works for going to districts.

Brenda Luthi reminded everyone that our next meeting will be the Annual Board Meeting where every board member needs to bring a letter to be seated for the 2015-2016 season.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 25, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Coast International Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary