

Alaska State Hockey Association
Annual Board Meeting
April 25, 2015

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Theresa Austin, Barrett Heisten, Tim Zobel, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Matt Boline, Jim Culley, Mike Steffey, Dima Kulmanovsky, Carlos Gomez, Ted Barton, Matt Shotenski, Joey Merrick, Michele Nilson, Keith Armstrong, Jackie Graeber, Pete Sloan, Sally Wright, John Glover, Justin Johnson (alt.), Nikole Stenehjem (alt.) and Matt Gervais (alt.).

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

Members excused: Annetta Powell, Jack Tragis, Keith Morris, Luther Brice, Dave Ruiz and Merit Waldrop.

USA Hockey Officials present: Rick Trupp, Eric Simmons and Joe Barth.

Visitors present: Don DeMaster and Laura Ramsey.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Matt Boline	Juneau-Douglas Ice Association
Joey Merrick	Mustang Hockey Association
Mike Schachle	Jr. Avalanche
Theresa Austin	AHA
Barrett Heisten	AHA
Justin Marcum	All Stars
Matt Shotenski	Mat-Su
Ted Barton	KPHA
Michele Nilson	NAHA
Dima Kulmanovsky	Arctic Lions
Tim Zobel	AHO
Keith Armstrong	PAHA
Keith Morris	South Anchorage
Jackie Graeber	South Anchorage
Merit Waldrop	Alaska Oilers
Pete Sloan	SCAHA
John Stenehjem	Subway Adult League
Kory Wright	Subway Adult League
Sally Wright	Subway Adult League
Destry Lind	Alaska Firebirds
Mike Steffey	FAHA
Jim Culley	FAHA
Carlos Gomez	Gomez Foundation

Annetta Powell
Dave Ruiz
Dave Cacciolfi

Ben Boeke Adult
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Introductions were made of everyone present.

There was no correspondence.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard: Don DeMaster from Mat-Su expressed his concerns regarding the mite practices and games according to the ADM model. Anna Culley addressed his concerns.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson expressed gratitude to the tireless volunteers as this hockey season has ended.

Finance Report: Joe Newhouse went over the balance sheet and the profit & loss statements. He reminded associations that owe the travel fund amount of \$100 that it is now due. Brenda Luthi will send out reminders to those associations.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh thanked all of the volunteers who hosted state tournaments this season. She appreciated working with Joe Newhouse in getting all of the bills paid. Attached are the tournament hosts so far for 2016. Dima Kulmanovsky moved and Dan Massie seconded to approve the state tournament hosts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VP Comp Council: Dan Massie reported that there were 11 association representatives present. The Comp Council fully supports removing checking at the Tier IV level. Don't forget that Spring League teams still need to register teams on the 1-T or get a waiver signed as they are not covered by the USA Hockey Insurance.

The Termination Dust Tournament has been moved up a weekend to accommodate the beginning of high school hockey. They tabled the Alaska Oilers petition to participate in the Alaska League. Dan Massie moved and Joey Merrick seconded to allow the Alaska League Tier I U14 team to schedule with Tier II U16 teams. The motion passed unanimously.

VP House Council: Anna Culley would like a list of all tournaments throughout the year to get into the handbook. She mentioned that some associations are not following the ADM model, so they are addressing this and will work with Barrett Heisten to send out bullet points outlining the ADM model. They will discuss repercussions for those associations not following the ADM model. There will be an electronic first reading on this issue before the July meeting.

Barrett Heisten, who is our ADM representative, said that he is not the enforcer of the ADM model, he is a resource. ADM is not just for Mite hockey, it actually goes all the way through 18. Ty Hennis from USA Hockey is coming up to make a push for squirts and the ADM model soon.

VP Girls/Women Council: Dave McCarrey reported that it has been a good year with a 15% increase in girl players. This year 10-12 girls were placed in college hockey programs.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that they are working on how to keep more hockey players in the state. They are also working with ASAA on the high school hockey/comp hockey issue. May 8-10 will be the Tier I Bantam hockey tryouts, check the website for details. There are 27 players going to the Selects Camp in Colorado this summer. October 8, 2015 will be the next Player Development meeting. December 19-20, 2015 will be the 15-16-17 Selects Camp Try-outs. Look on the website for more information.

Discipline Committee: Darryl Thompson gave a big thank you to Bruce Graham for his work with the Discipline Committee this past year.

Associate Risk Manager Report: No report.

Registrar Report: Darryl Thompson reported for Lisa and the National Tournament Committee that they are working with the traveling teams. A big thanks was given to John Stenehem for help in getting the national logos on the ice. They are working on the programs, apparel, photography, souvenirs, team facilitators, and other aspects of putting on a National Tournament. Kim Onstot will be in charge of the hospitality room and Carol Hammingh will be in charge of the admissions gates. The next meeting of the National Tournament Committee will be May 13th at 6:00 at the BP Center.

Ref-in-Chief: Eric Simmons reported that the numbers are down in Alaska and across the country. He also saw way too many adult league issues this year.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that he has plenty of ADM materials also if anyone needs some. At the coaching clinics they try to have 3-4 speakers and a power point presentation. If anyone has good people he would welcome their support. A lot of associations have asked for temporary cards this year. The clinic dates will come out in early August.

Junior Hockey: No report.

Safe Sport: No report.

Elections: Darryl presented the slate of officers up for election. Pete Sloan moved and Dave Caaciliffi seconded to accept the Members at Large: Secretary/VP Girls Women/VP Tournaments/VP Player Development and VP House Council positions as presented. The motion passed.

Secretary – Brenda Luthi

VP Girls/Women – Kirk Payne

VP Tournaments – Carol Hammingh

VP Player Development – Wayne Sawchuk

VP House Council – Anna Culley

Old Business:

Wayne Sawchuk moved and Dima Kulmanovsky seconded to accept the non-check handbook changes as presented: “There will be no checking at any Tier IV level beginning with the 2015-2016 season.” The motion passed unanimously.

There were two items to be added to New Business – Kodiak Hockey and the Alaska Oilers.

New Business:

Anna Culley presented the first reading of the Mite Proposal (see attached). Discussion followed.

There was a first reading of the Moving State Tournaments (see attached).

The first week of June is the deadline to accept first reading changes for the handbook.

Joe Newhouse moved and Dan Massie seconded to renew Andrew Good’s contracts for maintain the Sportngin data and the maintenance annual contract (\$3,500.00 and \$1,500.00 respectively). The motion passed unanimously.

Anna Culley moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to accept Kodiak Hockey Association to the ASHA Board. The motion passed unanimously. Darryl has all of their necessary paperwork.

The South Anchorage reimbursement proposal was tabled until the next meeting in order for associations to review the proposal before voting. The proposal will be sent out with the minutes.

Justin Johnson moved and Dave Caaciliffi seconded to accept the Alaska Oilers into the Alaska League. The Eagle River Glacier Bears organization is now the Alaska Oilers due to a corporate name change. Much discussion followed and the questions were called. The motion passed 19 – 11.

Darryl Thompson would like for associations to be thinking of long range planning for future discussions.

Jackie Graeber moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to accept the following ASHA meeting dates for the 2015-2016 hockey season:

July 25, 2015 – 10:00

August 29, 2015 - 11:00 (comp scheduling meetings on the 28th and 29th)

October 10, 2015 – 10:00

December 5, 2015 – 10:00

January 30, 2016 – 10:00

April 23, 2016 – 10:00 (Annual Meeting)

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments:

Justin Johnson thanked everyone for their consideration of the Alaska Oilers
Matt Shotenski commented on the great job Juneau did in hosting the U18 state hockey tournament.

Justin Marcum commented that he was disappointed in USA Hockey when the U19 girls were not given the opportunity to go to Nationals due to an error in Tier designation.

Pete Sloan commented that this will be his last meeting. He has been on the board for 22 years, but he is retiring and moving to Tennessee. Travis Frisk will be taking over his position. Best of luck, Pete!

Keith Berrian commented that there are 70 adult hockey teams in town this weekend for a hockey tournament. He wants to work with Lisa McPheters on getting registrar reports so he can keep up to date with the adult teams.

Dima Kumanovsky wanted to say thanks for letting them host the squirt tourney.

Mike Schacle asked about ASHA being able to subsidize the cost of hockey for some beginning players or beginning referees.

Joe Merrick gave thanks to all who helped the Mac Attack be successful.

Dan Massie commented that he felt the Juneau state tournament went very well. He welcomed Kodiak to ASHA. He also asked associations to be mindful of the cost of traveling to outlying areas for hockey.

Joe Newhouse commented that he certainly hoped we learned a lesson with the U19 girls not being able to go to Nationals due to possible paperwork snafu reasons, and that this shouldn't happen again.

Carlos Gomez commented that associations need to be transparent and do things the right way.

Ted Barton commented that with the U19 girls issue with Nationals, attention to details is a must. Girl's hockey is good stuff.

Destry Lind commented that the Edge of Excellence Hockey Camp is coming up with information found on our website.

Dave McCarrey commented that this would be his last meeting. He feels like he was able to get everyone talking about girl's hockey. He also was disappointed about the Girls U19 not being able to participate at Nationals.

Jackie Graeber commented on associations being cautious about traveling costs for teams.

Anna Culley commented that the Big Dipper Arena in Fairbanks got in the Top Ten of Kraft Hockey and they will get \$20,000.00!

Jim Culley commented that he felt Juneau did a great job hosting their state tournament.

Theresa Austin commented that she would have liked to know more about the Oilers before the meeting in order to think about her vote.

Tim Zobel commented that the Juneau tournament went well. The tournament supervisor program will be in its second year and is going well.

Carol Hammingh commented that teams may have to travel to state tournaments depending on who volunteers to host them. There are still slots open for hosts for the 2016 season.

Brenda Luthi commented that she needs a current list of officers for the 2015-2016 season.

Wayne Sawchuk gave a thanks to all who helps with the select camps.

Darryl Thompson introduced John Glover from Kodiak and welcomed him to ASHA. He gave thanks to all present in that we are all volunteers, and a thanks to the re-elected officers. He gave a thanks to Dave McCarrey and Pete Sloan for their time served on the board. He is working to get UAA hockey players available to help with local associations. Darryl went through the timeline of how he worked with USA Hockey on the disqualification of the U19 Girls team for Nationals. We will try to implement a check and balance on declaring a 1T in the future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary