

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 26, 2017

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Jason Dinneen, Merit Waldrop, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Michael Steffey, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Ben Roth, Mike Barth, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Ron Stadem, Keith Morris, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Sally Wright, Reid McDonald, Shawn Hull (alt.) and Scott Sivulich (alt.)

Members excused: Mike Ashley, Mike Schachle, Tim Zobel, Luther Brice, Larry McBain, Brandon Harker and Carrie Jokeil.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Brenda Luthi, Anna Culley, Kirk Payne, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey officials present: Kris Knauss, Steve Lainge, Jaime Campbell, Andrew Good, Lisa McPheters, Rick Trupp, Adam Powell and Steve Thompson.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Luther Brice – Alaska Girls/Women
Sean Hall as an alternate for Mike Schachle
Scott Sivulich as an alternate for Tim Zobel

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

The only correspondence was a magazine.

An electronic vote was held after our last ASHA Board meeting where it was moved, seconded and passed to match the block grant amount of \$3150.00 for Kodiak to help with the cost of their coaches traveling to Anchorage to participate in the NARCE clinic hosted by ASHA.

Persons to be heard:

- Steve Lainge from USA Hockey introduced Jaime Campbell with the Pacific District Concussion Education and Protocol Program. Jaime gave an administrative overview of this program and the forms which can be found on the Pacific District website. Newsletters regarding concussions come out every 4-6 weeks from USA Hockey.
- Steve Lainge emphasized the importance of the HECC stickers on hockey helmets. These helmets are required on all helmets. The forms for concussion protocol are required for the team books. Steve also spoke in

regards to the Girls/Women hockey program. USA Hockey has negotiated with them and all is well financially and equal with men's teams. An advisory committee has been created for the Girls/Women hockey program too.

October 15 is the due date for the Girls' declaration for districts. Girls are now part of what was known in the past as the Pittsburgh Showcase. It will be April 19-22 in St. Louis. This Showcase is primarily for juniors and seniors in high school who have not committed to a college.

- Kris Knauss reported that the Girls/Women national team will not affect fees within USA Hockey. He also reported that Seth Appert is now the head coach of the National Development Program. May 3-6, 2-18 will be the date for the Pacific District Development Camp in San Jose. The USA Hockey rule book is now an app for smart phones. He congratulated Rick Trupp for a great job in putting on the CEP clinic. Kris also commended Reid McDonald and the Eagle River Hockey League for the great hype and vision and use of social media in promoting their new hockey league.
- Karen Zumar (via audio conference) is a goalie mom who would like to file a complaint regarding the Tier II and Tier III try-outs in Fairbanks citing discrimination against girls at youth try-outs. She feels the coaches are not following the Coaches Code of Ethics. Darryl Thompson will act on referring this to the Discipline Committee once he receives a request in writing from Karen.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson thanked Rick Trupp for putting on the CEP clinic. He also thanked all of the associations who participated. The USA Hockey officials who attended from out of state loved our Alaska hospitality and fishing trips. They asked Darryl to thank the Board for the generous support and to express gratitude everyone involved. Darryl gave a Happy Birthday to Jack Tragus! On August 31st, there will be a meeting to try to move forward with the municipality of Anchorage on ice distribution. MHA was awarded \$5,950 in block grant money to help with their embezzlement crime. Unfortunately, there is only a \$50,000 limit with insurance – and they had an embezzlement of \$180,000. Darryl also gave a big thank you to Andrew Good for his work on the ASHA handbook.

Finance Report: Jim Newhouse went over the financial reports. He needs block grant requests for this year as soon as possible. He reminded associations within a 125 mile radius of Anchorage to send him the \$100 per board member travel fee.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hamming reported that she is working on state tournament details.

VP Comp Council: Joey Merrick spoke for Matt Shasby regarding the October 7, 2017 activities before the UAA/North Dakota hockey game. More information will be available soon.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that the Bobby Freeland Grant applications are due soon – September 30, 2017. She needs the names of the house state tournament directors by October 15, 2017. The house scheduling meeting will be on October 6, 2017. Details will be coming out soon.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne would like to hold the Girls/Women Council meetings prior to the regular ASHA meetings. A room will be set aside for them.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported on the following Player Development Select Camp dates:

- January 5-7, 2018 15's(03's), 16's(02's) & 17's(01's) Camp Subway Ice Rink. Registration from November 15 – December 20, 2017.
- April 13-15, 2018 13's(05's) & 14's(04's) Camp Subway Ice Rink. Registration from March 1 – April 1, 2018.
- May 3-6, 2018 17, 16, 15U Pacific District Camp, San Jose CA
- June 16-21, 2018 14U Western Regional High Performance Camp, Colorado Spring, CO

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that the ASHA handbooks are here along with the USA Hockey Annual Guide and the USA Hockey Official Rules book. They can also be found on line. Since the season is just starting, there are no number reports at this time. She reminded all associations to double check with their coaches to make sure the ASHA background screening is up to date.

Referee-in-Chief: No report.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that the CEP Clinic was great and he thanked the ASHA Board for its support. The coaching clinics are posted online. Don't forget the requirements: Background screening, Safe Sport, online modules and if you had a temporary card last year, you need to attend a clinic this year.

Jr. Hockey report: Jack Tragis reported that the Fairbanks Ice Dogs will be starting too. The Kenai Brown Bears will be starting again soon too with a new coach and a new look. The new coach is Josh Petrovich. The Blaine Showcase is coming up soon in Minnesota. The Ice Dogs and the Brown Bears will have an exhibition game soon.

Safe Sport: Darryl Thompson reported for Mike Ashley that he would like for all association presidents to review page 14 of the Safe Sport Handbook in reference to "Electronic Communication" and pass this relevant information down to their

coaches. Please put an emphasis on Parent Notification in regards to electronic communication.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: Adam Powell thanked Rick Trupp on the CEP Clinic. He encourages people to ask him for help with ADM. His contact information is in the handbook and online.

ASHA Goaltender Coordinator: Steve Thompson went to Kent State University with Wylie Rogers and reported that there is a big push for more minutes to be played by USA goalies. Goaltending clinic dates are set up and will be sent out soon. Congratulations to Steve for being selected to be the off-ice training official for the goaltending program for USA Hockey.

New Business:

- Joey Merrick moved and David Cacciolfi seconded for ASHA to give Mustang Hockey Association \$5,950.00 from our general fund to match the Block grant of equal amount to help MHA fund its 2017-2018 goaltending programs. The motion passed. MHA will be hosting a UAA fundraising game on September 30, 2017.
- Steve Thompson described the USA Hockey Goaltender Coaches Symposium. It will cost \$300 per symposium with the association providing the ice time. Kirk Payne moved and Reid McDonald seconded to approve ASHA funding this Goaltending Coaches Symposium program as presented.
- Reed Greenwood presented his tryout handout (attached). He would like to see ASHA develop a subcommittee to address this issue. Contact Darryl Thompson if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- An Ad Hoc Committee is being formed to discuss play-up issues for 8U and 10U players. Adam Powell is the chair. Contact Adam if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Board Member Comments:

- Carol Hamming thanked Rick Trupp for the CEP Clinic.
- Joey Merrick commented that the Mac Attack will be held March 9 – March 11 and information will be sent out once the tournament is approved.
- Joey Merrick thanked ASHA for our help with their embezzlement situation. He also thanked everyone for their help, especially Reid McDonald.
- Ben Roth and Hockey Club Fairbanks thanked ASHA for help with money for the CEP Clinic.
- Steve Thompson wants to meet with all associations in regards to goaltending coaches. He thanked ASHA for the chance to go to Kent State.
- Brenda Luthi read a thank you from John Glover and Kodiak Hockey Association for the financial help in getting his coaches to the CEP Clinic.
- Scott Sivulich asked everyone to check the new rulebook for the changes this year.
- Justin Marcum thanks Rick Trupp for the CEP Clinic, along with Adam Powell.

- Darryl Thompson gave a thank you to the entire board for their continued volunteerism.

The next meeting will be held October 7, 2017, at 10:00 at the Coast International Inn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary