

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
December 2, 2017

Members present: Theresa Austin, Jason Dinneen, Tim Zobel, Annetta Powell, Brandon Harker, Michael Steffey, Carlos Gomez, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Michele Nilson, Ron Stadem, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk and Reed Greenwood (alt.).

Members excused: Brenda Luthi, Matt Shasby, Kirk Payne, Wayne Sawchuk, Keith Morris, Mike Barth, Matt Boline, Merit Waldrop, Dave Cacciolfi, Reid McDonald and Mike Schachle.

Members present electronically: Justin Marcum and Ben Roth.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Anna Culley and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey officials present: Mike Ashley, Andrew Good, Lisa McPheters, Eric Simmons, Wylie Rogers, Steve Thompson and Donna Kauffman.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Mike Moeglein for Talkeetna Hockey Association
Reed Greenwood for Dave Cacciolfi

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard: Donna Kauffman from USA Hockey reported that all District Tournaments for boys and for girls will be held in San Jose March 8-11, 2018. There will be 3 senior B teams for women, 2 senior C teams for women. For youth and girls:

Girls Tier I – 14U and 16U: 2 team tournament – best of three -all games played to a winner with no shoot-outs

Youth Tier I – 15 Only and 18U: 4 team tournament - round robin play with top 2 teams to Championship

Girls Tier II – 14U and 19U: 5 team tournament – round robin play with top 2 teams to Championship

Girls Tier II – 16U & Youth Tier I –14U and 16U: 6 team tournament – American & National Divisions crossover play with top 4 teams to semifinals; semis: 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 with winners of these games going to the Championship Game.

During the January meeting, these proposals will be talked about and amended as necessary. Voting will take place at the June meeting. She discussed moving the

Women's A, B, and C divisions into the adult category. She also discussed the coaches – not wearing a helmet would be a 30 day mandatory suspension.

Donna also reported that in the northeast, there is a split season, the new rules would require districts to play after January. Also, teams must play full season and require 36 teams for Tier I games. In the Jr. Hockey world, the USPHL is not USA Hockey, so they do not have USA Hockey insurance coverage. The USPHL has 96 teams this year. Youth team is not gender specific. The District Girls' High School Showcase is in St. Louis. The Pacific District will put together this team. Any high school junior or senior female player is eligible.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson reported that Donna pretty much covered his report.

Finance Report: Jim Newhouse went over the financials, which were sent out prior to the meeting and answered questions.

VP Comp Council: No report.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they sent the concussion presentation to associations. They have discussed the 10U proposal and will talk more in depth with each association.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh reported that she wants one form from each association.

VP Player Development: Carol Hammingh read Wayne Sawchuk's report –

- January 5-7, 2018, 15 (03's), 16 (02's) and 17 (01's) Camp Subway Ice Rink. Registration is open until December 20th. Please get the word out. Ice will begin 4:00 pm Friday and end at 3:00 pm Sunday.
- January 7, 2018, at 5:00 pm at the Coast International Inn, there will be a USA Hockey presentation/town hall meeting on U10 half ice hockey. Kenny Rausch, Director of Youth Hockey and Alaska's ADM Manager, along with Matt Cunningham, manager of the coaching education program will be there.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne's report was read for him –

- Selects camp is coming up January 6 and 7, 2018. They are still looking for volunteers to work the benches during the scrimmages, coaches with knowledge of the players to support evaluations, work the check in, and help with hospitality. If you can help with any of these, please contact Kirk Payne.

Associate Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that December 31st is the deadline for CEP. After December 31st, if she has not received your CEP, your name will be removed from the roster and no games will count, along with being subject to discipline and sanctions. If you are applying for a temporary card, you must

complete the process. Teams moving on to Districts/Nationals need to have a consent to treat forms, but they are not required for state tournament credential checks. The forms should be put in the packet for teams going forward. They are needed for ALL National Bound teams for state tournaments.

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons reported that they have lost 100 people due to background checks. KPHA is down by 50%, There are 29 new officials in Anchorage with mentorship.

Discipline Committee: Bruce Graham asked Darryl to discussed the disrespect seen of player to player. Darryl will forward the clip to the board. There is a legislative proposal to change registration for levels 3 and 4.

Hall of Fame: Darryl reported that the form will be in the ASHA handbook. Presentations will be made at the April ASHA Board meeting for the following inductees:

Roger Mckenna	Coach
Dennis Sorenson	Coach
Dan Rogness	Administration
1990 All Stars	Team
Clay Wallace	Official
Scotty Gomez	Player

Anna Culley moved to help cover the air tickets for those receiving awards. The motion passed. (For the team, includes one of the Captains, not entire team).

Safe Sport: Mike Ashley reported that the reportable events are down, but the seriousness of the events is up. He said that the 14U Tier II Valley Thunder team is well coaches. He will try and keep the website updated.

Goaltending: Wylie Rogers and Steve Thompson reported that they have been traveling to associations. They need commitment from association presidents to encourage coaches to get goaltending instruction. There is a coaching app that can be downloaded. The October Saves programs raised \$325,000 for Breast Cancer. On January 13th, there will be pictures taken at Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau. They also discussed the stickers coaches will receive (gold, silver and bronze), along with the 51/30 initiative.

Old Business: Jim Newhouse presented the rough draft for the Try-Out Committee. One system may work for 18's while another system may work better for the 16's. Discussion followed.

New Business:

- The 10U half ice proposal is tabled. Discussion followed.
- The first reading of the fine system proposal from Matt Shasby was read.

- Travis Frisk moved to accept the Player Participation Select Camp dates waiver request. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Travis Frisk commented that the Alaska Wolves will be reviewing the tournament questions and will handle the matter within the association.
- Joey Merrick commented that there will be a U10 half ice meeting on January 7th. He also commented that the Governor's Cup is next weekend.
- Mike Moeglein commented that Talkeetna will have a covered rink next year, but they have fewer players.
- Jim Newhouse commented that KPHA will be able to hook teams up with the Kenai River Brown Bears.
- Carlos Gomez commented that March 9-11, 2018 will be the Pond Hockey Tournament. And they would like to make it a national event.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hammingh for Brenda Luthi
(Thanks Carol!!!)