

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
January 27, 2018

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Tim Zobel, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Matt Boline, Jack Tragis, Mike Barth, Chris Carney, Michele Nilson, Ron Stadem, Travis Frisk, Sally Wright, Mike Moeglein, Mandy Reale (alt.), Reed Greenwood (alt.), Dan Barre (alt.), Maricar Greig (alt.) and Karl Greninger (alt.).

Members excused: Adam Powell, Destry Lind, Merit Waldrop, Jason Dinneen, Brandon Harker, Dima Kulmanovsky, Carlos Gomez, Ted Barton, Joey Merrick, Keith Morris and Carrie Jokeil.

Members present electronically: Ben Roth, John Glover and Kenny Hafele.

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

USA Hockey officials present: Mike Ashley, Lisa McPheters, Andrew Good, Joe Barth, Bruce Graham, Wylie Rogers, and Kris Knauss.

Visitors present: Scott McIlroy.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Mandy Reale for Destry Lind
Reed Greenwood for Merit Waldrop
Dan Barre for Jason Dinneen
Maricar Greig for Carlos Gomez
Kenny Hafele for Dima Kulmanovsky
Karl Greninger for Joey Merrick

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved with one addition.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence consisted of two magazines.

Pacific District Report: Kris Knauss went over his report (see attached)

President's Report:

- Darryl Thompson reported on the tension currently regarding Tier II Junior Hockey, with the NAHL seeking to be the sole Tier II league within USA Hockey and the USPHL denied application to become a Tier II Junior League within USA Hockey, and he reported that the USPHL is now not with USA

Hockey, and Each of their programs are tied to top to bottom USA Hockey programs and the risks of losing the entire programs. Likewise, the NAHHL has made suggestions that it may leave USA Hockey if they are not granted the exclusive Tier II status in USA Hockey.

- The USA Hockey legal counsel is recommending a new conflict of interest policy, which will be voted on in June by the USA Hockey Board, but it requires each affiliate adopt a similar policy, and he expressed concerns on its application regarding the manner ASHA is governed- for example Comp program are allowed to vote on the expansion of more comp teams. The open question is whether that form of governance survives the adoption of a substantially similar policy at the affiliate level.
- Darryl has been working with the Discipline Committee on their referrals.
- Unemployment insurance was a discussion topic at the President's meeting at the Mid-Winter Meeting this month and risks of various agencies application of each agency's standards of "independent contractor vs. employee" is being seen in other affiliates. Make sure you check within your association regarding this issue.
- The GDC program in Alaska is seen as the model for what USA Hockey would like to see in all affiliates. Steve Thompson and Wylie Rogers are working all around the state, so make sure to take advantage of their services. The continued success of ASHA's GDC can be in part credited to the strong support that we as an affiliate and each of our associations has on working with the GDCs and buying into the vision.
- There will be a meeting on February 16, 2018 with Mike Geraghty, Darryl Thompson Bruce Graham and John Rodda of the MOA regarding ice allocation within the Anchorage bowl. Please send Darryl the name of the contact within your organization.

Finance Report: Jim Newhouse went over the financials (see attached). The financial committee (Ben Roth and Travis Frisk) will look into where to invest locally by March 1st. We have already invested with the USA Hockey Foundation.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh went over the attached state hockey tournament schedule (see attached). Travis Frisk moved and Mike Schachle seconded to approve the schedule. The motion passed. She will send out the other state tournament schedules as soon as they are finalized. The tournament guidebook is on the ASHA website. Be sure to check the national bound rules, as we will be running our state tournaments abiding by these rules. The budgets for the state tournaments will be ready soon.

VP Comp Council: They held a meeting this morning and Matt Shasby reported that they discussed the Try-out Committee findings and will come up with a parent education piece to present later. The 10U half ice proposal is a work in progress. Please send any comments to Wayne Sawchuk, and he will only be taking comments from the association's board repress at this point, (one representative per

association) by April 12th, which is also the date of the meeting to finalize the proposal. Matt felt that the comp season has been a good one this year.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they have made team placements for the state tournaments. They have approved a few goalies to play in two state tournaments. They are accepting handbook changes now for discussion.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne reported that they have been discussing the dual roster situation. They will address handbook changes and them to ASHA in April.

VP Adult Council: Darryl reported that they have been working on match penalty situations.

VP Player Development:

- Wayne Sawchuk thanked all of the volunteers who spent their weekend evaluating. Also thanks go to Keith Morris and Annetta Powell for letting us use the Moose office over the weekend.
- ASHA's policy is to have all players participate in the state camp. In the past we have made exceptions to consider players with injuries and those with conflicting game schedules playing out the state during the camp. Players not going through the state camp may apply for an at-large big through the state and/or Pacific District. All inquiries and requests must be provided in writing to the Alaska VP of Player Development. Injured players wishing to advance to the District Player Development Camps may be required to provide a note from a medical doctor. Players must still register for the state camp. We have 5 players advance through this policy, 4 of these players fall under at-large spots were given to Alaska beyond our allotment.
- Invitations have been sent out to the players advancing to the Pacific District Camp May 3-6, 2018 in San Jose, CA. District Director and Camp Administrator, Kris Knauss, has given players until February 15, 2018 as a deadline to register.
- April 12, 2018, 10U Half Ice Meeting, TBA
- April 13-15, 2018, 13's (05's) & 14's (04's) Camp Subway Ice Rink, registration from March 1-April 1, 2018. Ice will run from Friday 4:00 pm to Sunday, 3:00 pm. Remember that the 2005 camp is capped at 6 goalies, 21 defense and 36 forwards.
- June 16-21, 2018, 14U Western Regional High Performance Camp in Colorado Springs, CO

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Lisa McPheters went over her report. (see attached)

It was agreed to move the item under New Business regarding Homer up the agenda. Mike Barth moved and Michele Nilson seconded to allow two Homer girl players to participate in two state tournaments. Discussion followed and the motion passed with one abstention.

Referee in Chief: Joe Barth reported that Alaska has 233 certified officials.

- Level 1 – 105
- Level 2 – 59
- Level 3 – 54
- Level 4 – 15

There are 85 registered that have not certified for the 2017-2018 season. We have 22 few registered and 15 few certified than this same time last season.

Coach in Chief: No report.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that there has been a lot of discussion with the league and dealing with the East potentially leaving the NAHL. It is not an easy situation, so just be aware when sending your players out. There is a lot of tension, and compromise is needed.

ASHA Hall of Fame: Jack Tragis reported that the details are getting worked out. The presentations will be made at the April meeting.

Safe Sport: Mike Ashley reported that we need to talk to the players about obeying the rules. There are strict guidelines, and we need to review the electronic communication device rules with the coaches. It has been a smooth last two months. The two biggest issues are non-certified coaches on the ice and locker room monitoring. We need to institute a fine system for non-compliance with Safe Sport rules. Mike has agreed to draft up a proposal for the board's consideration.

USA/ASHA Goaltender Coordinators: Wylie Rogers reported that there is a photo from the Mendenhall Glacier that will appear in the USA Hockey magazine soon.

- The Juneau Clinic was great.
- They would like to try and get all of the coaches together at one time
- February 2, 2018 will be the GDC meeting.
- It helps in that there are two coordinators, Wylie and Steve
- The High-Performance Camp will be in Las Vegas, August 3-5, 2018
- They are going to rate associations with the following system:
 - Green – held coaching symposium and it was well attended
 - Yellow – low coach participation
 - Red – none
- They are looking for a healthy goalie atmosphere.
- 10U is good for goalie developments if all of the pieces are in place, such as intermediate nets with pegs. He is working on getting the best prices.

Discipline Committee: Bruce Graham said that separating the adult and youth discipline has been working well. There were only 3 match penalties in the youth division. Player safety is the key. Please police your own association and remember to respect the game.

Old Business:

- Try-Out Committee – Jim Newhouse presented the Try-Out Committee findings (see attached). It was announced for a first read as a handbook change.
- There was discussion regarding preparing a parent education video regarding try-outs and expectations. Jim moved and Travis Frisk seconded to fund a Try-Out video. The motion was tabled until a dollar amount can be set. Expect an electronic motion to approve a budget on this project.
- 10U Half Ice – Wayne Sawchuk presented a first reading (see attached). He would like input (one per association). Anna Culley will receive the house suggestions, and Wayne will receive the comp suggestions.
- Electronic vote outcomes: Two girl players from Kodiak were given permission to participate in two state tournaments. One girl player from Glennallen was given permission to play in two state tournaments.

New Business:

- Federal Tax Return – Form 990 – Annetta Powell moved and Michele Nilson seconded to approve the tax return. The motion passed.
- Challenge Alaska Grant request for its Wounded Warrior Team to participate in National Disabled Festival Tournament – Darryl announced his conflict of interest because he sits on the Board at Challenge, and for that reason would not exercise the discretion to provide a USA Hockey Block Grant for the project without full Board approval. He described the program since the representative was not able to attend the meeting. Dave Cacciolfi moved and Theresa Austin seconded to approve \$5000.00 for Challenge Alaska Wounded Warriors to help with expenses for the National Hockey Tournament. The motion passed unanimously.
- Talkeetna Grant Request – Mike Moeglein stated that a bond package had been passed to put up a covered rink in Talkeetna. Money is needed for new boards. They are hoping to grow the hockey association in Talkeetna. Mike Moeglein moved and Anna Culley seconded to approve \$5000.00 for boards in Talkeetna. The motion passed.
- Potential Venue – Darryl stated that there is a new venue we could use for our ASHA board meetings and scheduling meetings for the upcoming season. It is called the Megan Room at 64th and C Street. Annetta Powell moved and Dave Cacciolfi seconded to use the Megan Room for the 2018-2019 season for ASHA meetings and scheduling meetings. The motion passed. We will still hold our next April Annual Meeting at the Coast Inn.

Board Member Comments:

- Travis Frisk commented that Auggie Stevens has signed to play hockey at Stonehill College, partially due to his exposure at the High School All American Tournament in Pittsburgh (1 of 6 players sent as Team Alaska/Washington).
- The Pond Hockey Tournament is March 9-11, 2018. Some divisions are filling up, so don't delay in getting your entries in.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Coast International Inn at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary