

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
January 25, 2020

Members present: Kirk Kullberg, Anna Culley, Justin Marcum, Rick Trupp, Travis Frisk, Jason Dinneen, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Brandon Harker, Eric Simmons, Mandy Reale, Ben Roth, Mike Schachle, Chris Carney, Mandy Love (alt.), Ron Stadem, Mike Moeglein, Joe Barth

Members present electronically: None

Members excused: Theresa Austin, Scott Sivulich, Jaime Matthews, Teala Lund, Joey Merrick

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Nikki Garcia, Jim Newhouse, Ron Gray, Kevin Fitzgerald, Kirk Payne, Lacey Smith, Matt Shasby, Carol Hammingh

Officers present electronically: None

Officers excused: None

Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Introductions were made of everyone present.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- Justin Marcum proposed to add the Tier II State Tournament schedules that were approved at the December meeting to the minutes it was seconded by Carol Hammingh. The minutes from the previous meeting with the added schedules were approved as presented.
- Correspondence: Please read the USA Hockey emails.

Persons to be heard: Kriss Knauss, USA Hockey Pacific District Chairman

Kriss Knauss:

- Reported on tournaments he attended in Russia.
- USA Hockey winter meetings in Orlando:
 - Growth rates have slowed a little bit nationally.
 - Our district is the second fastest growing in the country; Washington state has 10,200 members.
 - Youth Council: Game misconducts are up nationally; a lot of those are due to the declaration of player safety and body contact. Discussion was had on moving the 2-minute penalties to 1:30 for the 14-18 due to the length of the periods. The 17U age level is being discussed due to the

requirements for an 18-year-old player and whether that should be considered adult hockey.

- Zero Tolerance/Automatic Match Penalty: The NHL gives USA Hockey approximately 8.2 million a year and USA Hockey was given notice if the derogatory language on the ice does not change, funding would be pulled. The change was made by the president of USA Hockey and was ratified at their last meeting.
- Tier I tryouts were changed to accommodate the Passover holiday.
- Strategic Planning: There was discussion on funding and changes to the ADM model, CEP structure, continuing education for all coach, and officiating retention and training.

President's Report:

- Background screenings: The screenings are being pushed back to the national governing bodies (USA Hockey is one of them) and they will have a unified background screening. Legal council discussed automatic disqualifiers, appealable disqualifiers, who reviews them, etc. A committee of 21 throughout the affiliates comprised of three panels of seven will be delegated the review of appeals.
- USA Hockey is rolling out a game sheet program that would make it easier to upload stats to websites.
- Appeals: Anticipate proposed By-Law Change for ASHA regarding standards need to be put into place for appeals to make them more efficient and timelier.

Finance:

- Darryl confirmed with Jim that SportsEngine will no longer be used for background checks in mid-March.
- Jim Newhouse went over the financials with the board.

VP Comp Council:

- Team Alaska Tier I will field teams at the 14, 15, 16, and 18 age group. Team Alaska coaches need to have applications in by Feb. 15. A meeting is scheduled for Feb. 24 to select coaches.
- There was discussion on academy options, professional programs and affordability. There are players going outside for player development.

VP Tournaments:

- There have been changes to the House tournaments. 10A has a new host (The Gomez Foundation). 14B tournament ice is not fully set yet. 16A and 18B numbers have changed; there is no 18A state tournament. A motion was made by Carol Hammingh to accept the changes, it was seconded by Kirk Payne, motion passed.
- A motion was made to approve the 16 and 18 Tier II schedules and seating, the motion was seconded and passed.

- A motion was made to approve the 14 Tier II Girls schedule and seating, the motion was seconded and passed. Travis Frisk made a friendly amendment to correct the schedule, the motion to approve the amendment passed.

VP House Council:

- House council discussed double rostering and when to allow it.
- Checking rule was discussed and will be discussed at the April ASHA meeting.

VP Girls/Women Council:

- Development camp was held in December and went well.
- Allocations were down mostly due to the growth in Washington and Nevada.
- Kirk complemented Bruce Graham and his discipline committee for their work on hearing appeals.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development:

- April 17-19 06'/07' 13/14 camps are up on the state website for registration. The 06'/14 camp participants will be selected to go on to the western region high performance camp.
- Looking for alternate dates for the Selects camp; mid-December is hard on teams and families. August may be a better month to do camps and coaching clinics.
- Matt would like to extend player development and put on satellite camps around the state for players and coaches.
- Darryl read a letter from Wayne Sawchuk to the board.
- The board discussed player development, coaching clinics, parent education, and university hockey resources.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- All coaches who have not completed their certifications as of Dec. 31 are not allowed on the ice.
- A glitch on the portal with the rosters has been brought to the attention to USA Hockey; all associations should double check their rosters and contact USA Hockey for corrections.
- The deadline for all A and B changes is Jan. 31.
- A list of unclaimed players and adults was sent to all registrars to check.
- Rosters were due for the state tournaments on Dec. 31 and will be updated by the end of January.
- Credentialing: All Tier I books, youth and girls, contact Lisa McPheters to get books ready for district and all Tier II books need to be sent to Anna Culley.

- Darryl asked Anna to give an update on the Hall of Fame: The committee is meeting weekly; submissions are due Feb. 15.

Referee-in-Chief:

- Retention, recruitment, and development of referees was discussed. Reach-out programs have been aimed at the adult leagues.

Coach-in-Chief:

- Rick Trupp is looking into changing coaching curriculum and delivery to improve continuing education.
- Coaches meetings are being held in Anchorage to get coaches to share ideas and how to improve the culture. Eric Simmons was invited to attend.

Jr. Hockey/Hall of Fame Committee: Hall of Fame to have annual induction ceremony April 25, 2020 right after Board meeting at the Megan's Room.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Alaska ADM Coordinator:

- Beginning with the Mite level and working their way up to 10U, they are looking at ways to improve rules and the atmosphere. Kirk went over what they plan to implement.
- Registration forms were available for the 2020 Sully Showdown 2.0 Mite Jamboree to be held on Feb. 22-23.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report.

Old Business: State Tournament updated by Carol Hammingh.

New Business:

- Proposed Appeal Suspension (6.2.5) Rules and By-Law Change will be distributed via email for First Read.

Board Member Comments:

- Carol Hammingh will edit and update the ASHA handbook. One copy for each registrar and each association will be provided.
- Anna Culley asked the board members to stay for the Hall of Fame Ceremony after the April 25 board meeting.
- Darryl thanked the board for their time and announced officer seats up for election: President, VP Comp, VP Adults, and Treasurer. Elections will be held at the April 25 ASHA meeting. Anna Culley will be taking the nominations.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Garcia, ASHA Secretary