

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
July 14, 2018

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Jason Dinneen, Merit Waldrop, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Ted Barton, Chris Carney, Jason Witt, Keith Morris, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Mike Moeglein, Jeff Dick (alt.), Shannon Slater (alt.) and Bruce Haas (alt.).

Members present electronically: Ben Roth.

Members excused: Eric Simmons, David Tomeo, Jaime Matthews, Brandon Harker, Carlos Gomez, Jack Tragis, Tim Zobel, Reid McDonald, Graham McManamin, Rick Trupp, Mike Steffey, Joey Merrick and Kerry Hafele.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Brenda Luthi, Ben Stevens, Lacey Smith, Kirk Payne, Wayne Sawchuk and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey official present: Anna Culley, Joe Barth, Bruce Graham, Kirk Kullberg and Steve Thompson.

Visitors present: Lacey Smith.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Ted Barton – KPHA
Matt Boline – Juneau
Kerry Hafele – Fairbanks Arctic Lions
Jason Witt – NAHA
Jeff Dick for Brandon Harker
Joe Barth for Tim Zobel
Arlen Ayojiak for Joey Merrick
Bruce Haas for Kerry Hafele
Shannon Slater for Mike Steffey

- Introductions were made of everyone present.
- Travis Frisk moved and Keith Morris seconded to move the elections up on the agenda, and Ben Stevens moved and Keith Morris seconded to add three items to New Business from the Comp Council. These changes to the agenda were approved.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.
- Correspondence is sent out electronically as it is received from Darryl Thompson and others. Magazines were available from USA Hockey.

Persons to be heard: Anna Culley announced that she had to resign as the VP of Recreation to serve in her new position as Alaska's Associate Registrar. Anna introduced Lacey Smith as her proposed replacement to serve as her replacement Member at Large on the board and as VP of Recreation. Lacey introduced herself to the ASHA board. She is from Delta Junction and has served as their registrar and their representative to the House Council. She indicated it would be an honor to try to fill Anna's shoes as VP of Recreation.

Election:

- Carol Hammingh moved and Theresa Austin seconded to have Lacy Smith replace Anna Culley as a member at large on the ASHA Board. The motion passed.
- Carol Hammingh moved and Annetta Powell seconded to have Lacy Smith replace Anna Culley as an officer on the ASHA Board as the VP of the House Council. The motion passed. Welcome Lacy!!

President's Report: Darryl Thompson reported that there has been discussion at USA Hockey to move U18 to adults, but it is still just a topic of discussion.

Finance Report: Jim Newhouse went over the financials. We had a loss this past season. Options for cost-cutting were discussed. If a request is not in the budget, Jim will need to get permission to honor those requests. Darryl announced that the Pacific District, over his objection, voted to increase the annual per registered player fee it assess the affiliates from \$1.00 per player to \$2.00 per player, effective 2018/2019 season. Darryl's announced that the funding for many of the District Director activities will no longer be covered by USA Hockey through the District Registrar, and the District will need to find funding to cover expenses, and for that reason, the additional assessment was passed. The objection lodged at the District level from Darryl was on timing. ASHA had already conducted it February meeting when this was discussed and no meeting was set for the ASHA Board until the April meeting, and the deadline for submission of an affiliate fee increase with USA Hockey is March 15. He announced something as significant as a fee increase should not be voted on by electronic vote. That said, in May, 2018 the District raised the assessment from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per player. ASHA will need to address raising our fees as they have not been raised in 15 years or longer and anticipate a fee increase being on the agenda in the next meeting or so. We just need to remember to be good stewards of our finances. The travel fund for the upcoming season starts now, so remember to get your \$100 per seated board member fee to Jim if your association is within a 125-mile radius of Anchorage. If your association anticipates applying for USA Hockey block grant money for the 18-19 season, please get your requests into Darryl Thompson soon. Andrew Good, our web master, is in need of a laptop (owned by ASHA) for his use for the website and stats, and ASHA will be acquiring one from the general fund. Joe Barth said the referee development fund that has been on the books from some time is anticipated to be used by the officials

in the next season(s). Jim suggested board members come to the August meeting with ideas on how to maintain a healthy budget.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hamming reported that there has been discussion regarding the movement of some tournament dates. The proposed dates are attached. Theresa Austin moved and Jason Dinneen seconded to move the U16 and U18 Tier II state tournaments at Subway Ice Arena from March 1-4, 2019 to March 8-11, 2019. Discussion followed. The motion was defeated.

VP Comp Council: Ben Stevens reported that the dates for the comp scheduling are set. The national bound teams will schedule on Friday, August 24, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm at Megan's Room in Anchorage. The other comp teams will schedule on Saturday, August 25, 2018 starting at 8:00 am.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they House Council met last week and they discussed the proposed handbook changes. October 5, 2018 will be the scheduling meeting at the Mac Rink in Eagle River. October 6, 2018 will be the next House Council meeting with most meeting in person.

VP Girls/Women: Kirk Payne reported that they had met recently to discuss the handbook changes. They have put together a cross ice program for girls and a request for block grant money, and will send it to Darryl for approval.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk presented his report (see attached)

Discipline Committee: Bruce Graham reminded the Board that there has been a division set up between the adult and youth player disciplines. The adult disciplines are being handled by the Adult Council, with the VP of Adult being its Chairman, and the youth (and coaches) disciplines are being handled by Bruce's Discipline Committee.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Lisa McPheters sent out her report earlier. Anna Culley, who is taking over for Lisa, reported that all associations need to notice the names of coaches from Lisa's email that had asked for waivers last year and did not fulfill the commitment. The portal to USA Hockey registration open the end of July. Anna asked that associations send birth certificates as they receive them, not in a huge batch. Anna will be using the same email address as Lisa for registrar duties.

Referee-in-Chief: Joe Barth reported that the referee seminar dates will be coming out soon. Dylan Zibel is now a Jr. Hockey referee, congrats Dylan!

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp was excused, but he wanted to make sure everyone knew that Fairbanks is hosting the level 4 clinic August 18-19, 2018. The rest of the clinics will be posted in early or mid August.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

Safe Sport: Darryl Thompson reported that Mike Ashley has resigned and Andrew Good will be taking over. Thank you to Mike for all of his time and energy spent in getting Alaska Hockey up to speed with Safe Sport.

Alaska State ADM Coordinator: Kirk Kullberg reported that there is a big push from USA Hockey for off-ice development at the younger levels (dry land). He will talk with schools to see about securing time for hockey players. He is working on the Try Hockey for Free initiative for Sled Hockey – the dates will be coming. He would be happy to come to associations to discuss the ADM model, just let him know!

Goal Tender Coordinator: Steve Thompson reported that they have held goalie coach clinics and have built a goalie curriculum (gold, silver and bronze), which has been well received. They met in Plymouth, Michigan to develop this program. August 3-5, 2018 will be a silver medal goalie clinic in Las Vegas. Five Alaskan goalies are invited, with one not having the funds to attend. Jackie Graeber moved and Keith Morris seconded to approve ASHA spending \$525.00 to send this goalie. The motion was withdrawn when Theresa Austin with AHA said they would cover the costs for this goalie. Steve felt that locally, they had a successful summer with goalies at Selects. Next year Steve would like for associations to reach out to him to schedule goalie clinics. Possibly they could do one clinic per region and coincide with other clinics. They do want to reach all coaches to help goalies. Thank you to Steve for working so hard for our Alaska goalies.

Old Business:

- Ben Stevens moved and Keith Morris seconded to allow all Juneau non-national bound comp teams during the 2018-2019 season to have games played at invitational tournaments count toward league games (for both Juneau and the team(s) it plays during the invitational tournament(s)). The motion passed.
- Ben Stevens moved and Keith Morris seconded that Tier II U14, U16 and U18 games played during the Termination Dust Tournament in 2018-2019, which the Northstars have committed will be open to all teams, may count toward league play. The motion passed.
- Ben Stevens moved and Keith Morris seconded that Tier II U16 and U18 games played during the Dan Rogness Tournament in 2018-2019, which the Wolves have committed will be open to all teams, may count for league play. The motion passed.

Handbook Changes:

- Bruce Graham moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change #3, regarding body checking vs. body contact, specifically eliminating body checking at Tier III hockey. Bruce presented videos to support this change. Discussion followed. The motion to accept guidebook change #3 passed eliminating body checking at Tier III hockey .
- Jackie Graeber moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change #1 regarding imposing cash penalties for Bench Minor Rule 601 penalties. Discussion followed. Travis Frisk, moved and Keith Morris seconded, to table the proposed guideline book change #2. The motion to table passed.
- Carol Hammingh moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change #2 regarding imposing fines for violations of the SafeSport locker room supervision policy. Discussion followed. The motion passed with the explicit understanding that it is not to be a “tattle tale” system, but only used if violations are reported after the ASHA President designates someone to conduct random spot checks for compliance or if in violation comes to light in the course of another SafeSport investigation.
- Theresa Austin moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change 4A regarding associations to field multiple girl’s 14 U Tier II teams. Discussion followed. The motion failed.
- Theresa Austin moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change #4B regarding game counts for G/W. Discussion followed. The motion passed with a friendly amendment to add footnote that clarifies that the list is a recommended list, but that the registrar has the ultimate final say as to which games played with teams at a younger age level actual count for purposes or the mandatory number of games require to be eligible to participate in district and nationals and that the registrar should be consulted in advance to assure a given game played will count.
- Wayne Sawchuk moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change 4C regarding girls teams being required to play other teams in their same division in at least one home and one away game. Discussion followed. The motion passed.
- Carol Hammingh moved, and Keith Morris seconded, to accept the second reading of guideline book change #5 regarding G/W being able to dual rosters on national tournament bound teams and recreational teams. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.
- Kirk Payne moved and Keith Morris seconded to accept the second reading of guideline book change #6 regarding wording in the G/W section. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

There were no Board Comments. The next meeting will be Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:00 at Megan’s Room, 6591 A Street, 1st floor in Anchorage.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary