

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
December 7, 2019

Members present: Anna Culley, Travis Frisk, Jason Dinneen, Adam Reid (alt.), Bruce Haas, Mike Schachle, Teala Lund, Chris Carney, Karl Greninger (alt.), Shana Pilkinton, Jackie Graeber, Mike Moeglein

Members present electronically: Ben Roth, Dave Bartlett, Ron Stadem

Members excused: Justin Marcum, Rick Trupp, Merit Waldrop, Theresa Austin, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Jaime Matthews, Joey Merrick, Keith Morris, Brandon Harker

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Nikki Garcia, Jim Newhouse, Ron Gray, Kevin Fitzgerald, Wayne Sawchuk, Carol Hammingh

Officers present electronically: Kirk Payne

Officers excused: Lacey Smith

Visitors present: Kriss Knauss, USA Hockey Chairman, Steve Laing, USA Hockey Director

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Introductions were made of everyone present.
- America's Showcase was added under New Business. The agenda was approved as presented.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.
- Correspondence: Please read correspondence that is being delivered via email.

Persons to be heard: Kriss Knauss, USA Hockey Pacific District Chairman and Steve Laing, USA Hockey Pacific District Director

Kriss Knauss:

- Youth Council ratified the new national tournament handbook which can be viewed online.
- National tournaments locations have been changed.
- Washington state has seven rinks being built at this time; membership numbers have surpassed 10,000.
- Youth Council discussion on 2020 USA Hockey tryout dates are on hold. The dates have come under scrutiny as they occur during Passover. More discussion will take place about religious holidays and how they will be dealt with from a national standpoint.

- The Coaching Education Program (CEP) modules are being re-written to include more in-depth training regarding Safe Sport and player safety. Associations were asked to encourage communication between coaches and officials.
- Another increase in membership dues may occur due to, in part, liability due to Safe Sport.

Steve Laing:

- There was a name with the USOC; it is now the USOPC. The Olympic and Paralympic committees have combined.
- Match penalties are up across the board. More aggressive action may be needed with coaches, players, and referees, if applicable, and spectators.
- District Tournament:
 - Girls Tiers I and II will be Seattle Feb. 27-Mar. 1.
 - Youth Tier I will be in Tacoma Mar. 5-8.
 - Change in entry fee as the national office does not allow a host to charge a gate fee. After this year, income from the host events will be audited to see where to adjust the fees.
- On Oct. 30 a letter from the President of USA Hockey went out regarding racial and derogatory slurs (601(e)3). Effective immediately, any racial or derogatory slur is a match penalty. The affiliate must hold a hearing within 30 days on a racial or derogatory match penalty and decide on any additional discipline to impose. There is a possibility of a Safe Sport violation (offensive language) in addition to the violation of 601(e)3.
- Changes in the screening process may affect the information affiliates receive regarding disqualifications. Steve has been placed on the National Screening Committee to vet the process and how they are going to handle “hits” on a person.
- Penalties for injuries under USA Hockey playing rules can also be a violation of Safe Sport under physical misconduct. Reporting procedures of Safe Sport violations was discussed.

President’s Report:

- A breakdown of how hosts make money from district tournaments.
- Required by Dec. 1 of every year, each association that has a youth program must provide the ASHA President a certification that parents have undergone a parent education program.
- A reminder was given to the associations to try to resolve their issues regarding Safe Sport, discipline, complaints, etc. at a local level.

Finance:

- The 2019 Form 990 needs to be filed. A motion was made by Carol Hamming to file the Form 990, Travis Fisk seconded, motion passed.
- Jim Newhouse went over the financials with the board.

VP Tournaments:

- Carol Hammingh made a motion to approve the 10 Major/10 Minor, 12 Major/12 Minor, 14U Tier II State Tournament schedules, seconded by Jim Newhouse, motion passed.
- The standings for the Comp State Tournament are on the ASHA website.
- Game misconducts: Carol has received many calls regarding game misconducts, how to deal with them, and what they mean. She went over the procedures for youth and adult hockey regarding league and tournament games.

VP Comp Council: Kevin Fitzgerald summarized the Comp Council meeting discussions. There was positive feedback regarding the Tier I teams that now fall under ASHA.

VP House Council: A report was read by Darryl Thompson on behalf of Lacey Smith.

VP Girls/Women Council: A structure was set up for the upcoming Selects Camp which will be held Dec. 21-22.

VP Adult Council: Ron Gray discussed the racial and derogatory slurs/Safe Sport violations regarding adult leagues.

VP Player Development:

- Wayne Sawchuk reported the player development camp registration ends on Dec. 9.
- Wayne asked Eric Simmons if he would ask referees to donate their game fees to give back as other hockey volunteers do.
- A reminder was given that the 15,16, and 17's cannot participate in team activity while attending a camp.
- Wayne inquired about the 10U half-ice grants.

Discipline Committee: Bruce Graham discussed body checking and body contact. USA Hockey came out with a video, Declaration of Player Safety, Fair Play, and Respect. The video was played for the board.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- Deadlines coming up:
 - Coaches to get CEP's renewed is Dec. 31; coaches that have not complied will be removed from the rosters on Jan. 1
 - Teams with dual rostered players must submit in writing which team the player dual rostered player is going to State with by Dec. 31
 - Dec. 31 is the deadline for player roster changes for all 10U and up and Tier I and II Major/Minor; 6 & 8's are due Jan. 31
- Alaska player numbers are down 7.88%

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons reported official numbers are declining, mostly due to retention after the first year. Lack of retention is related to the verbal abuse of officials by

parents, coaches, and players, especially among the teen officials. There was discussion about rules and how to better communicate among each other.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey/Hall of Fame Committee: Hall of Fame ceremony will happen in April after the board meeting. Darryl asked if there was anyone with a nomination, to get them to Anna Culley.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

- Ice allocation: Travis Frisk advised to see the municipal website
- Body Checking/Body Contact: Bruce Graham went over body checking/body contact after the video was shown.

New Business:

- America's Showcase: Brandon Harbor asked to host an Alaska Showcase team. After the Chair invited that a motion be made, there was a motion and a second and the Showcase team was approved.
- Anticipated VP Player Development vacancy: A motion to nominate Matt Shazby to fill the vacancy upon Wayne Sawchuk's resignation was made by Travis Frisk, the motion was seconded and passed.
- AVES waiver request U8 Red playing in a 10U outside tournament: A motion was made by Travis Frisk to allow the request, the motion was seconded and passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Bruce Graham: Boeke and Dempsey contract to manage ends in 2020. It costs \$350 an hour to rent ice from Boeke and Dempsey. A suggestion was made to turn those rinks over to parks and recreation.
- Wayne Sawchuk: A motion was made by Wayne to let the 18's play during blackout dates during Selects Camp, motion seconded by Travis Frisk, passed.
- Mike Moeglein reported they will run a K-5 program in Talkeetna with funding from their school.
- Darryl Thompson thanked everyone for volunteering their time.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nikki Garcia, ASHA Secretary