

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting  
December 05, 2020 - via Zoom

Members present: Kirk Kullberg, Anna Culley, Rick Trupp, PD Melgoza, Bruce Graham, Justin Marcum, Scott Sivulich, Jason Dineen, Theresa Austin, Bruce Haas, Brandon Harker, Robin Dahlman, Ben Roth, Nathan Norton, Renee Loree, Teala Lund, Jessica Horn, Chris Carney, Karl Greninger (alt.), Jason Witt, Ron Stadem, Mandy Reale, Annetta Powell

Members excused: Jon Dyson

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

Officers excused: None

Visitors present: Chris Knauss

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Roll call was done.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to table the approval of the minutes from the August Meeting until they are completed.

Correspondence:

- Email is the primary method to receive correspondence. Please open and read all emails from USA Hockey.

Persons to be heard:

- Kris Knauss, USA Hockey District Direct and Chairman of District Board, reported on IIHF World Junior Championship, player development, district camps, affiliate camps, and indoor rinks that are shut down in the district. Alternative venues outside of the district are being looked at.
- National tournament bound criteria – affiliates may advocate for teams to the National Tournament Appeals Committee if the affiliate wants to seek waiver of the minimum eligible requirements. That he is seeking clarity from the USA Youth Council on the proper procedures USA wants to be used during this pandemic year.

President's Report:

- Regular affiliate president meetings are taking place to discuss tournaments, COVID compliance and rink/ice status.
- USA Hockey legal team working on guidance to avoid liability.

- A \$5,000 block grant was given to the Bayshore Outdoor Rink project headed by Rob Larky.

#### Finance:

- Jim Newhouse went over the financials with the board.
- A motion was made to approve the submission of the 990, it was seconded and approved.
- The financials were approved as presented.

#### VP Tournaments:

- State tournaments were sent out:
  - Need new host for 18Bs, Tok can only accommodate the 18A.
  - 18Bs can possibly be added to the 16s or AHA can host.
  - Oilers and Moose 10-12 Major/Minor were scheduled for Feb. 19, Comp Council voted to move to Mar. 26.
  - A motion was made to approve the state tournaments apart from the 10 and 12 Major/Minor and 18Bs. The motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. Avalanche offered to host the 18Bs, it was accepted as a friendly amendment. The motion passed.
  - A motion was made to move the 10-12 Major/Minor to Mar. 26, 2021 as recommended by the Comp Council. The motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made and seconded to split the tournament, 12s in February and 10s in March, and discussion ensued. A roll call vote was made, the motion failed.
  - A motion was made to have the 10-12 Major/Minor tournament on Mar. 26, 2021, it was seconded, and discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was made and seconded by the All Stars to host the 12s at the Boeke or Dempsey; the Oilers/SAHA will host the 10s and the All Stars will host the 12s. The motion passed.
  - A motion was made to waive the minimum game count for house teams to be eligible for state tournament. The motion was seconded, and discussion ensued. The motion passed.

#### VP Comp Council:

- A motion was made to waive half-ice minimum game count requirement for this season. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### VP House Council:

- Besides dual rostered goalie requests, house is focused on keeping players on the ice.

#### VP Girls/Women Council:

- Girls Selects affiliate on ice select camp has been cancelled this month and is going by paper evaluation.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development:

- Boy Select affiliate on ice camp cancelled has been this month and is going to be done by paper evaluation.

Discipline Committee:

- There are still misunderstandings about body checking and body contact.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- Alaska has 119 registered teams with just over 5800 players despite the COVID related challenges.
- Dec. 15 deadline for Tier I A/B rosters; working with associations who need extra time.
- Coaches certifications need to be current or they will be removed from rosters after Dec. 31.
- Dec. 31 is the deadline for Tier I and II drop/add and Recreation drop/add.
- Dec. 31 is the deadline for dual rostered player state/districts/national's tournament team choice.
- Continue to work on getting birth certificates submitted.
- COVID recommendations were discussed. A motion was made to ratify the current ASHA COVID policy with the CDC updates. The motion was seconded and approved.

Hall of Fame Committee: No report.

Referee in Chief: No report.

Coach in Chief:

- Coaching clinics: since June they have done 351 virtual clinics. They are free to everyone and there are 44 clinics left in December.
- Clinics are reinforcing points of emphasis regarding checking.

Jr. Hockey: No report

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator:

- Darryl reported PD Melgoza was on the Zoom call but his cell phone ran out of power, and wanted to report that there is a virtual bronze clinic coming up and an email will be sent out to all associations to get coaches signed up for certificates for the goaltending side.

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

- State Tournaments – discussed.
- Scheduling Meeting – discussed.
- Ice Availability – Rink availability was reported.

New Business:

- COVID-19 Updates – discussed
- Game Count put on pause. To be discussed at January ASHA meeting
- Third Period Length – Justin Marcum: Refs have the consensus that third periods be shorted to half the available time of the ice session is in question. Scott Siviluch: AK Hockey Officials do not have a good guideline on how they should utilize the ice time.

Board Member Comments:

- Carol Hammingh received a complaint about Nuna Hockey Academy not following the COVID policies. It is unclear who they are affiliated with.
- Scott Siviluch thanked Rick and Bruce for bringing up the player safety initiative.
- ASHA Facebook page does not have regular content. Content Lisa Silance if you would like to include content.
- Jim Newhouse asked when submissions for districts was due; he has not seen registrations come through. He also asked about outside policies from the municipality. Justin Marcum suggested going to the municipal website's FAQs about Emergency Order 16.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 23, 2021 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Anchorage or via Zoom if mandated.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Garcia  
ASHA Secretary