

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
August 21, 2021

Members present: Scott Sivulich, Justin Marcum, Merit Waldrop, Jason Dinneen, Brian Bowman, Wyatt Bartlett (alt.), Brandon Harker, Lisa Silance, Scott Vockeroth, Jenna Redford, Jen Hunter, John DeCaro (alt.), Bruce Haas, Allen Maltbie, John Stenehjem, Mandy Reale, Annetta Powell, Keith Morris

Members present via Phone: Anna Culley, Kirk Kullberg, Renee Loree, Jason Beach, Debbie Glover (alt.), Ron Stadem

Members excused: Gina Hoke

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jamie Larsen, Steve Ludwig, Lacey Smith, Carol Hammingh, Kirk Payne (phone)

Officers excused: Jim Newhouse, Matt Shasby, Ron Gray

Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members: None

- Roll call was done. Quorum established.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The July 17, 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard: None

President's Report:

- Darryl extended the invitation for all board members to attend the Alaska Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony following the ASHA Board Meeting.
- Darryl reiterated the importance of getting the information on the USA Hockey rule changes to coaches, players and parents. A video summary of these changes will be distributed via email to all board members to distribute to their coaches, managers and memberships.
- Darryl shared that ASHA did not adopt the rule change for the differential on the penalty minutes depending on length of the game.
- Darryl announced that Josh Ellis is our new Referee in Chief.
- Darryl announced that Bruce Graham has stepped down as Chair of Discipline Committee. The board was notified of this originally via email.
- Darryl shared that the block grant money came in from USA Hockey.

Finance: No report. Excused. Financial report was sent out via email and paper copies provided.

VP Tournaments:

- Carol shared that House state tournament dates have not been set yet. Except 14U A is tentatively planned for March 11-14 in Juneau
- A motion was made to ratify that the 16U Tier II be hosted by Valley Thunder/Jr. Avs. Original motion was made via email.
- Carol shared the dates of the tentative comp state tournaments
 - 18U Tier II- March 4-7
 - 16U Tier II- Feb 25-28
 - 14U Tier II- Feb 25-28
 - 12U AA Minor/Major- March 4-7
 - 10U AA Minor- March 4-7
- Still waiting to hear from the Girls State Tournament and if we need hosts.
- State tournament participation forms will be sent out. Deadline for comp is October 15. House is December 1st. One check per association clearly labeled what teams the check is covering.
- Carol needs names and contact information for association tournament directors that will be heading up state tournaments.
- Teams going to Districts (especially Girls teams)- Fee was \$2,850 last year. Amount may change, but that gets paid to the ASHA Treasurer.
- Carol shared about a smaller ref pool, especially for state tournaments. Encourages others to get into refereeing.
- Darryl reminded the board that the Girls Pacific Districts will be hosted by HCF in Fairbanks.

VP Comp Council:

- Steve shared that the Comp scheduling meeting is complete. Games are scheduled.
- Teams per division
 - 10U Minor- 12 teams
 - 10U Major- 0 teams
 - 12U Minor- 11
 - 12U Major- 5
 - 14U Minors- 8
 - 16U Tier II- 6
 - 18U Tier II- 5
- Steve emphasized that we do not have the Major division at the 10 level, something to consider, discuss and address in the future. Teams originally in this division either moved down to 10U Minors or moved up to 12U Minors in order to have a competing division.
- Steve shared the teams that still need to pay ASHA for their comp teams. \$200 ASHA fee.

- Associations in good standing: All Stars, SAHA, AK Oilers, Blue Devils, NAHA, Valley Thunder (most teams) Associations/Teams outstanding: NorthStars- all teams, Valley Thunder 16U, Valley Thunder 10U Minor- Smith, HCF, KPHA & HCAK.

VP House Council:

- Lacey shared that the House Scheduling Meeting will be October 9th, 2021 in the Megan Room at 1:00pm
- A 16U B State tournament host is still needed

VP Girls/Women Council:

- Kirk shared that he will touch base to figure out what divisions will need Girls State Tournaments scheduled.
- Kirk will continue to support Matt Shasby with AK Selects on December 18th & 19th

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: No report. Excused

Discipline Committee: No report. Excused

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- Anna stated that associations need to send the information to her if they are hosting a tournament so it can be sanctioned. Check for \$250 per tournament sent to Anna Culley, made out to USA Hockey.
- A Registrar meeting will be held via Zoom at 6pm on Monday, August 23rd, 2021.
- All Major, Minor and National Bound teams 1T rosters must be approved before any games can count.
- Darryl reminded coaches that they need to update their background check and SafeSport to not hold that up for Registrars and Anna.

Referee in Chief: No report.

Coach in Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report. Excused.

- PD Melgoza has taken an assistant coaching job in the USHL. Congratulations to him on this endeavor!

Alaska ADM Coordinator:

- Kirk congratulated Steve Ludwig on his first successful comp scheduling meeting.
- Kirk wanted to reiterate the need to figure out how to get back our 10U Major division. He and Steve Ludwig will work together to try and come up with plan.

Old Business:

- ASHA COVID-19 Policy:
 - Anna shared and clarified that all associations need an active COVID policy and mitigation plan in place. The updated ASHA COVID policy does not stand on its own.
- House Tournament Hosts and locations
 - 16U B still needs a host
 - MAC Attack is March 4th-7th, so the state tournament that is tentatively planned at that rink on those dates will need to be rescheduled

New Business:

- Discipline Chair/Committee
 - Potentially having someone or a pool of people from the youth side of hockey can be beneficial. Consider it and send suggestions to Darryl.
- Alaska Wolves readmission into the Alaska League
 - Carol Hammingh made the motion to allow the Alaska Wolves to rejoin the Alaska League. The motion was seconded. Discussion took place.
 - Justin motioned to table the motion. That motion to table was seconded. No opposition to table. The motion was tabled.
 - The board suggests this be presented to the Comp Council for discussion and consideration then brought to the ASHA Board for approval.

Board Member Comments:

- Scott Sivulich emphasized the USA Hockey Rule changes. Helpful video will be distributed to ASHA Board members & ASHA Facebook page- please share with parents, teams and players.
- Keith Morris shared that the first Anchorage Wolverines inter-squad game takes place tonight at the Royal Ice Center. Puck drops at 7:07pm
- Keith Morris, along with Kirk Payne, shared the need to restructure the ASHA board and committees in order to continue moving hockey in Alaska forward.
- Mandy Reale shared that The Gomez Foundation is hosting their first 5K Run/Walk on September 11th at Ship Creek in conjunction with Great Alaska Duck Races at Ship Creek.
- The Last Frontier Pond Hockey Tournament will be February 25-27, 2022 in Big Lake.
- Lisa Silance shared that if anyone needs anything posted on the ASHA Facebook page, to send it to her and she will get it on there.

- Brandon Harker shared Challenge Alaska's 'Try Hockey Day' September 18th at Royal Ice Center for anyone with special needs. Flyer has been distributed, please share. They start skating in November at Dempsey-Anderson Arena.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage or via Zoom if mandated.

Respectfully,

Jamie Larsen
ASHA Secretary