

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
August 24, 2013

Members present: Justin Marcum, Destry Lind, Mike Miley, Barrett Heisten, Jerry Mackie, Annetta Powell, Kris Knauss, David Cacciolfi, Jordy Wolter, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Mike Laflamme, Vilma Shuttleworth, Keith Armstrong, Keith Morris, Laura Ramsey, Pete Sloan, Sally Wright, and Leanne Carter.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Brenda Luthi, Anna Culley, Dave McCarrey and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey Officials present: Wendy Goldstein, Charlie Fuertch, Andrew Good, Lisa McPheters and Joe Barth.

Visitors present: Cristy Hickel

Members excused: Jim Culley, Steve Nevak, Blake Riekema, Joe Newhouse and Keith Berrian.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. The following board members were seated:

Nikole Stenehjem

Subway Adult League

Introductions were made of those present. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes were approved as presented. Charlie Fuertch was introduced as our District Director. Wendy Goldstein was introduced as our District Registrar.

Persons to be heard: None

President's Report: Darryl Thompson reported that the comp scheduling were complete. The Boys & Girls Club hockey program has folded, but they will still host the house scheduling meeting in October. A draft has been sent to the Anchorage School District superintendent regarding the outsourcing of girls' hockey. Darryl gave a big thanks to AHA and Barrett Heisten for the hard ice dividers. The website is up-to-date and is a great tool to get information out to everyone! Don't forget that our role as ASHA board members is to get the information back to our associations. Congratulations was given to Kris Oldham for his success at the U-17 Five Nations Tournament in Slovakia.

Finance Report: Darryl presented the financial statements as prepared by Joe Newhouse, who is excused.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh presented her report (see attached).

VP Comp Council: No report.

VP House Council: Anna Culley presented her report (see attached).

VP Girls/Women: Dave McCarrey presented his report (see attached).

VP Adult: No report.

VP Player Development: A thank you was issued to Kris Knauss for taking over as the Camp Director for Selects from Charlie Fuertch, and a thank you was given to all of the Alaska volunteers. Wayne Sawchuk's report is attached.

SafeSport Report: Andrew Good reminded all that all volunteers need to complete the training which is due October 15, 2013. The screening for coaches and volunteers is due September 1, 2013. Each association must have a SafeSport administrator in place. If you have any questions regarding screenings or SafeSport, please contact Andrew Good. His information is on the website.

Discipline Report: No report.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Lisa McPheters is our new associate registrar. She reported that Juneau is putting together events in October for "Growing the Game". She has forms if you are interested.

Referee – in – Chief: No report.

Coach – in – Chief: Rick Trupp asked everyone to check online for the coaching seminar schedule. The CEP has started new monthly newsletters. Coaching modules will be up on September 1, 2013. There is a coaching co-op where coaches can go down and spend time with the National Development Team, if someone is interested, please let Rick know. A Level 5 Coaching Clinic will be offered in Las Vegas August 24, 2014. Information will be coming out soon. Be sure to let your coaches know.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis gave his report. He reported that there will be 80 teams at the Blane Showcase in September. The aces now have an affiliation with the Calgary Flames.

Old Business: The Annual Guides and ASHA handbooks are ready. Contact Lisa McPheters if you are in need of some. The mistakes in the ASHA handbook will be corrected by Andrew Good on the website. We want the guideline book to be as interactive as possible.

New Business: Andrew Good presented facts on Sports Ngin, which is used by USA Hockey. He stated that it is cheaper and much easier to use. Our contract with Pointstreak is up in six days, so we need to act quickly if so inclined. He fielded questions regarding the site. Carol Hammingh moved and Jerry Mackie seconded to switch from Pointstreak to Sports Ngin with Darryl Thompson checking the legalities with the contract. The motion passed.

Anna Culley presented the PeeWee Tier IV State Tournament proposal. Anna Culley moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the proposal for the PeeWee Tier IV State Tournament (see attached). Discussion followed. The motion passed.

Dave Ruiz is taking a team of 2001 players from various teams outside to a tournament and should they win the tournament, they will be able to play during the Winter Classic. It was suggested that the team be registered under ASHA to maintain the team's neutrality. This tournament occurs during the regular season. Jerry Mackie moved and Keith Morris seconded to allow the team be rostered as an ASHA team and to travel for the tournament during the regular season. It was understood that the players will be dual rostered, but there will be no need to add/drop players due to the fact that they are not national bound team. Discussion followed. The motion passed. Best of luck to David and his team and hope to see them in the Winter Classic.

Wayne Sawchuk will put together an Ad Hoc committee to explore these kinds of opportunities to address the process and fairness to all.

Board Member Comments:

Jerry Mackie commented on the losses to our hockey family lately and to keep them in our thoughts. If you are interested in helping the Conley family, who recently lost the mother who was killed in a traffic accident, please talk to Travis Frisk.

Carol Gomez spoke to the Mulcahy rinks paving being almost complete and ready in mid-September. He gave a thanks to all involved. December 8, 2013, will be the date for the annual Guns and Hoses hockey game. The proceeds will go to the Scotty Gomez Foundation. There will be a \$1 entry fee if you wear a hockey jersey with lots of activities. He spoke to the hard ice dividers, and how he will be claiming his half of their purchase price until he receives a check for his part in the purchase.

Dave McCarrey said that he is looking for volunteers in the women's program.

Joe Barth went over the new rule changes and how some coaches are not aware of them. Make sure your coaches know the rule changes. AHO was approached by the Mat-Su Hockey Officials to take over their association. They have done so, and are now in charge of Mat-Su hockey officials.

Carol Hammingh gave a thanks to Diane Firmani for facilitating the comp scheduling meeting.

Barret Heisten commented that there are ice dividers at several Anchorage rinks.

Justin Marcum mentioned that ice dividers are being purchased with block grant money and are available now at the UAA rink.

Jack Tragis commented that Pointstreak stats go back at least 10 years.

Wendy Goldstein commented that she enjoyed participating in our ASHA meeting and that other states have similar issues as we have.

Charlie Fuertch thanked us for having him at our meeting. Please feel free to contact him regarding any hockey issues.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 10:00 at the Coast Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary

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