

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
November 12, 2011

Members present: Kathy Merrick, Carol Hammingh, Rich Brister, Annetta Powell, Kris Knauss, Chad Jones, Pat McDonald, Scott Hulse, Wayne Sawchuk, Jack Tragus, Tim Stage, Ted Barton, Dan Massie, Vilma Shuttleworth, Keith Morris, Pete Sloan, Sally Messing, Sally Wright, Matt Shasby (alt.), Shawn Lundgren (alt.) and Becky Beckett (alt.)

Officers present: Darryl Thompson and Brenda Luthi

USA Hockey officials present: Joe Barth

Members excused: Gregg Bambanek, John Jolly, Corey Millen, Joe Newhouse, Kim Griffith, Lisa McPheters, Mike Laflamme, Destry Lind, Lynn Thompson and Anna Culley.

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President. Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

There was one piece of correspondence made available to everyone.

There were no persons to be heard.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson attended the District Meeting . A full report will be sent out at a later date.

USA Hockey is not hosting a U14 Select Camp this year. So, there is talk of hosting our own camp in conjunction with the Pacific District. Dennis Sorenson will be posting a letter on the website in regards to this matter.

Darryl discussed issues regarding the Discipline Committee. They only meet twice a month, and due to that timing, some issues are not able to be handled in a timely manner. There is talk of possibly meeting once a week during the midget season in order to handle situations as they arise.

We received 20 bags of gear through the One Goal Program and they have been sent to Healy and Glennallen, 10 bags to each association. A big thank you to John Jolly for the free shipping with his company.

Darryl attended the ADM Clinic in Anchorage. Joe Doyle from USA Hockey attended the one in Fairbanks and was very impressed with the way Alaska in conducting the clinics.

Cullen Wallace is still the one in charge of the coach screening.

Associations and teams need to be clear about financial responsibility. Putting it in writing for clarity would help all involved.

There was an idea from Jerry Mackay of having on elite midget team in the state and try to coordinate it with high school hockey. It was voted down at the Region IV meeting, but the dialogue needs to continue.

An All Star house team got permission from ASAA to attend a tournament during the high school season . Now ASAA has rewritten the language so that no house team can play during the high school season for next year. A discussion followed and it was decided that we need to talk to the Athletic Directors in the high schools and we need a representative to attend the next ASAA meeting to plead our case. Darryl is the likely representative to attend the December meeting for us.

Finance Report: Darryl presented the finance report for Joe Newhouse. Joe has expressed concern regarding the windfall from the state tournament fees with a possibility of helping out with referee travel during the state tournaments this season. Kris Knauss moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to approve the budget for this season subject to Joe Newhouse answering any questions and concerns from the board. The motion passed.

VP Tournaments: Brenda Luthi collected state tournament paperwork and fees for Lisa McPheters. Comp Tier I and II State Tournament Application forms, \$600 deposit/team is to be turned in at the November 12<sup>th</sup> ASHA meeting or postmarked by that date for eligibility. Recreational Tier III and IV State Tournament Application forms, \$900 tournament fee/team due, to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011 for eligibility. Girls Tier III and IV State Tournament Application form, \$900 tournament fee/team due, to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011 for eligibility.

VP Comp Council: Kris Knauss reported for the Comp Council. They held a discussion regarding the North Star U18 Tier I team during the Comp Council meeting this morning. Kris moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to allow the North Star U18 Tier I team to participate in the state tournament. The motion passed.

Kris Knauss moved and Vilma Shuttleworth seconded that the North Star U18 Tier I games that were forfeited be counted as official games so certain players can use these games to be counted as serving their game misconducts. The motion passed.

Kris reported that the U16 Tier II state tournament go from a 3-day tournament to a 4-day tournament consistent with the ASHA Handbook guidelines.

Kris Knauss moved and Shawn Lundgren seconded to have the U14 state tournament games have ice cuts between the second and third periods, and U16 and U18 games be cut between every period of play. The motion passed.

Kris also spoke to the problem of players moving back and forth between teams and associations. This causes a problem with 1 T's. Connie Hardwick is providing an add/drop form which can be adopted.

Kris Knauss presented a first reading for the guideline book. Section VIII, subsection O should be modified to state "...and the Player Release Form is acquired from the Team Manager/Treasurer of the team the player is departing from and is presented as proof of payment of all indebtedness to the receiving team/association. If however, the departing Team Manager/Treasurer fails or refuses to provide the Player Release Form within 48 hours of the request, and is not asserting an indebtedness to the team, or has otherwise not complied with the provisions set forth below for the notice of any debt, then the registrar has the authority to effect the release subject to a subsequent hold if the Team Manager/Treasurer asserts the debt in the manner set forth below."

VP House Council: Brenda Luthi presented the report for Anna Culley. Associations need to report to Anna by December 1<sup>st</sup> which teams they are fielding this year (whether all the teams are attending a State Tournament or not). She will send out the list of associations that have already reported. The State Tournament forms are due to Lisa McPheters by December 31<sup>st</sup> with the payment of \$900 per team. The form has been sent to all House Council members already. Thank you to Annetta, Carol and Mandy for organizing and hosting the House League Meetings in October. It is a huge help for all the rec teams that attend and I appreciate their willingness to organize it. Three house associations participated in the USA Hockey November 5<sup>th</sup> Try Hockey for Free event across the state and together had 70 kids ages 4-9 try hockey for the first time! It was a great success. The next one is February 18<sup>th</sup>, House associations should consider trying this out in their area. The next House Council meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

VP Girls/Women: Darryl Thompson read the report for Kim Rupp. The Girls/Women Council met last October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our grant applications have been approved and the funds are being used for 18 free weekly skills clinics open to girls and women of all ages. Clinics are every Saturday 7:15-8:15 pm. The schedule is located on the Girls/Women website at [www.alaskafemalehockey.com](http://www.alaskafemalehockey.com). The goal has been to have current players bring/introduce friends and/or family members to hockey. Through the use IMR's we are able to offer this clinic as an introduction to new players up to 4 times each before they are required to register with USA Hockey. We have had a great turnout with new players coming from Bird Creek, Eagle River, Wasilla, Palmer and Anchorage. Ages range from U6 – women. We had

a grandma bring her granddaughter and both skated. For many women currently registered and playing on teams, this clinic has provided their first organized practice ever. The five clinics we have held so far have brought 33 new unregistered players into hockey. So far, of those, four have registered on teams. A problem we have encountered is that there is no space available (wait list only) on the Anchorage women's teams. We need more gear and volunteer coaches to help out. There are collection bins at the Mac, Subway and I will be putting one at Ben Boeke next week. Selects are progressing, online registration is available through December 10. The girls are using the rocky mtn. register system this year. There is a link on the Girls/Women website to the registration software.

VP Adult: No report.

VP Player Development: No report.

Discipline Committee: Brenda Luthi read John Jolly's report (see attached)

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar/Associate Registrar: see attached.

Referee in Chief: Joe Barth reported that he has seen an increase in attendance. There are 335 referees currently registered. There has been a fee increase for midget games. Two officials were sent from Alaska to the Select Showcases in San Jose, which was a great opportunity. Joe is drafting a letter to be sent to USA Hockey to let them know that many coaches don't know the new rule changes. So possibly a module needs to be developed that addresses the rule changes during coaching clinics.

Coach in Chief: No report.

Junior Hockey: Jack Tragis said that he wants parents to feel free to contact him if they have any questions regarding the Junior Hockey program.

Old Business:

The Try-Out Proposal (see attached) needs input from associations. Please read through this and bring feedback at the next meeting.

Darryl Thompson will be meeting with the website employee to keep our website updated.

New Business:

Board Member Comments:

Pat McDonald stated that the ASAA/ASHA issue needs attention in regards to house players.

Shawn Lundgren wants to make sure we keep communication open on the ASAA/ASHA situation with house players.

Carol Hammingh moved and Annetta Powell seconded that there be no Bantam or Midget house team travel during the high school season without ASHA approval.

The motion passed.

Darryl Thompson will attend the next ASAA meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> to make sure our voice is heard in regards to the house team issue with high school.

Kris Knauss reminded the board that the ASAA/ASHA issue needs to be seen as a big picture, not just with current situations.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be January 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary