

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
November 13, 2010

Members present: Darryl Thompson, Kathy Merrick, Rich Brister, Rob Snelson, Annetta Powell, Chip Conroy, Kris Knauss, Kim Griffith, Joan Hancock, Jack Tragis, Dan Massie, John Robertson, Keith Morris, Matt Shasby (alt.), Togi Letuligasenoa (alt.), Wendy Morgan (alt.) and Travis Frisk (alt.).

Officers present: Cullen Wallace, Brenda Luthi, Joe Newhouse, Rosalie Nadeau, Anna Culley, Keith Berrian and Lisa McPheters.

USA Hockey officials present: Dan Rogness, Connie Hardwick, Rick Trupp, Mark Brooks, Chris Milles and John Jolly.

Visitors present: Cristy Hickel

Members excused: Randy Zarnke, Ted Barton, Lynn Thompson, Pete Sloan, Pat McDonald, Corey Millen, Carol Hammingh and Dennis Sorenson.

The meeting was called to order by Cullen Wallace, President. Our thoughts are with Pete Sloan on the death of his mother. Alternates were seated for this meeting.

Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved with two additions.

The minutes of the August 28, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

There was no correspondence.

There were no Persons To Be Heard.

President's report: Cullen Wallace reported that there was much discussion at the latest District Meeting. Both Alaska U16 Tier II Girls teams will go to Nationals this year.

Finance report: Joe Newhouse reported that USA Hockey did an audit on the ASHA books in October. For our current statements, Joe went over them with the board. The Year-End Report only needs a few minor changes. The Current Balance Sheet looks good. Joe then went over the budget for this year. Keith Morris moved and Annetta Powell seconded to adopt the budget with a \$2500.00 coaching clinic expense added as a pass-through. The motion passed unanimously.

The USA Hockey audit had a few suggestions for us to address. Joe Newhouse and Travis Frisk will check into a whistleblower policy, a conflict of interest policy and a record retention policy and report back at the next meeting. Joe will count the player registrations that are received between May 1 through August 31 as deferred revenue. Joe will also check into purchasing an additional crime policy in order to protect cash balances. Joe will give the Affiliate President online access to ASHA's bank accounts in order to monitor activity. Rosalie Nadeau moved and Keith Morris seconded to create a three-person audit committee which will meet twice a year to review the Treasurer's accounting records. The committee this year will consist of Kathy Merrick, Travis Frisk and Lisa McPheters with the first meeting occurring before our ASHA February meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The last recommendation was to replace the former president and treasurer as authorized signers on ASHA's accounts with current members. Joe Newhouse and Brenda Luthi will be the current signers. Darryl Thompson moved and Kim Griffith seconded to accept this recommendation as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Trupp brought up that Louis Mass is helping with coaching clinics and has been asked to attend an ADM symposium with USA Hockey to represent Alaska. USA Hockey covers all expenses except for airfare. Darryl Thompson moved and Matt Shasby seconded to pay for his airfare of \$1056.00 to attend the symposium. The motion passed.

VP Tournaments: Lisa McPheters reported that that she met with the Comp Council this morning before our meeting. The Comp Council agreed to the recommendations from Lisa (see attached).

VP Comp Council: Rosalie Nadeau reported that it was very helpful at the Comp Council meeting this morning when Lisa had the schedules ready to look at. They decided to keep the August 1st try-out date in effect as stated in the guideline book. They will bring their recommendation for the definition of violations and consequences to the next ASHA meeting in January. (see attached).

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that at their last meeting they discussed mandatory cross ice for U8 skaters and will bring their recommendation to the January ASHA meeting. The house teams are up and running.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kim Rupp's report is attached.

VP Adult Council: Keith Berrian reported that adult teams are moving right along. There is a group of players in Tok that would like to come to town to play some games or would welcome any teams coming their way.

VP Player Development: The Select update for boys is on the ASHA web selects page and all registration is online and easy to do.

Discipline Committee: John Jolly presented his report. (see attached)

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: Connie Hardwick presented her report (see attached). There is a new association forming around Tok. Please send your invitational tournament rules to her 60 days prior and then send a list of the teams participating once they are known. Don't forget to register all of your players – even IP players. IT's are due for house teams on December 31st, but players may be added until January 31st, when the rosters are frozen. Connie will be gone from December 23 to January 2. So keep this in mind when finalizing rosters or making roster changes.

Referee-in-Chief: Chris Milles reported the following:

Evaluations: Official evals will be done in Anchorage and Soldotna over Thanksgiving weekend. We have invited Krissy Langley to come up for the long weekend and tournaments in both locations to conduct evaluations of the area officials. This is being funded by the ASHA Referee Development Fund.

Seminars: Seminars are being conducted this weekend in Delta, Palmer/Wasilla and Kenny Lake. November 20, there are seminars in Fairbanks and Tok. The last seminar is in Glennallen on December 18.

Barrow: There are currently 4 officials registered in Barrow, however, 3 are in Idaho for the winter. During the week of November 21, John Rusyniak will be in Barrow and will conduct an officials seminar for those interested.

State Tournaments: I will provide cost estimates to Lisa McPheters for officiating expenses associated with the National Tournament bound teams.

Official Numbers:

368 registered
179 complete (98 L1s, 37 L2s, 38 L3s, 5 L4s)
189 incomplete (96 L1s, 52 L2s, 34 L3s, 5 L4s)

Officials from last season have until November 30 to complete the process. We will be working on getting the officials complete and registered to officiate games. These numbers are not unusual for this time of year.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that the clinics are off and running. They have had only a couple of temporary cards issued for Level 4 this year. He discussed some changes for next year which were detailed in last month's minutes. He reminded associations to make sure that all coaches are certified before December 31st! It was commented that the Level 4 clinic was very well done!!

ACE Coordinator: Mark Brooks is now the Assistant Coach-in-Chief since the ACE Coordinator position is no longer around.

Jr. Hockey report: Jack Tragis reported that they are busy trying to resolve the issue of players leaving midgets early to play juniors.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Board Member Comments:

Rosalie Nadeau said that Anchorage School District is looking at eliminating high school hockey due to budget cuts, meeting are upcoming.

Lisa McPheters needs to know the state tournament directors as soon as they are appointed.

Darryl Thompson reminded us to be sure to report back to our associations so that all information is passed along as it should be. Cullen Wallace concurred.

Travis Frisk said that Pete Sloan has limited email access as he is down dealing with the death of his mother, so please be patient.

Keith Morris commented that the Moose Fest Tournament will be in January and there are a few slots still open. Information is available online.

Rich Brister said that there are many new, young referees this year. He appreciates the backing of the ASHA Board.

John Robertson said that this may be his last meeting, and that he has enjoyed working with everyone.

Cullen Wallace said the screening list will be posted soon, but if you have specific questions, be sure to contact him. There is still money available with the Block Grant money, however the requirements could be changing. ASHA does not respond to anonymous complaints, so be sure to sign your name when complaining.