

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
August 23, 2008

**Members present:** Corey Millen, Darryl Thompson, Martha Stramp, Brian Graff, Robbie Snelson, Annetta Powell, Jamie Smith, James Williams (alt.), Mike Walsh, Scott Hulse, Chris Storhok (alt.), Anna Yates, Jack Tragis, Rick Eckert, Ron Stadem (alt.), Mark Koeckritz, Tom Fisher, John Robertson, Keith Morris and Pete Sloan.

**Officers present:** CullenWallace, Brenda Luthi, Rosalie Nadeau, Margo Dreyer and Dennis Sorenson.

**USA Hockey officials present:** Bruce Urban, Lynn Beehler-Urban, Connie Hardwick and Mark Brooks.

President Cullen Wallace called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M. Introductions were made of all present. The agenda was approved with additions presented. The minutes from the July ASHA meeting were approved as submitted with one change (Joe Newhouse will present a recommendation regarding referee travel pay for state and district tournaments at the November meeting).

**Correspondence:** There was none.

**Persons to be heard:** There were none.

**President's Report:** Cullen reported that the comp scheduling meetings were held last night and this morning. He thanked everyone for running the smoothest scheduling meetings he has ever been a part of.

**Finance:** No report.

**VP Tournaments:** Connie Hardwick reported that the tournaments are scheduled and the ice is reserved. The tournament dates and locations are attached. There are two corrections that need to be made to the ASHA handbook: Squirt Tier I tournament should be March 6-8, 2009; Midget U-16 Tier II should be held in Fairbanks, February 20-22, 2009. Please make sure everyone makes note of these two changes!!

**VP Comp Council:** Rosalie Nadeau reported that she has all of the comp coordinators in place, and she appreciates the prompt payment of league fees from associations. Here is the breakdown of the number of teams per level:

U-18 Tier I	5	U-12 Tier I	3
U-18 Tier II	4	U-12 Tier II	11
U-16 Tier I	4	U-10 Tier I	3
U-16 Tier II	9	U-10 Tier II	9
U-14 Tier I	4	Mites	4
U-14 Tier II	7		

**VP House Council:** No report.

**VP Girls/Women Council:** Margo Dreyer made her report (see attached).

**VP Adult Council:** No report.

**VP Player Development:** Dennis Sorenson reported that the new state website will be coming soon. Pointstreak will be on our website. The summer camps went well. There were lots of college coaches at the Festivals from age 15's on up. December 20-21, 2009 are the dates for the Alaska Select Camp at Ben Boeke. The registration and information will be on the website soon. Dennis will be handling the website. If you have any questions regarding Pointstreak, please contact Dennis Sorenson.

**Discipline:** No report.

**District Director:** Bruce Urban reported that the Youth Council is trying to define Tier I and a new classification called Open (which is above Tier I). The Youth Council will meet in September and we will find out then what direct spots we can get to Nationals. They will also vote on the bids for Nationals. Bruce announced that the UAA hockey team will play the U-18 National Team in Wasilla on September 25<sup>th</sup> and in Fairbanks on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Director At Large:** Lynn Beehler-Urban gave a thanks to Bruce Urban and the others that helped present at the National meeting. November 1, 2009 is the cut off for comment on the rule changes for this year. A new position has been established under the Growth and Development Council to head up membership development issues. She is very excited about this new position and the positive help it can be for USA Hockey.

**Associate Risk Manager:** No report.

**Associate Registrar:** Connie Hardwick stated that she needs all IT forms by September 1<sup>st</sup>!!! She held a teleconference registrar meeting and that went well. New travel permits need to be to Connie 21 days in advance of leaving. Online registration is going well.

**Referee-in-Chief:** No report.

**Coach-in-Chief:** No report.

**ACE Coordinator:** Mark Brooks reported that the Level 4 stickers have been mailed out. Direct all coaching questions to Mark for the time being. Information on Coaching Clinics is online.

**Junior Hockey:** Jack Tragis described the three tiers in the Junior A system:

Tier I	USHL	no cost involved
Tier II	NAHL	pay for room and board
Tier III	(Old Jr. B)	various payments involved

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Alaska requested and was granted permission from USA Hockey's Youth Council for a pilot program that does not allow icing when a team is shorthanded. This pilot program has been used in Massachusetts and the USA Hockey Select Camps for the last several years. Alaska's pilot program will be for all Tier I and Tier II teams in the U12 through the U18 age groups for all games played between September 1, 2008 until the state tournaments for each division. Teams are asked to participate in a data gathering survey by filling out a form for each game played. This data will be collected and sent to the National Office for use in making an informed decision on whether or not a rule change of this nature should or should not be included in the permanent playing rules. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated in order to make this pilot program study a success. Should anyone have any questions concerning this pilot program, they should contact Bruce Urban or Cullen Wallace. Please find attached the sample forms to be used. Make sure coaches have parent meetings to explain the pilot icing program. If both coaches agree, participating and non-participating teams can decide whether to use icing pilot rules or not.

**Board Member Comments:**

Pete Sloan requested an updated screening list be made available on the website.

Mark Koeckritz asked for clarification on Pointstreak.

Martha Stramp remarked that the new AHA website will have an "Ice for sale" link.

Brenda Luthi reminded associations that she needs a list of their officers for the 08-09 season.

Cullen Wallace asked associations to be mindful of travel costs this season for families.

The next meeting will be Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Coast International Inn.1

Respectfully submitted,

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ASHA Secretary