



PNAHA Annual Summer Meeting

June 18, 2011

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond, at 9:15 a.m.

1. Sign-In

- ◆ Sign-in sheets distributed and are an official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: PNAHA President – Dru Hammond; 1st PNAHA Vice President – Dave Bittenbender; 2nd PNAHA Vice President – Glen Triner; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer – Janet MacFarlane.
- ◆ Member Organizations: EYH – Chris Raub; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Danny Lorenz; KCAH – Jay Miller; MLYHA - Ty Howard; TJH – Rob Kaufman; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; SJR – Scott Farrell; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; TCAHA – Jeff Thom; WAHA – Dan Flynn; WINTHROP – Scott Dinham; WCAHA – Mark Smith; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson.
- ◆ Member Teams: YAHA – Paul Kelley.
- ◆ Member Organizations not represented – PCMH.

2. Introductions

- ◆ Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guests Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director; Winthrop representative, Scott Dinham; Steve Stevens, Referee-in-Chief, Pacific District; Bill and Carla Stewart, Wenatchee Wild NAHL.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- ◆ Reading of the January 8, 2011, PNAHA Annual Winter meeting minutes. Ty Howard (MLHA) motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA Vice President). No discussion. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond

- ◆ Dru Hammond advised the Board and Member Associations that Katie Kusske had resigned and that she appointed Janet MacFarlane (SAYHA) to serve the remaining one year of Katie's term.
- ◆ Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) presented copies and reviewed the January through May 2011 Treasurer's Report as provided by Katie as her last action serving as PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer to the PNAHA Board of Directors. The balance as of May 31, 2011, is \$75,051.87. Motion [*to approve the January Treasurer's Report*] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Glen Triner (2nd PNAHA Vice President). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Special Guests – Donna Kaufman

- ◆ Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director). Donna updated the PNAHA Board of Directors on the recent Annual Congress meeting. Highlights of the Annual Congress were that there would be no body checking at the Pee wee and under divisions; there would be tag-up offsides for the Bantam and Midget divisions; all 5-minute major penalties are now to be served immediately; if no carded coach is left on a players' bench due to penalties, etc., a "responsible" adult could be placed on the bench to act as coach for the remainder of that game; new fighting rule that, if the same player on the same team incurs a second fighting major in a single season, it is an automatic 3-game suspension, which could conceivably be a 6-game suspension due to the "double jeopardy" issue; if a player's helmet accidentally comes off on the ice, it is a game misconduct; if a player's helmet is purposefully removed on the ice, it is a match penalty; any head contact will result in a minor penalty; for games with 15-minute or less periods, penalties can be either 1.5 minutes or 2 minutes; U-14 players are no longer eligible to play at any Junior level; U-15 players will need a parent to sign a waiver to play at any Junior level; Norpac will now be split into two divisions, with Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and some Montana teams being in the Norpac Division, and Wyoming and some Montana teams being in the American West Division.
- ◆ Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) welcomed and introduced Scott Dinham, Vice President, Winthrop Amateur Hockey Association. Winthrop has been a long-time member of USA Hockey within Washington State, but their membership has expanded recently to three levels of teams as well

as a learn-to-skate program. At the January 2011 Winter meeting, Winthrop presented their application for membership within PNAHA. PNAHA welcomes their application. Motion [*to accept Winthrop's application and grant WAHA PNAHA Member status*], by Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA Vice President) and seconded by Glen Triner (2nd PNAHA Vice President). No further discussion. Motion passed.

6. Officer's Reports

◆ Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

- **State Development Camp Information:** 2011 PNAHA State Development Camp was held January 29-30, 2011, in Wenatchee. Rob stated that this Camp was very successful and we had a good group of players advancing to the District Select Camps. The 2011/2012 camp will be held the last weekend in January 2012 in Wenatchee.
- **Coaching Clinic Update:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded the Associations to review their coaches to ensure they had gotten the proper cards for the levels they are coaching. In addition, Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) mentioned that, as of December 31, 2010, all coaches on the bench must have the proper credentials and any waiver applications were due by December 31. He also distributed a handout that contains two pages of frequently ask questions regarding the new requirements and how it will impact the coaches.
- **Pacific District Select Camp (Kent):** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) stated that the Pacific District Select Camp was held at Kent on April 29–May 1, 2011, for birth years 1996 and 1997; May 5–May 8, 2011, for birth years 1994 and 1995. PNAHA had a great showing of high level players, with approximately 11-12 players being asked to participate in additional camps.

◆ Girls/Women's Hockey – Shirley Williamson

- **Female Development Camp Information:** Shirley Williamson (Girls/Women's Director) stated that the 2011 PNAHA Female Development Camp was held on February 5-6, 2011, in Wenatchee, Washington. Evaluators were Mark Preston and Teka Parks. The camp will be held in Wenatchee again the first weekend of February if the numbers continue to support it. There is talk of combining the Oregon/Washington camp. The PNAHA President is discussing this option with Oregon. Combining the camp has the support from the District.
- **District Camp:** Shirley Williamson (Girls/Women's Director) stated that the camp was run very well and that the girls within PNAHA had an excellent showing.

◆ Adult Hockey: Andy Cole (Adult Hockey Director)

- The Adult Hockey Director presented information to the Board of Directors regarding a long-term issue he had been dealing with regarding taxes and how recent decisions may impact all associations within the state.

◆ Supervisor-of-Officials – Tony Milles

- As Jason Michelbook (Supervisor-of-Officials) was unable to attend the meeting, Tony Milles gave the Officials Report.
- Steve Stevens, Pacific District Referee-in-Chief, shared with the PNAHA Board of Directors that long-time Spokane resident and local star of officiating ranks Dennis LaRue became the most decorated American hockey referee in NHL history. Dennis donned the stripes years ago as a means to earn a few extra dollars. His efforts at the 1986 IIHF World Championship in Moscow and 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary catapulted him to the professional ranks. Since March 26, 1991, he has worked more NHL games than any other American referee on record. In 2009, he became only the second-ever American referee to work the Stanley Cup Finals, joining Hockey Hall of Famer Bill Chadwick. In 2010, he again made history when he became just the third person ever (and first North American) to referee in four Olympic Winter Games. LaRue was honored at the USA Annual Congress President's Awards Banquet with the Distinguished Achievement Award.

◆ USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) welcomed Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager). A brief summary of upcoming registration changes was reported. He also reminded all associations present to have their registrars attend the September Annual Fall Meeting Committee round table in the morning. Important documents and information is reviewed at this meeting.

◆ **League Commissioner – Glen Triner**

- Glen Triner (PNAHA League Commissioner) reported on the league standings. The league champions in each division were: Spokane Jr. Chiefs (Squirt); SJHA NW Admirals (PeeWee A); Wenatchee Jr. Wild (PeeWee B); Tri-Cities Jr. Americans (Bantam A); SJHA NW Admirals (Midget A).
- The preliminary League declarations were reported.
 - **Tier I:** SJHA= Midget U16; SNO=PeeWee, Bantam; SAYHA=Bantam, Midget U16; WAHA=Bantam, Midget U16, Midget U18.
 - **Tier II:** Everett=PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; Kent=PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U16, Midget U18; Kitsap=Midget U18; Tacoma= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U16, Midget U18; SJHA= PeeWee (2), Bantam (2), Midget U16, Midget U18; SNO= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; SAYHA= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U16, Midget U18; TCAHA= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U16, Midget U18; WAHA= Midget U18; Whatcom= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18.
 - **B Teams:** Everett= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; Kent= PeeWee, Midget U18; Kitsap= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; Moses Lake= PeeWee, Midget U18; Tacoma=Bantam; SJHA= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; SNO= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; SAYHA= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; TCAHA= PeeWee, Bantam, Midget U18; WAHA= PeeWee, Bantam.
 - **Squirt:** Kent (1); Kitsap (1); Moses Lake (1); Tacoma (1); SJHA (2); SNO (2); SAYHA (2); TCAHA (2); WAHA (1); Whatcom (1).
- The League Commissioner announced that League Banners were going to be distributed to the winners of League at the break in the meeting.

◆ **1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender**

- **Confirmation of Current Members:** Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA Vice President) thanked Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) for assisting in the collection of the information for confirmation of adherence to membership criteria as stated in the PNAHA By-Laws, Article VI Membership, Section 2: Qualifications for Membership, 4. Membership in Good Standing which states, “All Member Organizations and Member Teams must be “Members in Good Standing” with PNAHA and USA Hockey. Each year, Member Organization and Member Team shall submit to PNAHA a copy of its Constitution or Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations (if any), a list of their current officers, and a membership compliance checklist using PNAHA’s current form, all certified by its presiding officer (i.e., the President, owner or designated Team Representative), prior to PNAHA’s spring/summer meeting. Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA Vice President) stated that a couple of the organizations still had some documents to turn in. The delay was due to new elections and/or documents being revised and currently in final review status. Those associations were expected to turn in those revised documents no later than the September Annual Fall meeting.

◆ **2nd Vice President – Glen Triner**

- No report.

◆ **PNAHA President – Dru Hammond**

- Dru Hammond stated that two Board positions were up for election, the 2nd Vice President (East Side) and the President positions. Nominations were made for the 2nd Vice President position, with John Grasso (SAYHA) being the only nomination. After a short discussion, motion [*to accept by acclamation*] made by Glen Triner (2nd PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Rob Azevedo (SAYHA). Motion passed.
- Nominations were made for the position of President. A motion was made by Mark Smith (WCAHA) and seconded by Jeff Thom (TCAHA) nominating Dru Hammond. A motion was made by Dan Flynn (WAHA) and seconded by Ty Howard (MLYHA) nominating Adam Speer. Each nominee gave a short presentation on their reasons for wanting to be elected. In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, two tellers were requested to volunteer representing each candidate’s respective interest to count and collect the ballots. Debbie Didzerekis (TCAHA) and Mike Lesky (WAHA) volunteered. The results were delivered to Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA Vice President). He announced that Dru Hammond was re-elected for another two-year term. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) thanked everyone for their continued support and thanked Adam

Speer for his willingness to step up and seek this position. Volunteers willing to dedicate the time and energy needed to perform these functions are often hard to find. She will contact Adam at a later date to discuss ways to potentially get him involved at the state level.

7. Tournament Updates

- ◆ **Squirt Festival:** Glen Triner reported that the Squirt Festival was very successful and had very few issues. Squirt Festival champions were: Spokane Jr. Chiefs (Gold Division); Puget Sound Jr. Tomahawks (Silver Division); Tri-Cities Jr. Americans (Bronze Division).
- ◆ **Tier II:** PeeWee – SAYHA coached by Dan Holden; Bantam – SJHA coached by Kevin Bozich; Midget – Kent Valley coached by Danny Lorenz.
- ◆ **Tier I Bantams:** SAYHA coached by Cam Severson in 1st place. Sno-King coached by Shaun Miller as PNAHA's 2nd place entry at Pacific District play-offs.
- ◆ **Tier I Midget U16:** SJHA coached by Mike McCormick.
- ◆ **B State:** PeeWee – SAYHA; Bantam – TCAHA; Midget – SJHA.

8. Associations

- ◆ **Name change:** Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association is now known as the Tacoma Junior Hockey Association, with the team name being the Junior Rockets.
- ◆ **New policy adoption:** Motion to [*accept the IRS Compliance on Retention of Records Policy, Whistleblower Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy*], made by Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer), seconded by Glen Triner (2nd PNAHA Vice President). Motion passed.
- ◆ Dru Hammond reported that the SJHA motions regarding the 16U and Tier 1 teams would be tabled to the PNAHA Annual Fall meeting to be held on September 17.
- ◆ Doug Kirton was introduced as PNAHA's ADM Director. Doug reported that he will have a committee of four working with him. This Committee consists of Deke Adams (SAYHA), Ryan Hammond (TCAHA), Chris Raub (Everett), and Jared Bucci (Tacoma). A proposal was submitted to PNAHA by Everett that ADM be fully implemented by the start of the 2012-2013 season. Motion [*that PNAHA adopt the ADM proposal as submitted*] by Ty Howard (Moses Lake), seconded by Chris Raub (Everett). Motion passed.
- ◆ Dru Hammond reported on the necessity of PNAHA teams only participating in or hosting USA Hockey-sanctioned tournaments and/or games, as the consequences to member associations and/or tournament directors can be devastating. Recently, a PNAHA Association Director was personally sued by an injured player for not sanctioning the tournament. In the end, the individual suing did not prevail but it did not alleviate the stress to all that were sued. It is simple to sanction your tournaments and the benefits are enormous.

9. Old Business

- ◆ Discussion regarding body checking already covered under "Special Guests" by Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director) and under "Officer's Reports" by Dru Hammond (PNAHA President).
- ◆ Pam Preisser, Showcase Administrator, reported that, due to PNAHA's strong showing in the USA Hockey America's High School Showcase (formerly the Chicago Showcase), that Team Washington was moved to the B Pool. This speaks highly of the hard work and determination of the players within PNAHA and the evaluators and coaches are to be recommended for their dedication and time commitment to this team.
- ◆ Reminder to all to get those player releases submitted. You are required to send an email to the President of PNAHA when you release a player. Just type the player's name in the subject area and send to her. That way, she can do a quick search when needed. An example would be "John Doe – Released by Kent." The PNAHA President also congratulated Tacoma Junior Hockey's Kristen Videto and Rena Sullivan from Kent for their excellent work in handling this task.

10. New Business

- ◆ Dru Hammond, PNAHA President talked about the Bobby Freeland grants, with each grant being in the amount of \$2,500. PNAHA encouraged the Moses Lake and Winthrop associations to apply for these grants. She also stated her lack of understanding why more associations are not applying for these grants. It is free money available to help run your programs. She personally wrote a grant for one of the associations that failed to tweak it and submit it. So please assign someone within your organizations to handle this task. Identify your association needs and submit a request.

- ◆ Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) and Doug Kirton (Sno-King) also discussed the potential for matching funds that are available through USA Hockey for implementing ADM 100% in your association for 8 and Under players.
- ◆ The Level 4 coaching clinic is tentatively set for September 9 – 12, 2011, in Los Angeles. Steve Stevens and Donna Kaufman covered the procedures and requirements for each age division and what is required for coaches.

11. Annual Fall Meeting

- ◆ The PNAHA Annual Fall meeting will be held on September 17, 2011, at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, located at 201 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Room reservations can be made by calling (509) 662-4411. All members are reminded to make their room reservations prior to leaving the facility as availability is always limited at the hotel due to high occupancy during the summer months.

12. Adjournment

- ◆ Ty Howard (Moses Lake) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Chris Raub (Everett). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.