



PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting
September 11, 2010
Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 12:05 a.m.

1. Sign-In

- Sign-in sheets distributed and on 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 – Katie Kusske.
- Member Organizations; EYH – Christopher Raub; IEAHA - David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – Derek Donald; PCMH – Adam Eyer; PSAHA – Jared Bucci, SJR – Scott Farrell; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; TCAHA – Jeff Thom; WAHA – Tekka Parks; WCAHA – Mark Smith; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson, YAHA – Paul Kelley.
- Member Organizations not represented – MLYHA.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and guests.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) explained for the benefit of the newer PNAHA Representatives that at the PNAHA Annual Fall meeting we typically start the meeting upon the completion of the morning Round Table meetings at the request of this board so that members can head home at an earlier hour. The Agenda typically shows a start time for the PNAHA Annual Fall meeting as 1:00 p.m. We will add a statement to future Agendas indicating that it will start directly following the conclusion of the Round Table meetings.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the June 9, 2010 Spring/Summer minutes. Shirley Williamson (WWFHA) motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President). No discussion. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report and 2010-2011 Proposed Budget– Katie Kusske

- Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the June through August 2010 Treasurer's Report which covers June 1 through August 31, 2010 to the PNAHA Board of Directors. The balance as of August 31, 2010 is \$76,472.37. Motion [*to approve the June through August 31, 2010 Treasurer's Report*] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), seconded by Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President). Discussion, Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) asked that on the PNAHA Treasurer report if under expenses where it is showing "Meetings-Motels" if Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer could remove the typo error of three "e's" in the word Meetings. Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) so noted. Motion passed.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) presented the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget. There were no anticipated changes over the 2009-2010 season income and expenses. Total projected expenses for the 2010-2011 season is \$48,430.00. Motion [*to approve the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget*] by Mark Smith (WCAHA), seconded by Chris Raub (EYH). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Special Guests – Donna Kaufman and Casey Jorgensen

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director). We are starting to see some Districts that are mandating the ADM (American Development Model). This is a nationwide model for successfully developing American hockey players, USA Hockey is not mandating this program, but is offering it as a tool that will ensure every kid will have the same chance to succeed in this sport. This program is about having kids of all skill levels playing together so that they can work with the best coaches and learn from each other as they grow and learn the sport of hockey. Another great benefit from this program is having more kids on the ice together is that the total cost of the ice goes down per player.

- Within our District we were able to form the U14 Multi-District Team composed from skaters from the District Select Camp. The team did well and reports back from participants that this was an excellent experience and all are looking forward to participating again next year.
- The Peeewe level National Tournaments have been discontinued effective the 2012-2013 season.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that that Casey Jorgenson (Pacific District Director) is slightly delayed due to traffic issues, but upon his arrival she will invite him to speak.

6. Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

- **Player Development/Coaching Clinic Update:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) thanked all that were present at his round table meeting earlier and stated that they had a great meeting. Coaching certification rules are staying the same this year. All coaches must have the required certification level by January 1, 2011.
- **Coaching Education Program (CEP):** The USA Hockey Coaching Education Program states that all coaches must enter at Level 1 and must continue their education each year until at a minimum, they achieve Level 3. Coaches may attend only one certification clinic per year (not including age-specific requirements). Coaches who do not coach in continuous years must re-enter the program at the next level when they resume coaching responsibilities. There is a Grandfather Clause for coaches who enrolled in the Coaching Education Program prior to May 1, 2011. Those enrolled prior to this date will be at their current level.
- **ADM Model:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reviewed their round table discussion regarding the ADM (American Development Model) noting the process verses challenges that association may experience. The top concern was to educate the parents on these issues with presenting all the needed background on these philosophies. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Joe Doyle will be here on October 17, 2010 to run a combined ADM clinic in the Tri-Cities with Spokane and Wenatchee. PNAHA has committed some of its grant funds to bring Joe into Tri-Cities for this clinic. If you have coaches from your local association that were unable to attend the Everett or Sno-King ADM clinics please contact Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. The clinic will run from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic will conclude with a mite jamboree.
- **B Teams:** There was discussion regarding the B League numbers being low as most associations have gone to the Tier II level. What we are looking to do again is to have associations do the B Tournament teams where they only need 5 games to be played as a team to qualify to participate in the State B Tournament. This will give your players an opportunity to go through a try-out within your own association and play at a slightly higher level than being played at the recreational levels.
- **Coaching Certifications:** Beginning in 2011 coaches will only be able to obtain one certification level per year. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) announced that there aren't any coaching clinics posted on the USA Hockey website yet to be held in our area, but there are at least some dates that have been discussed; Seattle Junior is looking to host a Level 1 and Level 2 possibly the first or on the second weekend in October. Look for Wenatchee and Tri-Cities dates to be confirmed before he announces anything.
- **State Development Camp Information:** 2011 PNAHA State Development Camp will be held January 29-30, 2011. The location is set to be in Wenatchee again. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) stated that we are currently evaluating the Rocky Mountain Register to utilize for registrations since this is now the currently recommended registration program with USA Hockey. It automatically accesses each player a \$2.50 fee for registration plus a 3% charge against the registration fee. PNAHA has an online program that only costs the affiliate the 2.6-3% charge for online banking per transaction so there is a bit of concern regarding the use of Rocky Mountain because this adds expense to an already expensive event. Everyone is requested not to schedule League games or games that hold major significance for your players that weekend. PNAHA will be doing the invitational letter format this year. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) will be sending out the invitations in late December. All Association Coaching Directors/Ace Coordinators will be contacted for their player lists so that that their names will be put on the watch list for the evaluator teams. We had a good group of evaluators this last year that really worked well together. Mike Lesky is the local PNAHA Coordinator that works with Wenatchee to ensure everything is taken care of prior to and during this PNAHA event.

- **Pacific District Select Camp (Kent):** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) announced that the Pacific District Select Camp will be held at Kent again in 2011. The dates are April 29 – May 1, 2011 for birth years 1995 and 1994; May 6-May 8, 2011 for birth years 1993 and 1992. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) thanked Kent and their staff for doing a great job each year for this event. This venue seems to be working out well.
 - **America's High School Showcase/Chicago Showcase:** The tryout for this event is February 12-13, 2011 at the Puget Sound Hockey Center. The Showcase is schedule for April 13-17, 2011. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) said that the tournament has been moved to Pittsburg. Oregon sent their own team this year so there were more players from Alaska on the team this year. It was a struggle to get players willing to commit to the team this year since the Tier II teams go directly to Nationals and the events were back to back. It was noted that more communication needs to be done with all the associations if they hope to see more players be at the team tryout. Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) suggested that perhaps posters could be created and delivered to the association arena's to spread the word. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) has spoken to Pam Preisser about being more visible and reaching out to our local associations to get the communication out to their players.
7. **Late Introductions:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked that the late arrivals introduce themselves. Derek Donald (Kitsap), Jay Miller (Kitsap), Teka Parks (WEN) and Mike Montgomery (Wenatchee President)
8. **Supervisor-of-Officials – Jason Michelbook:**
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Jason Michelbook and his wife welcomed the birth of their daughter Claire Dawn on August 23, 2011. For the 2011-2012 Coaching level requirements (see page 139 in the USA Hockey Annual Guide). Due to work commitments Jason is unable to attend this meeting, however he sent Tony Milles (PNAHA Supervisor of Officials West Side) with his notes for the meeting. The officials that went to camps over the summer are; Trevor Shively to National camp, Anthony Guzzo to Regional camp, Sean MacFarlane to Regional camp, Geoff Kuth to Regional camp, Jeremi DelCampo to WHL camp, Adam Brastad and Zac Brooks both went to WHL camp as well. Trevor Shively and Steve Walsh have been selected again to work for USAH Junior Development Program. Anthony Guzzo was also selected to work part time while he attends school at Eastern Washington University. Tony Milles (PNAHA Supervisor of Officials West side) discussed how they are going to start shadowing the younger officials to assist them with the rise in parents attacking these younger officials at games. These types of situations aren't helping the recruiting numbers for the younger officials. Go to the Official's website to see the listed seminars, so far they have two posted, one to be held at the Everett arena on September 26, 2011 for Levels 1 and 2 and at the Spokane Eagles arena on October 9, 2010 for Levels 1 through 3. They are awaiting confirmation from the Kent Valley Ice Centre on their available dates to host a seminar in the south end.
9. **USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes**
- Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager) cautioned everyone about reading the Tournament applications for BC requiring participants to show birth certificates. Despite USA Hockey not requiring the team to carry these documents once the roster is certified you need to remember that some tournaments still require these documents. Additionally, everyone should note that Ed does not distribute the initial certified roster until after December 31 due to the volume of roster changes that occur during the season. He certifies the roster once December 31 hits and there is no longer any player movement. Players Birth certificates will not be required in the credential packets that will be turned in at the PNAHA Winter meeting. The certified roster will be distributed to your local association. Once you receive the certified roster you can remove the birth certificates from your books. Make sure your teams travel with the team rosters that have been verified and certified by Ed Imes from that time forward. Teams formed and certified prior to the September 1 season start may have games played in August counted toward fulfilling the 20/10 (14/10 for Girls/Women's, 10/5 High School Varsity and or Prep School) requirement, with approval of the District Registrar. This is a recent change to the USA Hockey Annual Guide.
10. **League Commissioner – Rob Azevedo**
- **2010-2011 League Report:** Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) ran a PowerPoint presentation in regards to the final team count asking for each association to confirm their teams in the age divisions being presented. This list will be posted on the PNAHA Website under PNAHA League 2010-11 declarations.

- **B Teams:** There is one true “B division” team from Spokane. The rest of the teams as discussed will probably come from associations that form “Tournament teams” from their house teams for the State B Tournament.
- **Squirt Festival:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that your Squirt teams have to participate in the PNAHA League in order to be in the Squirt Festival. It was also mentioned that the Competition Committee needs to meet on the tiering process for the Pee Wee Division based on the discontinuation of Pee Wees participating at District/Nationals in 2012/2013. It would be prudent to discuss what this Division will look like prior to the changes being implemented in 2012-13. Perhaps we need to look at forming a League that is similar to the Squirt Division with an end of the year Festival. It would be best to be ahead of the ball than behind it. All concurred.
- **Tiering events:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) spoke about a request that she has received from Tri-Cities when being a host during the Tiering events and if it would be possible to recover some of the costs when visiting teams are playing. This was already addressed in the Reauthorization Proposal that was approved without changes from last year in the Roundtable Committee Meeting.
- **Host Hotels Increase:** Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) reviewed the request that was discussed at the Round Table meeting for League regarding Tri-Cities proposal to raise the approved PNAHA Host Hotel rate from \$85.00 to \$95.00 per night. Tri-Cities is struggling to maintain quality Host Hotels at the approved rate of \$85.00. This rate has not been increased within PNAHA since 2007. It is the League Committee’s recommendation for the PNAHA Host Hotel rate be increased to \$95.00 per night. Motion out of committee [*to increase the PNAHA Host Hotel rate from \$85.00 to \$95.00*]. No discussion. Motion passed.

11. Girls/Woman’s Hockey – Shirley Williamson

- The PNAHA Development Girls camp is scheduled for February 5-6, 2011 being held in Wenatchee. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reviewed the PNAHA Female Dual Rostering policy that was adopted January 8, 2010 at the PNAHA General Winter meeting held in Wenatchee. Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) passed out copies for everyone to take back to their associations.

12. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave (PNAHA 1st Vice President) and Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) met with Tony Milles (Supervisor of Officials West Side) regarding the recent rise in “601 Abuse of Officials” penalties that are being called at games. It was discussed that some type of review system needs to be in place for when this penalty is used. Tony Milles (Supervisor of Officials West Side) and Jason Michelbook (Supervisor of Officials East Side) will meet with the Officials who made the call to review the incident to make sure that the right penalty was called then they will contact Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) or Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) to discuss the situation. What we are trying to do is to avoid having to hold unnecessary hearings which can be very time consuming and costly for everyone.

13. 2nd Vice President – Glen Triner: No report

14. PNAHA President – Dru Hammond

- **New Leader Award:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) presented the “New Leader Award” to Scott Farrell who is a new Hockey Director with Seattle Junior Hockey Association.
- **The Pacific District Meeting:** It will be held in Seattle on October 16, 2010. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) also reminded everyone to remember that all Tier teams that October 1, 2010 is the declaration deadline. Don’t forget to provide her an email committing the Tier level of your teams. Be sure to include in this email communication the name of the Coach, Team Manager and their contact information.
- **Cross Ice:** Cross ice play is now called “Red, White and Blue Hockey.” You more than likely have started to see “Red, White and Blue Hockey referenced in the ADM material that is now coming out.
- **Screening update:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that the Washington State Patrol background check is no longer required during the interim years between Acxiom Screenings, however it is recommended. It is the policy of USA Hockey that it will not authorize or sanction in its programs that it directly controls any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by USA Hockey before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in USA Hockey’s programs. Further, it is the policy of USA Hockey that it will require its affiliates to adopt this policy as a condition of its affiliation with USA Hockey. See page 35 in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

- **Verify Teams You Play Are Registered:** Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager) mentioned that the Walla Walla and some Idaho associations have teams that are not registered with USA Hockey. DO NOT play a non-registered team. If you do everyone that is on the ice including the officials insurance is void! When you are playing a team for the first time, always request to see their USA Hockey registration paperwork.
- **Elimination of U12 Division at District/Nationals:** To review what Donna Kaufman (District Director) spoke of earlier, this will become effective during the 2012-2013 season. See page 147 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide.
- **U12 Body Checking:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) shared that USA Hockey's Playing Rules Committee approved proposals regarding the elimination of body checking at Pee Wee (U12) level. The proposals now go on to the Youth Council and SPEC for further consideration. The proposal is rumored to contain a system of teaching and allowing progressively more body contact starting at Mites with an emphasis on teaching the skill of checking at the Pee Wee level. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Look for this change in the 2011-2013 season playing rules if it is finalized and approved at the USA Hockey Annual Congress in June 2011.
- **Coaching Ethics Code:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that she has sent out the new Coaching Ethics Code Guide and Ethics Code Violation Reporting form electronically to all Associations on September 5th 2010 and then again with the PNAHA Agenda, so everyone has received them twice. All Associations need to read this and follow the instructions on page two prior to just making a phone call to issue a complaint. The process starts out informally when a USA Hockey participant believes that there may have been an ethical violation by a coach and/or others. They should bring it to the attention of that individual informally. If it is not resolved through the informal resolution or is not resolved properly then the association President should be contacted. Do not contact the PNAHA Executive Board first. You can also read page 143 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide, "D. Coaching Ethics Code."
- **Association Growth Coordinator:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) indicated that Courtney Welch, Manager of USA Hockey Program Services recently sent out a job description for a Local Association Growth Coordinator. The focus of this position is to acquire and retain youth hockey players in the 4 to 8 year old age range for local associations. This Growth Coordinator will work with and be supported by USA Hockey's Programs Services department. The qualifications for this position are a passion to grow the game in the local community, excellent communications and organization skills and enthusiasm. This job description was sent out to everyone electronically and everyone is encouraged to develop this position within their local associations.
- **2 X 2 Challenge:** The 2 X 2 challenge states you will acquire 2 additional players and retain 2 additional players than the previous season for the 2010-2011 season in your Association. Congratulations to Seattle Junior and Tri-Cities Amateur for meeting the 2 X 2 Challenge for the 2009-2010 season. While many associations had tremendous growth only these two Associations were able to meet the challenge within PNAHA. We need to be building the numbers at the 4-8 years old age group. In the Pacific Northwest region those numbers were increased by 91. PNAHA received 24 sets of One Goal Equipment which was distributed to all members. Seattle Junior kept one set and donated the other sets to ensure that all associations within PNAHA received at least one set of equipment.
- **Bring a Friend to Hockey:** A friendly reminder to not forget if an Association hosts a "Bring a Friend to Hockey" function that the event needs to be sanctioned, the guests skating do not have to be members of USA Hockey for this event, review the requirements first.
- **New Locker Room Policy:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reviewed this policy and asked that everyone make sure that your Associations enforce it. See page 35 in the USA Hockey Annual Guide for reference. This new policy was also sent out electronically to everyone.
- **Northwest Designs:** A reminder to everyone that Northwest Designs provided a presentation at the June meeting regarding their ability to assist with shirts and apparel for tournaments. We had promised to remind everyone of their ability to assist with tournament apparel at the September meeting once bids to host the state tournaments were discussed. Contact Nick Strobl for the Tournament Shirts and Apparel at info@northwestdesigns.com or 1-800-92-9327.
- **Fraser Valley Winter Club:** PNAHA teams are not to play any teams from the Fraser Valley Winter Club. USA Hockey did confirm with Hockey Canada that Fraser Valley Winter Club is not a member within Hockey Canada. This verification was performed by Kim Folsom, Manager, International

Administration and Sean Kelly, Hockey Canada Director of Regulations and Legal Affairs. Dru received an email from Kim on June 18, 2010 via email confirming that the Fraser Valley Winter Club was not a member. This club has actively been trying to arrange games with Washington, Oregon and Idaho teams. Once again, make sure you communicate this loudly to your teams.

- **Coeur D’Alene:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that their players do not count towards Rule 14 five player counts as they will not have their rink rebuilt for this season. We need to be a good host and extend opportunities for these displaced players while they are trying to rebuild their rink.

15. Tournaments:

- *Note that Rules and Regulations require that any association wanting to host a PNAHA tournament shall complete the Tournament Application Form and submit its request to the President by September 1st for consideration. All requirements of the tournament articles shall be addressed. The Board of Directors shall select the host of each tournament at the September meeting. Should a host not be selected at that time, the President will make recommendations to the officers, who jointly shall select the host and notify all associations within 7 days of the selection.* Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) gave five minutes to each association to chat about hosting the Tier II Tournament.
- **Tier II:** Spokane and Tri-Cities both cast bids for the Tier II event this year. Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) said that Spokane will only host this event if the registration rate is raised from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked each association that put in their bids to host this season if they would or would not need to have the tournament registration raised. Doug Kirton (SKAHA) said that Sno-King agrees to the registration rate increase as well, but will consider hosting the event at the \$750.00 rate if this body does not support the increase. Jeff Thom (TCAHA) said that Tri-Cities can keep the registration rate at \$750.00 and Mike Montgomery (WAHA) said that Wenatchee will also keep the registration rate at \$750.00. After discussion it was decided that the registration rates will stay at the current rate of \$750.00 per team. Motion *[for Tri-Cities to host the PNAHA Tier II Tournament]* by Chris Raub (EYH), seconded by Jeff Thom (TCAHA). Motion passed. Dru Hammond announced that Tri-Cities are awarded the bid to host the PNAHA Tier II Tournament on March 10-14, 2011.
- **Squirt Festival:** Bids have been placed by Tri-Cities for 2-11/2-14, Sno-King for 3-18/3-20 and Wenatchee for 3-17/3-20. Motion *[for Wenatchee to host the Squirt Festival]* by Rob Azevedo (SAYHA), seconded by Dave Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA). No discussion. Motion passed. Wenatchee is awarded the bid to host the PNAHA Squirt Festival the weekend of March 17-20, 2011.
- **“B” State Tournament:** Tri-Cities bid to host this tournament March 17-20, 2011 for \$750.00 per team. Sno-King is also bidding to host this tournament March 17-20, 2011 with the Tournament registration rate increase from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked for a motion to raise the Tournament registration rate from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. No motion was made so the registration fee will remain at \$750.00 per team. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked if Sno-King would like to withdraw their tournament bid. Sno-King representative, Doug Kirton indicated they would still like to host the event. Motion *[to award the bid to Sno-King to host the B State Tournament]* by Chris Raub (EYH), seconded by Scott Farrell (SJR). Motion passed. Sno-King awarded the bid to host the B State Tournament the weekend of March 17-21, 2011.
- **District Tournament Dates:** The following dates and locations were announced for the 2011 District Tournaments:

All Women’s Divisions	February 25-27	Host: San Diego Heartbreakers
	February 24	Mandatory coaches meeting
Girls’ Tier I/Tier II	March 3-6	Host: Anaheim Ducks
	March 2	Mandatory coaches meeting
Youth Tier I 12U/14U	March 3-6	Host: San Jose Sharks Ice
	March 2	Mandatory coaches meeting
Youth Tier I 16U/18U	March 3-6	Host: South Central Alaska
	March 2	Mandatory coaches meeting

- **National Tournament Dates:** The following dates and locations were announced for the 2011 District Tournaments:

Youth Tier I 12U/14U	March 30-Apr 3	Hackensack, New Jersey
Youth Tier I 16U/18U	March 30-Apr 3	Hartford, Connecticut
Youth Tier II 12U	March 30-Apr 3	San Jose, California
Youth Tier II 14U	March 30-Apr 3	Amherst, New York
Youth Tier II 16U	March 30-Apr 3	Reston, Virginia
Youth Tier II 18U	March 30-Apr 3	Mentor, Ohio
Girls' Tier II All Divisions	March 30-Apr 3	Anaheim, California
Girls' Tier I All Divisions	April 6-10	Detroit, Michigan
Women's Senior A,B & C 30 & Over	April 1-3	Detroit, Michigan

16. Old Business

- **Zackery Lystedt Law.** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone about the Zackery Lystedt Law. She stated that it is her belief that it is very important for everyone to address this law not only during the upcoming coaches' clinics, but at the Board of Director meetings, coaches meetings and to consider addressing this on your websites and in your local association newsletters.
- **Late Introductions:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) welcomed Casey Jorgenson (District Director). He took a few minutes and spoke about his personal history and his USA Hockey history to the membership.

17. New Business:

- **North Puget Sound Hockey League (NPSHL) Hearing:** Dave Bittenbender, (PNAHA 1st Vice President) opened the hearing by explaining the process that PNAHA will be following to ensure equal opportunity to all of the parties involved in the hearing. Dave stated that the USA Hockey Annual Guide Bylaw 10, Roberts Rules of Order; and the PNAHA Guidebook are the governing documents for this hearing. The parties involved had the opportunity to submit documents to be considered at the hearing and these were sent in advance to the PNAHA representatives and have also been distributed in hard copy to each of the PNAHA voting members present today. Prior to the hearing, Les Grauer representing the Kent Valley Hockey Association and Scott Farrell representing the North Puget Sound Hockey League flipped a coin to determine who would present first to the PNAHA Board. Dave Bittenbender supervised the coin flip. Les Grauer won the toss and requested to be the second presenter. Scott Farrell had no objection. Dave explained that after each presenter speaks the Board will have an opportunity to ask the presenter questions. After presentations are concluded, we will have a paper ballot vote. Dru Hammond, (PNAHA President) has asked Rena Sullivan, (KVHA representative) and Mike Lesky, (PNAHA Wenatchee Development Camp Coordinator) to count the ballots. This is in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order in cases of this nature to select a teller associated with each party having a vested interest in the outcome. No other representatives were present from the NPSHL so Scott Farrell approved Mike Lesky as an unbiased teller. In the event of a tie, Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) stated we will vote again by paper ballot until a majority vote is obtained. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) further stated that the decision of the PNAHA Board is final and that there shall be no further appeals, and all administrative remedies shall be deemed exhausted in this matter according to Bylaw 10 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide that determine the process we use for an appeal of this nature. A brief summary of explanation was made explaining the nature of the appeal. The NPSHL has made a decision to not invite the Kent Valley Hockey Association to participate in the upcoming, 2010-2011 hockey season. The NPSHL is a local league created by the Sno-King and Seattle Junior Associations as an invitational recreation level league. Unlike the PNAHA League, NPSHL is not a League that has a state championship nor is it a route to a national championship. The principals of the NPSHL have made a determination that the Kent Valley Hockey Association will not be invited to participate this season and notified them of this decision via email in June 2010. Kent Valley appealed that decision and the decision was upheld at an earlier hearing in July 2010 by the NPSHL. Kent Valley is

requesting that the PNAHA Board overturn that administrative decision made by the NPSHL hearing committee.

Prior to the presentations, Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that we would take a 20 minute break to enable everyone to be prepared for the hearing. Scott Farrell (NPSHL) was the first presenter. Following questions for Scott, Les Grauer (KVHA) made his presentation followed by questions from the PNAHA Board. Glen Triner, (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) distributed ballots to the voting members present and signed in.

David Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President) stated that the vote would be as follows: Mark your ballot "A" to affirm the administrative action taken by the NPSHL to not invite Kent Valley to play for the 2010-2011 season. Vote "No" to overturn the administrative action and require the NPSHL to invite Kent to play.

While the ballots were being counted by Rena and Mike, Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked for updates from member associations. Tekka Parks (WEN) thanked everyone for their support in granting them the bid for the Squirt Festival and restated how excited Wenatchee was to host an event of this nature for it had been a number of years since they have. She also shared that they were hosting a "used hockey equipment swap meet" during their registration event. It was stated that Carlos Sosa (SJR) has offered his legal services to sit on the Competition Committee or support any other tasks where PNAHA feels his legal background would be of value to the organization. He has offered in the past and the PNAHA President mentioned that he has agreed to serve as a Chairperson for an audit committee. Additionally, everyone was reminded to get their rooms booked before leaving for the January 8, 2011 meeting because this is a busy time for the hotel and they are typically booked up in January.

Mike Lesky (PNAHA Development Camp Coordinator with Wenatchee) handed the ballots with the voting results over to Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President). He announced that the majority of those voting had voted to Affirm the administrative decision made by the NPSHL. He further stated that the hearing is now concluded and the decision by the PNAHA Board is final.

- **Seattle Junior Proposals (4):** Scott Farrell (Seattle Junior) presented and reviewed the 18U proposal that Seattle Junior submitted for approval. In summary the proposal eliminates the participation of 16U players on 18U teams and/or at their camps. If found in violation of this the team would automatically be disqualified from Tier I or Tier II playoffs. Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) felt it was a very competitive, very responsible position to take considering the player numbers as they exist in this affiliate. Jay Miller (KCAH) voiced his concern that this needs to go to USA Hockey for possible review. Motion by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st Vice President), [*Proposal as written needs to go forth to the Competition Committee to review and rewrite in order to be presented at the PNAHA Winter December 2010 Board meeting. The proposal will not include Tier II and Female players*], seconded by Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President). Discussion. Shirley Williamson (WWFHA) strongly suggested that the female population be excluded from this proposal due to low numbers. Motion passed. Scott Farrell (SJR) then requested that the Tier I, Tier II and the PDR 2010-2011 proposals also be forwarded to the Competition Committee for further review and rewrite.
- **Kent Proposals (3):** Les Grauer (KVHA) pulled the first proposal entitled "Travel League Proposal." The second item, motion by Les Grauer [*to approve proposal that Associations are not allowed to combine teams and compete at the Tier II State Championships and are not eligible to go to Tier II Nationals*] and seconded by Shirley Williamson (WWFHA). Discussion, Scott Farrell (Seattle Junior) pointed out that we voted on this very same issue last year and it was defeated. Last year we needed to be able to have combined teams with our numbers being down. Chris Raub (EYH) said this shouldn't be an issue as Rule 14 is in place. Derek Donald (KCAH) explained that we need to establish the correct criteria for our Rep programs and that there is too much jumping from Association to Association going on. Mark Smith (WCAHA) stated that Whatcom Hockey is working on a deal with Everett Hockey on combining teams so that they can field teams to keep more kids in the game. Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President) stated if this is about skaters that want to play Rep hockey with another Association, the Competition Committee needs to deal with this proposal. Motion failed. On the third item, motion by Les Grauer [*to move to the Competition Committee to review the "In the spirit of fostering more travel teams within the State of Washington and to follow the USA Hockey ADM, all teams wishing to compete in the Tier II State Tournament must play in the PNAHA League at the Peewee level and below*], and seconded by Shirley Williamson (WWFHA). One comment was made that this proposal does not appear to be in the spirit of the ADM model, however, it was noted

that we should work towards encouraging participation in the PNAHA League. Proposal forwarded to the Competition Committee.

18. Winter Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Winter meeting will be held on January 8, 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 changes during the hockey and skiing season.

19. Adjournment

- Chris Raub (EYH) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Glen Triner (PNAHA 2nd Vice President). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.