

# **PNAHA Spring/Summer Meeting**

June 18, 2005 Red Lion Hotel 1225 North Wenatchee Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 9:10 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 Donna Kaufman; PNAHA Vice President Dave Bittenbender; PNAHA Vice President Steve Stevens; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer Dru Hammond; BAHA Mike Buckley; EYH Chris Raub; IEAHA David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA Les Grauer; MAV Greg Galeski; PSAH Kristin Videto; SJR Jack Chaney; SKAHA Kevin Quinn; SAYHA Corey Condron; TCAHA Ryan Ollero; WHAT David Koss; WWAHA Debbie Abrams; WAHA Mark Preston; YAHA Diane Craig, WWFHA Shirley Williamson.
- Evergreen Independent Teams not represented at this meeting.
- Non-voting League members present were Tim Moran Portland; Ken Evans Eugene; and Jeff Zornow –
  Utah.

#### 2. Introductions

 Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Executive Board, Directors and guests. A special welcome to Frank Lang, Pacific District Director; Penny Hulbert, Wenatchee Women's Hockey; Andy Cole, Greater Seattle Adult Hockey; and Floyd Johnson, Kitsap County Amateur Hockey.

### 3. Confirmation of Current Members

• Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) indicated that most of the members had submitted their Membership Checklist. The Membership Committee has conducted a preliminary review of submitted materials and will contact each association and independent team upon completion of their final review. He also indicated that the Independent teams had submitted their applications and upon preliminary review they appear to be in order. There is some question regarding the submitted budgets. Dave will work directly with the affected teams. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) motion [to approve the committee report], seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.

## 4. Minutes of Last Meeting

• Reading of the January 8, 2005 minutes. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) motion [to approve the minutes], seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.

#### 5. Election of Officers

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) nominated for President by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed. Motion [to close nominations] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed. Motion [to elect by acclamation] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Greg Galeski (MAV). Motion passed.
- Steve Stevens nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Cory Condron (SPO). Motion passed. Motion [to close nominations] by Mark Preston (WEN), seconded by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President). Motion passed. Motion [to elect by acclamation] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Kevin Quinn (SNO). Motion passed.

# 6. Treasurer Report - Dru Hammond

#### A. June Treasurer Report

Balance as of June 18, 2005 is \$33,081.54. Motion [to approve the Treasurer's Report] by Kristin Videto (PSAHA), seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.

# **B.** Spring Assessments

• Distribution of player fee invoices for players February 2005 through June 2005 were distributed prior to the June meeting. Dru Hammond (Secretary/Treasurer) explained that so few additional players are

added in those reports that she waits until June to bill each association. Sno-King was not billed because it was obvious that they had a number of previously registered players that were reported. Ed Imes will breakout those numbers and report them to Dru to invoice Sno-King at a later date.

#### C. Association Contact Lists

• Dru (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) thanked everyone for responding back to her request for contact information to update the PNAHA website and PNAHA Guidebook. This information is also required to be provided by our out-of-state teams participating in the PNAHA League (Eugene, Portland, Utah). Copies of By-Laws, Constitutions, Rules and Regulations are also required.

### D. Players Not In Good Standing

• Dru (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) declared that a Spokane player has been declared "not in good standing". This player attended the Pacific District Select Camp in Vancouver. The check submitted for attendance to this camp in the amount of \$350.00 bounced. Repeated efforts to resubmit this check for payment failed to result in available sufficient funds. The account was then closed out. Dru has reported this check to the Fraud Division. Officer Bostic, Benton County Sheriff Department has accepted the case and indicated that due to the amount of the fraud that this would result in a felony charge. Dru has requested that the Spokane association assist in contacting this family to assist in resolving this matter. If this effort is unsuccessful then she will move forward to resolve the issue through these channels. It was also stated that associations need to report back to Dru those players that have been reinstated to "good standing." Associations were also reminded that it is a requirement to release players within 24 hours of their request if that player is in "good standing" status.

#### 7. Special Guests

• Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) introduced our special guest, Frank Lang, Pacific District Director. Frank welcomed Donna as the new Pacific District Director. Frank provided a brief report on issues discussed at the last Pacific District meeting and USA Annual Congress. Frank announced implementation of the Super Sites and the locations for the upcoming District Tournaments and reported that Tri-Cities is working on a bid for 2007. If others are interested in bidding for Districts they need to have their bids prepared to submit next year at the Pacific District May meeting in Seattle. The 2005-2006 tournaments will be held at the following venues:

Girls/Women (all Divisions)	March 8 - 12	San Jose
Tier I – U12, U14	March 8 - 12	San Jose
Tier I – U16, U18	March 8 - 12	Fairbanks
Tier II – U12, U16, U18	March 1 - 5	Las Vegas
Tier II – U14	March 8 - 12	Anchorage

#### 8. Director's Reports

# A. Player Development - Rob Kaufman

- The State Development Camp was held in Tri-Cities. Rob Kaufman (Coaching Director) thanked the Tri-Cities and everyone for his or her help that contributed to the continued success of this camp. He thanked Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) for coordinating camp activities in the Tri-Cities. It was discussed that the campus atmosphere provided at the TRAC facility with the addition of the AmeriSuites made this an excellent venue for this type of event. Dru (Secretary/Treasurer) gave a quick overview of the improvements that have been implemented due to the layout of the TRAC facility grounds. This is the fifth year that the camp has made a profit (\$2015.83) and clearly demonstrates that it has become a self-supporting activity.
- This year it was decided to utilize some of the profits from the Development Camp to award a scholarship to Brandon Clark to attend the Pacific District Selects. Brandon's mother was diagnosed with cancer and due to the effects of her radiation treatments was unable to maintain her working schedule. The personal specifics of the relationship/life of this young player and single working mom supported granting a scholarship and we wish Brandon luck in his goal to progress on to the summer festivals.
- Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) distributed copies of the USA Hockey National Training Development Program (NTDP) Off-Ice Training Program. This is an excellent program and Rob encouraged those in attendance to distribute copies to all their coaches.

• Rob indicated that holding the USA Hockey Select Camp in Vancouver continues to prove beneficial to Washington players. Since we host this event, we were able to include more players to be evaluated due to openings that occurred at the last minute. These are players that would not have had an opportunity for evaluation if this event was held at another venue. Once again the camp was very successful. A list of the players that will move on to various camps later this summer was provided. A complete listing of selected players can be found on the Pacific District website. Washington players are:

Select 14 (1991)		
<u> </u>	Conner Audycki	Forward
	Kevin Spotts	Forward
Select 14 Alternate	Brian Safstrom	Forward
Select 15 (1990)		
	Ian Jendro	Defense
Select 16 (1989)		
	Evan Witt	Forward
	Paulos Shiferaw	Forward
Select 17 (1988)		
	Andrew Vega	Forward
	Jeff Smith	Forward
	Kyle Stoumbaugh	Forward

- Rob stated points-of-emphasis shared at the Coaching Education Program Meeting from Lake Placid National Coaching Training Institute:
  - Mandatory "On-Line" registration is required for all coaching clinics. (Walk-in registration is very limited) This doesn't mean that walk-in participants won't be accepted but it is discouraged. Right now registration is approximately 80%.
  - 2. Streamlining the content of CEP Levels 1, 2, and 3. Currently developing new programs and instructional materials that should be available this year to instructors. It is anticipated that practice plan books will be available on CD's very soon.
  - 3. A free training CD/DVD for all coaches is available from Minnesota Hockey covering Skating Fundamentals. These fundamentals teach backwards skating and transitions. Individuals wishing copies of this training can obtain it off the Minnesota Hockey website and download it without charge.
  - 4. Emphasis to continue to stress "Skill Development" at all levels, especially Mite, Squirt and Pee Wee. On the east coast, Michigan and Minnesota are recommending 3:1 practice to game ratio. A 2:1 ratio is pretty standard in the east. It is felt that bad habits are very difficult to correct after the age of 12-13. Teaching "systems", playing to win, game strategies and position specialization is occurring at too young of age. This takes the "fun" out of the sport. We should be teaching "fun-damentals". It is imperative that we are training coaches and parents on the importance of skill development.
  - 5. Coaches should continue to encourage goalie development and promote opportunities for more players to "try" the position. Coaches need to find goalie coaches or use available goalie drills at every practice.
  - 6. Cross-ice programs are highly recommended for all 8 and under players. Associations need to encourage the implementation of this program. The advantages include lower costs, higher player retention and more skill development.
  - 7. It is recommended that new coaches be paired with an experienced coach who has a good skills development background. This will reduce the urge to focus on "play to win" and we will retain our coaches longer.

- It was clarified that all personnel on the bench, ice, opening doors, etc. must be registered as a coach, have taken the coaching training, and sign the score sheet. In other words, if you are on the bench or ice you are considered a coach. Those registered as managers will not be allowed on the bench. If they are a manager they must also register as a coach and be listed on the roster as a coach as well as the manager. This is a heads-up to associations to get their volunteers registered and trained as coaches. Also, all associations were notified that any coaches requiring the Level 4, Advanced Coaches Card will need to attend the clinic in Reno, August 18-21, 2005. Level 4 is required for Midget Tier I and Tier II. The cost is \$350.00 if you register now and \$375.00 for late registrations.
- Discussion is underway to possibly hold an early September meeting for all head coaches and referees. If this meeting was held it would be possible to coordinate Level 1, 2 and 3 clinics as well. This way all training could be completed early in the season.
- Pacific District is holding a Player Development meeting in Seattle. Details will follow and Rob Kaufman is expected to attend to represent PNAHA.

# B. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens

- Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President/Supervisor of Officials) indicated that all the State and District tournaments went well. He noted that he was also impressed by the Tier II and B tournaments this year. Seventy-nine games were played in 3 ½ days at the Tier II tournament and this tournament came off without any major penalties. Both organizations, Tri-Cities (Tier II) and Spokane (B) emphasized that they would enforce Zero Tolerance. Steve felt that this was communicated well to players, parents, fans and coaching staff resulting in the success of both events.
- Steve indicated that Tri-Cities once again structured a very successful High School League this year.
- Steve is please to announce that PNAHA continues to move its officials up the ranks. We even had representation at the National Junior B Championships. As pleased as he is with this, Steve did state his concerns that we are still not developing our young officials and moving them along as we should at the local levels. He is going to look into assisting programs on how to accomplish this and direct them on potential improvements that could be implemented.
- Scheduled Referee Clinics for the 2005-2006 season will be posted on the PNAHA website once all dates are identified. The only Level 4 clinic that will be held is scheduled in the Tri-Cities August 20, 2005. Tri-Cities will host a Level 1,2,3 clinic on August 21. Spokane will be hosting a Level 1,2,3 clinic on August 27.
- The District Officiating Seminar is scheduled in Kent, September 8 11. This is for Level 3 trained officials and is very intense. The bigger cities usually host this, so PNAHA is fortunate to attract a seminar of this level.

### C. USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes

- Ed (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager) reported that registration can be done on-line this season. USA Hockey will charge a \$30.00 fee per player; this is a \$5.00 increase over last season. There is no charge for 6 and under. The\$20.00 team fee has also been eliminated this season. However, Dan Rogness (District Registrar) has requested that teams still register. Associations must process the transmittal. Note that this is how you activate your Director and Officer's insurance.
- PNAHA has opted not to have their player fees included in the on-line registration. Right now player fees are based on the player's address and this will cause PNAHA problems due to the Oregon and Idaho addresses of players participating in PNAHA. The PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer will continue to bill associations for these players until this issue can be resolved at the USA Hockey level.
- Associations should be prepared to have a mix of both on-line and locally registered players. Donna
  Kaufman showed a sample of the receipt that is printed if players register on-line that they are to
  present to their local program to finalize their registration. Associations can request a bar code reader
  to assist in processing on-line registrations.
- Sometime around the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July the CyberSport packets will be distributed with players from the previous season. Ed reminded everyone that all forms are included on this CD. Your CD also contains a Brochure Request Form. Quantities are limited by your enrollment numbers and USA Hockey monitors disbursement numbers.
- Ed will facilitate a registrar's meeting at the September 10, 2005 Annual Fall meeting. He strongly encouraged all associations to have their registrar attend this meeting.

 Ed stated he is in the process of reconciling Sno-King players so that Dru (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) can bill them for player's fees.

# D. League Commissioner - Dru Hammond

- It was announced that Dru Hammond (2004/05 League Commissioner) had resigned as League Commissioner and that Greg Galeski would be her appointed replacement for the upcoming 2005-2006 season.
- Dru Hammond (2004-05 League Commissioner) distributed copies of the 2004-2005 League winners. The "A" Division winners are: Midget U18 Tri-Cities; Midget U16 Mavericks; Bantam Portland 1; Pee Wee Portland. The "B" Division winners are: Midget Portland; Pee Wee Portland; Tri-Cities placed first in the Squirt League. She stated that the standings would remain on the PNAHA Website until the 2005-2006 league schedules are published.
- League banners were available for the respective associations to pick up. Dru (2004/05 League Commissioner)stated that the Squirt banner was distributed at the Squirt Festival held at SJHA Olympic View Ice Arena.
- Copies of the State Tournament winners were distributed.
- Preliminary count of those wishing to participate in League for the 2005-2006 season were communicated. The following preliminary commitments were made:

# Preliminary Count 2005- 2006

	Squirt	В	Tier II
Bremerton	0	Р	0
Everett	0		0
Inland	1	P,B,U18	0
Kent	1	0	P,B,U16,U18
Kitsap	0	0	0
Mavericks	0	0	P,B,U16,U18
Puget Sound	1	0	P,B,(2)U16,U18
SJR	2	0	P,B,U18
SNO	2	0	P,B,U18
SPO	0	P,B,U18	P,B,U16,U18
TRI	2	P,B,U18	P,B,U16,U18
Walla Walla	0	0	0
Wenatchee	1	P,B	U16,U18
Whatcom	0	0	0
Yakima	0	0	0
Portland	1	P,B,U18	P,U18
Eugene	1	P,B	U18
Utah	0	В	P,B,U18

- Preliminary count for Tier I teams for the 2005-2006 season are: SJR= (1) Pee Wee, (1) Bantam, (1) Midget U16; SNO= (1) Pee Wee, (1) Bantam; (1) 16U.
- The League continues to grow each season. As such, the schedule gets more complex each year and the time necessary to complete the schedule grows as well. Everyone was reminded that it is important that they communicate to their coaches that once the association commits a team to the League, that the League schedule comes first. It was expressed that associations meet with their coaches and explain that as an association they have committed a team to the League and that NO GAMES are to be confirmed with outside teams until the Official League Schedule is published. A sidebar will be held with Tim Moran (Portland President) to discuss the previous appearance of lack of commitment by one of their teams.
- PNAHA received a letter from Lane Amateur Hockey Association requesting to participate in the PNAHA League as a full member for the 2005-2006 season. Ken Evans provided a brief presentation to the PNAHA Board of Directors stating why he felt it was time to step beyond an exhibition

- schedule. Brief discussion and clarification of questions posed by the Board of Directors. Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motioned [to allow Eugene to participate in the PNAHA league with a 20 game schedule for a one (1) year trial basis], motion seconded by Ryan Ollero (TRI). Motion passed.
- PNAHA League Rules require a year-to-year approval of non-PNAHA teams. This is typically done during the September Annual Fall meeting; however, it was the opinion of the League Commissioner that it would be more appropriate to determine participation at this meeting in light of the travel commitments and planning necessary by Utah. Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motioned [to allow Portland to participate in the PNAHA league with a 20 game schedule for a one (1) year basis], motion seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). No discussion. Motion passed. Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motioned [to allow Utah to participate in the PNAHA league with a 20 game schedule for a one (1) year trial basis], motion seconded by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President). Discussion. It was stated that Tri-Cities had offered to sell ice to Utah and be represented throughout the state as their home ice. Some comments made on observed parental behavior that could be improved. Motion passed.
- Dru reminded the non-PNAHA teams that they would need to meet the conditions as identified and approved by the PNAHA Board of Directors at the June 15, 2002 meeting for non-PNAHA teams competing in the League. The following conditions are: a) discipline be strictly enforced; b) player/parent contracts be developed and signed; c) this agreement be in compliance and agreed to by OSHA/UTAH Presidents; d) that there be full compliance with PNAHA League Rules; e) LAHA/WMAHA adhere to PNAHA Suspension Guidelines; f) any suspensions be fully enforced; g) that LAHA/WMAHA prepare an agreement stating they will submit to PNAHA jurisdiction in all dispute resolutions. PNAHA additionally requires current copies of their Constitutions, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations and Handbooks as applicable. A listing of their current Board of Directors and Officers with contact information is also required for the PNAHA files.
- Based on communications with coaches a proposal to change the league structure was distributed. The purpose was to determine if we had captured the intent to identify teams that were national bound or state bound teams. It was determined that the proposal captured the concept and that if we were in agreement then we could now take the next step to form a committee to develop the specifics. Jack Chaney (SJR) motion [that a committee be created to develop and finalize the 2006-07 League Season format], seconded by Dave Koss (WHAT). Discussion. Motion passed. It was determined that Greg Galeski, League Commissioner will chair the committee. Committee members would include a representative from Tri-Cities, Seattle Junior, Sno-King, Spokane, and Inland Empire. The timeline would be that the committee report to the Board of Directors on their progress in September. Provide proposed rules by January 2006. Prepare a final document that is ready to be distributed two weeks prior to the June 2006 Spring/Summer meeting for the Board of Directors to vote on.

# E. Women's Hockey

• Diane Craig (YAK) indicated that it has become obvious that they need to schedule the women's league earlier, preferable by September. It was stated that a Women's team from Spokane pulled out of the District tournament. A letter was sent to reprimand and put this team on notice. It is important that these teams understand that they are not allowed to pull out of tournaments after the December 1 declaration. Communications need to improve so that the developing Girls/Women section understands what they are committing to.

### F. Senior Hockey

Andy Cole (Greater Seattle Area Adult Hockey) provided a brief update of what is going on in the
adult hockey world around the state. He stated that there is significant interest in holding a State
Tournament. Andy was thanked for the update and PNAHA looks forward to more interaction with
adult hockey representatives since this is one of the fastest growing segments of hockey in the state.

### G. 1st Vice President - Dave Bittenbender

• Dave stated that there were a number of discipline issues this season. We need to work harder at communicating what the rules are and work on educating both players, parents and fans.

# H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Steve Stevens

Steve stated that he had covered most of his information in his earlier report. Overall he felt that things
had gone pretty good. He is really in favor of holding a combined coaches and referee clinic in early
September.

### I. President's Report – Donna Kaufman

- A brief review of issues discussed at the Pacific District in May was presented by Donna. One item that was clarified and needs to be understood is confusion over the 30 day period when dealing with match penalties. The rule book says that if a player has not had a hearing within 30 days, they are reinstated. Reinstated does not imply no discipline or no suspensions. It just says that a player can begin play after 30 days while he continues to wait for a hearing to be held. Sometimes investigations take longer than 30 days or people cannot get together to hold the hearing in this time frame. The reinstatement is there for extreme time cases, when holding a hearing within 30 days is not possible. USA Hockey Bylaw 10 allows for a hearing any time there is a situation that requires a hearing. This distinction is important to understand by those individuals who are in charge of administrating discipline. This does not mean we should drag our feet on hearings for matches. It just means a player or organization cannot use the 30 day rule for sidestepping the hearing process.
- The District has an approved process for the handling of 601 G1 and 601 J1 Matches. All associations will be sent this information.
- It was decided that the District will continue to apply for the Block Grant. Twenty-six percent of this grant stays at the District level. PNAHA's portion this year will be \$4100.00.
- Donna shared information obtained during her participation at the USA Annual Congress. She submitted an earlier report via email to the Board of Directors. Donna stated that the topic of most interest to this board was that the proposal to return the tag-up rules was defeated. She stated that both the Coaches Section and the Youth Council endorsed keeping the existing rule in place. They felt that coaches should be teaching players how to handle the puck and how to think through the game. They felt we should not put rules in place that encourage the player to give up the puck. Our rules should be in place to teach players how to handle the puck. She did explain that this was a difficult decision because they were doing their best to serve their constituents, but in the end they felt the experts had a better justification for maintaining the existing playing rule.
- Donna also announced that the 2007 Super Sites had been announced. Tier I and Tier II U12 and U14 will be held in Buffalo, New York, March 28 April 1. Tier I and Tier II U16 and U18 will be held in Grainer, Michigan, March 28 April 1. Girls will be held in San Jose, California, March 28 April 1. Women's will also be held in San Jose, California, March 23 25.
- USA Hockey is working on a long range plan. Each Affiliate was asked about their long rang plan. Once this plan is in place it will be easier to make decisions as all decisions will be focused on achieving these goals.
- Donna distributed a copy of the suggested changes to the PNAHA By-Laws. Donna, Dru and Dave Bittenbender had worked with Casey Jorgensen in updating the By-Laws to bring them in line with USA Hockey. The changes will be voted on during the September Fall Annual meeting. In addition, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are being reworked at this time as well so that they all compliment each other. These documents will be forwarded to each association later this summer.

#### 9. Old Business

- Floyd Johnson, General Manager and representative for Kitsap County Amateur Hockey Association provided a brief status of the KCAHA and requested that they be considered for membership within PNAHA. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) motioned [that KCAHA be offered Member Organization status within PNAHA based upon their ability to meet qualifications as described within the PNAHA Guidebook], seconded by Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer). No discussion. Motion passed. KCAHA officially welcomed by the PNAHA Board of Directors.
- Kristin Videto (PSAHA) presented her recommendations to change the existing credentialing process for state tournaments. Discussion. Kristin Videto motion to [accept Credentialing Process], seconded by Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer). Motion passed. Dru (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) will redraft into PNAHA policy format.

### 10. New Business

• Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) provided an update on the performance of the Chicago Showcase team. The team did very well in the B Pool with a 3 and 1 record. This team continues to prove to be an opportunity for PNAHA players to receive the recognition of colleges, and various junior teams. PNAHA extends a thank you to Jon Danks for his tireless efforts to manage this team.

- Donna announced that Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) had been awarded the Andy Anderson Award for Volunteer of the Year. Dru was presented this award during the Tier II Tournament in Tri-Cities.
- Seattle Junior representatives Jack Chaney and Peter Oshana presented the Player Release Policy as submitted on behalf of the Seattle Junior Hockey Association. Discussion on this issue revolved around how this new policy would affect the one in place. At this point, it was stressed to all associations to follow the policies that are in place and the fines will be enforced. Further discussion is needed on the deadline date for movement as it does not address how this will effect those movements after this date.
- Seattle Junior representative Jack Chaney presented the Squirt Rep League Restructure Policy as submitted
  on behalf of the Seattle Junior Hockey Association. Discussion revolved around the distinct differences
  amongst the associations and the differences in the way each handled development issues. This proposal
  may work as a guideline, but the associations wanted more time to discuss and asked Seattle Juniors to
  bring back a document that incorporated this discussion.
- Seattle Junior representative Jack Chaney presented the proposal for PNAHA to study the impact of Junior "B" Hockey in the Pacific Northwest. Discussion on how we co-exist and how to communicate with parents dominated the conversation. Concerns exist regarding the number of Junior Teams that exist within PNAHA and what impact these teams are having on our youth programs (Midget). Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motioned to [form a committee to report findings for the September meeting with a deliverable of a final report due by December 1, 2005]. Seconded by Kristin Videto (PSAHA). Discussion. Motion passed. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) offered to chair this committee. Members of this committee will be a representative from Seattle Junior, Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director), a representative from SAYHA and Donna Kaufman (Nor Pac Representative/Team Owner).
- Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) gave a departing speech to the Board of Directors thanking them for all their support over the past years that she has served as President. Donna then delivered an individual parting message and distributed gifts and a personal note to those that had worked with her the past eight years. Everyone was extremely surprised by the thoughtfulness and the gift of either a USA Hockey tie or scarf.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented to Donna Kaufman on behalf of the PNAHA Board of Directors a plaque commemorating her eight years as PNAHA President. The parting words: "A leader's job is to look into the future, and to see the organization not as it is...but what it can become. You took the initiative to lead the way. The PNAHA of today is a result of your vision, ideas, and dreams", capsulated those eight years of tireless service. Donna was then given a picture to identify. It was her son, Chris. The Board was aware of her sacrifices and family events that she was unable to attend due to PNAHA business. As a final departing gift the Board of Directors allocated up to \$2500.00 to be utilized during the 2005-2006 season to fund trips for Donna to travel to Chris's hockey games. PNAHA wishes Donna continued success as the new Pacific District Director and looks forward to her attendance as a Director at future PNAHA meetings.

#### 11. Annual Fall Meeting

• The PNAHA Annual Fall meeting will be held on September 10 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. The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with committee roundtable discussions in the Convention Center in the Red Delicious room. Take the sky-bridge to enter the Convention Center. The board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Convention Center in the Golden Delicious Room.

### 12. Adjournment

• Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) [motioned to adjourn], seconded by Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.