



PNAHA Winter Meeting

January 7, 2006

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center

201 North Wenatchee

Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 9:22 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; PNAHA Vice President – Dave Bittenbender; PNAHA Vice President – Steve Stevens; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer – Kristin Videto; EYH – Chris Raub; IEAHA – David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – not represented; MAVERICKS – Jonathan Angin; Mountain View – not represented; PSAHA – Teri Paine-McGee; SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Kevin Quinn; SAYHA – Corey Condron; TCAHA – Ryan Ollero; WHAT – David Koss; WWAHA – not represented; WAHA – Mark Preston; YAHA – not represented, WWFHA – not represented.
- Independent Teams – West Coast Hockey – Roy “Dusty” Nicholas
- Non-voting League members present were Tim Moran – Portland; Ken Evans – Eugene.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Executive Board, Directors and guests. A special welcome to Past PNAHA President and current Pacific District Director - Donna Kaufman.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the September 10, 2005 minutes. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) motion [to approve the minutes], seconded by John Angin (Mavericks). No Discussion. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Kristin Videto

A. January Treasurer Report

- Kristin Videto and Dru Hammond gave a summary of the Audit of PNAHA’s books by USA Hockey completed in November. Very few recommendations were made.
- Kristin explained the addition of a new line item for money we pass thru our account to USA Hockey for such items as coach’s clinics and district playoffs.
- Balance as of January 7, 2006 is \$24,433.30. Motion [to approve the Treasurer’s Report] by Kevin Quinn (SNOK), seconded by Corey Condron (SPOKANE). No Discussion. Motion passed.

5. Special Guests

- Donna Kaufman (USA Hockey District Director) was introduced. Donna noted that the USA Annual Meeting would be in Miami on 1/20/06 and that the District meeting would be in Reno on 2/10-11/06.

6. Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

A. Player Development

- The State Select Camp evaluators are looking at the lists that were submitted. The invites should go out the week of January 9, 2006. We only have about a two week turn around as the camp is January 28-29, 2006 in Tri-Cities at the TRAC. The Evaluators will stay at the Ameri-Suites with the players. Parents should make their reservations at the Red Lion in Pasco by 1/13/06. Tom Pauly was introduced to the group. Tom will be coordinating the development camp on site. He asked each association to nominate 2 volunteers to help with the camp. Tom’s email address is thomaspauley@charter.net.

B. Coaching Requirements

- Rob stated that all Coaches at this point should be certified. He reported on the clinics he held in Everett and Kennewick and Lloyd Degelman held one in Spokane. Make sure all coaches on the ice are certified. Steve Stevens has been coming to the Coaches clinics and talking about interaction with referees. All coaches’ cards are good for three (3) years. Make sure your Level 3’s moving to Level 4 (midgets) get into Level 4 classes early for certification. They are usually in Reno and fill up fast. USA Hockey will be presenting a Level 5 certification again in Rochester, New York.

7. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens

- Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President/Supervisor of Officials) commented further on the Coaches clinics. He said that Rob is doing a good job with them. They are better structured now.
- He has been receiving calls to change penalties on the score sheets. He can't do that; so tell your coaches to stop requesting this.
- Parents are calling directly as well. If they have issues they should go through the PNAHA Representative.
- Darren Henderson has taken over the Tri-Cities area Officials Association and is doing a great job.
- Three officials have been invited to the District tournament: Zach Brooks is a WHL official, Ben Stair and Danny Savage from the West Side. Tony Milles will be going to the women's tournament. Dennis LaRue from Spokane is a NHL ref and is going to the Olympics in Turino, Italy! Officials are advancing well but we still need more!

8. USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes

- Ed stated that the Tier I and Tier II level teams must have the manager listed on the roster.
- PNAHA B Tournament Addendums can be made for coaches and managers up to 24 hours before the tournament. Please review page 32 of the Pacific District Guidebook.
- USA Hockey is interested in how many rinks do not have netting all the way around the rink.
- Releases: Make sure you have them for all new players. Foreign born players have special requirements.
- Coaches not on the roster should not be on the ice or on the bench.

9. League Commissioner – Brenda Fundak

- Brenda gave a brief outline of what the restructuring committee has been working on. She will forward out the written proposal via email. Please review the proposed League Restructuring format with your coaches and provide comments by March 30, 2006. It is proposed to hold a pre-season tiering tournament to enable participants to be placed more competitively within the League. In a few months if there is a team that is way out of range they will be re-seeded. In January there would be a seeding tournament for the State tournament to determine the District bound teams. Everyone is requested to provide comments back to Brenda (tbf@aol.com) so that the committee can draft a final format in April. Further discussion and voting for the Restructuring Proposal will be at the June meeting.
- Please remind your managers to mail in your score sheets on Mondays.

10. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave reported that on December 18, 2005 he held an Appeal hearing on the West Side regarding a physical altercation that happened on June 6, 2005 between Mr. Tom Duggan of PSAHA and a parent at Puget Sound Hockey Center. PSAHA had recommended in their discipline that Mr. Duggan also be disciplined at the state level through PNAHA by not being allowed to coach, train or sit on a Board from the period of one year. This recommendation was not granted.
- The committee created to research the impact of Jr. B teams on youth organizations within PNAHA has not met or moved forward. Dave will provide status at the next meeting.

11. 2nd Vice President – Steve Stevens

- Steve reminded everyone that poor parental conduct will not be tolerated at the tournaments.

12. President's Report – Dru Hammond

- State Tournament Credentials - Dru stated that those Associations that were not represented here today would be notified within 24 hours of the meeting that if they had any teams that were bound for the State tournament that their credentials and their fees were due within four days or a fine would be assessed per the new credentialing policy. The Squirt and B Teams credentials will be done the evening prior to the tournament. The credentialing packets are being reviewed by the following individuals:
 - Ed Imes – Tier I and Tier II U16 Midgets
 - Donna Kaufman – Tier I PeeWee/Bantam/Midget U18; Tier II Pee Wee
 - Dru Hammond – Tier II Bantam
 - Brenda Fundak – Tier II U18
- Dru went over USA Hockey's Sexual Abuse Policy. Dave Bittenbender has also reviewed and stated it is very comprehensive. Copies were given to each Association. Dru will be emailing a questionnaire regarding each Association's screening policy. Efforts are underway by USA Hockey to

ensure compliance in screening to reduce associated risk to associations and to protect youth participants. There is an effort to adopt a national policy. Additional efforts are needed to develop an education program to include a Code of Conduct with expectations of what contact is acceptable at each level (coach, manager, parent helper, board member, etc). Dru will present a recap of the survey at the June 24, 2006 meeting in Wenatche.

- At this meeting all new member applications are due. We have received one. Mountain View has re-applied for membership.
- Dru and Donna will be attending the USA Hockey Mid-Annual Meeting in Miami. Please send them any concerns you have that you want voiced at this meeting. One item on the agenda is releases which mostly relates to Junior level players.
- Forward Dru any accomplishments or points of interest you would like to communicate in the USA Hockey publication or on our website.

13. Tournaments

- Kevin Quinn of Sno-King gave an update on the Tier II Tournament which included a hand-out.
- Joli Miller of TCAHA gave an update on the B/Squirt Festival. Squirt credentialing will be Thursday, March 16, 2006 and the Tournament will run Friday through Sunday. Most of the games will be held at TRAC. The "B" Tournament credentialing will be on Friday, March 17, 2006 and the Tournament will run Saturday through Monday. Most of the games will be held at the Toyota A & B rinks.
- Please remind your teams that tournament schedules are not required to be posted until two weeks prior to the tournament. Please do not call or email looking for them prior to that. Only the PNAHA Rep should call or email, individuals (parents) should not be contacting the tournament committees.

14. Association Reports

- Per Ken Evans – Eugene is having a blast!

15. Old Business

- By-laws, Constitution and Rules and Regulation updates are posted on the website. These will be in the PNAHA Guidebook. Dru will be sending a page for associations to update contact information for inclusion in the 2006-07 Guidebook.

16. New Business

- None.

17. Annual Winter Meeting

- The PNAHA Summer meeting will be held on June 24, 2006 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 meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

18. Adjournment

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Ryan Ollero (TCAHA). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.