



## PNAHA General Winter Meeting

January 11, 2003

Red Lion Hotel

Wenatchee, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 9:16 a.m

### 1. Sign-In

- Sign-in sheets distributed and on official record with these minutes.

### 2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board and Directors.

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the September 7, 2002 minutes. Motion by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA VP) [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Mike Martin (DI). Motion passed – unanimous.

### 4. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond

- A copy of the January 11 Treasurer Report was distributed to the Board of Directors. Balance as of January 11, 2003 is \$13,915.98. Motion by Glen Triner (TRI) [*to accept Treasurer Report as presented*], seconded by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA VP). Motion passed - unanimous.
- Dru reported that she met with USA Hockey Finance Liaison, Bob Weldon, and Kenneth E. Waugh, C.P.A., on December 9, 2002 in Seattle to perform an audit on PNAHA's books. This is the first time PNAHA has been audited. Dru was happy to report that all went well. She also reported that our tax information was delivered to the accounting firm of Marple and Marple the middle of November, and will be filed with the IRS this week. Dru indicated that as a part of our tax preparation each year that she has arranged for an audit to be performed at the same time each year.

### 5. Special Guests

- None

### 6. Director's Reports

#### A. Coaching Director – Rob Kaufman

- **Player Development:** Rob stated that the 2002-2003 Player Development Camp would be held in the Tri-Cities March 22/23, 2003. Mark Hinchee (TRI) stated that the ice was blocked out for this event. The West Coast - Tri-Cities Hotel will be utilized again this year and transportation has been confirmed with Dan Carter, Genie Service Company. Coaches will be contacted in the near future for information on 87, 88 and 89 birth years. Coaches are reminded that they also need to provide a list of seventeen (17) year olds (86 birth year) for the USA Select Camp consideration despite the fact they do not participate in the PNAHA Development Camp. The information needed for each player is: name, date of birth, current address and phone number. When providing phone numbers please include an alternate number such as a work or cell phone. The request for the alternate number is to assist in contacting any potential alternates. When it is necessary to contact an alternate the turn around time is very short and Rob wants to ensure that as many players as possible are provided an opportunity to participate in the Development Program. Please note Rob's new email address: [pshcrkauf@aol.com](mailto:pshcrkauf@aol.com).
- The district is looking for coaches, assistant coaches and team leaders to assist at the National Level. The camps are held in the mid-west in early August. Those wishing to participate need to forward an application to Rob Kaufman. You can obtain an application by contacting PNAHA. The deadline has not been advertised and Bruce Urban has not distributed information to date.
- Rob is staying in contact with state coaching directors. He is encouraged that the practice/game ratio is a minimum of 1/1 with many associations working towards a 2/1 ratio.
- Rob stressed that associations verify what coaching certification level their active coaches possess. Effective January 1 coaches must be in compliance with USA Hockey Rules for Coaching Certification. Concerns were once again voiced by various members of the Board as to the failure to hold Advanced Certification classes anywhere but Reno. Rob stated that he spoke with Ron White, and they believe that if we had a firm commitment of 50 students that we could possibly hold a class in the Seattle area. Discussion. It is felt that the state could easily secure a commitment of this level. By

April 1, 2003 Rob will submit a list to Ron White with firm student commitments from each PNAHA association. Rob will send out an email to everyone soliciting his or her commitments.

- It was stressed that beginning January 1 of the current season, prior to the start of the game, all coaches (Head and Assistant) present, from each team, are required to sign the designated area of the score sheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the score sheet, for that game. In addition, all coaches (Head and Assistant) must include their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) card number, their CEP level (1=Initiation, 2=Associate, 3=Intermediate, 4=Advanced, or 5=Master) and the year their CEP level was attained. The CEP card number, level and year attained shall be printed legibly and next to the signature of the coach. It was stressed that score sheets without this information will not be useable for counting towards the 20/10 requirements.

#### **B. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens**

- Steve shared that four officials have been moved to a higher level. Steve shared that it is difficult to move official due to USA Hockey requirements. He is looking for major commitments from these young men/women.
- Steve stated his concerns with the high number of Match Penalties occurring. More specifically is the alarming amount of “abuse of officials” reports. He explained that “abuse of officials” matches are reported directly to District.
- Another area of concern is fan conduct. Fans are leaning over the glass, throwing items and actually putting their hands on the officials and making threats. It was stressed that local associations need to educate their parents and work on developing effective measures to deal with these issues as they occur.
- Steve was pleased to report that Vancouver and Portland have joined forces and are working well together.
- Bellingham is having problems. They are going to be working on both parent and officiating education programs. Many of their problems have occurred because of the differences between US and Canadian rules.
- At the June meeting Steve shared the “Yellow Card” that is utilized in Valencia as a warning to spectators. He shared that the process in presenting this card to spectators is similar to what you see in soccer. Unruly spectators are issued a “Yellow Card” for unacceptable behavior. Failure to adjust your behavior results in expulsion from the arena. He also shared a copy of a “Red Card” that is utilized in notifying the spectator that they are to “leave the facility”. Copies of both of these cards are attached to these minutes.
- Discussion on rink owners being requested to remove spectators. Mike Martin (DI) indicated that he would incur a cost to bring in security. If the officials are going to stop the play, then it is imperative that a plan be in place as to who is to administer the Red/Yellow cards and or removal of unruly participants. Mike was informed that the rink owner shares the responsibility to remove unruly fans. If we work together it is easier to avoid potential liability issues.
- Matt Blondin (SNO) wanted to go on record and apologize for his comments made at the June meeting regarding the Eugene Association (LAHA). Matt indicated that his intentions were to share this information at the September meeting, but he was unable to attend. He has subsequently sent an apology to the President of the LAHA. He also stated that his league teams have reported back nothing but positive behavior observed during league activities. It has been a pleasure to have LAHA participate in the league this season. Gord Whitaker (SJR) echoed Matt’s comments.

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

- Ed was not in attendance, his father passed away. All expressed their condolences. Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) reiterated Rob Kaufman’s comments regarding the USA Hockey Rules stated above in Rob’s report, bullet number five (5), regarding the 20/10 rule and coaching signature requirements effective January 1, 2003. She also shared the eligibility list of teams cleared to participate in the State Tournaments.

#### **D. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond**

- Dru shared an invitation with the PNAHA Board she received from Mike Miller, the Tournament Director of the Wenatchee Apple Cup inviting everyone to stop in while they were in town for the PNAHA meeting.
- The season has appeared to be moving along smoothly since October 1. Dru feels that coaches and managers are becoming more accustomed as to what to expect, and that contributes to the reduction in

problems. Most of the issues that have occurred are at the Squirt Division, but that is expected due to the fact that this is an introduction year to the League. Dru requested that associations extend an extra effort into educating coaches and managers regarding League expectations.

- Dru stated that she has received numerous complaints from visiting teams that the proper numbers of officials are not present to officiate league games. This has appeared to be a bigger problem at some rinks than others. Everyone was reminded that it is the Home Teams responsibility to ensure that the proper number of officials is available to officiate. USA Hockey has provisions if through misadventure or sickness; the officials are prevented from appearing referenced in the 2001-2003 Official Rules, page 62. However, due to the high number of incidents of this nature, Dru indicated that some home teams could receive a “forfeit” loss if this situation would occur again. She will hold a sidebar with those associations at the break that are in jeopardy of implementation of forfeits.
- League game status and standings were presented and everyone was reminded that you can access this information through the PNAHA Website or dynamicstats.com.
- Dru stated that due to the need to draw for the squirt division festival that teams playing the weekend of February 22/23 would need to fax the score sheets to her at (509) 735-0333 at the conclusion of the games.

**E. Women’s Hockey**

- No report.

**F. Adult Hockey**

- No report.

**A. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Dave Bittenbender**

- Dave reported the status on existing discipline issues. He stated his concerns regarding a player that has received three match penalties to date. His desire is to leave discipline issues to be handled at the local level, however, in cases such as this, perhaps the local discipline committees might want to consider a little more rest for these players.

**B. 2nd Vice President – Kevin Schroeder**

- Kevin congratulated Dru on passing the audit successfully and thanked her for her attention to detail.
- Kevin suggested that efforts to communicate at the local level needs to improve in the area of discipline. He is especially concerned about players that receive two or more matches. If the match is “abuse of officials” he is not going to tolerate local associations giving out the “minimum” for suspensions.
- Kevin also stated his concern that not enough emphasis is being placed on educating parents and fans at the local level on the Rules of Hockey and/or Zero Tolerance Rules. Behavior of the parents and fans are costing us a lot of young officials. We have to quit passing the buck as to whose responsibility it is to educate and control parents and spectators. The responsibility belongs to ALL of us. Dru suggested that associations consider making it a mandatory requirement for families to watch the USA Hockey Parents video. Despite the fact the video was released a number of years ago; it is still applicable and approaches bad behavior in a non-threatening manner.

**G. President’s Report – Donna Kaufman**

- Donna stated that this is a rule change year. If anyone has anything along that line that they would like considered, be sure to submit to her prior to February 1, 2003.
- Everyone was instructed to screen his or her coaches carefully. It is mandatory that coaches be screened. Everyone is encouraged to utilize the Washington State Patrol process.
- Discussions regarding the Pacific District move to make it mandatory for eight and under cross-ice programs one hundred (100) percent of the time. Seattle Junior’s program has utilized the cross-ice training for eight years. Glen Triner (TRI) reported that the Tri-Cities has utilized a cross-ice program successfully for the past three years. The general consensus was that it was more important to leave this decision up to the individual associations and not make it mandatory. Skill levels vary at each association, and association leaders are in a better position to determine the time percentages necessary to develop their players. Donna will carry this message back to District.
- Squirt travel restrictions will be discussed at the District meeting. It is possible that the Affiliate will be responsible for determining travel boundaries in the future for ten (10) and under players. Once these boundaries are established, District would respect and enforce. A time and date for implementation will be discussed.

## 7. Evaluation/Development And Select Camps

- See Coaching Director Report

## 8. Tournaments

- Donna stated that Ed had provided her with a list of the qualifying teams that were eligible to participate in the State Tournaments. She reminded everyone that today was the final date for declarations and/or participation withdrawals. Les Grauer (Kent) indicated that his teams would play at the level determined by the outcome of his appeal.
- Cathy Greenwell (SPO) presented a tournament update on behalf of Spokane and Inland for the “B” State Tournament. She reported that they held a meeting earlier in the week and everything was coming along well and that the two associations were working well together. The following teams will be participating in the “B” State Tournament: Pee Wee Division (SPO, INL [2], WEN, MAV and SNO); Bantam Division (MAV, INL, SPO, SNO, TRI, and WEN); Midget Division (SNO, SPO [2], PSR, TRI and YAK). The “B” State Tournaments will be held February 28 through March 2, 2003.
- Glen Triner (TRI) presented a tournament update on behalf of Tri-Cities for the Tier I Bantam and Tier II State Tournaments. He reported that the Tri-Cities was looking forward to these events and that the committees have been active. Dan Mann is coordinating these tournaments and is doing an excellent job. He did state that the impending appeals were concerning them due to existing scheduling restraints/contracts. Teams participating in the following divisions are dependent upon the outcome of appeals and/or arbitration. Tier I Bantam (DI, TRI, SNO, MAV, SJR); Tier II Pee Wee (KENT, SNO, SPO, TRI, DI, WHAT PSR, TAC, MAV, SJR.); Tier II Bantam (PSR, SPO, WHAT, SNO, SJR, TRI, MAV, DI), Tier II Midget (KENT, DI, SNO, SPO, TRI, WHAT PSR, SEATTLE JR [2], TAC, WEN). The Tier I Bantam and Tier II State Tournaments will be held February 21-24, 2003.
- The Tier I Pee Wee and Midget Tournaments will be held February 21-23, 2003. The Pee Wee Division will have SNO, DI, KENT and SJR participating. The Midget Tournament will have KENT, DI and the Totems potentially participating. These divisions will be dependent upon the results of impending appeals/arbitration results.
- The Squirt Festival will be held February 28-March 2 in Vancouver, Washington. The Festival will be structured under State Tournament formatting with emphasis on FUN. Discussion regarding pin trading and shoot-outs were encouraged. The amount of guaranteed games were discussed as well as duration. It was consensus that games would be up to 1.25 hours in duration, 12 minute stop time periods and League Rules should apply. Matt Blondin (SNO) *moved [that the Squirt Festival would consist of a four game guarantee, with three division winner represented (Gold, Silver and Bronze)]*, seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Discussion. Motion passed – 3 abstentions.

## 9. Old Business

- Diana Craig (YAK) updated the PNAHA Board on the existing state of the Women’s League. Currently there is a Beginner and Intermediate League. In the Women’s Senior B division, we have three teams that will be attending Districts that will be held in Vancouver, Washington. There will be two teams and the host participating at District. These teams are the Seattle Gridlock (Seattle/Whatcom), Yakima and the host team, the Pacific Ice Dawgs.
- At the September meeting Steve Cole (SNO) introduced a proposal developed by Matt Blondin regarding the distribution of voting rights for PNAHA associations. This proposal was a revision of the previous proposal submitted initially at the June 2002 meeting. Steve Cole (SNO) presented a *motion [to accept the voting rights proposal as submitted by Matt Blondin]*, Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA VP) presented a motion to “table the motion” at the September meeting. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA VP) motioned *[to move the motion from the table]*, seconded by Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer). Motion passed. Discussion. Matt indicated that a level of trust must be necessary, but feels his proposal brings PNAHA more in line with USA Hockey and it’s efforts to distribute voting privileges equitably among teams. A number of associations expressed concern that this proposal would strangle associations in smaller communities. Les Grauer (KENT) question how may other associations/leagues do this. Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) explained how a number of other associations/leagues handle this distribution. She explained that methods are constantly in flux. This stimulated energized discussion by all. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA VP) called for the question. Motion defeated. Matt Blondin (SNO) motioned *[to replace player fees with a member fee]*, seconded by Scott Draeger (TAC). Discussion. Motion ruled out of order. A non-binding straw vote was then held with all directors polled. It was agreed that a task committee would look at the proposal structure.

## 10. New Business

- Dru Hammond presented a report on the USA Hockey Web class she attended in Chicago. She emphasized the need for association to break away from their existing comfort zones and consider transitioning to the USA Hockey Website. Besides the cost (free), members need to consider issues that include: 1) ease in locating your association; 2) advertising possibilities; 3) you don't have to worry about losing your existing web master when their child moves on to a different level and then having a stagnate site. Dru indicated that she had remotely counseled web users. She also stressed the need for everyone operating a website to be aware of policies to protect the identity of youth players.
- Donna explained to the Board of Directors the appeals process (see attachments). Each Board Member was supplied with a packet at the opening of the meeting during sign-in containing information submitted with the original request for waiver to PNAHA. Donna read Rule 14 as stated within the PNAHA Rules and Regulations, Article IV – Eligibility, Rule 14, found on page 62 of the PNAHA 2002-2003 Guidebook. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) and Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President) provided a short summary of the Executive Board's findings and subsequent decisions regarding the submitted waivers. Donna then stated that Mike Martin (DI), Les Grauer (Kent) and Greg Galeski (MAV) would be presenting appeals for their respective associations.
  - A. Donna then introduced Mike Martin (DI) who would be representing the appeal for the Desert Ice Bantam team. She stated that the appeal would be heard with the information and discussion restricted to the information that was submitted to the Executive Board utilized to form their decisions. She indicated that no new evidence would be permitted. She instructed Mike that he would have no less than five (5) minutes, but no more than ten (10) minutes to address the information he wished to provide to the Board of Directors. She stated that the Executive Board would have equal time to address the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors would also be provided equal time to direct questions to Mike.

Mike Martin (DI) presented his case and why he felt his appeal should be granted. Brief explanation by the Executive Board referencing their final decision. Questions from the Board of Directors. Available votes: 19 (Chairperson, stated that they would not be voting in the secret ballot process). In favor of appeal: (4); Reject appeal: (14); Abstention: (1).
  - B. Mike Martin (DI) was introduced as the representative for the appeal submitted by Desert Ice for the Midget team. Mike Martin (DI) presented his case and why he felt his appeal should be granted. Brief explanation by the Executive Board referencing their final decision. Questions from the Board of Directors. Available votes: 19 (Chairperson, stated that they would not be voting in the secret ballot process). In favor of appeal: (9); Reject appeal: (10).
  - C. Donna introduced Les Grauer (Kent) who would be representing the appeal for the Kent Pee Wee team. She stated that the appeal would be heard with the information and discussion restricted to the information that was submitted to the Executive Board utilized to form their decisions. She indicated that no new evidence would be permitted. She instructed Les that he would have no less than five (5) minutes, but no more than ten (10) minutes to address the information he wished to provide to the Board of Directors. She stated that the Executive Board would have equal time to address the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors would also be provided equal time to direct questions to Les.

Les Grauer (Kent) presented his case and why he felt his appeal should be granted. Brief explanation by the Executive Board referencing their final decision. Questions from the Board of Directors. Available votes: 18 (Chairperson, stated that they would not be voting in the secret ballot process). In favor of appeal: (12); Reject appeal: (6).
  - D. Les Grauer (Kent) was introduced as the representative for the appeal submitted by Kent for the Midget team. Les Grauer (Kent) presented his case and why he felt his appeal should be granted. Brief explanation by the Executive Board referencing their final decision. Questions from the Board of Directors. Available votes: 18 (Chairperson, stated that they would not be voting in the secret ballot process). In favor of appeal: (7); Reject appeal: (11).
  - E. Donna introduced Greg Galeski (MAV) who would be representing the appeal for the Mountain View Mavericks Bantam team. She stated that the appeal would be heard with the information and discussion restricted to the information that was submitted to the Executive Board utilized to form their decisions. She indicated that no new evidence would be permitted. She instructed Les that he would have no less than five (5) minutes, but no more than ten (10) minutes to address the information he wished to provide to the Board of Directors. She stated that the Executive Board

would have equal time to address the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors would also be provided equal time to direct questions to Greg.

Greg Galeski (MAV) presented his case and why he felt his appeal should be granted. Brief explanation by the Executive Board referencing their final decision. Questions from the Board of Directors. Available votes: 18 (Chairperson, stated that they would not be voting in the secret ballot process). In favor of appeal: (6); Reject appeal: (12).

- Upon conclusion of all appeals, Donna explained to the petitioners that the next step would be arbitration and that they should reference the procedure as stated in the PNAHA 2002-2003 Guidebook, beginning on page 30. She stated that arbitration would have to be initiated within seven (7) days of this meeting (January 18,2003) and that a bond of \$500.00 submitted in the form of certified check payable to PNAHA would be required at the time of the filing.
- Donna communicated that the appeal results would effect participation in the state tournaments. Midget Tier I would now consist of Desert Ice, Kent, and Totems. Tier I Bantams would now consist of Desert Ice, Tri-Cities, Sno-King, Mavericks and Seattle Junior.
- New member applications were submitted for Bremerton and the Totems. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) will come to the Spring/Summer meeting with membership recommendations.

#### **11. Spring/Summer Meeting**

- The Spring/Summer meeting will be held on June 21 in Tri-Cities at the Silver Cloud. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

#### **12. Adjournment**

- Jerry Heller (WHAT) motioned *[to adjourn]*, seconded by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.



### YELLOW CARD

THIS YELLOW CARD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU AS A WARNING THAT YOUR BEHAVIOR IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS EVENT.

YOUR ADMITTANCE TO THIS FACILITY IS A PRIVILEGE TO OBSERVE A CONTEST AND TO SUPPORT THE MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE PROGRAM—IT IS NOT A LICENSE TO VERBALLY ASSAULT PLAYERS, COACHES AND/OR OFFICIALS!

WE HOPE THAT SPECTATORS WILL WATCH, ENJOY, AND ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG PLAYERS IN THIS LEAGUE, WIN OR LOSE!

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE PLAYERS WITH POSITIVE ENTHUSIASM, NOT YELLING, ANTICS AND/OR NEGATIVE CRITICISM.

**FAILURE TO CORRECT YOUR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR WILL RESULT IN BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THIS FACILITY!**



### RED CARD

THIS RED CARD HAS BEEN ISSUED TO YOU BECAUSE YOUR BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE FOR THIS EVENT.

WE ARE THEREFORE INSISTING THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY LEAVE THIS FACILITY WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN YOUR REMOVAL FROM THIS BUILDING BY THE AUTHORITIES.