



PNAHA Spring/Summer Meeting

June 21, 2003

Silver Cloud

Kennewick, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 9:05 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: DI – Mike Martin; IEAHA – Jeni Ragan; KVHA – Les Grauer; MVAHA – Greg Galeski; MHA – Greg Galeski; PSAH – Kristin Videto; SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Art Baldwin; SAYHA – Corey Condron; TAHA – Cora Friedrich; TCAHA – Glen Triner; WWAHA – Darrin Wales; WAHA – Mark Preston; YAHA – Diane Craig, WWFHA – Edward Wilson.
- WCAHA – not represented at this meeting

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Executive Board, Directors and guests. A special welcome to Mike Buckley representing Bremerton and Lisa Hayward representing Medford.

3. Confirmation of Current Members

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) indicated that some members had submitted the Membership Checklist prior to the meeting, while others turned in the material prior to the beginning of this meeting. The Membership Committee therefore has not had adequate time to review submitted materials and will need to contact each association individually upon review completion. Dave did indicate that he believed that the majority of the associations would continue on at their existing status. He stated that NW Amateur no longer exists, Mountain View's status will change since they only operate "learn to skate" programs and a "atom" division, and Desert Ice status will change since they do not run a beginner program, and at this time Desert Ice is not in good standing.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Reading of the January 11, 2003 minutes. Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President) motion *[to approve the minutes]*, seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed.

5. Election of Officers

- Donna Kaufman nominated for President by Art Baldwin (SNO). Seconded by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President). Motion *[to close nominations]* by Art Baldwin (SNO). Seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion *[to elect by acclamation]* by Art Baldwin (SNO). Seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion passed.
- Steve Stevens nominated for 2nd Vice President by Rick Ellison (SJR). Seconded by Jeni Ragan (INL). Motion *[to close nominations]* by Glen Triner (TRI). Seconded by Jack Chaney (SJR). Motion *[to elect by acclamation]* by Glen Triner (TRI). Seconded by Jack Chaney (SJR).

6. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond

A. June Treasurer Report

- Balance as of June 21, 2003 is \$16,667.93. Motion *[to approve the Treasurer's Report]* by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA Vice President), seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion passed.

B. Spring Assessments

- Distribution of player fee invoices for players March 2003 through June 2003. Dru Hammond (Secretary/Treasurer) explained that so few additional players were added in those reports that she waited until June to bill each association. Sno-King and Tri-Cities should expect another invoice once "previously registered" players are subtracted from the reports issued by USA Hockey. The following associations were invoiced: DI (1); IEAHA – (9); Kent (15); MAV – (40); PSAHA (21); SJR – (18); SKAHA – (21); SAYHA – (12); TCAHA – (30); TAC (1); TRI (3); WWAHA – (9); WEN (2); WWFHA (11); WHAT (2); YAHA – (14).

C. Association Contact Lists

- Associations were reminded to submit their updated contact lists if they have not already done so. Please refer to your 2002-2003 Guidebook and update your appropriate association section. Note that this information is due now.

7. **Special Guests**

- Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) introduced our special guest, Lisa Hayward from Medford, Oregon, and provided Lisa time to discuss Medford's desire to participate in the PNAHA League. Further discussion would occur during the League portion of the meeting.
- Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) also introduced Mike Buckley, representative for the Bremerton Amateur Hockey Association. Mike provided an overview of the accomplishments that Bremerton has realized to date.

8. **Director's Reports**

A. **Player Development – Rob Kaufman**

- The State Development Camp was held in Tri-Cities this year. Rob Kaufman (Coaching Director) thanked everyone for his or her help in the success of this camp. He thanked Dru Hammond for coordinating camp activities in the Tri-Cities. Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) shared that the camp made a profit of \$1,208.32. This is the third year that the camp has made a profit and clearly demonstrates that it can be a self-supporting activity.
- Rob Kaufman (Coaching Director) stated that there would be changes in participation at next years USA Hockey Select Camp. It was approved at the Colorado Springs meeting that anyone who wishes to try out would be allowed to attend next year. The changes are due to a belief that this process will remove the political issues. Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) indicated that she had checked to verify that there was not a problem with our existing process. Due to these changes names will be required by March 1, 2004 and payment by March 15, 2004. These are non-negotiable dates.
- It was clarified that all coaches on the bench must sign the score sheet. In other words, if you are on the bench you are considered a coach. This is a heads-up to associations to get their coaches in the Advanced Coaches Clinic in Reno, August 21-24, 2003.
- Rob Kaufman (Coaching Director) also stated that it is up to the Affiliate to develop a disciplinary plan for dealing with coaches that are on the bench that do not meet the established requirements. The PNAHA Vice Presidents will develop this process and will be prepared to present this process as the September meeting.
- Efforts are still moving forward to hold the Advanced Clinic in Seattle next year. We do however; need a firm commitment of 50 attendees. This would replace the Reno class.
- Rob Kaufman (Coaching Director) distributed the current Coaching Education Recommended Guidelines. He indicated that the coaching levels had remained consistent last year. He emphasized the need for Refresher Courses. It is anticipated that beginning September 2003 that on-line Refresher Courses will be available. It has not been determined to Rob's knowledge if a fee has been established for taking the on-line Refresher Course. The 2003-2004 Coaching Education Program Coaching Clinic Schedule was distributed. Rob also distributed Advanced Coaching Certification Registration Forms. Once again, he emphasized that anyone on the bench needs to be certified at the right level.
- Pacific District Camp rosters were distributed. These rosters can be accessed on the PNAHA website as well.
- The new USA Hockey Official Score sheet was also distributed. Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) asked how last year went with the revised score sheet. It was agreed that once everyone became familiar with the new form requiring signatures that there were few issues. A poll to see if we wished to continue with score sheets requiring player signatures demonstrated a consensus to revert to the new USA Hockey format and forgo signatures. Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) will redesign the score sheet to reflect the new format.

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

- Steve Stevens (PNAHA Vice President/Supervisor of Officials) indicated that all the State and District tournaments went well. Washington and Oregon officials are continuing to work well together.
- Everyone was reminded that this is a rule change year. One of the biggest changes is that "delayed off sides" no longer exists.
- Concern was voiced over State Tournament games where neither team will progress. One "B" State Tournament game resulted in 370 minutes of penalties. The past few years have confirmed a trend of teams failing to demonstrate discipline during these games. This issue will be discussed further and a recommendation as to how to resolve this issue presented at the September meeting.

- Compliments to the Spokane area and their excellent example on how two associations can come together to host a very successful State Tournament. Thank you SAYHA and Inland Empire for a job well done.
- The Tri-Cities has started a new Officials Association, Mid-Columbia Hockey Officials Association.
- Scheduled Referee Clinics for the 2003-2004 season will be posted on the PNAHA Website. Clinics are scheduled for the following dates:

Seattle	August 2, 2003	Levels 2 & 3
Seattle	August 23, 2003	Levels 1 & 2
Bremerton	August 23, 2003	Levels 1 & 2
Tri-Cities	September 7, 2003	Levels 1 & 2
Tacoma	September 13, 2003	Levels 1 & 2
Spokane	September 20, 2003	Level 4*
Spokane	September 21, 2003	Levels 1 – 3
Seattle	September 24 - 25, 2003	Levels 1 – 3
Kent	September 27, 2003	Levels 1 & 2
Kent	October 4, 2003	Level 3
Seattle	October 18, 2003	Canadian Clinic

- Kurt Penberthy refereed in the semi-finals of the National Junior B Tournament and has been signed for the American West Junior A League for next year. He will also be utilized as a starter for the WHL as a referee. Jeremy DelCampo worked the finals at the National Junior B Tournament as a Linesman. This will be DelCampo's second year in the WHL and American West League. Tony Leonetti worked the Championship game in the National Junior A Tournament and has signed for another year with the USHL and WHL. John Norlin has been invited to tryouts as a Referee in the WHL. This visibility has started a surge in the amount of younger officials applying themselves in the direction of advancement and is very encouraging.

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

- All youth programs within PNAHA on electronic registration must forward their information if they wish to continue participating.
- Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar) has not received any publications. Since this is a rule change year it is expected that Rule Books will be late.
- Player registration numbers (6404 – this number does not include officials and managers, just players and coaches) are similar to last year's numbers through June 3, 2003.
- Every association is encouraged to have their registrar or another representative present at the September PNAHA meeting to participate in the morning workshop.
- Remind your registrars to get their summer teams registered. Any time you have a change of 20% or more to your existing roster the team must register as a new team.
- Note that after May 31 there is no Canadian hockey. Teams are non-registered and USAH insurance is no longer active while playing in Canada (note – insurance is still in place for activities that continue in the US), so please communicate this to players participating on US teams that plan to compete in Canada during the summer. Travel permits to Canada are not required during the summer.

D. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond

- Dru Hammond (League Commissioner) distributed copies of the 2002-2003 League winners. The "A" Division winners are: Midget – Spokane; Bantam – Mavericks; Pee Wee – Portland. The "B" Division winners are: Midget – Spokane; Bantam – Portland; Pee Wee – Inland. Seattle Junior 2 placed first in the Squirt League. She stated that the standings would remain on the PNAHA Web Site until the 2003-2004 league schedules are published. Dru also stated that she had received many positive comments from players, parents, and coaches regarding the posting of the League Schedule and Standings on the Web Site. She feels that it has inspired team managers and statisticians to get the score sheets turned in on time. This is the first year that the League had its standings computed on "all" score sheets being turned in and not determined with "forfeits" included.
- League banners were distributed. The Squirt banner was distributed at the Squirt Festival.
- Copies of the State Tournament winners were distributed. Dru apologized for the typo reversing the Tier II Midget winners. She will distribute an updated listing of winners.

- Based on comments received by families participating in the newly structured Squirt Program it appears that it was a success and the “right thing to do.” The festival was a huge success. Compliments to the Maverick organization for making this event fun for everyone.
- Lisa Hayward representing the Medford Organization was provided time to present their request for inclusion into the PNAHA League for the 2003-2004 season. After Lisa’s presentation it was agreed that PNAHA would offer to schedule Medford in the League Schedule at an exhibition level the first year under the same guidelines that LAHA had to adhere to last season. Dru explained that Medford would be required to ensure that players, parents, and coaches adhere to the same standards that PNAHA participants adhere to and that Medford enforces all Rules and Regulations. Dru explained that travel requirements will be a major concern. Dru will ensure that an exhibition schedule be developed with PNAHA teams who wish to participate in league play with Medford that does not work towards a league winner. Furthermore, the following conditions must be met: a) discipline be strictly enforced; b) player/parent contracts be developed and signed; c) this agreement be in compliance and agreed to by OSHA; d) that there be full compliance with PNAHA League Rules; e) Medford adhere to PNAHA Suspension Guidelines; f) any suspensions be fully enforced; g) that Medford prepare an agreement stating they will submit to PNAHA jurisdiction in all dispute resolutions. Lisa indicated that she would take this information back to Medford, and believed that they would gladly participate based upon the requirements as explained. Dru will take the action to forward the participation requirements on to Lisa to present to the Medford Board of Directors.
- Dru stated that it was a pleasure to have LAHA participate in the League this year. She also recommended that LAHA be offered an official schedule for the 2003-2004 season.
- Dru indicated that completing the League Schedule has become burdensome and has created a monetary impact upon her family due to the changes implemented the last couple of years extending deadlines to drop teams. Associations have been committing multiple teams to divisions only to drop them by the deadline requiring the entire schedule to be reworked. She wanted to encourage everyone to “think out of the box” and consider if now was the time to require associations to meet at the September meeting and work out the schedule at that meeting. Discussion, including a suggestion by Art Baldwin and Rick Ellison that it was now time that consideration be given to providing some sort of monetary compensation to the League Commissioner. After much discussion it was recommended that Dru draft a proposal on this issue. If she chooses not to draft the proposal, Rick Ellison and Art Baldwin offered to develop the proposal. More discussion. Donna and Dru suggested that some of these issues could be mitigated if associations could bring their final team count and ice commitments to the September meeting. Motion by Kevin Schroeder that *[all associations participating in league shall bring their completed lists of coaching contacts, final team count and ice commitments to the September PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting. Any teams dropped after this date may be subject to a \$300.00 fine per scheduled game for that season]*. Seconded by Art Baldwin. Discussion. Motion Passed.
- Dru stated that she had been contacted by Boise and Jeff Zornow representing Salt Lake City wishing to participate in the League. Many associations have concerns about travel within the state and consider traveling to Eugene and Medford as excessive. It is felt that including these organizations in the League at this time is just prohibitive due to travel issues.
- Preliminary commitment for league teams for the 2003-2004 season was requested. The following commitments were made: **(B Division)** – IE= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; Kent = 1 Squirt; Mavericks=2 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; PSR= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Midget; SJR= 2 Squirt, 1 Midget; SNO= 3 Squirt, 1 Midget; SPO= 1 Midget; TAC= 1 Squirt, 1 Bantam; TRI= 2 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; WALLA= 1 Squirt; WEN= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; YAK= 1 Midget; PORTLAND= 1 Squirt, 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; EUGENE= 1 Squirt, 1 Bantam, 1 or 1 Midget, MEDFORD= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget. **(A Division)** – IE= 1 Pee Wee; Kent= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; MAV= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; PSR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; SJR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget; TAC= 1 Pee Wee; TRI= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 2 Midget; WEN= 1 Midget; POR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 1 Midget.
- Preliminary count for Tier I teams for the 2003-2004 season are: DI= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam; SJR= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam, 2 Midget; SNO= 1 Pee Wee, 1 Bantam.

E. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave stated that he has heard issues from the officials, but is not hearing from the associations regarding their handling of discipline issues. Steve Stevens (2nd Vice President/Supervisor of Officials) stated that should a conflict of interest arise during the season that he would transfer the discipline issue to Dave.

F. 2nd Vice President – Kevin Schroeder

- Kevin extended a thank you to Spokane and Tri-Cities for their efficiency in getting documentation into him in a timely fashion.
- More work needs to be done in the area of “Abuse of Officials” but overall the year was “fun”.
- Kevin announced that it was a difficult decision not to run for office again, but that right now his business and family require his full attention. Kevin presented a very eloquent summary of his past eight years and the time he has participated on the PNAHA Board of Directors. His dedication, attention to detail and professionalism in handling delicate matters in the area of discipline has been appreciated. Donna stated that it is her hopes that his experience and expertise can be called upon to assist in mentoring others. Everyone extended wishes of good luck to him in his new endeavors and thanked him for his time of service to PNAHA. Kevin was presented with a USA Hockey glass paper weight and a gift certificate for dinner at a restraint of his choice. Good luck Kevin, we will miss you.

G. President’s Report – Donna Kaufman

- Donna shared information obtained during her participation at the USA Annual Congress. She indicated that there were about 50 new rule changes, most were clarification and did not significantly change the game. She distributed a copy of the Rule changes to the directors. She stated that the major changes that everyone should be aware of is that all 10 and under age classifications -- youth and girls/women will now be required to use a blue lightweight pucks. This announcement sparked enthusiastic discussion. She also stressed that the definition of Team Official is very clear. She stated that a team official is any person on the player’s bench who is not on the game score sheet as an eligible player or goalkeeper. All such persons must be registered in the current season as a Coach with USA Hockey, and have attained the appropriate certification level as required by the District and/or Affiliate. One such person must be designated as a Head Coach. A player or goalkeeper on the roster who is unable to play, other than through suspension, may be on the players' bench, and who is wearing the team jersey and all required head and face protective equipment, can be on the bench without being considered a Team Official.
- Donna shared that Walter L. Bush, Jr., one of the most recognized and respected leaders in the sport of hockey and President of USA Hockey for more than 15 years is now semi-retired. He has been a member of the board since 1959. Ron DeGregorio will replace Walter as President. Ron’s appointment as President will be the forth President in sixty-six years. Donna reported that the change of the guard resulted in a rolling of positions once Ron was elected.
- Donna has been contacted by the MYHA organization requesting their desire to participate in the PNAHA League. Concerns were voiced regarding the issue of discipline and how to deal with it. It was stressed that if they desire to participate they will have to operate under our League Rules and would be governed by our discipline guidelines.
- Oregon has initiated discussions regarding potential merging into PNAHA. Oregon was a part of PNAHA years ago and broke off the relationship. Donna will get back to the Directors once she has more information to share.
- Donna stressed that every association will have the name of their Ace Coordinator to Rob Kaufman by July 1, 2003.
- The Marketing Committee presented the “Lace ‘Em Up..” campaign at the USA Hockey Annual Congress. This campaign is designed to provide Affiliates, Associations, and facility partners with a comprehensive program that will help attract new skaters and players to the game of hockey. Donna shared that Dru Hammond is the PNAHA representative on this committee. Dru emphasized that this campaign has an aggressive schedule and has targeted November/December as the introduction period to associations and rinks. The Pilot Program is targeted for implementation in January. Donna also stated that a marketing committee meeting is scheduled for some time in July or August and that it was approved that Affiliates would cover the travel expenses for their representatives.
- District Tournament information was provided and is as follows:

March 4-7, 2004	Bantam, Pee Wee Tier II	San Jose, California
March 4-7, 2004 -could move to Feb	Girls/Women	Fairbanks, Alaska
March 11-14, 2004	Midget Tier I – 16U and 17U	Seattle, Washington
March 11-14, 2004	Bantam, Pee Wee Tier I	Anaheim, California
March 11-14, 2004	Midget Tier II – 16U and 17U	Las Vegas, Nevada
March 30, 2004	Nationals	

- J.J. O'Connor has been appointed as the Section Director for Disabled Sports.
- Kevin McNaughton is the new Pacific District Secretary. Robin Willins has resigned as the Women's Hockey Coordinator.
- Donna was complemented on her daily reports she provided during the Annual Congress. Members appreciated the opportunity to comment on activities "real-time."
- Donna was saddened to announce that in June we lost a dedicated volunteer. Karen Garver, previous PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer passed away. Because of Karen's wishes, a funeral was not held. A get together for friends and family was held in Bellevue on Thursday, June 5. Donna and Steve Stevens shared that PNAHA was well represented.
- Donna stated that she recently received a letter from an individual that was in attendance at a birthday party at a local restaurant in Spokane. This event just happened to coincide with a celebration party of a number of 11 and 12 year old hockey players that had just won a tournament. The letter focused on the apparent lack of parental control and inappropriate behavior demonstrated by the players at a public facility. Donna indicated that the first call had gone all the way up to USA Hockey. She stressed the importance of appropriate behavior and reminded everyone that public behavior good or bad reflects upon all of us involved in this great sport of hockey and that we need to remind our membership of the importance of displaying a positive image.

9. Old Business

- Dru Hammond shared that tournament information is no longer included in the Guidebook, but is uploaded to the PNAHA website when she receives notification of tournament dates
- Donna updated the membership as to the status on the appeals that were made in regard to Rule 14. The PNAHA Board decisions were upheld. There is a possibility that one group will appeal this decision to USA Hockey.
- Discussion held regarding Rule 14 which states, "Any Team which declares its level of play at less than Tier I for PNAHA or USA playoffs/events shall not include on its roster, more than 5 players from outside that Association's membership from the prior year, unless that Association is already fielding a Tier I team and has no room on its Tier I team. Any Association may petition the Executive Board, by November 15, for consideration of a waiver of this rule." A lot of discussion including considerations of incorporating and defining geographical boundaries. Other discussions included residency rules and possible probationary status. The Rule will change "Any Team" to read "Any State or National bound team", therefore providing clarification that this rule does not impact house teams. It was further decided that the Rule remain as is (with the change as indicated above), and that the Membership Committee develop "Waiver Criteria." Dave Bittenbender will chair the committee. Les Grauer, Greg Galeski, Glen Triner, Kristen Videto and Rick Ellison will participate on the committee.
- The Squirt Development Proposal to develop travel standards for players 10 and under was discussed at length. Rick Ellison (SJR) motioned *[that Squirt travel be limited to adjacent Affiliates and Providences or a maximum of a 400 mile radius of the home rink. The local association has the ability to apply more stringent travel standards]*, seconded by Dave Bittenbender. More discussion including consideration of requiring travel permits for Squirts. Director's felt that travel permits were not necessary at this point in time. Art Baldwin called for the question. Motion passed.

10. New Business

- Mike Buckley, representative for the Bremerton Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) finalized his briefing on the status of the BAHA and requested that they be considered for membership within PNAHA. Rick Ellison (SJR) motioned *[that BAHA be offered Member Organization status within PNAHA based upon their ability to meet qualifications as described within the PNAHA Guidebook]*, seconded by Kristin Videto (PSR). No discussion. Motion passed. BAHA officially welcomed by the PNAHA Board of Directors.

- Dave Bittenbender stated that Desert Ice has been deemed to “not be in good standing” due to outstanding balances due to two rinks, Mountain View Ice Arena (\$4700) and Planet Ice (\$6500). It was stated that each rink could be paid \$1000.00 today with the balance to be paid in full July 1, 2004. The principle representatives for both rinks were not present, so the offer was rejected. Therefore, Desert Ice remains “not in good standing.” It was determined that a disciplinary committee would be formed with Dave Bittenbender serving as Committee Chairperson to determine if any potential disciplinary action is necessary. Jack Chaney would participate on the committee. Donna requested that she be allowed 24 hours to appoint another committee member. Donna concluded with a statement that she would need time to get with Mike Martin to discuss this issue further.
- Donna stated that she had communications with Jon Danks and that the Chicago Showcase Team had a good showing this year and will be elevated to a different bracket next year. Jon indicated that every player had been contacted by a team, college, or professional scout by the end of the tournament. This tournament consistently provides excellent exposure for PNAHA players. Jon did state his disappointment at the lack of representation at tryouts by Junior B players.

11. Annual Fall Meeting

- The PNAHA Annual Fall meeting will be held on September 6 at the Red Lion in Wenatchee. The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with committee roundtable discussions. The board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA Vice President) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dru Hammond (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.