



PNAHA Spring/Summer Meeting

June 21, 2008

Red Lion Hotel

1225 North Wenatchee Avenue

Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by President, Dru Hammond at 9:16 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 Secretary/Treasurer – Katie Kusske.
- Member Organizations; EYH – Christopher Raub; IEAHA – David Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; PSAHA – Stephani Ebenstiner; MLYHA – George Georgeson; SJR – Jack Chaney; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Mark Gustafson; TCAHA – Dustin Beck; WAHA – Mike Lesky; WCAHA – Doug Maclean; WWFHA – Shirley Williamson; YAHA – Lydia Hester.
- Member Teams – WCHC – Rich Stephenson.
- Member Organizations not represented – KCAH, MVIA and WWHA.

2. Introductions

- Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and guests.

3. Confirmation of Current Members – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) reminded everyone present to get in your association contact lists along with all the PNAHA required legal documents.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked this body for approval to move up items #7 (Special guests) and #8 (USHL) on the agenda as there are presentations involved. All approved.

4. Minutes of last meeting

- Reading of the January 5, 2008 minutes. David Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Stephanie Ebenstiner (PSAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Nominations for Elections (1st Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer)

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked this body that the elections for the PNAHA Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer to be done after the Special Guests presentations. All approved.

6. Treasurer Report – Katie Kusske

A. June Treasurer Report

- Balance as of May 31, 2008 is \$56,317.35. Motion [*to approve the Treasurer's Report*] by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP), seconded by Jack Chaney (SJR). No discussion. Motion passed.

B. Association Copies of By-Laws, Constitutions, Rules and Regulations

- Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) reminded all the PNAHA affiliate associations that these reports are required to be submitted at the June meeting per the PNAHA By Laws (see page 91 in the PNAHA Guidebook, Membership in Good Standing, A). To date only six associations have provided the required items both in hard copy and via e-mail as well. An electronic copy is the preferred medium. If your association brought the needed documentation today please leave it with Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) after the meeting is over.

C. Association Officers and Contact Lists

- Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) stated that these lists are posted on the PNAHA website as well as utilized to update and publish the PNAHA Guidebook. For any of the associations that are unable to provide them today it is highly unlikely that their association information will be published correctly for the 2009-2010 season Guidebook.

7. Special Guests

- Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director) announced that Charles Fuertsch replaced Frank Lang as Pacific District Director during the April 30, 2008 elections. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Dick Combs had planned to attend this meeting but was not able to be here. Dan Rogness has indicated he will attend the September meeting and also hopes that Janice Vandyke representing the Disabled Section can make that meeting as well.
- The District Tournament dates are:

- Pee Wee Tier I and Tier II March 4-8, 2009 Seattle, Host - Sno-King
- Midget U16/U18 Tier II March 4-8, 2009 California, Host - Valencia
- Girls/Women March 4-8, 2009 Alaska, Host – Alaska Icebreakers
- Bantam Tier I/II March 11-15, 2009 Alaska, Host – Alaska All Stars
- Midget U16/U18 Tier I/II March 11-15, 2009 Las Vegas, Host – Las Vegas Ice Center
- Steve Stevens (Pacific District Referee-in-Chief) announced that this is his second year holding this position. We have a large District. Jason and Tony are dealing with the same issues within the PNAHA affiliate as Steve is dealing with across the District. Tony Milles (PNAHA Supervisor-of-Officials for the West Side) will organize the officials for the District Tournament being held at Sno-King and Steve will be in Las Vegas. No big rule changes coming up as it's not a rule change year. Four people are going to the Official's Development camp from Washington. Steve indicated that this will be a great experience for them. The main issue for this District is still the same, keeping the officials at the younger levels interested long enough to stay on to move up to the higher levels.

8. Nominations For Elections

A. Vice President

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that nominations for the position of the PNAHA 1st Vice President position is open. David Bittenbender nominated for PNAHA 1st Vice President by Jack Chaney (SJR), seconded by Doug MacLean (WCAH). Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked if there were any more nominations once, twice and for a third time. Motion passed. Motion *[to close nominations]*, by Stephanie Ebenstiner (PSAHA), seconded by Doug MacLean (WCAH). Motion passed. Motion *[to accept by acclamation]* by Shirley Williamson (WWFHA), seconded by Doug MacLean (WCAH). Motion passed.

B. Secretary/Treasurer

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that nominations for the position of the PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer position is now open. Katie Kusske nominated for PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer by Chris Raub (EYH) and seconded by Doug MacLean (WCAH). Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked if there were any more nominations once, twice and for a third time. Motion passed. Motion *[to close nominations]*, Doug MacLean (WCAH), seconded by Mike Lesky (WEN). Motion passed. Motion *[to accept by acclamation]* by Chris Raub (EYH), seconded by Stephanie Ebenstiner (PSAHA). Motion passed.

9. USHL Presentation – Rick Ellison

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Rick Ellison as the representative for the United States Hockey League (USHL). She also announced that on Monday, June 16, 2008, Rick Ellison (SJR) became a US Citizen. The entire PNAHA Board of Directors rose to applaud and congratulate Rick on this accomplishment. Rick Ellison (SJR) spoke about opportunities for the Pacific Northwest skaters. The website is www.USHL.com. The league goal has always been to provide the best path of development. Most skaters in the North West are not aware of the USHL, its strengths and opportunities. During the season Rick Ellison (SJR) works with Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) watching skaters through the season. They are available to arrange meetings with the PNAHA affiliate associations' parents at the Bantam age to discuss the available choices out there. The presentation closed with suggestions on what we can do to help affiliate skaters to advance.

10. Officer's Reports

A. Coaching Director – Rob Kaufman

- **PNAHA Development Camp Update – Tri-Cities:** The Washington Selects age 17 Lukas Audycki name should be listed as Connor Audycki. We had players at every age level move on to the National level; it's been awhile for that to have happened.
- **PNAHA Player Development Camp Status:** Discussion was held on the pros and cons of the "open registration" format for the PNAHA Development Camp that was used last year verses the invitational letters that have been sent out in the past. PNAHA was encouraged to go to an "open registration" format by the Pacific District Director in charge of the Pacific District Selects. Alaska and California use this format. PNAHA does not have the player numbers like Alaska and California to support this format. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) would like to return to the invitational letter method in the PNAHA affiliate as we have many associations to communicate with and it seems that direct contact works better within PNAHA. He also feels that

it means much more to the families to know that their player has been evaluated and identified as a top player within the affiliate. The camp is targeted for the elite players within PNAHA. The drawback to an open camp is that it allows for players to “self select” and this does not guarantee that the top skill levels are attending. A personal invitation to the PNAHA Player Development Camp means more to the player because they are then aware that they have been recognized for their skill level when they receive the letter in the mail expressing that recognition.

- **Select Camp Results – Kent:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) thanked Kent (Les Grauer) as several positive comments had come back from the Pacific District event organizers. The Directors complimented the Kent staff and expressed how they were very dedicated to ensuring everything went smoothly during the event. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) voiced concerns on the \$475.00 cost of the camp as gas prices are continuing to go up. Rob stated that the group of fourteen year olds was the best that have been seen in a long time. They were very interested in watching what was going on around them and on the ice. Rob was pleased to state that there were no discipline problems this year.
- **Coaching Clinic Dates:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) said that locally they haven't been set yet. Late August to September is usually when they are scheduled. For Level 4 coaches you need to sign up online now. The date is August 21, 2008, and it will be held in Reno, Nevada. Participants are reminded to schedule their trip with arrival on Thursday morning. The District is seeing a lot of Pee Wee and Bantam coaches attending the Level 4 certification clinic. Since Level four clinics are limited, everyone was encouraged to have their coaches attend this certification clinic early. The instruction is top notch; there is great goalie instruction as well. For coaches that have never received their USA Coaching Cards or the updated level sticker for their cards have them give Rob a call or they can call USA Hockey. Do not delay as this should be noted in the association coaching interviews and or in doing their registration process with USA Hockey online. If a coach has done their renewal on line for Level 3 certification, the certificate that they receive can be used as proof of completion until they have received their updated sticker for their coaching card. Each association should ensure that they have a Level 4 coach on hand as a back-up coach. It needs to be a priority for each association to communicate to their coaches to register for their levels that have expired in a timely fashion to avoid future problems. Rick Ellison (SJR) announced that this year they will not be allowing any “walk-ups” to register on site for their clinics. Everyone has plenty of time to pre-register and by doing so this should take care of the problem of not receiving your coaching cards. On the last weekend in September there will be a Level 1 and 2 coaching clinic being held at Olympic View arena. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) responded to the question regarding locations of these clinics and how they are chosen we try to spread out the clinic locations so travel doesn't become an issue. Typically they like to have between twenty to thirty registrants for a clinic. It is really up to each association to ensure that all their coaches are properly certified with USA Hockey.

B. Supervisor-of-Officials – Jason Michelbook

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) indicated that at the January 5, 2008 meeting the PNAHA Board voted to make it a policy limiting the use of youth players for adult hockey games to only players eighteen years old or older. Jason previously stated at that meeting that it is the recommendation at the National level from USA Hockey that youth players not officiate adult hockey games as well to protect young officials. The intent was for this policy to be incorporated into the PNAHA Rules and Regulations, but the Bylaws required 60 days notice of intent. This Board was notified of that intent and provided the exact wording at the January 5, 2008 meeting. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) stated that this rule would be listed in the PNAHA Rules and Regulations under Article VIII. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked for a motion. Motion to *[move the policy for Minors Officiating Adult games to be moved to the PNAHA Rules and Regulations under Article VIII as the policy was approved at the January 5, 2008 PNAHA meeting]*, by Doug MacLean (WCHA). The motion was seconded by Stephanie Ebenstiner (PSAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.
- Steve Stevens (Pacific District Referee-in-Chief) announced where the main clinics are being held this summer. The weekend of August 24, 2008, Tri-Cities will be hosting referee clinics for Level 1 through Level 3 as well as Level 4. Tony Milles (PNAHA Supervisor-of-Officials West Side) will have their schedules on the referee website as well as PNAHA's. Jason Michelbook (PNAHA Supervisor-of-officials East Side) is working on arranging a female clinic. Dru

Hammond (PNAHA President) reminded everyone that the Officials Incident Report form has been updated with Jason Michelbook's information and is out on the PNAHA website. Please make sure your local officials are utilizing the updated form. She indicated she will email the updated form to all associations so that they will have them on hand.

C. Registrar/Risk Manager-Ed Imes

- On-Line Registration: The PNAHA affiliate is already ahead in registrations based on where we were at the end of last season. Most are for adult registrations. Please remind your registrars to attend the September meeting. The official credentialing process will be reviewed at this time as well as basic registration functions and expectations. All the documentation that is required for credentials should already be in the team notebooks that they keep with them at all times.
- Ed Imes (Pacific District Registrar/Risk Manager) asked for everyone to watch the tournament schedules this season. There are usually 50 approved PNAHA tournaments and some have turned out to be a conflict with the State tournament schedules. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) thanked the North Puget Sound League for working with PNAHA on their schedule during our State Tournaments.
- This year everyone is expected to be using the online registration system. It is so simple; PNAHA and Pacific District player fees will be collected as well during online registration by USA Hockey so PNAHA billings for player fees will be minimized. Hopefully, PNAHA will not have to do any billing next season. USA Hockey has had glitches for the first time with the online registration. Apparently 340 people in our state registered and only the District fees were collected. USA Hockey contacted the PNAHA President immediately to notify her of the error and to advise that USA Hockey had already determined how they would rectify the error. USA Hockey will reimburse PNAHA for the player fees which total approximately \$3,000.00 that was not collected online. USA Hockey will be covering these fees and will not be contacting the individuals that underpaid their registration. Although PNAHA was disappointed that there was an error in the process, PNAHA is thrilled that the error was fixed within hours of the discovery and a solution to the problem was promptly implemented. It was once again stressed that everybody is to be registering online. If you have individuals that don't have credit cards, they can use their debit card, purchase a gift card in the form of Visa or a MasterCard. Other solutions to this problem has resulted in participants having a friend register for them or have the local association utilize their organization's credit card to process the registration. This goes for team coaches, assistant coaches and their team managers as well. Some associations will reimburse their coaching staff or the individual teams reimburse the coaches and managers. Ed Imes (Pacific District Registrar/Risk Manager) also stressed to make sure that the "**Head Coach**" is designated on the team roster since this is a requirement by USA Hockey this season.

D. League Commissioner - Glen Triner

- **2007-2008 League Results:** Glen Triner (PNAHA League Commissioner) thanked everyone for working together this last season on re-scheduling games due to all the extreme weather we had. This year's Squirt Festival was the best that I know of. The shoot-outs were incredible. Final League results were provided and league champions in each division recognized as follows:
 - Tier II – Midget=Seattle Jr. Admirals; Bantam=Wenatchee Blades; Pee Wee=Tri-Cities Jr. Americans
 - B Division – Midget=Spokane Jr. Chiefs (Baker); Pee Wee=Seattle Jr. Admirals
 - Squirt Division – Seattle Jr. Admirals
- **League Banner Distribution:** The association representative can pick up their banner after the meeting or during the next break. For the Squirt Division the banners have already been distributed. Glen Triner (PNAHA League Commissioner) reviewed how participation in the League comes first; associations need to stress that to each team. Many people have voiced their concerns about teams not playing during the tiering weekends and showing up at the State Tournament. Discussion followed on how to schedule teams together to cut travel costs and getting in the required game counts needed in League. The League Re-Structure Committee needs to meet to address these concerns that are voiced each year. Motion *[that the League Restructuring Committee design three reformatted league options by July 21, 2008 and forward to each affiliate association for review for the 2008-2009 League. A conference call to select a new*

format by PNAHA Directors scheduled for July 30, 2008. The resulting decision would be the 2008-2009 PNAHA League format to which all PNAHA affiliate associations would be required to adhere to]. Motion made by Rick Ellison (SJR), seconded by Matt Lundy (Sno-King). No discussion. Motion passed. Concerns were voiced on results of the poll and how they are the deciding factor on whether or not your teams is going to play in the League and are we doing the tiering tournaments in September. Glen Triner (PNAHA League Commissioner) provided everyone with a copy of the PNAHA 08-09 League Scheduling Options Report to review and take back to their associations to discuss.

- **Preliminary Count of Teams for 2008-2009:** A preliminary count was taken of teams committing to participation in the PNAHA League. Tier I commitments were; Pee Wee=1, Bantam=2, Midget U16=3. At Tier II the commitments were; at Pee Wee=10, Bantam=11, Midget U16=1, Midget U18=8. At the B level; Pee Wee=3, Bantam=3, Midget U18=5. In the Squirt Division there are 11 teams committed. The final declaration of teams will be at the September Fall meeting.

E. Women's Hockey – Shirley Williamson

- At the District Select Camp three local girls were chosen to participate at the National camp. Two were from Seattle Junior and one from Kent.
- The Girls/Women Section expended efforts to attain Council status at the 2008 USA Hockey Annual Congress. There were also efforts expended to move the Women under the Adult Section. These two moves were discussed during most meetings at the Annual Congress. It was voiced that most were not in favor of approving a move to Council status and questions were raised as to why they would want their own Council. When questioned during the President's meeting the Girls/Women representative indicated that they have always received a quick response to their needs by the Youth Council and have received any thing they have asked for in the past. Efforts to attain Council status failed. Potential move of the Women to the Adult Section will be discussed at the Mid-Annual meeting in Florida in January.

F. Adult Hockey – Andy Cole

- The Adult Director was not able to be present for this meeting and did not provide a report.

G. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- **Discipline:** PNAHA had some disciplinary issues at the end of the season. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) touched base about bullying, sexual harassment and abuse of Supervisor-of-Officials situations. All associations need to talk to your coaches, parents and players about these issues; they are not to be taken lightly when reported. When a case of the abuse of officials is reported a lengthy process begins. An effort to bring a reasonably unbiased committee together for the hearing is time consuming to say the least. The penalty for this infraction can result in a one year suspension and one year probation. If any association would like to have Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) deliver a presentation to your organization on these issues he would be glad to do so.
- The follow-up regarding an incident at Puget Sound arena is now complete. It took almost one year to wrap it up. Everyone needs to review the USA Hockey rules on video recording in lockers rooms. Note that cell phone cameras or any type of electronic equipment capable of recording are considered video equipment.

H. 2nd Vice President – Mark Preston

- Mark Preston was not present for the meeting.

I. President – Dru Hammond

- **USA Hockey Annual Congress Report:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Frank Lang (past Pacific District Director) received the twenty five year service award and was granted Director Emeritus status by USA Hockey. Gus Haugen also receiving the same award. Both gentlemen have served in a variety of roles within Pacific District and it is an honor to have both of these individuals recognized in this capacity for their untiring volunteerism.
- Dr. Michael J. Stuart, USA Hockey Chief Medical Officer, provided an excellent presentation on neck guards. The recent NHL injury of a neck laceration generated renewed interest in neck guards. Committee findings have demonstrated that the neck guards on the market can actually contribute to a more serious injury. Investigations into reported neck lacerations demonstrated that sutures were typically not necessary and a band aid was all that was necessary to dress the

wound. It appeared that the more serious wounds that did require sutures occurred due to modifications to the neck guard by the user or occurred when the skate or stick became tangled in some manner. When asked if the committee could recommend a specific brand of neck guard the answer was no. Dr. Stuart and his committee have determined that an effective neck guard would necessitate something that was a one piece garment that would fit snugly over the head/shoulders and torso. There currently is nothing on the market with a design of that nature. There will be more on this subject as further studies are being completed. Dr. Michael Stuart's presentations can be downloaded from the USA Hockey website. To view the presentations go to the USA Hockey website and click on About USA Hockey/Annual Congress/Health and Safety.

- In the Youth Council, Dr. Alan Ashare discussed traumatic brain injury (TBI). There is more information available on the Center of Disease Control (CDC) website on this topic as presented. You can download a Concussion Toolkit at www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/. The presentation focused on how often coaches, parents and players fail to recognize the symptoms of a concussion. Furthermore, it was stressed that administrators should error on the side of caution when allowing players suspected of sustaining a concussion from returning to play too soon. An example was shared of a father that pressured administrators to allow his son to return to play despite professional direction for him not to. The father only focused on the fact that the particular event would have professional scouts in attendance and failed to listen to what the professionals were trying to tell him regarding the potential consequences to his son. Fortunately the event administrators adhered to the direction provided by the health professionals and would not allow him to sign a waiver dismissing liability to those operating the event. This example just demonstrates how diligent we must be when dealing with misguided parents. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) spoke about how they go over head injuries, symptoms and how to be proactive on the healing process. Too many parents are anxious to get their skaters back on the ice without doing the complete treatment, which can lead to further injuries. Our coaches need to watch for these type of situations more carefully.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) said that they talked about Girls/Women hockey having their own Council. They were asked if there was anything that they need or don't have and there wasn't. Since their needs were being met the vote went to "no".
- Dave Klasnick and a Youth Council committee are working on developing a definition of Tier I hockey. A confidential draft was presented at the USA Annual Congress. The draft was received well. Work will progress with a target of the Mid-Annual for presenting a final product for everyone to review. Once work is completed on defining the parameters for Tier I teams the committee will move forward on a final definition of Tier II. There was discussion on limiting last year Bantams and first year Midget players' ability to participate at the Junior levels.
- Good discussion on how USA Hockey is being used as the primary insurance for many skaters, resulting in an increase in the deductible from \$1,000.00 to \$3,500.00. This is a factor in USA Hockey registration fees increasing after January 2009.
- Donna Kaufman (Pacific District Director) thanked PNAHA who participated as a co-host with the other affiliates within Pacific District for the exhibitors vendors evening during the USA Hockey Annual Congress. Each year on a rotational basis a USA Hockey District will host this event for the Annual Congress. The items donated from the affiliates within Pacific District were a hit with the attendees. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) stated that it was the desire of all the Pacific District affiliates to secure items that would represent their individual affiliates well. PNAHA donated items from Starbucks and Microsoft. A personal thank you was extended to Joe Flanigen for working with Microsoft to obtain those items.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) distributed individual lists of those volunteers that have been screened by Acxiom to each association. She announced that the only affiliate association that has completed the interim Washington State Patrol Background checks is Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association. The screening process is new and she reminded everyone that the Acxiom screen is to be completed once every three years with the Washington State Patrol background check completed in the interim years on a yearly basis. This is to be done on the same personnel that completed the Axiom background checks. Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer/Treas.) went over the online procedure to activate an account to be used, and referred everyone to review the forms that Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) provided at this

meeting. PNAHA has had only two or three applicants that they've had to reject so far based on the results of the background screens. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that Jack Chaney (SJR) has accepted the appointment to serve as the PNAHA Screening Director.

11. Old Business

- **Rule 14:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) to take over as she needed to step out for an private conversation with Rich Stephenson (West Coast). Les Grauer (KVHA) asked what is the evaluation process, what is the definition of a home association and why was KVHA told prior to November 1st that their team wasn't Tier II when the tiering weekend wasn't over? The reason was because according to Rule 14 their team was consider a Tier I team because their team was comprised of 8-10 players that had played out side of their association the previous season. This automatically made this a Tier I team until this team was evaluated against the Rule 14 waiver criteria. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) said that our goal within PNAHA is to improve this process so in September clarification of Rule 14 is set in place. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) assigned Dave Bittenbender as committee chairperson to review the existing Rule 14 and bring back a recommendation from the committee for the PNAHA Board of Directors to review. These modifications should address the concerns as stated during this meeting and those voiced during the January 5, 2008 meeting.
- **Hockey Weekend Across America:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) provided a summary of activities that occurred within the affiliate during "Hockey Weekend Across America" and stated that for those who held activities that the inaugural year of this event went well. She stated that she only received one submittal and it was from Puget Sound Amateur Hockey Association. The association sent in a great notebook with photos capturing activities held during the week and weekend of Hockey Weekend Across America. In addition they provided a great DVD that also captured the activities. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) announced that it looks like Puget Sound Hockey is the contest winner as the only association submitting an entry by the entry deadline of April 15, 2008. The association will receive the set of cross ice bumpers that was voted and approved at the PNAHA January 5, 2008 meeting.
- **USA Hockey 24-Hour Hockey Game:** Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) was able to attend the game for this event that was hosted by Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association on March 1. The game began at 12 noon ET on Friday, February 29, 2008, to help celebrate the International Ice Hockey Federation's 100-year anniversary. The event was a success for all that participated.

12. New Business

A. New Membership – Dave Bittenbender

- George Georgeson (Moses Lake) announced that the Moses Lake Hockey Association is all ready to go this season. He said that their Learn to Play Hockey program is going great and the kids are having a blast learning the sport. They hope to have games schedule with teams from our area for this next season. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) said that PNAHA has received all of the required documentation and information required for membership to be a member of the PNAHA Affiliate. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) asked for a motion, motion [*for this body to accept Moses Lake Hockey Association as a PNAHA member organization*] by Stephanie Ebinsteiner (PSAHA), seconded by Shirley Williamson (WWFHA). Discussion. Les Grauer (KVHA) asked what do you anticipate your numbers to be this year? George Georgeson (Moses Lake) responded that we have 30 hours of ice weekly, we had 49 members last year and we're hoping to double that this season. General discussion on operating practices and ice rates in that area. Motion approved.
- Rich Stephenson (West Coast) asked to defer their application to the January meeting. They have run into difficulties finalizing their ice contract with the Tri-Cities and have not finalized their development program as required to apply for member organization status. Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) noted the request and approved the deferral. She indicated that since this was a deferral they would not need to resubmit the \$250.00 accompanying application fee.
- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President) introduced Kyle Wintermute who is representing the Pierce County Minor Hockey Association who has stated their intent to apply to PNAHA for member organization status. Kyle Wintermute who spoke on behalf of the Pierce County Minor Hockey Association said they will be calling Sprinker Recreational Center in Pierce County their home ice facility. They were members of ISI in the past and are ready to move forward and join USA

Hockey. During the 2008-09 season they will continue to play within house. They will plan in house scrimmages and look forward to the 2009 season when they can expand to interface with other local hockey associations within PNAHA. In order to grow they recognized that they needed to become members of USA Hockey and PNAHA. They are looking forward to being able to participate in games beyond their local association during the 2009-10 season. Kyle Wintermute, (Pierce County Minor Hockey) provided PNAHA with all the necessary documents that are required during the application phase. He requested that PNAHA provide him with an invoice for the membership fee so that they may submit the finished application packet in a timely fashion.

- Dru Hammond (PNAHA President received information from Pam Preisser, manager of Team Washington with the status of their performance at the Chicago Showcase. The Head Coach for Team Washington is Jim McTaggart; the Assistant Coach is John Matterazzo. Chicago was a great experience and all the players really enjoyed the tournament. They beat Kentucky-West 6-2. During their next game with Brandon, Amatto racked up a shut out beating Team Northwest 6-0. The third game against Florida seemed to be a challenge. The team felt this game was a much more physical game then we had seen so far in the tournament. The team played most of the game shorthanded; they tired and lost 3-0. The final game was the best. Both teams played hard and ended up with a 2-2 tie. Most of the kids have already received letters to various try outs based on being visible in Chicago. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA 1st VP) and Katie Kusske (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) both expressed that their skaters attended the Chicago Showcase in previous years and agreed that it is one of the best tournaments that your skaters can participate in to be scouted. It is quite an honor to represent our State at that tournament.

13. PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting

- The date is September 6, 2008 to be held at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel. Members are encouraged to make their room reservations early.

14. Adjournment

- Dave Bittenbender (1st PNAHA VP) motioned [*to adjourn*], seconded by Chris Raub (Everett). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.