

PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting

September 7, 2002

Red Lion Hotel

Wenatchee, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 1:05 p.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 June 15, 2002 minutes. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA) motion [to approve the June 15 minutes], Steve Cole (SNO) second. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond

A. September Treasurer Report

- Balance \$6,064.18. Outstanding income \$2408.00. Outstanding expenses \$643.77. Darrin Wales (WW) motion [to approve the treasurer report], seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion passed.

B. 2002 – 2003 Proposed Budget

- Proposed budget of \$24,750.00. Dru recommended that we maintain player fees at \$8.00 and hold off considering an increase to \$10.00 for this season. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA) motion [to approve the 2002-2003 proposed budget], seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Discussion. Motion passed.

5. Special Guests

- Special guests Casey Jorgensen, PNAHA legal representation and Dan Rogness, USA Hockey District Registrar were introduced by Donna Kaufman.
- Dan did a recap of District Tournament bids and dates. March 6 – 10, 2003: Girls/Women to be held in Portland, OR. Pee Wee Tier I and Tier II to be held in Anaheim, CA. March 14-17, 2003: Midget Tier I (both age divisions), Fairbanks, AK. Midget Tier II, San Jose, CA. Bantam Tier I and Tier II, Anchorage, AK. Dan urged associations to bid for these tournaments and emphasized that their bids need to be turned in on time. They are due January 1, 2003. Forward your bids to Donna. He also indicated that Turi Daniels from California was in the process of developing a booklet on tournament requirements. This booklet will be available on the USA Hockey website.

6. Officer's Reports

A. Coaching Director – Rob Kaufman

• Player Development

- This is the first season of enactment of the Squirt proposal that was put in place at the June 2002 PNAHA Spring/Summer meeting in Wenatchee. In the future it is recommended that proposals of this nature not be implemented until the following season to provide more time for communicating the change to members within the PNAHA. Eight associations have placed teams within the Squirt league that will operate under the new guidelines. These associations are: Kent (1), MAV (1), PSR (1), SJR (3), SNO (3), TRI (2), WEN (1) POR (1). Eugene (1) will also be placing one team within the league as an exhibition team. PNAHA will be monitoring this division closely. All associations are reminded that these teams will have at a minimum a 1:1 game/practice ratio, with hopes that this ratio will transition into 1:2. Each association is encouraged to continue to work on educating their parents as to why PNAHA has embraced this program. Questions should be directed to Rob. Steve Cole (SNO) thanked Donna Kaufman (PNAHA President) for attending the Sno-King Board of Directors meeting to answer questions on this newly implemented program. They took a lot of heat at that meeting. Steve stated that they ultimately lost a few players but the overall numbers are down due to economics and not due to the adoption of the squirt program changes. They have three teams that will be comprised of equal talent. They intend to stick to their commitment and hope to see this program succeed. The coaching committee anticipates development of a survey that will be distributed to associations at the end of the season to determine the effectiveness of the program and identify areas of improvement.

- Discussion on the success of cross-ice programs for mites. A lot of positive feedback has come from utilization of cross-ice programs. The smaller space increases the skill development of mite players. You can also utilize student coaches to augment your program. All associations encouraged to consider implementing cross-ice programs for their mite players.
- Rob Kaufman is the PNAHA Association Coaching Education (ACE) Coordinator. Rob will be contacting each association to obtain the identification of their ACE Coordinator. Note that the ACE Coordinator will get direct mail from USA Hockey. When identifying your ACE Coordinator you should try to get this individual to commit to this position for more than one year. This individual should also be someone other than your Coaching Coordinator.
- Upcoming coaching clinics include:
 - Tacoma (September 27/28, 2002) Initiation Program (IP) and Associate Level. Puget Sound in Tacoma (September 29, 2002) Advance Level.
 - Tri-Cities (October 11/12, 2002) Initiation Program (IP) and Associate Level. Tri-Cities (October 13 2002) Advance Level.
- Coaches reminded that they must achieve re-certification every three (3) years based on the date they took their last clinic. It is felt that it is possible that we could get an Advanced Clinic here in Washington if we could guarantee a commitment of 50 attendees.
- **Evaluation/Development and Select Camps – Set Dates – Location**
 - The weekend of March 21-22, 2003 has been set to hold the PNAHA State Development Camp. Mavericks, Sno-King and Tri-Cities have expressed a desire to hold this event on that weekend.

B. Supervisor of Officials – Steve Stevens

- Donna Kaufman gave a brief report for Steve in his absence. A copy of the web page section on Officials was distributed containing upcoming seminar information.

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

- To date the following associations have registered teams: TAC, NWA, SJR, SNO, DI, SPO, Kent, TRI, PSR and MAV. All other associations have not registered teams and have no insurance as of September 1, 2002.
- Ed emphasized that USA Hockey Insurance does not cover teams traveling to Canada during the summer, like the All Stars. Dave Bittenbender shared that they usually pick up separate coverage for these teams. Inexpensive coverage not exceeding \$12.00 per player is typically picked up to insure these summer team players.
- Ed distributed a packet with copies of (1) the form developed by Turi Daniels from California for parents to sign during the summer explaining that USA Hockey insurance coverage is not active in the summer in Canada; (2) Revised USA Hockey Written Transfer form; (3) sample of listed items to be included in credential packet (note that other items might also be required); (4) Credentials Verification Sheet; (5) Olympic Hockey Observation Project Study; (6) USA Hockey Insurance. Copies of 1, 2,3 and 6 will accompany these minutes.
- If you have non-U.S. citizen players the USA Hockey Written Transfer form must be completed. These forms must be submitted as part of the Credential packet for Tier I and Tier II teams. **NOTE THAT THE FORM SENT WITH THE JUNE PNAHA MINUTES HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE SAMPLE INCLUDED WITH THESE MINUTES.** Coaches are reminded that they must sign the score sheet and include their information as to “coaching level” and the date “coaching level achieved”, as well as the coaching card number. Score sheets without this information will not count towards the 20/10 requirements.
- Team managers are required for every Tier I and Tier II team.
- Annual Guidebooks and Insurance Guidebooks will be out in 2-3 weeks.
- Ed briefly discussed registration of tournaments. He mentioned that he had not received registration for the Portland American Classic to date.

D. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond

- Dru indicated that she had distributed draft copies of the 2002-03 League Schedule. These schedules are not to be distributed because a number of changes could occur by September 15. Based upon changes received in September it is her intent to distribute a revised draft within three days. She will not post anything on the PNAHA website until she has a final schedule. This will prevent any release of inaccurate information and eliminate confusion.
- Everyone was reminded to go back to his or her association and inquire if the team coaches wished to play the exhibition schedule as listed on the draft schedule. All associations were directed to respond in writing via fax or email if they wished to play the schedule. Representatives were reminded to emphasize to their coaches that if they choose to play the exhibition schedule that these games will have applicable fines attached should they cancel the games after the official league schedule is released.
- Host hotel and coaching contact information is still due from some associations. In order to get the information distributed in a timely fashion this information must be to Dru by September 15.
- Dru shared information on a new tool provided by the company Sportability. This web based program has features that would interest and assist both the league and house teams. If you wish to go out and look at this site you can go to sportability.com.

E. PNAHA Female Director – Anne Andresen

- Anne was unable to attend this meeting but provided a report that Donna Kaufman presented for her. Robin Willins has a intern to assist her in sports related fields. Diane Craig is working to put together a Women's League of senior females for beginner and intermediate teams. Debbie Werremeyer directed a number of questions to the PNAHA Board regarding female hockey. Donna indicated that tournament fees are \$750.00. If the women's league intends to have a state tournament that is not national bound, they have until December 31 to notify of their intent. Ed Imes shared that there is a "B" and "C" division for women at Nationals.

F. 1st Vice President – Dave Bittenbender

- Dave distributed copies of the revised Membership section of the PNAHA Rules and Regulations, Article V that included the PNAHA Membership Application Procedure and Membership Application. Dave noted that the \$250.00 Membership Application Fee had been added to the Membership section. Dave reviewed and explained each section of the Membership Rules and Regulations. Motion by Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA VP) [*to accept Membership proposal as revised*], seconded by Steve Cole (SNO). Discussion. Motion passed - unanimous. Roll call requested. DI=yes, INL=yes, MTV=yes, MAV=yes, PSR=yes, SJR=yes, SNO=yes, SPO=yes, TAC=yes, TRI=yes, WW=yes, WEN=yes, WWFHA=yes, YAK=yes, Dave Bittenbender=yes, Kevin Schroeder=yes, Dru Hammond=yes. Representatives from Whatcom and NWA not in attendance. Motion [*to accept Membership Application Procedure*] by Glen Triner (TRI), seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Discussion. Motion passed - unanimous.
- Dave stated that it is his hope that offences are few this season. He reminded everyone to be sure to send their reports to his new fax number @ (206) 523-9068.

G. 2nd Vice President – Kevin Schroeder

- Kevin emphasized the importance of written releases as well as timeliness. He stressed that it is important to try to achieve the 24-hour turn around. Donna stated that those requesting releases recognize that if you request a release on a Friday night or at the beginning of a holiday break that patience be exercised regarding the 24-hour turn around. We all need to recognize that holidays and vacations can interfere with acquiring the information necessary to provide a release.
- Kevin extended a thank you to Dru Hammond for providing the PNAHA Web Class.

H. PNAHA President – Donna Kaufman

- Donna reminded everyone of the importance for membership representation at these meetings.
- Donna indicated that she needs to represent us at the upcoming District meeting. She is assigned to find out if we desire to have one team represent us at District Tournaments or up to three. This could be top two teams and host when applicable. She explained that multiple team attendance is not always

an issue. Steve Cole (SNO) motion *[to send up to two (2) teams at the Tier I and Tier II levels]*, seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Discussion. Motion passed. ((3) opposed (2) abstain).

- Donna shared that only one association has provided her with a list of their Board of Directors meetings. She is going to Chicago in two weeks for the USA Adult Education Program. She needs these dates to schedule presentations on information supplied by USA Hockey at each association.

7. Tournaments

- Tri-Cities (PW, B & M), Inland (PW), Spokane (B, M), and Mavericks (PW, B, M) each bid on hosting the Tier II tournaments. Each association was given the opportunity to expand on their bid. During the discussion Inland who initially bid for the Pee Wee division only, indicated their desire to work with Spokane to host all three divisions. Dru Hammond motion *[to award Tri-Cities the Tier II tournaments]*, seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Motion passed. ((4) abstention)
- Spokane (PW, B, M), Inland (PW), Tri-Cities (PW, B, M) each bid on hosting the “B” tournaments. Spokane. Mark Preston motion *[to award Spokane the “B” tournament]*, seconded by Darin Wales (WW). Motion passed. ((3) abstention)
- Tri-Cities and Mavericks each bid on hosting the squirt festival. Discussion. Steve Cole (SNO) motion – *[to award Mavericks the squirt festival]*, seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed. ((3) abstention).
- Tri-Cities bid on hosting the Tier I Bantams. Three teams participating at Tier I level are Tri-Cities, Sno-King, and Seattle Junior. Kevin Schroeder motion *[to award Tri-Cities Bantam Tier I tournament]*, seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Motion passed. ((2) abstention)
- Three teams will be participating at the Pee Wee Tier I level. They are Seattle Junior, Sno-King and Desert Ice. Steve Cole (SNO) motion *[Sno-King to host Pee Wee Tier I]*, seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). This issue will be addressed further at the January meeting if a tournament is needed.
- Tournaments to be held on the following dates:
 - “B” February 28 – March 2
 - Tier I Bantams February 28
 - Tier I Pee Wee February (TBD)
 - Tier II February 21-23, 2003
 - Squirt Festival February 28 – March 2

8. New Business

- Cathy Greenwell indicated that she will be preparing a proposal to add to the PNAHA By-Laws clarification to state that PNAHA player fees be paid on an annual basis. She will submit this proposal with sixty days advanced notice of the January PNAHA meeting. She also stated concerns that Spokane had been charged for 254 previously registered players on invoice number 61. These were players that participated in their summer program. Steve Cole stated that he felt Spokane should pay for these players since everyone else within PNAHA had paid their invoices. Steve asked Ed Imes if in the future previously registered players could be broken out of the reports he receives from USA Hockey. Ed indicated that this could be done. Corey Condron (SPO) motioned *[that the accounts receivable bill for previously registered players in Spokane be reversed if verified documentation could be produced to prove that the 254 players were indeed previously registered, and had paid the \$8.00 PNAHA player fees during the 2002-02 season with documentation to Ed by September 30, 2002]*, seconded by Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA VP). Discussion. Cora Hudson-Friedrich (TAC) called for the question. Motion passed. ((1) opposed, (2) abstention). Steve Cole (SNO) motion *[that \$8.00 PNAHA player fee be refunded to all associations that can provide verified documentation by September 30 that said players were previously registered, and had paid the \$8.00 PNAHA player fee during the 2002-03 season with documentation to Ed by September 30, 2002]*, seconded by Glen Triner (TRI). Discussion. Ed Imes stated that each association needs to submit the registration submittal with their request. Motion passed.
- Donna stated that the Chicago Showcase tryouts would be held December 21/22, 2002 in Seattle. Information regarding the tryouts were distributed and can also be found on the PNAHA website. She indicated that the league schedule was developed to insure that eligible players would be available to

participate in the tryouts. She also stated that Junior games had been scheduled around those dates as well, ensuring that the junior players could participate in the tryouts this season.

9. Old Business

- Steve Cole introduced a proposal developed by Matt Blondin regarding voting rights for PNAHA associations. This proposal is a revision of the previous proposal submitted at the June meeting. Steve Cole (SNO) motioned *[to accept the voting rights proposal as submitted by Matt Blondin]*, seconded by Jack Chaney (SJR). Vigorous discussion. Dave Bittenbender (PNAHA VP) motion *[to table motion]*, seconded by Cora Hudson-Friedrich (TAC). Motion passed. ((2 opposed, (1) abstention)

10. Winter Meeting

- The Winter meeting will be held on January 11 in Wenatchee at the Red Lion. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

- Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA VP) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dru Hammond (PNAHA Sec/Tre). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.