

**PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting**  
September 8, 2001  
Hal Homes Community Center  
Ellensburg, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President, Donna Kaufman at 1:14 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 16, 2001 minutes. Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA) motion to approve, Jon Danks (PNAHA) second. Motion passed.

**4. Treasurer Report – Dru Hammond**

**A. September Treasurer Report**

- Balance \$4,162.77. Outstanding income \$333.40. Outstanding expenses \$\$5,972.80. Motion to approve, Jon Danks (PNAHA), seconded by Mark Hinchee (TRI). Motion passed.

**B. Player Fee Increase**

- Proposal to increase player fees from the existing \$6.00 to \$8.00. Dru Hammond (PNAHA) presented the history since the rollback in 1994 and indicated that to continue the programs that exist we will need to increase these fees to a minimum of \$8.00. Motion to *[raise player fees to \$8.00]* by Kevin Schroeder, seconded by Cathy Greenwell. Discussion if this was enough. Should we consider raising to \$10.00. It was determined that we should see how this increase impacts us this year and revisit player fees if the need exists next year. It was also felt that we should be billing for players that are added later in the year. Motion passed.

**C. 2000 – 2001 Proposed Budget**

- Proposed budget of \$23,750.00. Amended to eliminate \$500.00 for the Initiation Program, rename "Development - Select Camp to "Pacific District Select Camp Fee" and reduce Pacific District Select Camp Fee from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00. Rename 501 © 3 Expenses to Legal and Professional. Amended budget \$25,250.00. Motion to approve, Kevin Schroeder (PNAHA), seconded by Cathy Greenwell (SPO). Discussion and examination per line item. Motion passed.

**5. Special Guests**

- . Special guest Bruce Urban, USA Hockey Pacific District Director introduced by Donna Kaufman.

*Due to the need for some PNAHA Board members and other Directors to leave early, the agenda order was moved around to accommodate those schedules. Mountain View and Walla Walla did not have representation at this meeting. Tacoma had representation at the morning committee meeting, however, their representation was not present for all of the PNAHA meeting portion.*

**6. New Business**

**A. Highland Sports Center**

- Members representing the Highland Sports Center were present requesting membership to start an Initiation/Beginner Program, as well as a Women's/Adult house beginner program. Discussion. Since their request was less than the 3 week notice that is required, Donna indicated she would allow time for the representatives to take this issue back to their respective associations. She would conduct a telephone poll at a later date. Note: Prior to the minutes being released the application for membership was pulled by Highland Sports Center.

**7. Officer's Reports**

**A. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Jon Danks**

- Jon stated that it was time to clarify the purpose of player releases. The primary function of obtaining releases is to ensure that all financial obligations to the releasing association have been met. Player releases are unconditional and therefor, if the player is in good standing the release is to be provided to the player's family. This also applies to Junior programs. Releases are to be provided within 24 hours of the request. If that is not happening the player's family or association requesting the release should

contact a member of the PNAHA Executive Board of Directors. **[Action]** Donna will contact the Junior Council to ensure that the Nor-Pac league honors Pacific District's release process.

- Standards are important when hosting tournaments. It was requested that the number of facilities involved be limited to two. Clarification was requested that for rinks such as Tri-Cities that have rinks adjacent to each other be considered one facility. The Tri-Cities rinks (Coliseum Rink A & B) would be considered one facility.

Trophies for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams should be provided. This includes the team trophy and individual trophies. At a minimum team trophies should be provided for the teams and individual trophies for the first place team members.

Tier I and Tier II teams should have a minimum of two ice cuts. One cut shall be at the start of the game and one between second/third periods.

Game times for Midget shall be 17 minute periods and Bantam shall be 16 minute periods. **[Action]** Kevin Schroeder will develop and distribute a standardization list for State Tournaments.

- During the June meeting Jon discussed his belief that he felt only one team should advance to District. An exception would be if you are the host. He felt that it was not necessary to attend another invitational tournament. His concern is that this takes away from the State winners and exposes families to additional costs. Frank Lang provided a brief history at the June meeting explaining why multiple teams advance. At that time he tabled discussion so members could take this issue back to their respective associations for discussion and come prepared to vote on this issue. Jon *motioned [that Tier I/Tier II PNAHA teams be represented by one team only at the District level]*, seconded by Mark Hinchee (TRI). Discussion. Friendly amendment presented by Steve Cole (SNO) *[that Tier I teams advance one team to district and Tier II teams advance up to 2 teams]*. Friendly amendment accepted. Motion passed. (1 opposed, 1 abstention)
- Brian Burkhalter completed the second draft of the PNAHA Discipline Standardization proposal. Jon provided a background on why efforts were made to develop this proposal as well as why we adopted the BC suspension rules. Donna indicated that as of last year that when we play in Canada we play by Canadian rules and when in the U.S. we play by our USA Hockey rules. There was further discussion on a variety of infractions. It was noted that each association has the option to apply USA Hockey Rule 410 "Supplementary Discipline", page 56 of the 1999-2001 Official Rules of Ice Hockey book, when they feel an infraction deems additional discipline. Adoption of this proposal failed due to lack of a motion.

## 7. New Business

### B. Evergreen Teams

- During the June 16, 2001 meeting request for membership failed due to lack of a motion. Donna indicated that she had received 30 email messages regarding this team since that meeting. Donna has discussed this issue with Legal Counsel requesting their interpretation of our Constitution. History does demonstrate that we vote in membership.

Evergreen has requested to register as an independent team. This would be a group of "1989" birth year players. Previous concerns regarding this team included financial (player and team) as well as player development issues. Sno-King indicated that members of this team were now in good standing with their organization and Ed Imes (District Registrar) said he had received a check. Jerry Sherman indicated that he would take responsibility for any future team debts.

After further discussion it was felt that we should entertain allowing Evergreen to operate as an independent team this year. Most of those in attendance agreed that a one year probation period was reasonable and made sense. At a minimum this appears to be a good intermediate step until PNAHA develops and defines clear membership qualifications. **[Action]** Donna is to secure a letter from Evergreen to agree to comply with these conditions and to operate under PNAHA rules. Gord

Whitaker (SJR) motioned to *[allow Evergreen to operate as an independent team for the 2001-2002 season based upon the conditions stated and completion of the letter agreeing to those conditions]*, seconded by Mark Preston (WEN). Further discussion. Jon Danks called for the question. Motion passed. (1 abstention (SNO)) Ed Imes indicated that Bruce needs to submit a check in the amount of \$20.00 to him for the Team Registration Form.

## 8. Tournaments

- Maverick's bid for Tier II - all four divisions. Tri-Cities bid for "B" and Tier II - all four divisions with "B" to be held over President's Weekend. Inland Empire bid for Squirt Tier II and "B" as well as Pee Wee Tier II. Motion by Jon Danks *[to accommodate all three bids]*, seconded by Mark Preston. Discussion held on what weekends would work best for holding these tournaments. Additional discussion regarding availability of qualified officials if these tournaments are held on the same weekend or spread out over too many venues. Following discussion the motion withdrawn by Jon Danks.

Motion by Jon Danks *[to award the "B" State Tournament to Tri-Cities, February 15 - 18]*, seconded by Mark Preston. Discussion. Mark Hinchee, the Tri-Cities representative, indicated that the Tri-Cities preference would be to host the Tier II event since they hosted the "B" State Tournament last year. He indicated that the Tri-Cities did not wish to become the "B" tournament official site, that Tri-Cities would like the opportunity to host the Tier II in the future. Motion passed.

Motion by Jon Danks *[to award Tier II and Squirt A to the Mavericks February 28, March 1-3]*, seconded by Rob Robb (INL). Motion passed. (Tri-no)

## 9. Special Guest

- Bruce Urban discussed the age changes that will impact all associations during the 2002-03 season. By changing the cut-off date to December 31 this division will have players participating with a 3 1/2 year age span. A lot of discussion has been generated due to the safety concern of 14-year-old players playing against 18 year olds. The possibility exists that USA Hockey organizations could lose a lot of players. Some discussions center on splitting the division in two. Perhaps creating a Juvenile division or 14/15 minor and 16/17 major division for that group. If you have any suggestions you are encouraged to contact Bruce. Bruce did request that PNAHA nominate one individual to serve on the committee dealing with this issue. He needs to receive this name by the middle of September. **[Action]** Donna, identify an individual to serve on this committee.
- The Player Development Camp will only include 14-17 year olds this year. It is not in our best interest to expand this camp to include 13 year olds this year. It is suggested, however, that the affiliates do this. The camp will be in Vancouver April 26-28. A Player Development brochure is being developed at the District/National level. The draft should be available at the October meeting and distribution is targeted for December.
- The subject of lack of utilization of Canadian coaches was discussed. Bruce explained that the Festival teams are an extension of our National teams. Our National team process is reserved for American born coaches. It is allowed for Canadian coaches to serve as assistant coaches, team leaders and /or other positions of assistance to the team.

## 8. Officer's Reports

### B. Player Development – Rob Kaufman

- It was suggested that associations divide the responsibilities of the ACE Coordinator and the Coaching Director. These need to be two separate positions. Rob requested that all candidate names, phone and addresses be forwarded to him.
- Wenatchee and Tri-Cities are both interested in hosting the State Select 14, 15, 16 camps. Both organizations need to submit a bid to Rob.
- Emphasis was once again stated for the mites and squirts to remain at 2:1.
- Initiation Program is now the entry level of the coaching progression. A combination Initiation/Associate class will be taught on Saturday followed by the Intermediate class on Sunday. Should a coach need to take the full IP class, it can be arranged by contacting Chuck Easton (425) 357-1303. If you need to take one of these classes the schedule can be found on the Pacific

District Coaching web site. Clinics are scheduled at Sno-King in October, Tri-Cities the end of October, and in Tacoma for the last week in December. [Action] Rob will send a copy of the schedule to Dru. This list will supercede what is now published on the web.

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

- Steve Stevens was unable to attend the meeting but provided Dru with an email that he requested that she read in his absence. It is attached to these minutes.

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

- Ed thanked all the registrars for attending the committee meeting earlier in the day. The meeting was productive and should assist associations in registering players.
- A USA Hockey Written Transfer form was distributed to everyone in attendance at the meeting. This transfer form is to be utilized for all European and Canadian minor aged players playing hockey on Youth and Girls classification teams. A copy of this transfer form is attached to these minutes. If you have players with dual citizenship the form will still need to be completed. This will have to be done every year.
- Tournament applications need to be submitted for all tournaments. Please read your USA Hockey Annual Guide for requirements for holding tournaments. Failure to submit a tournament leaves your association open to possible suspension. Ed has received tournament applications from Sno-King, Seattle Junior and Spokane to hold tournaments over President's weekend. State "B" will be held that same weekend.

**E. League Commissioner – Dru Hammond**

- During committee, representatives discussed at length teams participating in the PNAHA league at the Tier I/II level and then desiring to play in the State tournament at a lower level. Examples included: s Tier II league teams dropping down to compete for the "B" State title, or a PNAHA Tier I team (we do not have Tier I league at this point in time) dropping down to compete for the State Tier II title. Members were in agreement that they do not wish to allow this, and indicated that they wanted to bring a motion to the floor making this a written policy. Mark Hinchee motioned that *[teams participating at a Tier I/II level in the PNAHA league must participate at the same level when competing for a State title]*, seconded by Mark Preston. Motion passed. (1 opposed, Sno-King)
- The Sno-King Squirt "B" team is currently playing in the PNAHA Squirt Tier II division. Steve Cole indicated that their number one squirt team is playing in the Pacific Coast league. It was their intention to enter that team in the PNAHA Squirt Tier II State tournament and play their "B" squirt team (the team playing in the Tier II PNAHA league) in the PNAHA "B" State tournament as well as an "All Star" team. The new motion prevents the "B" team from playing at a lower level during the PNAHA State tournament. This rule was put in place after Sno-King committed this team to play at the Tier II league level. Since it is too late to add a team to any league division a motion was made by Mark Hinchee to *[allow Sno-King to add a team to the squirt B league]*, seconded by Mark Preston. Discussion. All in agreement that since PNAHA had changed policies after the league deadline of August 31 for adding teams, that this would be a fair option for Sno-King to exercise. Motion passed unopposed.
- PNAHA policy allows for each association to enter one team at each level to compete in the PNAHA State Tier II and "B" tournaments. An exception has been made in the past to accommodate associations with two teams registered from the beginning of the year in league. Due to the potential changes in the status of the Sno-King "B" team that is currently participating in the Tier II league it was decided that an exception for two teams should be considered to accommodate Sno-King this year only. Gord Whitaker (SJR) motioned that *[two slots in the Squirt "B" tournament be opened up this year only for the Sno-King teams, should the team playing in the PNAHA Tier II league decide to move to the "B" league]*, seconded by Mark Preston. Discussion. Motion passed. (1 abstention (SNO))

Steve Cole representing Sno-King indicated that he would take these options back to the Sno-King board. He believes that Sno-King will most likely decide to play their Pacific Coast league team in the Tier II PNAHA State tournament and the All Star team in the "B" PNAHA State tournament. He also feels that their squirt "B" team will continue to play in the Tier II PNAHA league. An option is for

that team to play in another tournament the weekend that PNAHA State is being held. He will get back to Dru this week to provide her with the final status on these issues.

- Earlier this year it was determined that the PNAHA league would allow for teams to withdraw from the league if there were not sufficient numbers to create a team by October 1. The league schedules have been reworked a number of times since the August 31 deadline to commit teams. Dru asked if any associations were aware of teams they might have to pull due to these conditions. Tri-Cities and Spokane both indicated that they might have to pull their Midget B teams. Inland Empire stated they might have to pull their Bantam B team and Tacoma had already mentioned during the committee meetings that they might not field a Bantam Tier II team. Sno-King might pull their Squirt Tier II due to decisions that came out of the meeting today.

**F. Women's Hockey**

- No report.

**G. Adult Hockey**

- No report.

**H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kevin Schroeder**

- No report.

**I. President's Report – Donna Kaufman**

- Donna emphasized the need for association representation at these meetings. Today is a good example of what changes occur and issues that are addressed that impact how we do business. The last two meetings at least two associations failed to provide representation. **[Action]** Donna will contact the associations that failed to attend this weekend.
- Donna reminded everyone that any second year Tier I/II midget head coach is required to have an Advanced Level Coaching Card.
- The Player Development Committee Chief Evaluator for the State is Gord Whitiker. Tim O'Neil will serve as the Select Coordinator.

**12. Winter Meeting**

- The Winter meeting will be held on January 12 in Ellensburg at the Ellensburg Inn. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**13. Adjournment**

- Jon Danks motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mark Preston. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.