



PNAHA Annual Spring/Summer Meeting

June 2, 2012

Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center
201 North Wenatchee
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice-President, Jack Chaney, at 9:15 a.m.

1. Sign-In

- ◆ Sign-in sheets distributed and are an official record with these minutes. Voting delegate sign-in sheet completed with the following delegates present: 1st PNAHA Vice President – Jack Chaney; PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer – Janet MacFarlane.
- ◆ Member Organizations: EYH – Chris Raub; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; SAYHA – Rob Azevedo; SJR – Scott Farrell; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; TCAHA – Dale Hollandsworth; TJHA – Rob Kaufman; WAHA – Dan Flynn; WCAHA – Mark Smith; WWFHA – Keith Schubert; Winthrop – Nigel Mott; YAHA – Paul Kelley.
- ◆ Member Organizations not represented – KCAH; MLYHA.
- ◆ Member Teams – No approved member teams within PNAHA.

2. Introductions

- ◆ Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guests Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director; Steve Stevens, Pacific District Referee-in-Chief; Dru Hammond, Pacific District Director; Bob Knoerl, Vancouver/Mt. View.

3. Confirmation of Current Members – Jack Chaney

- ◆ Jack Chaney, PNAHA 1st Vice-President, reminded all member associations that they need to submit contact information (contact name, address, and telephone numbers) so that the PNAHA Guidebook can be updated for distribution at the September 2012 meeting. If information isn't provided within the next few days, member associations can expect a telephone call.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting – Janet MacFarlane

- ◆ Reading of the January 7, 2012, PNAHA Winter meeting minutes. Keith Schubert (WWFHA) motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Mark Smith (WCAHA). No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer Report – Janet MacFarlane

- ◆ Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the January through May 2012 Treasurer's Report which covers January 1 through May 31, 2012, to the PNAHA Board of Directors. The balance as of May 31, 2012, is \$82,709.53. Scott Farrell (SJHA) asked why PNAHA keeps such a high balance and wondered if some of these funds could be used to help offset costs for the various development/select camps. Former PNAHA President Dru Hammond explained that USA Hockey recommends keeping a balance that would cover associations for a year and a half. Dale Hollandsworth (TCAHA) asked whether or not fees for Tier I teams would be increased. There was no further discussion. Motion [*to approve the January through May 31, 2012, Treasurer's Report*] by Dale Hollandsworth (TCAHA), seconded by Rob Azevedo (SAYHA). No further discussion. Motion passed.

6. Special Guest Report – Donna Kaufman

- ◆ Donna reported on the district/regional tournaments.

7. Special Guest Report – Steve Stevens

- ◆ Steve gave an update as to what was happening in regards to BC approved officials seminar. Steve will get more information at the District Meeting in Colorado Springs.

8. Nominations for Elections

- ◆ Jack Chaney, PNAHA 1st Vice-President, opened the floor for nominations for President. Before any nominations were made, Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) questioned why there was a nomination for President instead of the position's being an appointed one since it was to fill the remainder of the President's term. Jack Chaney reported that, because of the special circumstances with former PNAHA President Dru Hammond's being elected as a Pacific District Director, PNAHA felt it was in the member associations' best interests to hold an election for this position. No further discussion was had. Jack Chaney then opened the floor for nominations. Gordon Brown (SKAHA) was nominated by Janet

MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary-Treasurer). After three calls for further nominations, and none being made, the nominations for President were closed. After a vote of the member associations, Gordon Brown (SKAHA) was elected as PNAHA President to serve the remaining one-year term.

- ◆ Jack Chaney, PNAHA 1st Vice-President, then opened the floor for nominations for 1st Vice-President. Adam Speer was nominated by Les Grauer (KVHA). After three calls for further nominations, and none being made, the nominations for 1st Vice-President were closed. After a vote of the member associations, Adam Speer was elected as PNAHA 1st Vice-President for the two-year term.
- ◆ Jack Chaney, PNAHA 1st Vice-President, then opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary-Treasurer) was nominated by Doug Kirton (SKAHA). After three calls for further nominations, and none being made, the nominations for Secretary-Treasurer were closed. After a vote of the member associations, Janet MacFarlane was re-elected as PNAHA Secretary-Treasurer for the two-year term.

9. Officer's Reports

◆ Coaching Director Report – Rob Kaufman

- Rob stated that all development/select/national camps ran smoothly, with PNAHA sending more players to Nationals than ever before: Eight players from PNAHA attended the Kent State National Tournament; one forward/one defenseman/one goalie in the Select 15s attended Nationals; two forwards/one defenseman in the Select 16s attended Nationals; and two forwards in the Select 17s attended Nationals.
- Dan Flynn (WAHA) inquired as to how evaluators are selected for the various development/select camps as he was under the impression that there were a coach or two at the state level who were either not certified or had not been properly screened. Jack Chaney, PNAHA 1st Vice-President, reiterated the extreme importance of background screenings for coaches, managers, or any adult having access to players. After some discussion, this topic was left for further discussion at a later date.
- Rob stated that the site for the 2012-2013 PNAHA development camp would again be Wenatchee and would be held the last weekend in January 2013.
- **Coaching Clinic Update:** Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded the Associations to review their coaches to ensure they had gotten the proper cards for the levels they are coaching. Rob Kaufman and Doug Kirton will both be attending the National meeting in Denver. Their hope is to have all coaching clinic dates/times listed on the PNAHA website by August. A discussion was held regarding the costs involved for hosting a clinic, including ice time, meeting room, and instructor expenses are paid by the hosting association and whether PNAHA could help offset some of these expenses. Rob also reminded the member associations that only one clinic per year is allowed for each coach. Rob explained the modules needed to be taken by each coach and, if an adult is going to be on the bench at all (regardless of their role), that adult needed proper certification. Level 4 certification is needed for all Tier I or Tier II Nationals-bound coaches. EACH member association is required to ensure that their coaches have the proper certifications and have taken the proper modules. Several PNAHA coaches were granted exemptions this past year for Nationals, but that is not likely to be granted again for the 2012-2013 season. The Level 4 clinic will again be held in Las Vegas in late August.

◆ Supervisor-of-Officials – Jason Michelbook

- Jason Michelbook (Supervisor-of-Officials) commented that the 2011-2012 season was pretty quiet in regards to officials. The State Tier II and B tournaments both ran well in regards to the on-ice officials. Several local officials have attended high-level camps (Anthony Guzzo-SAYHA; Boone Bruggman-WAHA; Riley Bowles-SAYHA). Level 4 clinics for officials will be set for Kent and Spokane again for the 2012-2013 season.
- Les Grauer (KVHA) has some questions regarding Canadian certification. Steve Stevens, Pacific District Referee-in-Chief, stated that he is working on resolving the problems from the 2011-2012 season and that he will get more information at the District meeting in Colorado Springs. Keith Schubert (WWFHA) asked that all member associations be kept apprised of developments in this regard throughout the summer.
- Les Grauer (KVHA) also asked a question regarding how officials are disciplined. Since officials are independent contractors, each local official association handles disciplinary issues for their member officials. PNAHA does not handle any disciplinary issues regarding officials.

- Steve Stevens reminded the member associations that officials must be certified in every BC province they work. BC has their own certification, as does Alberta and the other Canadian provinces.
- ◆ **USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager – Ed Imes**
 - Ed Imes (USA Hockey Associate Registrar/Risk Manager). Registration packets are sent out the registrar for each member association. Once a player registers, he/she must be “claimed” by an Association. Approximately, 1,000 players in PNAHA went unclaimed for the 2011-2012 season, with a large number of these unclaimed players being in adult leagues. Adult players must still be claimed by an Association. If a player is not claimed by an Association, that player is not insured under USA Hockey and any officials working games with unclaimed players are also not insured. **Ed strongly encouraged all member associations to have their registrars attend the September 8, 2012, meeting.**
 - Ed also mentioned that there was still confusion with regard to credential books this past season.
- ◆ **League Commissioner – Glen Triner**
 - The 2011-2012 Tier II League results were as follows: Squirt – Tri-Cities Major; Pee wee – Seattle Juniors; Bantam – Kent Valley; U18 Midgets – Tri-Cities.
 - The 2011-2012 Tier I League results were as follows: U16 – 1st place: Seattle Juniors; 2nd place: Spokane (both teams advanced to Regionals).
 - The 2011-2012 Squirt League results were as follows: Gold – Tri-Cities; Silver – Tri-Cities; Bronze – Seattle Juniors.
 - League banners were distributed at the end of the meeting.
 - A preliminary count of teams for the 2012-2013 season were as follows:
 - Tier I: Pee wee – Seattle Juniors; Bantam – Sno-King, Wenatchee; U16 – Seattle Junior, Sno-King, Wenatchee; U18 – Wenatchee.
 - Tier II: Pee wee – Everett, Kent, Seattle Junior, Sno-King (2 teams), Spokane, Tacoma, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee, Whatcom (10 teams total); Bantam – Everett, Kent, Seattle Juniors (2 teams), Sno-King, Spokane, Tacoma, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee, Whatcom (10 teams total); U16 – Kent, Spokane, Wenatchee (3 teams total); U18 – Everett, Kent, Seattle Junior, Sno-King, Spokane, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee (7 teams total); U19 – WWFHA.
 - B teams: Pee wee – Seattle Junior, Sno-King, Spokane, Tri-Cities (4 teams total); Bantam – Seattle Junior, Sno-King, Spokane, Tri-Cities (4 teams total); U18 – Everett, Seattle Junior (non-league), Sno-King (non-league), Spokane, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee (6 teams total).
 - Squirt: Kent, Seattle Juniors (3 teams), Sno-King (2 teams), Spokane (2 teams), Tacoma, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee (11 total teams).
 - In Glen Triner’s absence, Dru Hammond (Pacific District Director) stated that interviews were still being conducted to replace Shirley Williamson as the Girls/Women’s Hockey Director. Dru stated that the PNAHA Girls/Women’s Development Camp would be held the first weekend in February in Wenatchee, although there has been discussion regarding having this during the same weekend as the Boys’ Development Camp.
 - It was brought to PNAHA’s attention that a female player was allowed to participate in the Select Camp even though she had sustained a concussion and had not been cleared by a doctor for participation.
 - Discussion was also had regarding the fact that PNAHA covers any loss for hosting the Girls/Women’s Development Camps; that, if the girls/women’s camp is held the same weekend as the boys’ camp, there is the possibility that male evaluators would be used for both; and it was reported that one of the girls attending the development camp was selected to participate in the Nationals camp.
 - Mark Smith (Whatcom) asked for clarification for U8 teams that play in Canada as to whether they follow Canadian rules or USA Hockey rules. League games are played under that league’s rules, regardless of whether the game is played in Canada or Washington.
 - Ed Imes stated that all mite tournaments MUST use blue pucks. When an association submits a tournament application, a copy of that tournament’s rules must accompany the application. ALL tournaments must be approved in advance in order for the tournament to be sanctioned (a tournament is defined as having more than two teams participating). If a tournament is not sanctioned, the participants as well as the officials are not insured under USA Hockey. The

penalty for hosting a non-sanctioned tournament is suspension of the Association hosting the tournament.

- Debbie Didzerekis (TCAHA) inquired as to the size of nets to be used at ADM. For U6, the mighty mites nets should be used. For U8, full-size nets should be used. However, it is up to each member association to decide which nets should be used.

◆ **1st Vice President – Jack Chaney**

- Jack Chaney reported that there were six youth match penalties incurred in the 2011-2012 season. There were four major disciplinary issues involving parents. Each member association needs to work with their parents in educating them on the do's and don'ts and the sanctions they could face if they misbehave.

◆ **2nd Vice President – John Grasso**

- No report.

10. Old Business

- ◆ Keith Schubert (WWFHA) reminded the member associations that all player releases must be sent to the PNAHA President and the association the player is moving to.

11. New Business

◆ **Score Sheets:**

Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary-Treasurer) reminded everyone that score sheets were available and that she will invoice your Association later. Please take them now and don't wait to have them shipped. They are heavy and postage is very expensive.

- ◆ **Mt. View Member Application:** Bob Knoerl gave a brief synopsis of what has been happening in Vancouver in order to have a proper playing arena for the 2012-2013 season. As there has been renewed interest in the Vancouver, Washington, area for youth hockey, Bob presented his application for Mt. View to become a member association of PNAHA. Motion made by Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director), seconded by Janet MacFarlane (PNAHA Secretary-Treasurer). After further discussion, *motion passed*. Mt. View was reminded that their association teams will not be allowed to participate in State tournaments for the 2012-2013 season.

- ◆ **Eastside Catholic.** Keith Schubert (WWFHA) reported on Eastside Catholic's supposed interest and application for membership in PNAHA. As Eastside Catholic did not meet the deadline for registration, they are not eligible to apply for membership again until January 2013. Gordon Brown (PNAHA President-elect) will send Eastside a letter regarding these issues.

- ◆ **Tiering Decisions:** Jack Chaney (PNAHA 1st Vice-President) reported on various Tier II tiering issues. Declarations for Tier II teams must be done prior to **October 1**. This needs to be done so a report from PNAHA can be sent to the Pacific District and PNAHA can commit to USA Hockey the number of teams attending Nationals. The Competition Committee has the final say in whether a team can participate at the Tier II level or must compete at the B level based on results from the tiering rounds. If a team has declared as Tier II but feels they are not performing as well as anticipated, that Association can also put in a request to PNAHA to be moved to a B team—but this request must be submitted to the PNAHA President no later than **Wednesday, November 21**. The Competition Committee will then evaluate the request and make a decision on whether any team can move from Tier II to the B level. If an Association's Tier II team is a **non-league team**, they have until **December 1** to re-tier as long as there is another association Tier II team at that age division to fulfill any a commitment made to Pacific District or USA Hockey for regional or national competition.

- ◆ **USA Hockey America's High School Showcase.** Jack Chaney (PNAHA 1st Vice-President) reported in Pam Preisser's absence on the High School Showcase. Team Washington did quite well considering they played some really tough teams, ending with a 1-3 win/loss record and having won their consolation game against Florida by a score of 5-2. Quite a few of the players were talked to by coaches/scouts from junior teams and colleges, with a few of them being invited for various tryouts.

- ◆ **Host Hotel Policy.** Jack Chaney (PNAHA 1st Vice-President) stated that for all league and state games/tournaments, each team must stay in a host hotel or pay a fine. Gordon Brown (PNAHA President-elect) stated that this policy would be discussed by the Competition Committee and would report the results of that meeting.

- ◆ **Squirt Leagues.** Discussion was had regarding whether the Squirt league should be eliminated. Scott Farrell (SJHA) felt that Squirt teams should be able to declare as an A or B team like Tier II teams.

Chris Raub (EYHA) felt that tiering Squirt teams into A and B teams only benefitted larger associations due to player numbers. Rob Kaufman (PNAHA Coaching Director) reminded the member associations that PNAHA does have a Squirt policy in place and that any changes must be voted on and approved by the membership at a PNAHA meeting.

- ◆ **State Tournament Results.** Chris Raub (EYHA) talked about the Washington High School team, the Washington Hornets. The results from this year indicate that there is enough interest to field this team for the 2012-2013 season.
- ◆ **State Tournaments.** Dale Hollandsworth (TCAHA) stated that TCAHA would like to host both the State Tier II and B tournaments for the 2012-2013 season.
- ◆ **Tiering Events.** Rob Azevedo (SAYHA) submitted to PNAHA that SAYHA would like to host a tiering weekend. PNAHA's League Commissioner will handle this decision.
- ◆ **League Commissioner.** Gordon Brown (PNAHA President-elect) indicated that there is a very good likelihood that Glen Triner, PNAHA's League Commissioner, may not return in that position. He asked the member associations to determine whether they had anyone to consider as Glen's replacement.

12. Fall Meeting

- ◆ The PNAHA Annual Fall meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 8, 2012**, at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, located at 201 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Room reservations can be made by calling (509) 662-4411. All members are reminded to make their room reservations prior to leaving the facility as availability is always limited at the hotel due to high occupancy during the summer months. **Reminder: The roundtable meetings will begin at 9 a.m. sharp, with the regular meeting starting immediately after conclusion of the roundtable meetings.**

13. Adjournment

- ◆ Keith Schubert (WWFHA) [*motioned to adjourn*], seconded by Mark Smith (Whatcom). Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.