

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
December 5, 2015

Members present: David Ruiz, Dave Cacciolfi, Tim Zobel, Dima Kulmanovsky, Carlos Gomez, Theresa Austin, Joey Merrick, Jackie Graeber, Mike Barth, Nathan Rocheleau (alt.), Joe Applehans (alt.), Michele Nilson (alt.), Matt Ketchum (alt.) and Matthew Gervais (alt.).

Members present electronically: Luther Brice and Michael Steffy.

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Matt Shasby, Kirk Payne and Carol Hammingh.

Members excused: Anna Culley, Justin Marcum, Keith Morris, Merit Waldrop, Annetta Powell, Rick Trupp, Ted Barton, Wayne Sawchuk, Destry Lind, Mike Schachle, Travis Frisk, John Stenehjem, Sally Wright and Brenda Luthi.

USA Hockey officials present: None

Visitors present: None

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President.

Seating of Board Members:

Nathan Rocheleau for Justin Marcum
Matt Gervais for Merit Waldrop
Joe Applehans for Ted Barton
Matt Ketchum for Mike Schachle

Introductions were made of everyone present.

The agenda was approved with the presented changes.

There were no minutes to approve, but they were sent out to everyone after the last meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Persons to be heard: There were none.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson thanked everyone for all of the hard work that went into the Thanksgiving Tournaments. He reminded associations to be sure to research page 69 of the guideline book on match penalties. He also has heard that the Tier IV no checking has been positive. Darryl also discussed the Challenge Alaska Sled Hockey program is seeking assistance in funding a trip to the USA Hockey National Sled Festival for 2016, and they have a projected budget of

\$24,000.00. They are attempting to obtain grant funding for 50% of these budgeted travel expenses. The district has sleds that can be used. Challenge Alaska has placed a grant request for \$2,500.00 Bobby Freeland Grant from the Pacific District, and Darryl Thompson has already allocated to Challenge Alaska \$5000 from ASHA's Block Grant money. Challenge Alaska is seeking an additional \$5,000.00 from ASHA. Joey Merrick moved and it was seconded to contribute an additional \$5000 from ASHA. The motion passed.

Finance Report: (attached)

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh gave her report (see attached). Theresa Austin moved and it was seconded to approve the tournament seedings. The motion passed.

VP Comp Council: Matt Shasby reported that the Comp Council is in favor of the Jack & Darlene Tragus Youth Development Grant:

"Any local association in good standing with USA Hockey and the Alaska State Hockey Association (ASHA), and achieved USA Hockey ADM Model Program Status by the national office, may apply for a one-time \$10,000.00 grant for ADM Player Development. No more than three grants shall be distributed by the ASHA Board every five years. Local association shall provide the ASHA Player Development Committee a minimum one page application outlining where funds would be allocated within their program. That grant shall only be used for ADM development at the 6U, 8U, 10U and 12U age levels."

Matt moved and it was seconded to approve the try-out rules. The motion passed. Matt Shasby also moved and it was seconded to have the ASHA Board accept and support ASAA moving 4A hockey to a fall sport. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

VP House Council: Between October and November the House Council discussed upcoming deadlines for State Tournaments and declaring teams. We discussed the HS proposal and Anna directed people to speak with Matt Shasby if they had questions or concerns about the proposal. They had positive feedback from Kenny Rausch's visit to Anchorage and Fairbanks. Thank you to AHA for hosting the squirt half ice session. The Jr. Avalanche are looking at doing another one soon. They are excited to see Kodiak sending several teams to State Tournaments this year. They will be discussing at their December meeting the possibility of setting guidelines for games in reference to running clock/stop clock and period lengths so all house teams use the same format. The House Council voted to move the U16 T3 and U14 T4 tournaments to Anchorage or be hosted by AHA. The next House Council meeting will be December 17, 2015.

VP Girls/Women: Kirk Payne reported that the next meeting will be on December 9, 2015 at the BP Center. He gave a big thank you to Carlos Gomez for everything he has done for girls and women in hockey. December 19-20, 2015 are the dates for Selects for birth years 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999. There will be 3 ice sessions at

the Subway Sports Complex (2 sheets Saturday and 1 sheet Sunday morning). The cost is \$75 which includes the ice and a jersey. Registration is open to all hockey registered girls with birth years '99-02. Registration began November 1, 2015. The following link is available for registration and information:
<http://www.alaskastatehockey.com/page/show/1212518-selects>.

VP Player Development: Select Camp registration end December 7, 2015 for 1999, 2000 and 2001's. The camp will be held December 19 and 20, 2015 at Boeke Ice Rink and ice runs from 8:00am – 6:00 pm each day. Reminders;
19.1(a) At the time of the ASHA Player Development Camps, no Competition League Team Activity or Spring/Summer League Team Activity may take place during that time period for players in that age level.
19.2(b) All ASHA Associations that participate in the Alaska Competition League or HAVE NATIONAL BOUND GIRLS TEAMS shall be required to participate in the evaluation process of the affiliate player development camps. Competition League Associations AND ASSOCIATION WITH NATIONAL BOUND GIRLS TEAMS not participating shall be fined \$500.00 prior to national bound tournament participation. **There will be no exceptions to this provision.** Please forward names of volunteers/evaluators to Wayne Sawchuk ASAP.

VP Adult Council: No report.

Discipline Committee: They did match penalty hearings in Kenai and Juneau.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report: see attached

Referee-in-Chief: Joe Barth reported that there are 214 certified referees. The average age of referees is 40. 16 and above will use a 3 man system. National tournaments may go to a 4 man system. It is important to use USA Hockey officials to keep your insurance. However, the mite cross-ice program does not need to use USA Hockey referees for insurance. There was a question regarding background checks. Joe would like the referee background checks to be tied in with their certification expiration. Darryl Thompson asked for Joe to write a proposal for a handbook change.

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Junior Hockey: No report.

Safe Sport: Mike Ashley reported that they dealt with a few issues. He reminded everyone that having at least one girl on a team makes it a co-ed team. The girl players and the parents decide on when the team is dressed appropriately. Please watch your language on co-ed teams.

District Report: No report.

National Tournament Committee: Carol Hammingh reported that the next meeting will be this Monday at the BP Learning Center.

Old Business:

The electronic voting – telephonic voting issue was tabled until the next meeting.
The USA Hockey Foundation Investment was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Carol Hammingh moved and it was seconded to accept the Jack & Darlene Tragus ADM Grant Fund as presented above. The motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 at the Coast International Inn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi

ASHA Secretary

(thanks to Carol Hammingh for taking minutes)