



PNAHA ANNUAL FALL MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

COAST WENATCHEE CENTER HOTEL & WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER
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Wenatchee, Wa 98801
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PNAHA committee meetings started at 9:01 a.m., the committees were league, registration and development.

Gordon Brown, PNAHA President called the meeting to order at 10:23 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:
 - PNAHA President – Gordon Brown, Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Didzerekis
 - Not Present: PNAHA 1st VP – Adam Speer, PNAHA 2nd VP – Rob Azevedo,
 - Member Delegates present: EYH – Jerry Weir, IEAHA – David Nieuwenhuis, KVHA – Les Grauer, KCAHA – Brent Seidel, MLYHA – Debbie Talbot, SJHA – Ian Armstrong, SKAHA – Doug Kirton, SAYHA – Brad Moon, TAHA – Jarod Bucci, TCAHA – David Wunschel, VYHA – Bob Knoerl, WAHA – Tami Gurnard, WWFHA – Colin Nurse
 - Members Delegates not present: WCAHA – Whatcom County, YAHA – Yakima and Member Association – Winthrop.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- ◆ Personal Introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guest Donna Kaufman, USA District Director, Dru Hammond, USA Hockey District Director, Ed Imes, USA Hockey Pacific District Registrar and Casey Jorgensen, USA Hockey General Counsel

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- ◆ Reading of June 12, 2015 PNAHA Spring/summer meeting, a correction under League Commission report, 2014-2015 PNAHA League Winners, Bantam Tier II – Tacoma was added. The minutes are approved as corrected, *all in favor*.

4. TREASURER REPORT – DEBBIE DIDZEREKIS

- ◆ Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the June – August 2015 Treasurer's Report. Ending balance as of August 31, 2015 is \$114,344.93. The treasurers' report is approved as distributed, *all in favor*.
- ◆ PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015-2016 – Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies of the 2015-16 proposed budget. Noted changes, USA Hockey Registration Fee revenue was lowered based on the previous 2 years records, added Development camp revenue and expenses, increased PNAHA meetings Executive/Director Travel, lowered PNAHA Coaching director travel expenses, lowered PNAHA meetings Room/catering, based on previous 2 years records. Added Bank Charges, Insurance and storage to the Business Operating Expenses, increased PNAHA League/State banners to cover additional expense to cover those banners. Lowered general printing, guidebook, postage/shipping, and lowered Travel-USA-Seminars and Unseen/Miscellaneous expenses based on the previous 2 years records. Removed line item for Player Development since we added in Development camp budget/expenses. Brad Moon (SAYHA) motion *[to approve the budget for 2015-16 approved as distributed with noted changes above]*, Ian Armstrong (SJHA) seconded, *all in favor*.
- ◆ GRANT DISTRIBUTION for 2015-2016 – Discussion regarding how to use the USA Hockey block grant for the coming season. David Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA) *motion [provide cash reimbursement toward beginner hockey programs]*, with a second from Tami Gurnard (WAHA). Discussion regarding guidelines. Tami Gurnard (WAHA) [friendly amendment: *Up to \$1200.00 per association in expenses, Grow the Game receipts.*] accepted by David Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA), Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas) [friendly amendment: *deadline for receipts Jan 31, 2016*], accepted by David Nieuwenhuis (IEAHA) and Tami Gurnard (WAHA), *all in favor*.

5. SPECIAL GUESTS

- ◆ DONNA KAUFMAN, USA HOCKEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR
 - Donna Kaufman wanted to alert everyone that we will be having 2 national tournaments in Alaska, there was discussion about player development at the last meeting.
- ◆ DRU HAMMOND, USA HOCKEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR
 - Dru Hammond serves on the Finance Committee and they are getting ready to do the west coast swing and perform annual audits.
- ◆ ED IMES, USA HOCKEY PACIFIC DISTRICT REGISTRAR
 - Covered registration materials in the morning seminar. Registry pack has been forwarded to all Association Registrars that requested it. Please use it as that is what works for the current season.
 - Pre-signed Travel Permits have been emailed to all Youth Association Registrars. As in the past make sure they are sent to me prior to team leaving for Canada.

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- You will note that if you send a roster in for approval, coaches who have not completed their SafeSport Training will be redlined. Your Association Registrar is your main contact. The registry system is fairly complete. Check with them for rosters, accident claim forms, tournament apps and other items you may need.
- ◆ CASEY JORGENSEN, USA HOCKEY GENERAL COUNSEL
 - Casey Jorgensen attended to present the comprehensive Safesport program. Casey shared the following video with the group. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_AQbSsxCbC, a Safesport program overview and another video showing the types of places where violations can occur.
 - Casey reviewed the many aspects to the Safesport program that all associations should be aware of and work to ensure that your volunteers are educated. Don't think it won't happen to your association. It is advisable that association boards should also take Safesport training.
 - As USA Hockey volunteers are all mandatory reporters.
- 6. OFFICER'S REPORTS
 - ◆ COACHING DIRECTOR – ROB KAUFMAN
 - Upcoming Coaching Clinics, September 26, 2015 Levels 1 & 2 at SnoKing, September 26 (Level 1 & 2) & September 27 (Level 3) in Tri Cities, November 7 (Level 3) in Tacoma and November 14 (Level 1 & 2) & November 15 (Level 3) in Spokane.
 - Currently Doug Kirton, Rob Kaufman are doing trainings, there is another person in Spokane who is training with Rob and Bob K from Vancouver is also working/training with Rob to do the CEP education. There is a limited number of people who are permitted to be trainers due to the costs associated with getting them to the national trainings.
 - Development Camp will be January 23-24, 2016 at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee. The plan is to expand on the parent meetings which started last year. The plan is to give the players more information on options for future hockey development and routes.
 - Dru Hammond was able to attend the Multi District camp for females. She was team leader and it was a great experience for the female players. PNAHA and Pacific District females did really well.
 - It is requested that associations do not schedule bantam/midget games or tournaments during the development camp so that those players who are invited are able to attend.
 - Education of WA players who are playing out of the state, what their options are for attending the development camp. It was suggested that the information in the Guide book be posted clearly on the website. Rob will add that to the Development Camp Section.
 - ◆ GIRLS/WOMEN DIRECTOR– CINDY DAYLEY
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 - ◆ SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS – BEN STAEHR, TONY MILLES (No Report)
 - ◆ REGISTRAR/RISK MANAGER - ED IMES – SEE ABOVE REPORT
 - ◆ LEAGUE COMMISSIONER – TAMI GURNARD
 - ◆ TEAM DECLARATIONS
 - TIER I – Bantam (KENT), not nationally bound, U16 – Everett and Kent,
 - TIER II – League
 - Squirt – SAYHA 1, TCAHA 1
 - PeeWee – SKAHA 1, SAYHA 1, TCAHA 1, WAHA 1
 - Bantam – SKAHA 1, WAHA 1
 - U16 – SKAHA 1
 - U18 – EYH 1, SKAHA 1, TCAHA 1, WAHA 1
 - Non – League
 - Bantam – EYH 1, TAHA 1, SKAHA 2, SAYHA 1, TCAHA 1
 - U18 – TAHA 1, SKAHA 1, SAYHA 1
 - B Teams
 - PeeWee – KCAH 1, SKAHA 1
 - Bantam – KCAH 1, TAHA 1, SJHA 1, SKAHA 1, SAYHA 1, TCAHA 1,
 - U18 – KCHA 1,
 - Teams must declare at the January meeting if they will be attending PNAHA State tournament.
 - ◆ SAFESPORT – DOUG ROSS
 - Each association should have a Safesport rep. Please send your association rep to Doug Ross.
 - Doug Ross also checked each association website for Safesport links, TCAHA and KVHA had Safesport links and information and were recognized at the meeting.
 - ◆ ADM DIRECTOR WEST SIDE – DOUG KIRTON
 - Joe Bonnet is our new PNAHA ADM Regional Manager, Check out his cool ADM newsletter/update page, better known as Joe's Sway page, the link is <https://sway.com/ggttdrGXyJ2aryRq>. Contact information for Joe is e-mail: joeb@usahockey.org, cell: 719-660-8041, office: 719-538-1108, fax: 719-538-1160
 - ◆ ADM DIRECTOR EAST SIDE – HERMAN CHO (No Report)
 - ◆ 1ST VICE PRESIDENT – ADAM SPEER (No Report)
 - ◆ 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT – ROB AZEVEDO (No Report)
 - ◆ PRESIDENT – GORDON BROWN (No Report)

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7. TOURNAMENTS

- ◆ SET DATES – LOCATIONS ON ALL CLASSIFICATIONS
 - ◆ TIER I – FEB 5-7, 2016 HOST: EVERETT, Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treasurer) motion *[to approve the Tier I dates and host]*, David Wunchel (TCAHA) seconded, ***all in favor.***
 - ◆ TIER II – FEB 26-28, 2016 HOST: TRI CITIES, Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treasurer) motion *[to approve the Tier II dates and host, note dates may be Mar 4-7, 2016 depending on ice availability]*, Brad Moon (SAYHA) seconded, ***all in favor.***
 - ◆ SQUIRT/PEEWEE FESTIVAL – No declared league teams, therefore no tournament.
 - ◆ “B” STATE - MAR 18-20, 2016 – HOST: TACOMA, Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treasurer) motion *[to approve the Tier II dates and host,]*, Brad Moon (SAYHA) seconded, ***all in favor.***
 - ◆ NOTE: there could be changes to the tournament bids as the associations verify ice availability.
- ◆ DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DATES – March 2-6, 2016, Tier I Youth – El Segundo, CA, Tier I/II Girls/Women – Anchorage, AK.
- ◆ NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DATES – Dates and locations are in the USA Hockey Guide book or can be found at the follow website <http://nationals.usahockey.com/2016>

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ ON ICE OFFICIALS RATES FOR PNAHA TOURNAMENTS
 - Tournament official rates have not been changed since 2001. Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) made motion to *[accept proposal]*, 2nd by Brad Moon (SAYHA).
 - Friendly Amendment from Tami Gurnard [remove “***Additionally, any official that is required to travel outside of his/her home area will be provided a \$100 flat rate for travel stipend. Officials will carpool with other officials from their home area whenever possible.***”] Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) accepted, Brad Moon (SAYHA) also accepted. ***All in favor.***
- ◆ RULE 14 AMMENDMENT
 - Les Grauer (KVHA) motion to *[accept proposal]*, 2nd by Jared Bucci (TAHA).
 - After much discussion, Jared Bucci motion *[to table]*, 2nd by Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treasurer), no discussion, ***all in favor.***

10. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- ◆ MLYHA – keeping ice, can be rented for \$275/hr. Contact association if interested.
- ◆ EYH – No report
- ◆ IEAHA – no info on rink status
- ◆ KVHA – no report
- ◆ KCAH – no report
- ◆ SJHA – no report
- ◆ SKAHA – Snoking ice Arena Kirkland has new lights and much brighter
- ◆ SAYHA – rink sell didn’t go through
- ◆ TAHA – no report
- ◆ TCAHA – no report
- ◆ VYHA – permanent boards for (Sat Morning games)
- ◆ WAHA – revamping learn to play, getting ice sponsor, making it free, Wild are going to do a try hockey event
- ◆ WWFHA – working with IIHF hockey Lindsey Fry

11. WINTER MEETING

- ◆ January 9, 2016, Location TBD pending available space at Wenatchee convention center and/or Coast Hotel.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treas) motion *[to adjourn at 1:49 p.m.]*, 2nd by Brad Moon (SAYHA), ***all in favor.***



PNAHA Treasurer Report

As of August 31, 2015

Balance as of May 31, 2015 **\$89,885.15**

Income:

Misc Income		
Cash Bonus	\$0.67	
Grant Funds	\$22,797.75	
Scoresheets	\$45.40	
Player Fees	\$6,453.00	
Total Income	\$29,296.82	\$119,181.97

Expenses:

Meetings-Motels	\$1,186.00
Food	\$849.69
Misc Expenses	
Bank Charges	\$3.50
eFAX	\$220.00
Printing	\$74.36
PNAHA Travel	\$2,128.71
Travel-USA-Seminars	\$364.78
Total Expenses	\$4,827.04

Balance as of August 31, 2015 **\$114,354.93**



2015-2016 PROPOSED PNAHA BUDGET

REVENUE

USA HOCKEY AFFILIATE BLOCK GRANT MONEY	\$22,800	
USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION FEE (\$9 PER 7U+ YOUTH PLAYER, \$1 PER ADULT)	\$35,400	
PNAHA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP	\$31,500	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$89,700</u>

EXPENSES

PNAHA MEETINGS EXEC/DIRECTOR TRAVEL		\$5,500
PNAHA COACHING DIRECTOR TRAVEL EXPENSES		\$1,000
PNAHA MEETINGS - ROOMS AND CATERING		\$8,000
ROOMS	\$4,600	
CATERING	\$3,400	
BUSINESS OPERATING EXPENSES		\$11,910
BANK CHARGES	\$40	
EFAX	\$240	
INSURANCE	\$250	
LEAGUE (COMMISSIONER STIPEND)	\$2,000	
PNAHA LEAGUE/STATE BANNERS	\$1,300	
WEBSITE	\$540	
GENERAL PRINTING	\$1,000	
GUIDEBOOK	\$1,500	
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$1,000	
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	\$3,500	
STORAGE FOR RECORDS	\$540	
ADM GRANTS TO AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS		\$18,000
PACIFIC DISTRICT SELECT CAMP FEE (\$50/PLAYER ~30 PLAYERS)		\$1,500
PACIFIC DISTRICT PLAYER FEES (\$1.00/PLAYER (.60 BOBBY FREELAND GRANT AND .40 DISTRICT PROJECTS))		\$7,700
PNAHA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP		\$25,000
REFEREE DEVELOPMENT		\$3,300
TRAVEL - USA - SEMINARS		\$2,000
HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE		\$750
TOURNAMENT EXPENSE		\$3,500
UNSEEN/MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		\$1,200
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>(\$89,360)</u>
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL)		<u>\$340</u>

**PNAHA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
CONSTITUTION, BYLAW & RULES PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

NAME OF CHANGED DOCUMENT:	PNAHA 2014-2015 Annual Guide
MAIN HEADING:	PNAHA State Tournaments and Festivals
REGULATION (Heading):	On Ice Tournament Officials Fees
BY-LAW (Heading):	Article V- Tournaments
Section:	
Reference (sub-section):	
Paragraph / Page no(s):	Pg. 90

CURRENT WORDING:

The following schedule of Referee Fees shall be applicable to all PNAHA tournaments.

Age	Total Game Fees
10u Festival	Local Officials Rate \$42.00
12u Festival	Local Officials Rate \$52.00
14u Tier I	\$50/28
14u Tier II	\$34/17
16u Tier I	\$50/28
16u Tier II	\$50/28
18u Tier I	\$50/28
18u Tier II	\$50/28

RED-LINE WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (as it should appear with new wording underlined, Deletions-~~strikethrough~~)

The following schedule of Referee Fees shall be applicable to all PNAHA tournaments.

Age	Total Game Fees
10u Festival	<u>\$30/\$30</u> Local Officials Rate \$42.00
12u Festival	<u>\$35/\$25</u> Local Officials Rate \$52.00
14u Tier I	<u>\$50/\$35</u> \$50/28
14u Tier II	<u>\$45/\$30</u> \$34/17
16u Tier I	<u>\$60/\$40</u> \$50/28
16u Tier II	<u>\$55/\$35</u> \$50/28
18u Tier I	<u>\$60/\$40</u> \$50/28
18u Tier II	<u>\$55/\$35</u> \$50/28

Additionally, any official that is required to travel outside of his/her home area will be provided a \$100 flat rate for travel stipend. Officials will carpool with other officials from their home area wherever possible.

CLEAN WORDING OF PROPOSAL: (For ease of reading)

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Age	Total Game Fees
10u Festival	\$30/\$30
12u Festival	\$35/\$25
14u Tier I	\$50/\$35
14u Tier II	\$45/\$30
16u Tier I	\$60/\$40
16u Tier II	\$55/\$35
18u Tier I	\$60/\$40
18u Tier II	\$55/\$35

Additionally, any official that is required to travel outside of his/her home area will be provided a \$100 flat rate for travel stipend. Officials will carpool with other officials from their home area wherever possible.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

As a general rule of thumb, individual officials associations statewide evaluate their rates bi-annually to account for cost of living increases as well as a way to keep the sticker shock down.

Unfortunately PNAHA has not updated rates for on ice officials (with the exception of clerical changes for squirt/pee wee festivals) since 2001. This rate increase is based on the review of current rates from CHOA, Wenatchee, TCAHA, and Spokane. These new PNAHA rates are similar to others statewide. In the future, rates will be evaluated bi-annually.

Officials have been required to pay their own travel expenses to attend PNAHA tournaments in the past. When travelling across the state these costs can be quite formidable for a young official to bear. The \$100 flat rate will help relieve that burden when travelling outside their local area. As an example, the travel costs for the Bantam/Midget tournament in Spokane this past spring would have been \$300, as 6 officials travelled in and carpooled together.

I've also removed wording that local officials will be used for the Squirt/Pee Wee Festivals. We use these tournaments to develop young officials and often are a good tool to help increase skill and experience in the younger tiers.

Submitter: Ben Staehr, PNAHA East Referee-in-Chief



Rule 14 should be changed to:

Any State or National Bound Team which declares its level of play at less than Tier I for PNAHA or USA playoffs/events shall not include on its roster more than 5 players from outside that Member Organization/Member Team's membership from the prior year. All teams that are State or National bound and which include more than five (5) players from outside that Member Organization or Member Team's membership from the prior year must submit a roster to the PNAHA Competition Committee prior to playing any games. The Competition Committee will place the team on Probation and that team will be allowed to play its games at the level of its choosing. The Competition Committee, by November first, shall review all aspects of the teams play in all games and decide if that team will be eligible for any State or National Bound USA playoffs/events at the team's current level.

Kent Valley Hockey's Perspective on the current Rule 14

I have been involved with PNAHA since '02 and involved with Washington State Hockey since '95. My recollection of the initial rationale behind rule 14 was to prevent teams from being allowed to play at the Tier II level when the team's level was clearly Tier I. The impetus of that rationale came about when a Bantam team had been put together with the best players from several associations with the intent of winning the State and District Tier II Tournaments and moving on to Nationals. (Although they won the State Tournament by destroying their competition, they did not win the District Tournament.)

The Competition Committee, through our Tiering process at the Bantam and Midget levels, should be able to take care of this scenario. A team should be classified Tier I if they are winning all their games by large margins and their roster is filled with players that have come from other associations.

Kent Valley does not like the current rule for several reasons:

1. Tier I & II Hockey teams recruit the best Kent Valley players. Then, after a time those players decide they no longer wish to play there, or they are cut from the team and return to Kent Valley, those players count against us. Last year after Team Seattle folded, many KV players that had played for Team Seattle decided to return home and those players were counted as coming from another association when in reality, they were Kent Valley players.
2. The large migration of players to a Tier I Association does not affect their status, but has a huge effect on a smaller association's status. Last year we lost 18 players to Sno-King with no effect to them. A larger portion of those players played Tier II. A large returning migration of players back to our smaller association, under the current Rule 14, would require any KV team with more than 5 of those players to play Tier I, even though the caliber of the team would not be Tier I.
3. Rule 14 does not limit the number of players moving between associations and does not protect you from losing a large portion of your Tier II players. More than half of the 18 players we lost were Tier II players.
4. All of Kent Valley's objections over the years to Rule 14 are not ego driven by adults. They are driven by the inequity of the rule. It benefits the larger associations and harms the smaller associations from competing for players. It restricts competition and the ability for families to choose where they would prefer to play.
5. Rule 14 does not keep the playing field level. That's the responsibility of the Tiering Committee.

Respectfully,
Les Grauer
Kent Valley Hockey

14. Any State or National Bound Team which declares its level of play at less than Tier I for PNAHA or USA playoffs/events shall not include on its roster more than 5 players from outside that Member Organization/Member Team's membership from the prior year, unless that Association is already fielding a Tier I team and has no room on its Tier I team.

For the purpose of this rule the following will apply:

A new Member Organization or Member Team will be on probation during the first year of membership and will not participate in the PNAHA State tournament.

All teams that are state or national bound and which include more than five (5) players from outside that Member Organization or Member Team's membership from the prior year must submit a roster to the President of PNAHA. This roster must be certified by PNAHA prior to any game in which a team's roster is affected by this rule. In certifying a team's roster for Tier II play, PNAHA shall exclude players who move their legal residency into PNAHA and players moving to a new organization or team from an association that no longer exists.

Special Exception for Cooperative Association Player Development Agreement – Minor/Major Teams

Where two or more Member Organizations develop a written binding contract as part of an overall player development agreement, the movement of players from one organization to another organization for the express purpose of fielding a Tier I Major and a Tier I/II Minor team will be permitted in excess of the 5 (five) player rule. The written contract must be provided to PNAHA no later than July 15th prior to the beginning of the season. The PNAHA Executive Board must approve/disapprove the contract by September 1st.

The Major team is comprised of predominantly 2nd year players and will be Tier I. The Minor Team is comprised primarily of players in their first birth date year of eligibility in a respective division. It is understood that a Minor team is a developmental team with a minimum of the roster comprised of first year players as follows:

Minor Roster Structure

17 man roster 14 1st Year

18 man roster 15 1st Year

19 man roster 16 1st Year

The Minor team meeting these requirements is eligible for Tier II as determined by the respective Member Association(s).