



PNAHA GENERAL WINTER MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

COAST WENATCHEE CENTER HOTEL & WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER  
201 North Wenatchee  
Wenatchee, Wa 98801  
(509) 662-4411

Gordon Brown, President called the PNAHA Meeting to order at 9:09 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; 1<sup>st</sup> PNAHA Vice President – Adam Speer ; 2<sup>nd</sup> PNAHA Vice President – Rob Azevedo; Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Didzerekis.
  - Member Organizations: EYH – Aaron Wilson; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; KCAH – Brent Seidel; SJHA – Ian Armstrong; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Brad Moon; TAHA – Jared Bucci; TCAHA – Jody Carpenter; VYHA – Bob Knoerl; WAHA – Tami Gurnard; WCAHA – Ted Ritter; WWFHA – Colin Nurse.
  - Member Organizations not represented – MLYHA and YAHA.
  - Member Team not represented - WINTHROP

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

- ◆ Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guest Joe Bennett, USA Hockey ADM Director, Dru Hammond, USA Hockey District Director, Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director, Steve Stevens, Pacific District Referee In Chief and Ed Imes, Pacific District Registrar

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- ◆ Minutes for September, December and January will be reviewed at the June meeting in order to provide time for review by all members.

**4. TREASURER REPORT – DEBBIE DIDZEREKIS**

- ◆ Tournament Checks delivered to the hosting associations. State B checks not presented today must be presented no later than the credential meeting for the State B tournament; please contact hosting association Puget Sound Amateur Hockey to make arrangements.
- ◆ Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the August – December 2015 Treasurer's Report. Ending balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$131,498.27. The treasurers' report is approved as distributed, (*all in favor*).

**5. SPECIAL GUESTS**

- ◆ **JOE BENNETT, USA HOCKEY ADM DIRECTOR**  
Shared the USA Hockey ADM video and a recap of the ADM presentation from Las Vegas. Michigan will have no exceptions at 8U this coming year. A question and answer session on best practices with the board was also conducted.
- ◆ **DRU HAMMOND, USA HOCKEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR**  
A brief report regarding finance and investment committee, Mid-Annual congress meeting is coming up JANUARY 14-17, 2016 in Orlando Florida. For additional info on the USA Hockey meetings you can find the agenda and meeting minutes online after the meeting at <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/836999-annual-meetings>.
- ◆ **DONNA KAUFMAN, USA HOCKEY DISTRICT DIRECTOR**  
A brief report regarding legislative updates, junior council, legal council, playing rules committee, and youth council meetings. Additional information and reports can be found at <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/836999-annual-meetings> under Winter Meeting Reports section.
- ◆ **STEVE STEVENS, USA HOCKEY REFEREE IN CHIEF** – No Report.
- ◆ **ED IMES, USA HOCKEY PACIFIC DISTRICT REGISTRAR**
  - Registrations are going well. As you all should be aware, I've indicated to Gord and the District Registrar it is time for me to step down (actually told them two years ago). Talk to Gord or me if you are interested or have questions about the job. Teams are fixed and hope all Tier Teams participating toward Nationals have their credential books with them today.
  - Note every association has coaches not qualified or cleared to coach, associations should be checking their coaches closely. Ed will share list with the board.
  - For Tier II teams nationally bound, coaches that do not have a level 4 need to have a waiver, which can be obtained by contacting Larry Bruyere, USA Hockey Pacific District CIC.
  - A call for PNAHA Registrar will go out via the PNAHA Updates, please share with your associations. Ed explained a bit about his position, he is the registrar for WA/OR for District and State for PNAHA, he attends tournaments, oversees travel permits, attends Annual USA Hockey meetings. Ed has been with PNAHA for 35 years.

**6. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

- ◆ **COACHING DIRECTOR – ROB KAUFMAN**  
**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP – JANUARY 22-24, 2016 IN WENATCHEE**

Invitations have been sent to nominees and registration is on going. Deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> for registration, as that date gets closer, Rob will start calling the alternates. Running camp a bit differently this year using a new system which is essentially 2 camps, 14/15's will have password protected invites specific to each individual. 16/17 will be done as normal, expecting 3 teams at 16's and 2 teams at 17's. Check in will be done in stages, 2002 at 5pm, 2001 at 6 pm then meeting at 7 pm for those 2 groups on hockey opportunities. 2000 at 7 pm, 1999 at 8 pm with a meeting following at 9 pm. Total of 12 evaluators and 13 team leaders for these groups.

◆ **GIRLS/WOMEN – CINDY DAYLEY**

The 2015 State Female Development Camp is scheduled for January 30-31, 2016 in Everett, WA. Participant registration is open currently expecting 50+ participants this year. New this year is an all female experience; there will be female coaches, officials and evaluators and team leaders.

I am expecting this year's camp to have the most participants we have ever had in the known history of the camp. I am about to announce on the PNAHA site that we have solidified two speakers Kristen Wright, USA Hockey Manager of Girls' Player Development and Stacey Rondeau Livingston, Supervisor of Officials for the Women's World Championships and the Olympics.

◆ **SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS – BEN STAEHR – Not Present, TONY MILLES**

We have several very promising officials that are on the right path and will be participating in upcoming state tournaments. With that, we are planning which officials to invite and, as always schedules would be beneficial sooner rather than later, even if just in blank form with game times so that we can put a good number on officials.

Tony also need schedules for the state tournaments, Gordon Brown reminded everyone the state tournament schedules must come to him for final approval before being published.

◆ **REGISTRAR/RISK MANAGER - ED IMES**

See report above.

◆ **LEAGUE COMMISSIONER – TAMI GURNARD**

Non-League games have been schedules or played. All credential books have been turned in at the beginning of the meeting.

We have two (2)-Peewee (12U), two (2)-Bantam (14U) and three (3)-Midget (U18) teams competing in league play.

Declarations for state tournaments:

SJHA 18U was not registered as Tier II by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, and SKAHA B was not registered by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Adam Speer (PNAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP), motion [**suspend rules to decide if B teams can be permitted to state b tournament that did not meet deadlines for rosters**], second by Brad Moon, SAYHA. *(14 in favor, 2 abstain, motion passed).*

Question from Doug Kirton, SKAHA – Can we allow 14U/12U in B tournament after missing filing rosters by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Tami Gurnard (WAHA), motion [**Allow SKAHA 14U/12U teams to participate in Bantam B, Peewee B state tournament**], second by Les Grauer (KVHA). Discussion. Rob Azevedo (PNAHA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP) **called the question**, second by Adam Speer (PNAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP). *(all in favor, motion passed)*

Ed Imes asked that birth certificates need to be to him ASAP as he needs a week to complete in order to generate rosters.

Tami Gurnard (WAHA) motion [**include peewees in State B tournament since there is not an end of season festival for the 2 league teams**], second by Brad Moon (SAYHA). *(14 in favor, 2 abstain, motion passed)*

Bob Knoerl (VYHA) motion [**allow 14U VYHA who is in violation of rule 14 to participate in state B tournament**], second by Tami Gurnard (WAHA). *(15 in favor, 1 abstain, motion passed)*

Les Grauer, (KVHA) motion [**do not require KVHA U16 Tier I team to go to Districts**], second by Tami Gurnard (WAHA). Discussion: Donna Kaufman, (USA Hockey District Director), expressed that since districts is the path to nationals, and that sanctions could be applied to Kent or PNAHA from the district level if Kent does not go. The \$1300 fee to the host must be paid no matter what. Les indicated that Kent will go if there are sanctions.

Brent Seidel, (KCAH) discussion regarding allowing the West Sound junior 3<sup>rd</sup> goalie to fill in as the Midget B team goalie. They currently only have their midget house goalie is out, and the midget b goalie broke his hand. It was noted that after January 1<sup>st</sup>, junior players cannot play in Tier I or Tier II.

Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Sec/Treasurer) motion [**reinstate rules**], seconded by Rob Azevedo (PNAHA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP) (*15 in favor, 1 abstain, motion passed*).

Below are the declared teams after motions and discussions.

<u>Peewee B</u>	<u>Bantam B</u>	<u>Midget B</u>
SJHA	Kent	SJHA
West Sound	SJHA	West Sound
WAHA	TCAHA	
TCAHA	VYHA	
SKAHA	PSAH	
PSAH		

<u>Bantam Tier II</u>	<u>Midget Tier II</u>
SKAHA A3	SKAHA U17 (NL_)
SKAHA A1 (NL)	SKAHA U18
TCAHA (NL)	SAYHA (NL)
WAHA	TCAHA
EYH (NL)	PSAHA (NL)
SAYHA (NL)	WAHA

West Sound is opting out of the Midget B tournament, which will leave SJHA along. They will have until next weekend to give a response if they are dropping out.

◆ **SAFESPORT – DOUG ROSS**

PNAHA has 1,108 members as of 1/8/16 screened for safesport. There are 644 background checks completed. Need parents to be locker room monitors as this is an area we are still having repeated issues.

Ted Ritter (Whatcom) stated they require 1 parent of every player registered to take the safesport module. This has been widely accepted in their program.

Adam Speer, (PNAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP) discussed that PNAHA needs to put in place some type of suspension

◆ **ADM DIRECTOR WEST SIDE – DOUG KIRTON** - Covered by Joe in his report.

◆ **ADM DIRECTOR EAST SIDE – HERMAN CHO** (NO REPORT)

◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE – DEBBIE DIDZEREKIS**

This year during the annual audit it was found that former treasurer was still listed on the banking accounts. Wells Fargo is requesting minutes showing who should be on the account before they will remove anyone.

Adam Speer (PNAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP) motion [**PNAHA banking accounts should list the Treasurer, Debbie Didzerekis and President, Gordon Brown as the account signers**] seconded by Brad Moon (SAYHA), (*all in favor, motion passed*)

◆ **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – ADAM SPEER**

**Rules Committee Status/ Plans:**

If you have any interest in being on a committee email the president. The Rules committee will address rule changes, state tournament rules, league rules, and certifications for nationally bound teams.

◆ **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT – ROB AZEVEDO**

**Player Development Committee Status/Plans**

If you have any interest in being on a committee email the president.

◆ **PRESIDENT – GORDON BROWN**

◆ **Report**

7. **TOURNAMENT UPDATES**

- ◆ TIER I (U16 FEBRUARY 6-8, 2016 hosted by EYH) – Gordon Brown (PNAHA President) will be there as the Tournament Director
- ◆ TIER II (BANTAM/MIDGET MARCH 4-7, 2016 hosted by TCAHA) – Rob Azevedo, Debbie Didzerekis and Gordon Brown will be there to over see the tournament.
- ◆ B TOURNAMENT (March 18-20, 2016 hosted by Tacoma) – Rob Azevedo, Debbie Didzerekis, Adam Speer and Gordon Brown will be there to over see the tournament.

- ◆ Discussion regarding tournament format with 6 teams at Bantam/Midget TIER II. Tami Gurnard (WAHA) motion [**2 groups of 3, cross over games, top 4 teams move on to semi finals**], second by Les Grauer (KVHA), *(12 in favor, 4 abstain, motion passed)*
- ◆ Les Grauer (KVHA) motion [**Pools A/B Odd vs Even**], second by Tami Gurnard (WAHA), *(10 in favor, 6 abstain, motion passed)*

## 8. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

## 9. OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### ◆ CONFIRMATION OF TEMPORARY RULING OF PRESIDENT

Two issues have been raised in the last couple of weeks and I have been asked to rule on them.

As per PNAHA rules, the PNAHA Board of Directors will have an opportunity to ratify/refute these rulings at the next board meeting.

#### 1. For national bound teams, (14u, 16u and 18u) do non-league teams need to play two games against league teams? Ruling: Yes.

- The current PNAHA rules would benefit greatly by moving all aspects relating to year end tournament qualifications from the “PNAHA League Rules” to the “PNAHA STATE TOURNAMENTS AND FESTIVALS” portion of the rulebook. I would ask the Rules committee add that to the list of issues they are to be discussing.
  - The argument for non-league teams not having to play those games versus league teams is based on the wording in **PNAHA LEAGUE RULES” / III . A** that states “Tiering Process – The following process will be used when there are more than 8 teams wishing to be considered for participation in a division that will be participating in the Tier II State Tournament.”
  - The counter points for non-league teams having to play those game are
- If the intention of this point was to nullify the remaining points in section III then **“PNAHA LEAGUE RULES” / III . A**” should have made all of those remaining points as sub points.
- There are various other references to non-league teams having to play versus league teams including the following that occurs before the aforementioned point A. **PNAHA LEAGUE RULES” / I. C. 2** “League Scheduler” states “Responsible for scheduling all games required for tiering, league play and required games for non-league participants.”
- The non-league game requirement has been a rather contentious issue over the years and I don’t believe that the board recognized that there may have been an intention to change that rule nor was that issue discussed.  
I verified that belief by asking a handful of associations as to their understanding of the rule and all except the author of the change believed the two games were still required.
  - After considering all of those points my ruling is that the Non-League teams are required to play 2 games versus the league teams in order to qualify.

#### 2. Do all of those teams, league and non-league, need to submit rosters on the PNAHA provided roster template? Ruling: Yes.

- The purpose of the roster submission requirements is to ensure that teams are compliant with rule 14. It forces the associations, who are very busy at this time of the year, to take the time to take a look at their team compositions and ensure they are not subject to rule 14. If PNAHA was to wait until the January submission then an entire team may be ruled ineligible for the T2 tournament and that would be devastating to that group of players and families.
- Given the non-league team ruling above, the following rule is still in effect (PNAHA League Rules, Section VI, Point B page 103) “Team rosters must be submitted by the Monday prior to the first Tiering games to the League Statistician. The roster will include players and team officials. Information for the players will include birth year and previous season association. Final rosters will be submitted by January 1 in the form of copies of the Approved USA Hockey Certified 1T roster.”

Jared Bucci (PSAHA) motion [**approve president rulings**], second by Ian Armstrong (SJHA). *(12 in favor, 4 abstain, motion passed).*

### ◆ COMMISSIONER STIPEND

Brad Moon (SAYHA) motion [**make stipend what it was in the past, which was \$2000**], second by Doug Kirton (SKAHA). *(11 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstained, motion passed)*

### ◆ SCHEDULER STIPEND

No additional stipend added for this year.

### ◆ SLED HOCKEY DIRECTOR

Tami English, Executive Director for Seattle Adaptive Sports, presented a brief overview of Sled hockey program. USA Hockey has grants available for 4-5 sleds to start your program, Tami’s group will also help get you started as needed.

### ◆ 8U - UPDATED EXCEPTION REQUEST

- Jared Bucci (PSAHA) motion [**keep 8U exceptions**], second by Ian Armstrong (SJHA). (*14 in favor, 2 abstain, motion passed*). Exception attached to minutes at the end.
- ◆ KENT COMPLAINT TOWARDS SNO-KING – On hold, scheduled for a face-to-face meeting.
  - ◆ TACOMA PROPOSAL
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 2
 

**Change wording from:** All players must register online with USA Hockey that resides within the PNAHA affiliate.

**To read:** All players must register online with USA Hockey.

Ian Armstrong (SJHA) motion [**approve**], second by Jody Carpenter (TCAHA), (*14 in favor, 2 abstain, motion passed*)
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 3 – Tabled to **Rules committee for review, revisit at June meeting.**
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 4
 

**Change wording from:** Each team may register eighteen (18) players and two (2) goalies. However, nothing precludes a team from dressing less than the maximum number of players.

**To read:** A limit of twenty (20) players at any one time may be registered per team except for high school, which may register 30 players. A maximum of 20 players, in which not more than 18 are skaters, shall be permitted to play in the game. Minimums of six players are required to start a game. (*USA Hockey Annual Guide reference page 125/201*).

Tami Gurnard (WAHA) motion [**approve**], second by Brad Moon (SAYHA), (*all in favor, motion passed*)
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 6
 

**Change wording from:** No player may be registered on more than one team that is eligible to compete in the USA Hockey National Championships.

**To read:** A player may not register on more than one team that participates in the games leading towards a USA Hockey National Tournament except for High School Varsity and/or Prep School division, who may also play on a Youth or Girls'/Women national championship-bound team. Player changes to official team roster for (I-T) for youth Tier I and Tier II teams and girls'.women's (except women's A) national championship-bound teams will not be accepted after December 31. . (*USA Hockey Annual Guide reference page 127 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph*).

Brad Moon (SAYHA) motion [**approve**], second by Jody Carpenter (TCAHA), Brad Moon (SAYHA) called the question, second by Adam Speer (PNAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP). (*15 in favor, 1 abstain, motion passed*)
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 9 – Tabled to **Rules committee for review, revisit at June meeting.**
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 12
 

**Strike wording:** Players playing for non-registered teams are not allowed to play in PNAHA.

**Reason:** In conflict with USA Hockey policies

Tami Gurnard (WAHA) motion [**approve**], second by Ian Armstrong (SJHA), (*15 in favor, 1 abstain, motion passed*)
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 13
 

**Change wording from:** The PNAHA playing seasons will be September 1 through August 31. No PNAHA member shall permit any player, team, or coach suspended by PNAHA or USA HOCKEY to participate in any game or play any team using such a suspended player, team, or coach. No PNAHA member team may use any illegally or non-rostered player or play any team using any illegally or non-rostered player. No PNAHA member team may play any PNAHA team that is not a member of or under suspension by PNAHA or USA HOCKEY. Girls playing in boys' divisions must conform to the age classification rules for that division.

**To read:** 12. No PNAHA member shall permit any player, team, or coach suspended by PNAHA or USA HOCKEY to participate in any game or play any team using such a suspended player, team, or coach. 13. No PNAHA member may use illegal or non-rostered players or play any team using any illegal or nonrostered players. No PNAHA member team may play any team that is under suspension by PNAHA or USA HOCKEY. Girls playing in boys' divisions must conform to the age classification rules for that division

Brad Moon (SAYHA) motion [**approve**], second by Ian Armstrong (SJHA), (*11 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstain, motion passed*)
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX 17 – Tabled to **Rules committee for review, revisit at June meeting.**
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX LEAGUE – Tabled to **Rules committee for review, revisit at June meeting.**
    - ◆ ARTICLE IX TOURNAMENT – Tabled to **Rules committee for review, revisit at June meeting.**
11. **SPRING/SUMMER MEETING**
- ◆ The PNAHA Spring/Summer meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 18, 2016** 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.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Adam Speer (PNAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP) [**motioned to adjourn at 3:46 p.m.**], second by Brad Moon (SAYHA).

## PNAHA Treasurer Report

**As of December 31, 2015**

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

Discounts/Rebates (Host Hotels)	\$231.00	
Misc Income	\$9.80	
Player Fees	\$23,659.00	
PNAHA Development Camp	\$935.80	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$24,835.60</b>	
		<b>\$139,190.53</b>

**Expenses:**

<b>Legal &amp; Professional (USA Hockey Audit)</b>	<b>\$427.64</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	
<b>Rooms</b>	<b>\$1,467.40</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>\$1,632.49</b>
<b>Misc Expenses</b>	
<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
<b>Gift (Flowers R. Azevedo)</b>	<b>\$86.94</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$201.00</b>
<b>Office/General</b>	<b>\$138.92</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$19.60</b>
<b>Storage</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>
<b>PNAHA Travel</b>	<b>\$891.83</b>
<b>Showcase Team</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>
<b>Travel-USA-Seminars</b>	<b>\$1,332.94</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,692.26</b>

Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$131,498.27
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## 2016-17 PNAHA 8u exception request

PNAHA has embraced the 8u ADM principles. Our hope is that Canada catches up quickly and PNAHA's desire/need to request exception is short lived.

The Vancouver, B.C. PCAHA league is seeing the benefits of cross ice hockey and are taking steps to make it the norm for 8u hockey there also as you can see from their requirements for this current season. . <http://www.pcaha.bc.ca/Cross-Ice%20Hockey%20Guidelines%202015-16%20Season%20FINAL.pdf>

The majority of the players in the state are in the Seattle area and all of those games are cross/half ice. We have a couple remote associations that are close to the Canadian border and require game play with the CDN teams in order to provide a more complete hockey experience.

Below is PNAHA's request for the 2016-17 season.

No full ice games allowed for 6u teams.

Maximum of one full ice tournament in Canada per player per season.

All PNAHA sanctioned 8u tournaments are to be cross or half ice.

No full ice games before the Christmas break.

8u Players Playing Up

Having 8u players play up at 10u is strongly discouraged but occasionally there are compelling reasons to do so.

Each association, at their discretion, may allow up to three 8u players per season to play up at the 10u division.

Additional players playing up may be considered with an exception request to the state ADM director, who will only consider the request if it's due to association needs. i.e. having to merge age divisions in order to have a functional program

Exception for teams participating in a Canadian league

Max of 13 full ice games per season, and only with PNAHA President approval.

Additional information/Background for this special exception request.

Currently there is one PNAHA association (WAHA, based in Bellingham, Wa) that has 8u teams that play in Canada. They are

- very close to the Canadian border
- do not have sufficient 8u players to play in-house
- the nearest USA Hockey 8u competition is Seattle based with some teams located 2.5 hours away from Bellingham.

BC Hockey requires the PNAHA President to send a letter every year for each association to participate in any league in BC.

As per USA Hockey / Hockey Canada agreement, league games, home and away, are to be played as mandated by league rules.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,  
D. Gordon Brown  
PNAHA President

