

Alaska State Hockey Association  
Annual Board Meeting  
April 23, 2016

Members present: Justin Marcum, Luther Brice, Theresa Austin, Jason Dinneen, Tim Zobel, Merit Waldrop, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Pauline Tise, Michael Steffey, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Mike Barth, Ted Barton, Doug Campbell, Michele Nilson, Chris Horacek, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Sally Wright, Kory Wright, Ben Roth, Mike Brodie (alt.), Tim Hocum (alt.) and Matt Gervais (alt.).

Members present electronically:

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Joe Newhouse, Brenda Luthi, Keith Berrian, Matt Shasby, Anna Culley, Kirk Payne and Carol Hammingh.

Members excused: Annetta Powell, Keith Morris, Destry Lind and Mike Ashley.

USA Hockey Officials present: Rick Trupp, Eric Simmons and Lisa McPheters.

Visitors present: Will Barrington, Brandon Harker, Jeff Dick, Nathan Carey, Scott Sivulich, Cristy Hickel, Jim Newhouse and Chris Borst.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Merit Waldrop	Alaska Oilers
Chris Horacek	Pioneer Hockey
Travis Frisk	Southcentral
Tim Zobel	Alaska Hockey Officials
Kory Wright	Subway Adult League
Sally Wright	Subway Adult League
Michele Nilson	Northern Alaska
Joey Merrick	Mustang Hockey
Doug Campbell	Mat-Su Hockey
Ted Barton	Kenai Peninsula Hockey
Keith Morris	South Anchorage Hockey
Jackie Graeber	South Anchorage Hockey
Mike Barth	Homer Hockey
Carlos Gomez	Scotty Gomez Foundation Hockey
Dima Kulmanovsky	Fairbanks Arctic Lions Hockey
Jack Tragis	Fairbanks Ice Dogs Hockey
Mike Steffey	Fairbanks Hockey
John Glover	Kodiak Hockey
Mike Schachle	Jr. Avalanche
Annetta Powell	Ben Boeke Adult Hockey

David Cacciolfi	Ben Boeke Adult Hockey
Luther Brice	Alaska Girls' and Women's Hockey
Destry Lind	Alaska Firebirds Hockey
Theresa Austin	Anchorage Hockey
Jason Dineen	Anchorage Hockey
Justin Marcum	Alaska All Star Hockey

Introductions were made of those present. The agenda was approved with two changes: adding electronic voting, and moving the Hockey Club Fairbanks seating before reports. The minutes were approved as presented. Correspondence consisted of two magazines. Darryl noted that most correspondence is via email.

#### Persons to be heard:

Jeff Dick, the coach of the Challenge Alaska sled hockey team, thanked ASHA for their support in getting his team to the tournament in Michigan. The Challenge Alaska team won the tournament – congratulations! Mike Steffey moved and Merit Waldop seconded to allow Challenge Alaska to become a member of ASHA pending the appropriate paperwork. The motion passed.

Jim Newhouse introduced himself and spoke to his candidacy for ASHA treasurer. He is the brother of our current treasurer, Joe Newhouse.

#### ASHA Discipline Committee Appeal:

Chris Borst spoke to the board on behalf of his son. Paperwork was available for board members to read regarding the Discipline Committee meeting held previously and their decision. Eric Simmons, Referee-in-Chief, spoke on the procedures taken, went over the report and the investigation. Non-seated board members were excused, and the ASHA board went into Executive Session. Once the Executive Session was over, everyone returned to hear the decision of the ASHA board. Darryl Thompson announced that the ASHA board decided to reverse the decision of the 601(f)1, affirm the decision of a 601(f)3, and modify the penalty to five months, with a one year probation period.

Hockey Club Fairbanks: Ben Roth spoke on the behalf of Hockey Club Fairbanks for their admittance to ASHA. All required paperwork is turned in. Carol Hammingh moved and Joe Newhouse seconded to allow Hockey Club Fairbanks into ASHA. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. Ben Roth was seated as the representative for Hockey Club Fairbanks.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson thanks all hosts for the state tournaments this season, and gave a big thanks to Lisa McPheters and the ASHA board for the national tournament. From the national perspective, Darryl said there were several proposals that will be voted upon at the June USA Hockey meeting. He will keep us abreast on any happenings. On the district level, the Alaska Oilers have put in to

host the 2017 district tournament. The sled hockey team is looking to start a youth sled hockey team.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Newhouse announced that this was his last meeting. He went over the balance sheet and the profit & loss statements. ASHA is in good shape financially! Thank you Joe for your time and commitment to helping ASHA!!!

VP Tournaments: Carol Hamming reported that all of the state tournaments were successfully completed. She gave thanks to all who helped with the many tournaments. She also encourages anyone who has questions regarding tournaments to feel free to ask her.

VP Comp Council: Matt Shasby thanked his division coordinators from this past season. He also thanked everyone for a great season. They are going to put the try-out times on the website to make it easier for everyone to see. They are looking at hosting birth year jamborees next year. They are also looking into the Tier I try-out dates. On April 28, 2016, the high school CIC coaches will meet to discuss the schedules. The hosts for the 2017 state comp tournaments are:

Squirt Minor/Major – Fairbanks  
PeeWee Minor – KPHA  
PeeWee Major – North Stars  
U14 Tier II – Fairbanks  
U16 Tier II – South Central Wolves  
U 16 Tier I – Alaska Oilers  
U18 Tier II – South Central Wolves

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they have some handbook revisions to present as a first reading during New Business. As a council, they have been discussing what constitutes a game with youth and cross-ice. The 2017 house state tournament bids are:

Squirt Tier IV – FAHA  
Squirt Tier III – Homer  
PeeWee Tier IV – Mat-Su  
PeeWee Tier III – Kenai  
Bantam Tier IV – Palmer  
Bantam Tier III – Jr. Avalanche  
U16 Tier III/IV – AHA  
U18 Tier III/IV – possibly MHA???

VP Girls'/Women: Kirk Payne reported that the Girls' Pacific Districts was held in early March. Theresa Austin and the Anchorage Hockey Association did a great job with the event. Alaska had 6 teams represented and 4 of those teams played in championship games. Two of those teams went on to compete in Nationals. There is an upcoming possible rule change that would prohibit U12 girls from participating on national bound teams. Girls Tier I and Tier II try-outs can start as early as May 2. The Alaska Girls stand-alone website is migrating to the ASHA site.

Special thanks to Andrew Good for making the transition of this information centrally located on the ASHA site. The next Girls/Women meeting will be May 4, 2016, at 1:30 at the BP Energy Center.

VP Adult: Keith Berrian reported that he is happy to see someone step up to run for the VP Adult position – thank you Larry McBain. The adult program is marching along strong in Alaska. The annual Labatt's USA Hockey Classic Tournament is next weekend in Anchorage. The event is one of USA Hockey's largest every year. This year features 8 divisions and over 60 teams. Games start Thursday night, run Friday night, all day Saturday and most of Sunday. Games will be played at almost all of the Anchorage rinks with the Championships being held Sunday at the Subway Center.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk's report read that he would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the player development camp April 8-10. It was great to have coaches from UAA and UAF participate in the camp. As of today, 4 Alaskan alternates have been added to attend the 14 camp in Colorado Springs. Flint DOUNGCHAK, Co-Director 14's Western Regional High Performance Camp, and Kenny Rausch of USA Hockey both did player/parent presentations at South High School. The presentations were very informative and well attended. Remember that the 15, 16 & 17 camp will be held February 18-19, 2017 at the Subway Center. The dates for othe 2004 and 2003 camp will be April 14-16, 2017 at the Subway Center. Attached is the information on the Coaching Internship Program.

Discipline Committee: Bruce Graham's report read that he appreciated the Pacific District update from Kris Knauss. He also feels a need to address enrollment of players in Alaska. Carlos Gomez commented that he feels we all need to set a good example when we as coaches, players and parents deal with referees.

Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Lisa McPheters reported that the registration reports were sent out yesterday to all board members. She encouraged everyone to look at the numbers and assess the best course of action for the coming season. She reminded everyone that all spring/summer travel teams are required to have an approved 1T roster in place. Without this document, the team is traveling and playing with no USA Hockey insurance, and the coach/association is in violation of ASHA's rules. If your association will be changing who will serve as their registrar for the 16-17 season, please let Lisa know of this change at [akregistrar@live.com](mailto:akregistrar@live.com).

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons thanked the board for hearing the discipline case earlier in the meeting. The number of referees is going down. Thank you to Carol Hammingh in that the state tournaments went very well. He will be attending seminars on retention and recruitment of referees. Adults need to set good examples.

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that the Coaching Education Program has been updated. There will be a Level 5 Clinic in St. Louis August 11-13, 2016.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that there will be some changes within the NorPac, but they will play next year. The Ice Dogs won last night in the play-offs.

Safe Sport: No report.

ADM: No report.

Elections: Jack Tragis went over the ballots which were passed out to all voting members. The results are:

President – Darryl Thompson  
Treasurer – Jim Newhouse  
VP Comp – Matt Shasby  
VP Adult – Larry McBain

Old Business:

Brenda Luthi presented the first reading of the electronic voting document. Darryl Thompson announced that Wylie Rogers was appointed the Goalie Coordinator for Alaska.

National Tournament Committee: Lisa McPheters reported that she was very happy with the Alaska support during the National Tournament held in Anchorage. She gave special thanks to Carol Hammingh for the gate, Kim Amstad for the hospitality room and Matt Shasby for the flag skaters. She gave kudos to Team Alaska for their making it to the quarter finals. Lisa was given a big thanks for being the chairman.

New Business:

Joe Newhouse moved and Matt Shasby seconded to accept the Homer Comp Team request to field a U16 Tier II team this upcoming season. The motion passed unanimously.

A collection of first readings were presented (see attached). Please share them with your associations and be ready for voting on them at the July meeting.

Joe Newhouse moved and Justin Marcum seconded to approve the Girls' pre-camp ice funding request of \$2500.00. This will allow for the money they made to be redistributed appropriately by the Girls/Women Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Barth moved and Travis Frisk seconded to approve the hard ice dividers request for advance funding. This would include 100% of the costs of hard ice dividers for the Homer Rink, and 50% partnering for the Kodiak rink and UAA and possibly others. The motion passed unanimously.

Michele Nilson moved and Mike Schachle seconded to renew Andrew Good's contracts for the web site: Sportngin for \$4,500.00 and maintenance for \$2,500.00. The motion passed.

The dates for ASHA Board Meetings for the upcoming season were approved as follows:

July 16, 2016, 10:00, Coast Inn  
August 27, 2016, 11:00, Coast Inn (August 26 and 27 – comp scheduling)  
October 15, 2016, 10:00, Coast Inn  
December 3, 2016, 10:00, Coast Inn  
January 28, 2017, 10:00, Coast Inn  
April 22, 2017, 10:00, Coast Inn (Annual Meeting)

Jason Dineen moved and Mike Steffey seconded to approve \$1,500.00 to help fund sending an Alaskan official to attend the Disabled Clinic. The motion passed unanimously.

Darryl Thompson would like for anyone interested in being part of the Long Range Planning Committee to send him his/her name.

Attached find information from Cristy Hickel regarding the Lithia Great Alaska Showcase. Also there is information on the Olympians and the Isobel Cup.

Board Member Comments:

- Joe Newhouse wished everyone well for the upcoming seasons.
- Carlos Gomez commented that the Pond Hockey Tournament will be held in Big Lake next year. Valley associations will be asked for help. It will be in mid-March, after the Iditarod.
- Ben Roth thanked everyone for the opportunity for Hockey Club Fairbanks to join ASHA.
- Mike Barth thanked everyone for the support for Homer.
- Trent Schachle commented that he works for Burkesshore Marine – the sponsor of the Pond Hockey Tournament.
- Travis Frisk commented that Alaska sent 6 players to the Pittsburgh Showcase and the team did very well. He might try to run an all-Alaska team next year. Information will be coming out in July.
- Brenda Luthi reminded everyone to send her their Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 season. Make sure your correct contact information is on the sign-in sheet. Every association within a 125 mile radius of Anchorage needs to send in their travel fund check, which is \$100 per seated board member.
- Darryl Thompson commented that he is hopeful for an Alaska team for the Pittsburgh Showcase next year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi  
ASHA Secretary