

Alaska State Hockey Association
Board Meeting
January 28, 2017

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Tim Zobel, Annetta Powell, Jeff Dick, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Dima Kulmanovsky, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Ben Roth, Chris Carney, Joey Merrick, Michele Nilson, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Carrie Jokeil, Ron Stadem, Ronette Stanton (alt) and Daniel Bare (alt).

Members present electronically: Mike Barth

Members excused: Kirk Payne, Destry Lind, Lisa McPheters, Jason Dinneen and Ted Barton

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Brenda Luthi, Larry McBain, Anna Culley, Wayne Sawchuk, and Carol Hammingh.

USA Hockey officials present: Mike Ashley, Rick Trupp and Eric Simmons.

Visitors present: Mike LaFlamme, Matt Ketchum, and Brandon Harker.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Daniel Bare for Jason Dinneen
Ronnette Stanton for Ted Barton

Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence: Most correspondence is electronic now, but there were two magazines available for members.

Persons to be heard:

Mike LaFlamme spoke to the Mac Attack tournament and how it will not be sanctioned for this year. Mike would like to get it sanctioned by USA Hockey. Discussion followed, including that the ASAHA Board does not have the independent authority to force the USA Hockey Registrar to sanction a tournament under USA Hockey if in the registrar's judgment, the tournament as structured is not eligible to be sanctioned. It was discussed that the authority the ASHA Board had was to recommend to the Associate Registrar that it be sanctioned if possible. Travis Frisk moved and Joey Merrick seconded to ask Lisa McPheters, USA Hockey Associate

Registrar for Alaska to sanction the Mac Attack as currently structured with semi-finals and trophies, if it is otherwise eligible to be sanctioned under USA Hockey. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

President's Report: Darryl Thompson gave a thanks to Fairbanks for hosting the December ASHA meeting and also thanked the ASHA members attending via audio conference and thanks to the Ice Dogs for their generous hospitality at the National Team vs Ice Dogs game.

- The Wylie Posts are in and mostly distributed.
- The Quick Change goalie gear is in. The remaining boxes are at the Subway Center if you need to pick it up. He gave a thanks to Alaska Airlines for sponsoring the shipping and explained the challenges of getting this accomplished. Jim Newhouse will get the price on catch gloves and blockers. This will be an electronic vote once the information is gathered.
- Congratulations to Kris Knauss on the birth of his son.
- Darryl attended the USA Hockey Winter Meeting.
 1. There are only three ADM waivers now across the country.
 2. They are looking for a new USA Hockey Executive Director as Dave Ogren announced his retirement.
 3. Club Excellence is an online portal available for all registered associations and he encourages all to utilize it.
 4. Tier I now has limitations from USA Hockey, with a grandfather provision.
 5. The National Safe Sport Center is now officially approved by USA Hockey and USA Hockey By-Law 10 amended accordingly. Now all sex abuse or sex harassment safesport reports are to be made to and investigated by and resolved by the NCSS. They are trying to take the work away from local associations the work needed for on these sensitive safesport issues. If there are other safesport claims and a sex abuse or harassment claim, then the NSSC will deal with all of them. Also, non-sex abuse or sex harassment matters may be directed to the NCSS and if for appropriate reasons, they may handle them as well. However, the USA Hockey was able to make sure that local affiliates like ASHA to continue to have jurisdiction to issue summary suspensions. In April, the final language and amendments will be available to all of us.
 6. There are some issues regarding Jr. Hockey with the Conflict of Interest policy.

Before our April meeting, there will be a draft for concussion protocol language and a proposed first read for a By-Law change to add as a standing committee an ASHA Hockey Hall of Fame.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Newhouse went over the handouts that were sent to all members earlier – the 990, Receivables, Profit & Loss, Investment Policy (maybe do a local investment along with the USAH investment). Attached is the Investment

Policy adopted by ASHA already. Discussion was held regarding the Talkeetna Hockey Association and their coaches who have not kept up to date with background screening and Safe Sport.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hammingh presented the state tournament schedules and commented that adjustments are still being made. The most recent state tournament schedules are attached. Carol Hammingh moved and Travis Frisk seconded to accept the tournaments as amended. The motion passed. Carol stressed that teams need to make sure the seedings and scores are correct on the website in that the website information is what she uses for seeding. She thanked Michele Nilson, Matt Ketchum, Justin Marcum, Anna Culley and Clint Hagel for their help in scheduling the tournaments. She also asked associations to check their tournament trophies to make sure they are engraved and in good shape. Carol also needs the names of the tournament chairpersons from each state tournament so that she can get the state tournament goodies to them.

VP Comp Council: Darryl Thompson and Travis Frisk reminded everyone that during the Player Development weekend, players can't be penalized for missing practices or games. The high school proposal is dead for now. There was a great ½ ice 10U Jamboree in Fairbanks. There was a discussion on game change requests. There was also a discussion on Safe Sport and background screenings.

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they have approved several player exceptions. She reminded all that 1T's are due and frozen as of January 31st.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne is at the Girls Selects today.

VP Adult Council: Larry McBain reported that they are getting the adult tournaments on the ASHA website. They are seeing too many match penalties. Larry attends the discipline meetings when adults have to go before the discipline committee. The LaBatt's Tournament will be in Anchorage April 27-30, 2017.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk reported that February 18 and 19, 2017 is our Alaska Camp for 15, 16 and 17's. Each association is required to send one evaluator or volunteer to participate in the camp. Registration ends February 8, 2017. Kenny Rausch from USA Hockey will be working the camp and will be doing a presentation on the Player Development process and USA Hockey Pride on Friday, February 17, 2017 – the time and location will be sent out later. This will be open to all players and parents.

Discipline Committee: No report.

Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar: Reports were sent out earlier in the week from Lisa McPheters.

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons reported that there are 341 referees registered in Alaska, but only 238 completed, which is pretty normal. Eric asked us to tell our coaches to not yell at young refs. He gave kudos to the Gomez Rams for positive interaction between coaches and referees. He said they may have trouble with big state tournaments in small officiating pockets. He reminded us that this is a rule change year

Coach-in-Chief: Rick Trupp reported that he went to a hockey director conference known as NARSE (North American Rink Systems Expo) this past year and found it enjoyable and very beneficial. In August, he would like to conduct a NARSE clinic in Anchorage. He has an agenda and is in the planning stage. He asked the ASHA board about possible participation from associations and there were many associations interested. He will get some information out to us soon with the intent to have local Alaska participation from association coaching directors and coaches.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that the NAHL League meeting is coming up in Detroit soon. He will have information on the upcoming year at our next meeting.

Nomination Committee: Jack Tragis will head the nomination committee for elections for the 2017-2018 season. The positions of Secretary, VP Player Development, VP Tournaments, VP House and VP Girls/Women are up for election.

Hall of Fame Committee: Jack Tragis will start meetings again next week and will be ready to present something to the board in April.

Safe Sport: Mike Ashley reported that there will be a National Center for Safe Sport, (NCSS) but we will still have mandatory reporting at the state level. In October, he will put on a training conference with our Pacific District Director, Steve Laing and California's SafeSport Coordinator to assist in the training of our local association presidents and SafeSport coordinators. He reminded us that we need to follow policy, otherwise you and your association are at risk. It is best practices to have every local Association post on their websites, on the front page, a Safe Sport link, including a link to the locker room policies.

ADM Coordinator: No report.

Goaltender Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

- Jim Newhouse moved and Wayne Sawchuk seconded to invest \$50,000 to the USA Hockey Foundation Investment Fund. The motion passed.
- Jim Newhouse moved and Anna Culley seconded to invest \$50,000 locally at the discretion of the Investment Committee (Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Travis Frisk and Ben Roth). The motion passed.

New Business:

- There was a first reading presented on ADM (see attached).
- Joey Merrick moved and Carol Hamming seconded to give authority to the Comp Council to develop a Tier I policy that will follow along the lines of the USAH policy. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Carrie Jokiel commented that all rinks have signs up for proper behavior.
- Jackie Graeber commented that Dennis Sorenson lost his son, Josh. There will be a celebration of life at Fox Hollow on February 6, 2017.
- Carol Hamming commented that we need to show respect at all tournaments. She is working on the state tournament finances. Some state tournament checks have been stolen, but steps have been taken to make it all right. She said that we need to clean up our handbook for next year to make sure we use the same language when defining teams: 18U, etc.
- Carlos Gomez reminded everyone that the Pond Hockey Tournament is coming up.
- Travis Frisk commented that Nancy Shierhorn would be the contact for Josh Sorenson's celebration of life.
- Mike Schachle reminded everyone to use the Wylie Posts correctly.
- Jeff Dick thanked Andrew Good for getting the Disabled Hockey information on the website. At the February 9th Aces game, they will have a table and will be doing a demonstration on sled hockey in between periods. He also commented that the Warrior Hockey received a grant for vets with disabilities for both stand up and sled hockey. March 11, 2017, there will be a try-out for Warrior Hockey from 10:00-noon.
- Joey Merrick commented that he had tickets to UAA hockey games on February 23 and 24 available for purchase.
- Ben Roth commented that there will be a farewell party for Roger McKinnon on February 12th in Fairbanks. He also reminded everyone that Talkeetna is not current with USA Hockey, so we should not play Talkeetna until this issue is taken care of.
- Darryl Thompson thanked the board for their patience with our long meeting and thanked the board for their dedication to all.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary