

Alaska State Hockey Association
Annual Board Meeting
April 22, 2017

Members present: Justin Marcum, Theresa Austin, Jason Dinneen, Merit Waldrop, Annetta Powell, David Cacciolfi, Mike Schachle, Mike Steffey, Jack Tragis, Carlos Gomez, Ben Roth, Mike Barth, Joey Merrick, Michele Nilson, Ron Stadem, Jackie Graeber, Travis Frisk, Sally Wright, Carrie Jokeil, Brandon Harker, Scott Sivulich (alt), Brandon Harbour (alt), and Ronette Stanton (alt).

Members present electronically: Keith Morris

Members excused: Wayne Sawchuk, Kirk Payne, Tim Zobel, Ted Barton, Chris Carney and Larry McBain.

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

USA Hockey officials present: Kevin Erlenbach, Kris Knauss, Mike Ashley, Eric Simmons, Joe Barth, Bruce Graham and Wylie Rogers.

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

Seating of Board Members:

Annetta Powell – Ben Boeke
David Cacciolfi – Ben Boeke
Tim Zobel – AHO
Jackie Graeber – SAHA
Keith Morris – SAHA
Ted Barton – KPHA
Joey Merrick – MHA
Merit Waldrop – Alaska Oilers
Justin Marcum – All Stars
Travis Frisk – Alaska Wolves
Chris Carney – Mat-Su Hockey
Mike Schachle – Jr. Avs
Ben Roth – Hockey Club Fairbanks
Mike Steffey - FAHA
Michelle Nilson - NAHA
Jack Tragis – Fairbanks Ice Dogs
Brandon Harker – Challenge Alaska
Mike Barth – Homer Hockey
Carlos Gomez – Scotty Gomez Foundation
Ron Stadem – PAHA

Theresa Austin – AHA
Jason Dinneen – AHA
Sally Wright – Subway Adult
Carrie Jokiel – Subway Adult

Scott Sivulich as an alternate today for Tim Zobel
Ronette Stanton as an alternate today for Ted Barton
Brandon Harbour as an alternate today for Chris Carney

Introductions were made of all present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Correspondence: Magazines were available for members.

Persons to be heard:

Kevin Erlenbach, Director of Membership Development from USA Hockey gave a presentation on growing hockey. November 4, 2017 and March 3, 2018 are the dates for Try Hockey. He also gave a presentation on Club Excellence, which is a program best used through a portal through USA Hockey which is unique for each association. This will be updated in June. He encouraged all associations to hook up with this tool.

Kris Knauss gave a Pacific District report. He reported that Nevada is coming on board. USA Hockey Registrar has incorporated our District wide concussion protocol acknowledgement form into the on-line Membership registration platform for all who register with USA Hockey in the Pacific District. This is a great advantage to the volunteer base as we will now not have to chase the paper forms down, and the District believes this will become part of the registration process for all USA Hockey eventually. USA Hockey is in the process of interviewing for a new executive director.

President's Report:

- Darryl Thompson reported that we are supporting the goalie coaching clinic. This is a pilot camp to help goalie coaches and head coaches. There are two going so far. There is room for more goalie coaches and head coaches to attend. Wylie Rogers explained further.
- Concussion protocol – The District is following up with the discussion from our ASHA meeting we held in where a district wide concussion protocol was introduced for our affiliate to adopt. We heard then from Jeanie Campbell, our District Concussion point person and Steve Laing, USA Hockey Director from California. Jeanie Campbell will give a presentation during our comp scheduling meetings on August 25-26, 2017 and at our Board Meeting on

August 26, 2017. It is the stated intent to try to have her come back up to give the presentation again during the house scheduling meetings.

- The U12 books are here from the state tournament in Kenai.
- Darryl gave a big thank you to Sally Wright and Lisa McPheters for the work they did on the ASHA handbook last year. We need a chairperson for the handbook for this year. Please reach out to Darryl if interested. Importantly, we need every organization to get their contact information to Darryl and Brenda for Board members, ASHA Board Reps, Comp Representatives, and House Representatives. We also need Tournament dates, Coaching Clinic Dates, Officiating clinic dates they intend to host, as it all needs to get incorporated in to the ASAHA Handbook.
- Darryl also gave a big thanks to the ASHA board and to all of the volunteers, parents, team manager, treasurers, and everyone who makes the game actually happen on the ice for a great year of hockey and successful state tournaments.
- Darryl was able to attend the National Disabled Festival in San Jose as a volunteer, and it was great experience! Respect and dignity abounded there.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Newhouse went over the financials. He asked that block grant money requests be presented at the July meeting.

VP Tournaments: Carol Hamming reported that the state tournaments went well. Associations did a good job making their facilities look and feel like a tournament atmosphere. Thank you to the many tournament directors: Mindy, Travis, Jenn, Harry, Jennie, Laurie, Karen, Jennifer, Brandy, Bianca, Rosario and Nicole. There were a few challenges and she sincerely thanks Candace and Mike for working with their tournaments and the difficult road conditions and intermittent closures of the Glenn Highway. A special thank you to Clint and Jody for all their work rescheduling games and keeping teams, workers, referees and her informed after the Soldotna Sports Complex lost power the night before causing the ice to be unsafe. Thank you to Eric, Joe and all of the referee supervisors for working with all the tournaments to keep them running so smoothly. Thank you for working with her and keeping her well informed. Every year she fields concerns from coaches regarding errors on score sheets and "her" poor rules and "her" incorrect interpretation of them. Please remind your coaches that we are all volunteers. She would like to ask each association to go over the state tournament rules and tie breakers with all of their coaches prior to state tournaments. Thank you to Jim Newhouse for working with her to get all of the bills paid. She believes at this point all bills have come in for tournaments. Darryl gave Carol a huge thanks from ASHA for her work with the state tournaments.

VP Comp Council: Theresa Austin reported for Matt Shasby. Carol Hamming moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the following Comp Tournament hosts for 2018:

- U18 and U16 PAHA and Jr. Avs

- U14 Tier I All Stars
- U14 Tier II FAHA
- U12 MHA
- U10 North Stars

The motion passed unanimously.

She presented a first reading of a handbook change (see attached).

VP House Council: Anna Culley reported that they met last week and are looking at proposals for house tie-breaker rules, requiring all teams to have home and away jerseys, and possibly changing the declaration date. She will let us know the outcome of these proposals. Anna Culley moved and Carol Hammingh seconded to accept the following House Tournament hosts for 2018:

- U10 Tier III - ????
- U10 Tier IV – PAHA
- U12 Tier III – SAHA
- U12 Tier IV – FAHA
- U14 Tier III – KPHA
- U14 Tier IV – MHA
- U16 - ????
- U18 - ????

The motion passed unanimously.

VP Girls/Women Council: Kirk Payne’s report was read for him. Alaska sent 7 teams to the Pacific District Championships. These teams participated at the Tier II level for 14U, 16U and 19U. Of the 7 teams, 5 of them advanced to either semi-final or championship rounds. We had two teams win the Pacific District and represent our affiliate at Nationals. One of those teams, North Star U16 Tier II girls, won their division at Nationals. Congratulations to all of our Alaska teams!!!

GWC developed a Tier I policy for our affiliate. Based on this policy for the 2017-18 season, we elected to award a Tier I allocation to AHA for the girls 16U and elected not to award a Tier I allocation at the girls 14U level.

Tryouts for both Tier I and Tier II girls can be scheduled this year no earlier than May 1, 2017. The GWC has submitted some handbook changes that they feel will be beneficial to Girls’ hockey.

VP Adult Council: No report.

VP Player Development: Wayne Sawchuk’s report was read for him. We have just finished up our 13/14 camp at Subway Ice Rink last week. He would like to thank all the coaches and evaluators who volunteered over the weekend. It was also great to have both UAF and UAA coaches participate in the camp. Since the list came out Monday, we have had three 2003 alternates get invites to the Western Regional High Performance Camp in Colorado Springs in June. The Pacific District Camp 15,

16 & 17 camp is being held May 4-7 in San Jose. Since the list was posted in February, we have had nine alternates get in.

2017-2018 Player Development Select Camp Dates:

- January 5-7, 2018 15(03's), 16 (02's) & 17 (01's) Camp at Subway Ice Rink
- April 13-15, 2018 13 (05's) & 14 (04's) Camp at Subway Ice Rink
- Western Regional High Performance Camp Internship Program is June 16-22. The brochure has been sent out.

Discipline Committee: Bruce Graham gave a presentation showing the committee findings for the 2016-2017 season (see attached). He also gave a presentation from Pam Kelly on Safety in ASHA Youth Hockey, Prioritizing Safety and Protecting Players (see attached). Ben Roth moved and Joey Merrick seconded to adopt the STOP patch sign to be worn on jerseys by all players. Discussion followed and the motion failed. An Ad Hoc committee will be formed to further investigate Player Safety. Bruce was given a thanks to him and his committee for all of their hard work.

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Associate Registrar: (see attached)

Referee-in-Chief: Eric Simmons reported that the state tournaments were widespread and far flung, but they went very well. Carol Hammingh did a phenomenal job. The district tournaments went well too. Alaska sent six officials out to work the national tournaments!

Coach-in-Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: Jack Tragis reported that the Ice Dogs won their first round of tournament play. Kenai River Brown Bears should be able to play next year, but they have to fulfill a few conditions to be able to continue.

Hockey Hall of Fame: Jack Tragis reported that they have come up with a By-Law change proposal, which will be presented during Old Business.

Safe Sport: Mike Ashley reported that Annetta Powell was very helpful with fixing the cold room at Ben Boeke. He mentioned that the biggest things he deals with are house hockey issues. He reminded all associations to make sure that their volunteers know about Safe Sport. The word is getting out about Safe Sport in that people are calling him and checking about things first. It would be nice to have a Safe Sport place on every hockey association's website.

ADM Coordinator: No report.

Goaltender Coordinator: Wylie Rogers reported that he has run clinics across the state, and they are reaching coaches and players. He really wants to start investing in goalie coaches. There is a Seattle Camp May 19-21 coming up. If you are interested, contact Wylie.

Elections: Darryl asked if there were any extra nominations to the slate of officers to be elected. There were none. Jack Tragis moved and Travis Frisk seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed. The 2017-2019 officers are:

VP Tournaments – Carol Hammingh

VP Player Development – Wayne Sawchuk

VP Recreation – Anna Culley

VP Girls/Women – Kirk Payne

Secretary – Brenda Luthi

Old Business:

- ADM By-Law Request – Mike Steffey moved and Theresa Austin seconded to accept the second reading of the ADM request. Discussion followed. The motion failed.
- Hockey Hall of Fame By-Law Amendment – Jack Tragis moved and Annetta Powell seconded to accept the second reading of the Hockey Hall of Fame request. Jack explained the purpose of making it a standing committee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Electronic votes that occurred between our last meeting and this one are:
 - Motion to purchase blockers and gloves passed.
 - Motion to include Girls Tier I to the same application process as youth hockey, and that the Comp Council would have the vote to allocate the association (within the application process) with the Tier I allocation failed.
 - The motion to delegate the authority to the Girls/Women Council to develop a Tier I policy that will follow along the lines of USAH policy passed.
 - The motion to give approval for the 990 passed.
 - The motion to place a full-page ad in the National Festival program passed.

New Business:

- First reading of the Girls/Women proposal (see attached)
- First reading of the AHA proposal (see attached)
- First reading of the Discipline Committee/Match Penal Code proposal (see attached)
- Challenge Block Grant Request – Brandon Harker moved and Joey Merrick seconded to approve the request for \$2,400 for Warrior practice jerseys. The motion passed unanimously.

- Web site – Mike Steffey moved and Brandon Harker seconded to renew Andrew Good’s contracts for Sportnign for \$4500 and for the web site maintenance contract for \$2500. Discussion followed. The motion passed.
- Travis Frisk moved and Jackie Graeber seconded to approve the following ASHA meeting dates for the 2017-2018 season which will be held at the Coast International Inn in Anchorage.

July 15, 2017	10:00
August 26, 2017	11:00
October 7, 2017	10:00
December 2, 2017	10:00
January 27, 2018	10:00
April 21, 2018	10:00

The motion passed.

- Long Range Planning – Darryl Thompson commented that we need to form a committee to look into our long range planning. If anyone is interested, contact Darryl.
- New adult associations: Annetta Powell moved and Mike Steffey seconded to preapprove the following adult associations once their paperwork is complete – Eagle River and Kenai River Queens. The motion passed.
- Valley Compact: Mike Schachle moved and Mike Steffey seconded to approve the Valley Compact which states that “All comp teams that come from the Mat-Su Valley must come from the cooperative agreement to compete in the Alaska Comp League” for a period of five years. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Ben Roth suggested that when planning the Valley Compact program, be sure to include the house teams.
- Jack Tragis comments that players will move where they want to play. Leave the kids along until try-outs.
- Travis Frisk commented that the Team Alaska idea was scrapped this year, but they did send names to Team Washington, and only one player went.
- Carlos Gomez commented that requiring house teams to have two sets of jerseys could be a financial drain. He also commented that the Pond Hockey Tournament was very well received. The dates for next year are March 9, 10 and 11, 2018. He would like our support and to let coaches know so they don’t schedule practices on these days so players can participate in the Pond Hockey Tournament.
- Brandon Harker thanked everyone for our support of their tournament in San Jose and also thanked the board for our support of purchasing jerseys. If we know of anyone who might be interested, let him know.
- Annetta Powell commented that the Dempsey 2 renovations are going on.
- Kris Knauss commented that we need to work on retention of hockey players and to work on long range planning.

- Theresa Austin thanked everyone for their thanks on the North Star girls National Championship. She gave an extra huge thanks to the Palmer girls who stayed and cheered them on.
- Brenda Luthi reminded all associations that she needs a current list of their Board of Directors for the 17-18 season. She also needs travel fund money from each association within a 125-mile radius of Anchorage.
- Darryl Thompson gave a thank you to everyone for their time and energy.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 10:00 at the Coast Inn in Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Luthi
ASHA Secretary