



PNAHA GENERAL WINTER MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017 MINUTES

COAST WENATCHEE CENTER HOTEL & WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER  
201 North Wenatchee  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Dru Hammond, PNAHA President called the meeting to order at 9:12 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 – Dru Hammond; 1<sup>st</sup> PNAHA Vice President – Robby Kaufman; 2<sup>nd</sup> PNAHA Vice President – Rob Azevedo; Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Didzerekis
  - Member Organizations Present: EYH – Gary Gusinsky; IEAHA – Dave Nieuwenhuis; KVHA – Les Grauer; MLYHA – Ty Howard; SJHA – Ian Armstrong; SKAHA – Doug Kirton; SAYHA – Brad Moon; PSAHA – Jared Bucci; TCAHA – Kris Waltze; VYHA – Bob Knoerl; WAHA – Tami Gurnard; WSHC – Jeremy McCann; WWFHA – Colin Nurse
  - Member Organization not represented – YAHA and WCAHA

**2. Introductions** - Personal introductions made by the PNAHA Board of Directors and special guest Donna Kaufman.

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

- ◆ Minutes from September 10, 2016 Annual Fall PNAHA meeting were presented to the board, Bob Knoerl, (VYHA) motion **[to approve the minutes as presented]**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Gusinsky (EYH), motion passed.

**4. Treasurer Report** – Debbie Didzerekis

- ◆ Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) presented copies and reviewed the August 2016 – December 2016 Treasurer Report. Noting a balance overage of \$125.00 which is related to a cash deposit that had not cleared from the end of the month prior to statement closing. Ending balance as of December 31, 2016 is \$144,769.77. Bob Knoerl (VYHA) motion **[to approve the treasurer report]**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Gusinsky (EYH), motion passed.
- ◆ TOURNAMENT CHECKS – There were a few associations that did not present checks at this meeting. Treasurer will reach out to make sure they are paid prior to tournaments. Checks received Kent (14U, 10U), WAHA (18U, 12U), SKAHA (14U, 18U, 16U, 10Ux4, 12Ux4, 14UB), TCAHA (14U, 18U, 18UB, 10U,12U), SJHA (10Ux2, 12Ux2, 14Ux2, 14U Girls, 16U Girls) and MLYHA (10U, 12U)

**5. Special Guests**

- ◆ Steve Laing – Pacific District Director, not present.
- ◆ Donna Kaufman, Pacific District Director – Donna reminded everyone that this is a rule change year. Anyone in the country can submit a rule change prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. The proposed changes are available online for review. A review of the dates of the tournament schedule was also discussed. Donna also mentioned for Steve Stevens that Ref Town has been selected as the standard software.
- ◆ Steve Stevens, Pacific District Referee In Chief, not present

**6. Officer's Reports**

- ◆ COACHING DIRECTOR – Rob Kaufman
  - ◆ Player Development Camp – January 28-29, 2017 in Wenatchee at Town Toyota Center
    - ◆ Nominations are in, Rob wants to thank everyone for getting them in. The camp format will be 2 games Saturday and 1 game Sunday. Invitations go out next week. Keep in mind any WA born players playing outside the state should be considered. Players playing in CA must go to CA camp. Rocky Mountain can go to Colorado camp to be evaluated.
    - ◆ Discussion about once players are we need to have ice time available to provide some additional instruction on what is expected and how to promote themselves in order to move on.
    - ◆ Doug Kirton would like to see a physical aspect added to the development camp.
    - ◆ There will be speakers on Friday night again and there is a Goal tender piece added this year.
- ◆ GIRLS/WOMEN – Cindy Dayley
  - ◆ Female Development Camp – January 28-29, 2017 in Everett, Preparation is going well, this year attendance will be limited to the official birth year, which shows an increase in female participation. Expect record numbers at this year's camp. Speakers have been arranged again this year.
- ◆ GOALIE DIRECTOR – Mike Landry
  - ◆ Mike is working to post training on goalie section of PNAHA. Mike has been to Spokane in November, Bellevue, and is going to Wenatchee in February and Everett in January. Smaller affiliates are welcome to come to any of those scheduled trainings.
- ◆ SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS – Ben Staehr – No report
- ◆ REGISTRAR/RISK MANAGER – Wendy Goldstein- No report
- ◆ LEAGUE COMMISSIONER – Tami Gurnard
  - ◆ 18U only league for the season
- ◆ SAFESPORT – Adam young
  - ◆ Thank you to everyone for reports, there are posters for everyone to take. Doug Ross will be attending Mid Annual.
- ◆ ADM DIRECTOR WEST SIDE – Doug Kirton

- ◆ Joe Bennett will be in Seattle in late January or February. Joe mentioned that there is some good stuff out of Aspen on the sway page.
- ◆ ADM DIRECTOR EAST SIDE – Herman Cho, No report
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Robby Kaufman, No report
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT – Rob Azevedo, No report
- ◆ PRESIDENT – Dru Hammond
  - ◆ Try Hockey for Free results – November 12, 2016- We have officially wrapped up our November 12<sup>th</sup> Try Hockey For Free Day and want to thank you for your help to make this event a huge success! Thanks to your support, we were able to introduce the sport of ice hockey to **13,582 kids across 493 locations nationwide**. We commend each association within your affiliate for their willingness to volunteer their time and energy to help families enjoy their first youth hockey experience.

Thank you again for your continued help and support. Please mark February 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our next Try Hockey For Free Day as part of Hockey Week Across America! Please direct any associations interested in hosting to register here: <http://www.usahockeyprogramservices.com/hwastryhockeyforfree>.

ASSOC NAME	EVENT DATE	LOCATION	Participants
WESTERN WASHINGTON FEMALE HOCKEY ASSN	11/12/2016	Highland Ice Arena	30
EVERETT YOUTH HOCKEY	11/12/2016	Xfinity Community Ice Rink	61
WEST SOUND HOCKEY CLUB	11/12/2016	Bremerton Ice Center	48
VANCOUVER YOUTH HOCKEY	11/12/2016	Mountain View Ice Arena	66
SPOKANE JR CHIEFS	11/12/2016	Eagles Ice Arena	18
SEATTLE JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	11/12/2016	OlympicView Arena	37
WHATCOM COUNTY AMATEUR HOCKEY	11/12/2016	Whatcom Hockey Ice at Bellingham Sportsplex	26
YAKIMA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	11/12/2016	Yakima Ice Rink	42
MOSES LAKE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	11/12/2016	Larsen Activity Center Moses Lake Ice Rink	-
SNO-KING AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	11/12/2016	Sno-King Ice Arena - Kirkland	15
TRI-CITIES AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	11/12/2016	TRAC Ice Pavillion	23
			366

- ◆ Mid-Annual in Orlando, Florida, January 11-15, 2017
  - ◆ Pacific District Meeting in Las Vegas, February 11, 2017
7. TOURNAMENT UPDATES
- ◆ Credential book collection – teams turned in credential books, those reviewing will divide books at the end of the meeting.
  - ◆ Tier I (Everett 16U – Direct)
  - ◆ Tier II 14U/16U/18U (March 17-19, 2017 hosted by SAYHA) – Dru wants to remind PNAHA Affiliates to make sure national bound PNAHA teams be priority. Discussion around how to do tiering for national bound teams. Dru will send this to the rules committee to bring back to the June meeting.
    - ◆ Team Declarations: 14U Kent, SJHA, SKAHA, SAYHA, 16U SKAHA, SAYHA, 18U PSAHA, SKAHA, TCAHA, WAHA
  - ◆ B Tournament 14U/18U (March 25-26, 2017 hosted by West Sound)
    - ◆ Team Declarations: 14U Kent, SJHA, SKAHA, SAYHA, 16U SKAHA, SAYHA, 18U PSAHA, SKAHA, TCAHA, WAHA
  - ◆ 10U/12U Festival (March 10-13, 2017 hosted by TCAHA) – Discussion around divider boards at 10U. Discussion around how you qualify to play at 10U/12U festival.
    - ◆ Team Declarations: 10U - KVHA, SJHAX2, SAYHAX2, PSAHA, EYH, MLYHA, SKAHAX4, TCAHA, VYHA (TOTAL 15)
    - ◆ Team Declarations: 12U – EYH, MLYHA, SKAHAX3, SJHAX4, SAYHAX2, TCAHA, VYHA, WAHA, WEST SOUND (TOTAL 15)
  - ◆ Certification committee will decide seeding for festival – committee will consist of hockey directors or appointed person for each association participating. Committee will have a conference call to discuss and decide how you qualify for festival.
  - ◆ Certification committee for Tier II will consist of those teams participating.
8. ASSOCIATION REPORTS
9. OLD BUSINESS

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Hockey weekend across America (January 19-26, 2017), all affiliates are encouraged to host an event.
- ◆ 8U - Updated exception request – it is that time of year that I am preparing to attend the USA Hockey Mid-Annual meeting. One task I need to complete is the request for an exception for the upcoming season for a limited number of full-ice games at the 8U age level for the 2017-18 season. The USA Hockey Player Development Subcommittee will be looking for our request to demonstrate continued progress towards the goal of all games being played on the reduced-size playing surface. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2017, so now is the time to get them submitted. **As an Affiliate this formal exception request submission is due to USA Hockey by January 6, 2017** and will be acted upon by January 12, 2017.

BC recently mandated cross/half ice in Canada. I distributed this information at the September meeting. This Canadian mandate now removes the original justification PNAHA utilized due to border associations 8U players that played in Canada. I have discussed this with Doug Kirtton, PNAHA ADM Director and we are both of the opinion that there is no further reason to request this waiver for 8U players based on the Canadian mandate.

Additionally, having 8U players play up at 10U is strongly discouraged, but at times there are compelling reasons to do so. Therefore, I am prepared to request that each association, at their discretion, be allowed up to three 8U players per season to play up at the 10U division for at least another year. Additional players playing up may be considered with an exception request to the state ADM Director, who will only consider the request if it is due to association needs, i.e. having to merge age divisions in order to have a functional program. Having a younger sibling playing up so their parent can coach at the older age division is not justification to allow play ups except in extreme situations where no other coach option exists. Once again, the USA Hockey goal is zero play-ups.

- ◆ Tacoma player request to play down at 10U - 11 year old player who has been playing on the 10U rep team all year is requesting to be allowed to play at the festival. Ian Armstrong (SJHA) motion **[to allow 11 year old player to play on 10U team at festival]** Brad Moon (SAYHA) 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.
- ◆ Joe Nichols Independent 16U Team – New members have to apply, independent/associations must be in by the January meeting. Joe discussed with the board that the team would be an academy team competing in the CSSHL. Players would be 15, 16, and 17 years old, all the players would be at Snohomish High School. Advantages for PNAHA, great product, coaches and corporate sponsors. To reach Joe for questions 206-915-4604, joenichols444@gmail.com.

#### 11. SPRING/SUMMER MEETING

- ◆ The PNAHA spring/summer meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 24, 2017** 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. All members are reminded to make their room reservations prior to leaving the FACILITY, as availability is always limited at the hotel depending on scheduled events.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT–Gary Gusinsky (EYH) motion **[to adjourn at 1:54 pm]**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Moon (SAYHA), **all in favor, meeting adjourned**



**PNAHA Treasurer Report  
As of December 31, 2016**

**Balance as of August 31, 2016** **\$ 113,811.04**

**Income**

<b>Misc Income</b>			
<b>Grant Funds</b>		\$19,703.75	
<b>Player Fees</b>		\$25,224.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>\$44,927.75</u>	
			<b>\$ 158,738.79</b>

**Expenses**

<b>Meetings-Motels</b>		
<b>Food</b>	\$ 3,291.72	
<b>Meeting Room/Hotel Rooms</b>	\$ 1,920.13	
<b>Misc Expenses</b>	\$ 61.62	
<b>Background Screening</b>	\$ 13.00	
<b>Bank Charges</b>	\$ 10.50	
<b>Cell/Telephone (Conference Line)</b>	\$ 301.79	
<b>Office/General Administrative Expenses</b>	\$ 550.37	
<b>Printing</b>	\$ 172.67	
<b>Storage</b>	\$ 495.00	
<b>Website (2yrs)</b>	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>PNAHA Travel</b>	\$ 1,427.22	
<b>PNAHA Development Camp</b>		
<b>Ice Fees</b>	\$ 4,725.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$13,969.02</u>	

**Balance as of December 31, 2016** **\$ 144,769.77**