



PNAHA ANNUAL FALL MEETING MINUTES - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER & ZOOM

Rob Azevedo, PNAHA President called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

1. Introductions & Sign in roster was taken by the secretary and a roll call was performed:
 - PNAHA President – Rob Azevedo, 1st Vice President – Robby Kaufman, 2nd Vice President – Tim Smith and Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Didzerekis
 - Chris Raub – EYH (via Zoom), Dave Nieuwenhuis – IEAHA, Les Grauer – KVHA, Marty Rubin – SJHA, Doug Kirton – SKAHA, Dustin Donaghy – SAYHA, Laura Burress – PSAHA (via Zoom), Derek Ellingson – TCAHA, Bob Knoerl – VYHA (via Zoom), Jason Thorson – WAHA, Penny Delbarto – WSHC, Jenn Wood – WWFHA (via Zoom), Ted Ritter – WCAHA (via Zoom), Chris Sutherland – YAHA (via Zoom), Steve Bondi (WYHA)
Not Present: MLYHA
 - Associate Member: Andrew Birnbich – SKYH (via Zoom)
 - Guests: Kris Knauss, USA Hockey Pacific District Chairman and Taylor Gross, USA Hockey Special Programs, Donna Kaufman, USA Hockey Junior Council Chair
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – Debbie Didzerekis, Secretary
 - Minutes from the June 19, 2021 meeting were presented to the board, Penny Delbarto (WSHC) motion **[to approve the minutes as presented]**, 2nd by Tim Smith (PNAHA 2nd VP). all in favor, *motion passed*.
3. Treasurer Report – Debbie Didzerekis, Treasurer
 - Treasurer Report, ending balance as of August 31, 2021 is \$248,784.24, anyone wanting access to review the records, please contact treasurer for guest access to Quickbooks online. Penny Delbarto (WSHC) motion **[to approve the treasurer report as presented]**, 2nd by Tim Smith (PNAHA 2nd VP). all in favor, *motion passed*.
 - Proposed Budget for 2021-2022, Penny Delbarto (WSHC) motion **[to approve the budget as presented]**, 2nd by Chris Raub (EYH). all in favor, *motion passed*.
4. Special Guests

Kris Knauss, USA Hockey Pacific District Chairman, discussed his role with USA Hockey Youth Council, USA Hockey Player Development Committee.

 - Steve Laing resigned from the Pacific District board, ran
 - New USA Hockey President, Mike Trimboli

Taylor Gross, USA Hockey Special Programs, presented to the group a review of the USA Hockey Special Program Services. Connect – programservices@usahockey.org

 - Try Hockey for Free, national dates which will be held November 6, 2021 and March 5, 2022, associations participating on these dates can get the USA hockey jerseys for your event. Everyone is still encouraged to hold other Try Hockey for Free but the two national dates are the only ones where you can get the USA Hockey jerseys.
 - Hat Trick Growth Challenge provides youth hockey leadership national programs and tools to drive participation at the 4-to-8 age group. To complete the Hat Trick Growth Challenge, participating associations will utilize programs that emphasize the three main driving forces of growth – Retention, Acquisition, and Conversion.
 - Girls' Hockey weekend, host sites utilize various activities; season kick-off parties, cross-ice jamborees, try hockey for free, or create an original event to celebrate local female hockey players. Events are encouraged to focus on 8U age group, 2021 date is October 15-17, 2021
 - Club Excellence is an online portal system designed to provide over 1,500 youth USA Hockey associations with a unique home to drive organizational success. Club Excellence walks youth hockey leadership through the day-to-day needs of running a successful youth hockey association and leading with intent.
 - Hockey Director/Program Administrator Courses, as part of the annual NARCE conference, participants will learn hands-on how to implement modern player development techniques while also using USA Hockey programs and services to maximize the growth and sustainability of their hockey programs.
 - Adult Hockey resources, Adult League Director Alliance, the ALDA was founded in 2020 and is an organization of adult league directors to provide networking, communication and resources for USA



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Hockey registered adult leagues. Playing opportunities for registered adult members include the Pond Hockey National Championship, our Adult Classics Series and Adult National held annually. We now offer platforms for try hockey for free and the adult first goal equipment programs.

5. Officer Reports

- Coaching Director – Rob Kaufman
 1. PNAHA Development camp will be held January 22-24, 2022 in Wenatchee, WA. Check in will be Friday night January 21, 2022. More information to follow. Association Hockey Directors need to contact Rob to work through your association nominations. Kris Knauss, Pacific District is waiting for the summary of WA players who were moved on and how they did at camp.
 2. CEP will continue to be online for now, the Pacific District will not post any more online classes until the other districts host theirs, as our clinics filled up with out of district personnel. Please ensure your coaches utilize any available virtual seminar to complete and acquire their CEP certification. Changes to the CEP program can be found at the USA Hockey CEP Curriculum at the following link <https://www.usahockey.com/cepcurriculum>.
 3. Student Coaches, everyone needs to ensure that rules are being followed in regards to your student coaches, those can be found at <https://www.usahockey.com/studentcoaches> if you have questions reach out to Rob for additional guidance.
- Girls/Women Director – PNAHA is currently interviewing and seeking a Girls/Women director, if you are interested, please contact Rob Azevedo (president@pnaha.com)
- Supervisor of Officials – Annette Lin
 1. Rule Changes, summary is attached to the minute for reference and can also be found at this link on USA Hockey. <https://www.usahockey.com/rulesandresources> Ensure you educated yourself on the changes as well as the current rules that are in place.
 2. Referees' numbers are very low, yet as a state we have new sheets of ice, and more referees will be needed as we move through the season. Please help recruit new referees in your areas to ensure the coming season is a successful one.
 - a. Spokane hockey association encourages their players to participate as referees and provides incentives such as paying their referee registration fees.
 3. For the upcoming PNAHA State tournaments, the Tier I and Tier II will need 2 referees and 2 linesmen. There will be a need for additional hotels from the hosts for referees due to the state shortage.
- Registrar/Risk Manager – Jeremy McCann
 1. Player Releases – must send these in to Jeremy and copy Rob Azevedo, PNAHA President (president@pnaha.com). Associations need to ensure you are getting releases from players who register with your programs that did not play in your association the previous year.
 2. Registration numbers are up over the previous year, we are close to be being back to numbers from 2 years ago.
 3. Portal Labels for scoresheets, Jeremy will address this at the upcoming registrar meeting but going forward this season, PNAHA is requesting all Nationally Bound Teams, and any other team to work with their association registrar to get a sticker template with your registered players/coaches out of the portal. This will help with credential checks and assist teams with knowing who can and can not be on their rosters.
 4. Flex Rosters from the portal. All associations should be using their portal to claim their volunteers and billets and adding them to a flex roster for easy verification that everyone has been screened and done their Safesport. This is a key piece that everyone needs to ensure is being done.
- League Commissioner – Terri Mooney (commish@pnaha.com)
 1. Team declarations –
 - a. TIER I
 - i. 14U (SJHA, SKAHA, WAHA)
 - ii. 16U (SJHA, SKAHA, WAHA)
 - iii. 18U (SJHA, WAHA)



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- b. TIER II
 - i. 14U (SJHA, SKAHA, SAYHA, PSAHA, TCAHA)
 - ii. 16U (SJHA, SKAHA, PSAHA, TCAHA)
 - iii. 18U (EYH, SJHA, SKAHA, SAYHA, PSAHA, TCAHA, WCAHA)
 - c. 12U
 - i. (EYH 1, KVHA 2 A/B, SJHA 2 A/B, SKAHA 3 A/B/C, SAYHA 2 A/B, PSAHA 2 A/B, TCAHA 2 A/B, VYHA 1 A, WAHA (?), WCAHA 1 C)
 - d. 10U
 - i. Clarification on Balanced verses A/B, declarations will be finalized at January Meeting.
 - e. B
 - i. 14U (EYH, SJHA, SKAHA, SAYHA, TCAHA, PSAHA)
 - ii. 18U (EYH, SKAHA, TCAHA, WSHC (?))
 - f. FEMALE TIER I
 - i. 14U (SJHA)
 - ii. 19U (SJHA)
 - g. FEMALE TIER II
 - i. 14U (SKAHA, WWFHA)
 - ii. 19U (WWFHA)
2. Scheduling meeting for the Tier II teams was held on Thursday September 9, 2021, the teams participating in league have a complete schedule, finalizing times over the next week. Schedule will be posted on www.pnaha.com under league section. An additional call will be held on September 21, 2021 to schedule the 12U teams and B teams. Tier II teams will begin playing each other September 18/19, 2021.
- Safesport – Nicole Adams
 - 1. Mask mandates, please remind everyone to follow the state/county mandates.
 - 2. All associations but 2 have returned the USA Hockey Member Program Agreement to Adopt and Comply with Safe Sport Program (2021-22 Season) - return to Nicole Adams your PNAHA Safesport contact at safesport@pnaha.com.
 - 3. Flex Rosters should be used by all associations to document your volunteers and billets to ensure everyone is registered, screened and Safesport cleared.
 - 4. Return to play forms, require 3 signatures (Physician, Parent and Coach), all must acknowledge the player return.
 - ADM Director West Side – Doug Kirton
 - 1. Working with Joe Bonnett ADM Regional Manager from USA Hockey to do onsite visits at affiliates. You can also follow Joe on this youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9TKKRqBX-K2niOSSj8CURw> or his Sway page <https://sway.office.com/ezICbFofKU7HVRN3>
 - 2. Jody and Doug are available to come and help your associations, just reach out to them to setup a visit.
 - 3. Play Up or Down request need to go to the ADM Directors, there have been none submitted to Doug for the west side.
6. Executive Board (Voting Members)
- Secretary – Debbie Didzerekis
 - 1. Updated bank accounts to remove Dru Hammond and add in Rob Azevedo with access and as a signer.
 - 1st Vice President – Robby Kaufman
 - 1. Seeing more Match penalties out of the adult groups. Attitudes towards officials is g to keeping officials not returning to the ice.
 - 2. Need to see associations working toward Zero Tolerance education with parents/coaches/players to ensure we can grow our officials. Encourage coaches to become referees.



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3. Associations need to work closely and communicate with their females to ensure you know where they are playing, so associations are following the rules.
 - 2nd Vice President – Tim Smith
 1. Thanks for the support from everyone, Tim will be helping with league and development camp taking those duties over from Rob
 2. Associations need to review with members the Zero Tolerance policy and enforce that policy.
 3. With the rule changes, we will begin to see more game misconducts, so everyone needs to education and be on top of those penalties.
 - President – Rob Azevedo
 1. PNAHA Player Safety Coordinator, do the associations have a person fulfilling this role? This is a role PNAHA needs to fill. Information on the position is in the USA Hockey guidebook on page 204 under Duties and Responsibilities Item G. If you are interested please reach out to Rob at president@pnaha.com.
 - USA Youth Council Notes, focus was on rule changes which a summary is attached to these minutes.
7. Tournaments
- SET Dates – Locations on All Classifications
 1. TIER I YOUTH – FEBRURY 5-6, 2021
Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion [**SJHA host the PNAHA Tier I Tournament on February 5-6, 2022**], 2nd by Penny Delbarto (WSHC). All in favor, *motion passed*.
 2. TIER II YOUTH – MARCH 3-6, 2021
Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion [**TCAHA host the Tier II Tournament on February 5-6, 2022**], 2nd by Dustin Donaghy (SAYHA). All in favor, *motion passed*.
Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion [**for the 21-22 season, tournament cost for Tier II is \$1750.00 per team**], 2nd by Penny Delbarto (WSHC). All in favor, *motion passed*.
Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion [**for the 21-22 season, tournament cost per team for Tier I is \$1750.00, 10U is \$110.00, 12U is \$1300.00 and B is \$1600.00**], 2nd by Penny Delbarto (WSHC). All in favor, *motion passed*.
 - 3. FEMALES TII – TO BE DETERMINED IF NEEDED
 - 4. 10U FESTIVAL
Roundtable vote of members for vote between SJHA and SKAA for hosting the 10U Festival. (final vote awarded it to SKAHA). SKAHA will host 10U Festival March 10-13, 2022 at the Snoqualmie rink.
 - 5. 12U FESTIVAL
Derek Ellingson (TCAHA) motion [**SAYHA host the PNAHA 12U Tournament on**], 2nd by Justin Thorson (WAHA). Not enough for majority motion failed.
Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion [**PSAHA host the PNAHA 12U Tournament March 17-20, 2022**], 2nd by Bob Knoerl (VYHA). Not enough for majority motion failed. Spokane withdrew and tournament was awarded PSAHA for host.
 - 6. “B” STATE
Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion [**SAYHA host the PNAHA B Tournament on March 17-20, 2022**], 2nd by Justin Thorson (WAHA). All in favor, *motion passed*.
- Change this year due to issues previously for paying referees, checks for tournament will be made to PNAHA, referee fees for the tournaments will be taken out then the balance will be sent to the tournament host within 15 days of the January 8, 2022 meeting. All teams MUST present at PNAHA meeting with



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tournament checks, if your association need an invoice, please reach out to sectreas@pnaha.com prior to January meeting to allow checks to be delivered on time.

8. Pacific District & USA Hockey National Dates

- February 24-27, 2022, Youth Tier I District Championships at Irvine, California
- March 3-6, 2022, Girls Tier I & Tier II District Championships at Fairbanks, Alaska
- May 5-8, 2022, Boys Select 15, 16 & 17 Player Dev Camp at City National Arena, Summerlin, NV
- May 12-15, 2022, Girls Select 14, 15, 16, & 17 Player Dev Camp at City National Arena, Summerlin, NV

9. Old Business

- Host Hotel Fee, the current set fee if \$95.00 was from 3-4 years ago. There are currently no hotels in some markets for that rate, that associations would feel comfortable putting families. Those associations that use host hotels believe they can find an option in the range of \$150.00. Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion **[to set the host hotel fee for PNAHA at \$150.00]** 2nd by Penny Delbarto (WSHC). All in favor, *motion passed*.
- Each association needs to send to Terri Mooney (commish@pnaha.com) and Debbie Didzerekis (Sectreas@pnaha.com)

10. New Business

- Girls/Women's Director - Rob Azevedo, PNAHA President
Pg. 76 ADD - SECTION 9
Girls/Women's Director (NON-VOTING MEMBER)
It shall be the responsibility of the Girls/Women's Director for the planning, development and conduct of the girls/women's hockey within PNAHA. Shall work directly with each Affiliate in growing interest towards independent girls/women's programs. Will have the responsibility of planning, scheduling, and maintaining the budget for the Girls/Women's Development Camp. As the Girls/Women's Director you will be responsible for administering the PNAHA evaluation process and the selection of PNAHA players to any USA Hockey camps or events.
 - This was a new position from USA Hockey adopted by PNAHA but the description was not added to the guidebook. This is to add general duties to the guidebook for the position. Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer) motion **[to accept the addition to the guide book for the Girls/Women's Director (Non-Voting member)]** 2nd by Penny Delbarto (WSHC). All in favor, *motion passed*.
- Update to Guidebook page 87:
 - a. Each Tier II National bound team Youth (14U, 15O, 16U, 18U, and Girls 14U, 16U, 19U) that has been identified by their association representative at the PNAHA Annual Fall meeting must play each National Bound team in their age classification a minimum of 4 games during the season (2 home and 2 away). 50% of the required games must be completed by November 15 and the remainder must be completed 14 days prior to the Affiliate Tournament.
 - b. All Tier II National Bound Teams must be declared by October 1st.
 - c. All Tier II National Bound teams must be certified according to the criteria set for
 - Marketing Rules
 - Recruiting Rules (This committee cannot waive Rule 14. Teams cannot be considered for certification if this requirement is not met).
 - League participation
 - Tournament Participation
 - Complete Certification Committee T2 Designation Worksheet
 - d. The certification process will be completed prior to the District Tier I declaration date.
- PNAHA's Roll – Marty Rubin
 - Discussion among the PNAHA members and leaders to reframe our understanding of PNAHA as solely a disciplinary body to an educational entity unto itself. That with proper goal setting from



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members and leaders. PNAHA can use its platform to provide resources, development opportunities, access to talent, and more to achieve the goals we agree upon as a community to grow our game properly.

- Round table meetings for Coaching, Safesport and Registrars
 - 9/15 – Coaching, Rob Kaufman, PNAHA Coaching Director
 - 9/16 = Registrar, Jeremy McCann, PNAHA Registrar
 - 9/23 = Safesport, Nicole Adams, PNAHA Safesport
- Playing in NON-USA Hockey Events
 - Jeremy McCann, addressed the members that they need to ensure their teams are not playing in non sanctioned tournaments, parents need to be aware players are not covered under USA Hockey. Some of the big tournaments are coming to Seattle Kraken facilities now and we are working to try and get them to sanction the tournaments but everyone needs to verify before attending them.

11. Association Reports

- i. Roundtable discussion with all associations on what they are doing and seeing, and how they are preparing for the growth which is expected.

12. Winter Meeting will be January 8, 2022 (Be sure to bring you tournament checks made out to PNAHA, contact Debbie Didzerekis if you need an invoice, Credential books for all Tier II/Tier I Nationally Bound Teams are due to Jeremy McCann at the January Meeting.

13. Debbie Didzerekis (PNAHA Secretary/Treasurer), motion to **[adjourn at 2:11 p.m.]**, 2nd by Tim Smith (PNAHA 2nd Vice President), all in favor.




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		PNAHA Treasurer Report	
		September 11, 2021	
		As of August 31, 2021	
Beginning Balance as of May 31, 2021			\$ 236,173.36
Income			
District Tournament Fees		3,018.00	
Player Fees		29,525.00	
Total Income		\$ 32,543.00	
			\$ 268,716.36
Expenses			
Misc Expenses		\$ 3,958.02	
Bank Fees	\$ 3.50		
Grant	\$ 3,600.00		
Office/General Admin	\$ 354.52		
Pacific District Player Fees		\$ 11,860.00	
Player Development Camp Motel/Hotel		\$ 1,814.75	
State Tournament Metals		\$ 1,889.56	
Tournament Expenses: B State Tournament: Motel/Hotel		\$ 409.79	
Total Expenses		\$ 19,932.12	
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2021			\$ 248,784.24



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2021-2022 PNAHA BUDGET
September 11, 2021

REVENUE			
Grant Funds		\$	25,000
USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION FEE		\$	82,000
((\$15 PER 7U+ YOUTH PLAYER, \$5.00 PER ADULT)			
PNAHA DEVELOPMENT CAMPS (Player Registration Fees)		\$	37,000
TOTAL INCOME		\$	144,000
EXPENSES			
ADM Director East/West (Travel, Expenses)		\$	1,500
AGC Director (Travel, Expenses)		\$	1,500
Coaching Director (Travel, Expenses)		\$	1,500
Female Representative (Travel, Expenses)		\$	1,000
Goalie Director East/West (Travel, Expenses)		\$	3,000
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL (Taxes & Audit)		\$	3,500
MEETINGS - ROOMS AND CATERING			
CATERING/FOOD		\$	3,500
ROOMS		\$	6,200
Misc Expenses		\$	17,260
ADVERTISING/GIFTS/MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS	\$ 2,500		
BACKGROUND CHECKS (Exec Board/Appointed Dir)	\$ 400		
BANK CHARGES	\$ 50		
CELL/TELEPHONE/Conference Lines	\$ 400		
EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,000		
Gifts	\$ 1,000		
GRANT 10% to Pacific District	\$ 3,500		
INSURANCE	\$ 210		
Office/General Administrative/QuickBooks	\$ 2,000		
POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$ 1,000		
PRINTING	\$ 1,000		
GUIDEBOOK Printing	\$ 2,500		
STORAGE FOR RECORDS	\$ 700		
WEBSITE	\$ 1,000		
PACIFIC DISTRICT PLAYER FEES		\$	16,800
PACIFIC DISTRICT SELECT CAMP FEE (\$50/PLAYER ~64 Players)		\$	3,600
PNAHA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS		\$	37,000
PNAHA League Banners		\$	1,000
PNAHA MEETINGS EXEC/DIRECTOR (Travel, Expenses)		\$	5,500
REFEREE Expenses		\$	3,000
SAFESPORT COORDINATOR (Travel, Education, Expenses)		\$	2,500
Showcase High School Team (Youth/Female)		\$	3,900
TOURNAMENT EXPENSES			
ADULT Tournament (proposed)		\$	5,000
Tournament BANNERS		\$	1,700
Medals		\$	5,000
B		\$	2,000
FESTIVAL 10U/12U		\$	3,000
TIER I		\$	3,000
TIER II		\$	3,000
Referees		-	
TRAVEL - USA - SEMINARS		\$	8,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	142,960
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL)		\$	1,040