

Alaska State Hockey Association Meeting
July 17, 2021

Members present: Anna Culley, Justin Marcum, Jason Dinneen, Bruce Haas, Heidi Haas (alt.), Brandon Harker, Lisa Silance, Jason Beach, Jen Hunter, John DeCaro (alt.),

Members present via Phone: Kirk Kullberg, Graham McManamin, Brian Bowman, Gina Hoke, Stephanie Derleth (alt.), Renee Loree, Jenna Redford, Keith Morris

Members excused: PD Melgoza, Annetta Powell

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jamie Larsen, Steve Ludwig, Lacey Smith (ph), Carol Hammingh, Ron Gray (ph)

Officers excused: Jim Newhouse, Carol Hammingh, Matt Shasby

Visitors present: Melissa Casey, Andrew Culley, Peter Hunter

The meeting was called to order by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members:

Brian Bowman	Anchorage Hockey Association
Jon Dyson	Ben Boeke Adult League
Lisa Silance	Eagle River Hockey
Kathy Mattila	Healy Hockey
Andrea Bock	Hockey Club Alaska
Jason Beach	Jr. Avalanche
Jen Hunter	Mat-Su Hockey
Allen Maltbie	Royal Adult League

- Roll call was done.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- The April 24, 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

Persons to be heard: None

President's Report:

- Darryl discussed the changes within USA Hockey, both administrative level and rule changes. New USA Hockey President is Mike Tremboli. Steve Lang, who was a Pacific Director of the Pacific District is now VP of High School, leaving us with only 3 Pacific Directors currently. It is unclear as to how they will structure things if they opt to not fill that vacancy.

- Darryl expressed disappointment in the communication regarding termination of our ADM Regional Manager, as he was a great asset for our state and hockey in Alaska.
- Darryl shared the huge loss to our district with the loss of female referee, Jamie Huntley and expressed our condolences to her family.
- Darryl reviewed a few key points within the USA Hockey rule changes. Icing during penalties, off-sides, & match penalty's mandatory minimum. He encouraged associations to take extra steps if they could with Match penalties, to help change the hearts and minds of these players.
- Darryl encouraged associations to do what they could to educate parent groups, etc. regarding these rule changes. These rules and rule summaries will be available in many avenues for parents, coaches, players to access.

Finance: No report. Excused. Financial report was sent out via email and paper copies provided.

VP Tournaments: No report. Excused

- Darryl expressed his appreciation to Carol for her hard work on tournaments this past season and as the Tier I/Team Alaska Administrator. Thank you Carol!

VP Comp Council:

- Steve reported the Comp State Tournament hosts with dates and time TBD
 - 10U- Minor Anchorage Hockey Association
 - 10U- Major Anchorage Hockey Association
 - 12U- Minor Mustang Hockey Association
 - 12U- Major South Anchorage Hockey Association
 - 14U- Valley Thunder
 - 16U- HCF
 - 18U- KPHA
- Bruce Haas motioned that we make an exception to the rule to allow a separate host for the 10's and 12's. The motion received a second and the motion passed.
- Steve Ludwig motioned to approve the above Comp State Tournament hosts. There was a second and the motion passed.
- Steve motioned that any Invitational Tournament games between league teams, within the state of Alaska, may apply to their minimum league game requirements provided both team coaches agree. There was a second and the motion passed.
- Steve motioned to have the Comp programs to utilize the tool of Survey Monkey and for ASHA to cover the \$200 annual cost. There was a second and the motion passed.

VP House Council:

- Lacey made a motion to approve the 2022 House State Tournaments
 - 10U A Mat-Su
 - 10U B Homer
 - 12U A Kenai
 - 12U B Mustangs

- 14U A Juneau
- 14U B HCF
- 16U A Kenai
- 16U B- still needed
- 18U A Jr. Avs
- 18U B- still needed

The motion was seconded and then amended with the 18U B host as Mat-Su, the motion with amendment then seconded and the motion passes.

VP Girls/Women Council: No report

VP Adult Council: No report

VP Player Development: Excused

- Matt Shasby sent in a report to let everyone know that the Alaska Selects dates are December 18th & 19th for both boys and girls. Other details are TBD.
- Team Alaska coaches are talking about hosting position specific development days and finding other ways to increase the experience for players on those teams.
 - Graham McManamin also shared about Team Alaska and the good culture among the coaches and teams this season. The 18U Team Alaska has joined the NAPHL league this season to bridge the relationship with the NAHL and these players.

Discipline Committee: No report. Excused

Associate Risk Manager: No report.

Registrar Report:

- Anna stated that USAH has released the 2021-2022 portal, if association registrars do not have access they need to contact her ASAP.
- Overall USAH was down 18% in the 2020-2021 season.
- Annual Reminder: If a team participates in a non-sanctioned Tournament, all parents must be informed that their USAH insurance is not available should their player get injured. It is strongly recommended that teams traveling to non-sanctioned tournaments secure outside insurance for the players. If attending a non-sanctioned tournament, teams may not use the jerseys they use for USAH games.
- All 2004 and older players must do SafeSport this season BEFORE they are added to teams, the portal will not allow them to be added to teams until they complete it.
- USAH will accept electronic signatures on Consent to treat forms for NB teams.
- Anna has received several associations' list of players that are delinquent in their payments from the 2020-2021 season. In order for players to be ineligible to play this season, associations must follow the guidelines for collection and notification in the ASHA book. After that has been followed they can send her the names of

the players to be included on the list. She will send that list to registrar's before tryouts so they are aware.

- Associations should remember that players that tryout for your teams, even if they end up playing for someone else, should be claimed by your registrar.
- There is a new option in the portal that allows for associations to build BOD list to ensure that your BOD are meeting the SS guidelines.
- She will be sending an email to Registrar's soon with additional updated information from Annual Congress.
- Anna will be holding training for registrar's via zoom in August.

Hall of Fame Committee:

Darryl shared that the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be August 21, 2021 directly after the ASHA Board Meeting at Megan's Room. Encourages all board members to attend.

Referee in Chief: No report.

Coach in Chief: No report.

Jr. Hockey: No report.

SafeSport Coordinator: No report.

Goal Tender Coordinator: No report. Excused

Alaska ADM Coordinator: No report.

Old Business:

- ASHA COVID-19 Policy: Anna read a new proposed change for the ASHA COVID policy:
 - All associations are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines in reference to all aspects of Covid-19 to include but not limited to quarantining, tracing, screening, and vaccines, plus follow all local government and rink policies. A motion was made to adopt the changes. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.
- House and Comp Tournament Hosts and locations
 - These were presented, voted on and approved during the House and Comp council reports. Information above.

New Business:

- Handbook Update Report
 - Darryl reported that no rule changes proposed this year. Some items will be integrated to be consistent with USA Hockey. Other updates for board reps, association presidents, etc. are being worked on. Cover will feature Jeremy Swayman.
- AllStar U12 Girls Proposal

- Justin Marcum proposed that the All Stars be allowed a 12U Girls team to play in the 12U Minors division in addition to their 12U Majors and 12U Minors teams. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.
- We had the following electronic votes:
 - Matt Shasby made the motion for Steve Ludwig to serve as ASHA VP Comp Council, since Kevin Fitzgerald stepped down. The motion was seconded and approved.
 - Jim Newhouse sent out the 2019 990 form for taxes. Carol Hammingh motioned to approve the form. The motion was approved.

Board Member Comments:

- Brandon Harker shared the Alaska Warriors went and participated in a tournament in Minnesota and won championship in their division. The sled team was also able to travel out of state to a tournament- great events. They plan to do their 3 on 3 tournament in January 2022.
- Andrew Culley shared a bit about refs and how they are already attempting to get the word out regarding the USA Hockey rule changes.
- Heidi Haas shared that Fairbanks has cut their high school hockey program.
- Jason Beach shared about stop/run clock options for House divisions to be approved. This item needs to be vetted through the correct channels before anything official can be presented or approved. Jason will get with Lacey regarding this.
- Jason Dinneen shared that AHA has not been allowed additional teams by the ASHA board in the past, but is supportive of the decision for the All Stars additional 12U Minors Girls team and is encouraged that we are moving in the right direction to grant these requests.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 21, 2021, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1st Floor, Anchorage or via Zoom if mandated.

Respectfully,

Jamie Larsen
ASHA Secretary