

Alaska State Hockey Association Annual Meeting

January 28, 2023

10:00 am

Members present: Cristy Hickel (alt.), Annetta Powell, Travis Frisk, Clint Lancaster, Brandon Harker, Ben Roth, Melissa Casey (alt.), Derek Tannahill,

Members present via Zoom/Phone: Scott Sivulich, Laura Davis (alt.), Drew Kriner, Shana Pilkington (alt.), Powell Gallagher (alt.), Candace Norton (alt.), Jason Beach, Jeremy Love (alt.), Jenna Redford, Jen Hunter, Ron Stadem, Mandy Reale, Keith Morris (alt.)

Members excused: John Stenehjelm, Justin Marcum, Cassi Campbell, Bruce Haas, Andrea Bock, John DeCaro

Officers present: Darryl Thompson, Jim Newhouse, Carol Hammingh, Jamie Larsen, Matt Thompson

Officers present via Zoom/Phone: Nate Anderson, Kirk Payne, Verna Giani

Officers excused: Lacey Smith

USA Hockey Alaska Representatives present: Anna Culley - Pacific District Associate Registrar for Alaska; Wayne Sawchuk (zoom), Pacific District Director; Josh Ellis (zoom), Alaska Referee in Chief; Kirk Kullberg, USA Hockey Alaska ADM Coordinator

Visitors present: Merit Waldrop (zoom), Team Alaska Director; Eric Connick, Colby Swenor

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Darryl Thompson, President

Seating of Board Members:

- Roll call was taken and a Quorum established.
- Approval/Change of Agenda – Travis Frisk moved to approve the Agenda, seconded, add Nikiski Request under New Business and Ratification of email votes under Old Business, motion passed.
- Minutes – Travis moved to approval the Minutes from December 10, 2022, seconded, Travis accepted friendly amendment to correct under VP Comp, the grant is a 2013 Administrative Grand. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Correspondence: n/a

Persons to be heard:

Wayne Sawchuk, Pacific District Board Member and USA Hockey Representative

- USA Hockey Board went from 91 to 26 members.
- Seattle Jr. Kraken were granted Tier I waiver for the 23/24 season with the stipulation that 75 % of their players must come from the state of Washington. They will not have that stipulation for the 24/25 season.
- There will be a 13Only division with National Championships as a Pilot Program for 2 years.
- At the 18 Tier I level they are increasing the roster level from 20 to 22.
- District Tournament for Youth and Girls will be February 23-26 in San Jose and utilize 6 sheets of ice; it will be a monster tournament with 49 teams. Plan to schedule Girls State Tournaments well in advance of Districts.

- Vertical Rostering Integration in the same association is ideal for Team Alaska. 150, 16U, 18U can move up until February 1<sup>st</sup>, and can play 8 games, they can only play one age level game per day. This has a lot of moving parts that are still trying to work out like how to handle game misconduct from one team to the other. This could affect game counts. This is a Pilot Program for 2 years.
- Western Region 14U High Performance Camp in Colorado Springs.
- Next week we will be finalizing Intern Application process. Last year Alaska sent 3 Interns and appreciate being able to fund those coaches and hopefully you will be able to do that again. We will get that application to Darryl and he can send it out to everyone.
- Alex Morrison is the Girls Pacific District Camp Director in Las Vegas the first weekend and the boys will be the second weekend.

Eric Connick, appreciates everyone doing the work for the players and he is on board for High School Hockey.

President's Report, Darryl Thompson:

- Kris Knauss is a great resource for Pacific District and has been elected to USA Hockey Board of Directors for a 4 year term.
- A new member of the USA Hockey Board is an Affiliate President. Steve Oleheiser from Minnesota was elected from the 34 Affiliate presidents.
- The Legal Council looked at By Law 10 on Appeals and how to make it more friendly.
- I participated in a survey on how it is going when we get a Match Penalty. ASHA adopted a protocol on how to handle Match Penalties and we have done a great job. We have not had any appeals. We still need a Chairperson for the Discipline Committee.
- SafeSport issues have come up in the last couple of weeks and they take a while to investigate. You may be called upon to be on an Ad Hoc Committee.

Finance Report, Jim Newhouse:

- Financial statement was provided for review.
- We received \$5,000.00 Grant from Northrim Bank at the Wolverines game.

**ASHA Receivables from Associations 1/28/2023**

	Travel Fee '21- 22	Travel Fees '22- 23	Score Sheets	Total Due From Organization To ASHA
Anchorage Hockey Club		\$100.00		\$100.00
Anchorage Wolverines		\$100.00		\$100.00
Kodiak Hockey League			\$90.00	\$90.00
All Stars		\$100.00		\$100.00
AHA		\$200.00		\$200.00
Jr. Avalanche	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$200.00
Subway Adult League		\$100.00		\$100.00
Mustangs Hockey Association	\$100.00			\$100.00
Anchorage Hockey Officials	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$200.00
Palmer Amatuer Hockey Association	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$200.00
Gomez		<u>(\$100.00)</u>		<u>(\$100.00)</u>
	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$1,290.00</u>

- Team Alaska Financial Data for the 2021-22 Season. Ben Roth asked why there was such a difference in the amount for the 14's. This is due to travel.

#### VP Tournaments, Jamie Larsen:

- Jamie moved to approve the 10U A and 12U B State Tournament Schedules, seconded and passed.
- Working on getting the final bills out for Comp which will probably go out this week.
- The Top 2 Girls Tier II teams from Districts advance to Nationals.

#### VP Comp Council, Nate Anderson:

- Team Alaska Report –
- Matt Thompson
  - 16's went to Michigan and went 2-2
  - 18's went to Michigan and went 1-2-1
  - 14's went to Washington for some games and went 4-0-1
  - There have been 2 players that left the program and have come back to play for Team AK.
  - Coaching Selections are under way with applications being accepted. Would like to have coaches in place the first week of February.
- Merit Waldrop
  - Please encourage any coaches who are interested to please apply.
  - Team AK has applied to Host Districts at the 14's, 15, 16, or 18.
  - Team AK is planning on applying to Host Nationals.
  - Team AK raffle went well and sold all of the tickets except 100.
- Ref Initiative Program had 60 new level 1 people at the January clinic.
- Seeding Tournament will be hosted by ASHA and will take place September 14-17 or 21-24. Nate Anderson moved to go forward with the Seeding Tournament, seconded, after much discussion, a friendly amendment was adopted to have all details submitted to the full board by the April meeting. Motion passed.
- Districting proposal will be sent out to the board.
- Voted on Handbook Changes to be submitted for Spring League teams.

#### VP House Council, Lacey Smith (Excused): no report.

#### VP Girls/Women Council, Kirk Payne (Zoom):

- Had GWC meeting this morning. Next meeting will be February 6, from 6-8 pm at the BP Energy Center with a zoom option.
- Work with GWC to put forth a Handbook change to have a League and State Tournament with option to get out of State Tournament if it is not needed.
- Kirk Payne moved to have Tier I Girls run under ASHA Team Alaska, seconded, discussion ensued, motion passed.

#### VP Adult Council, Verna Giani:

- Working on a master list of contacts for Adult Associations to be part of a working adult council.
- Working with Josh on a master list for Match Penalties.
- Looking forward to the USA Hockey Adult Classic is coming back to Alaska.

#### VP Player Development, Matt Thompson:

- Girls' list has been posted. Waiting for at large bids.
- Moved the dates of the 2009 camp from March 24-26 to April 7-9.

- 2010 birth year camp to get acclimated to the Select process. This will also be used as coaching continuing education with Rick Trupp.
- The Boys Camp went really well and the evaluators did a really good job. The following Associations failing to have a representative participate. Alaska Wolves, Arctic Lions, SAHA, KPHA, and Hockey Club Alaska.

Discipline Committee: No report. Currently vacant, opportunity available

Registrar Report/Hall of Fame, Anna Culley (zoom):

- A and B roster deadline is Tuesday.
- We have 238 Registered Youth Teams. There is about 1,200 unclaimed adults which happens every year.
- Credentialing has begun. Coaches and Managers please double check your 1T.
- Hall of Fame:
  - Hall of Fame Committee needs input from everyone for nominees in each category.
- Nominations for ASHA Board – send letter of intent and nominations to Anna. The following positions are up for election Secretary, Vice President Hous/Recreational Committee, Vice President Player Development, Vice President Girls and Women, and Vice President Tournaments.

Referee In Chief, Josh Ellis:

- Been working on an Officiating Task Force for the last year and making recommendations on playing rules and improvement.
  - Abuse of Officials
  - Fighting
  - Head Contact
  - Education guidelines with overhaul on how curriculum is delivered.
- Next year having a new program for level 1. The following year would be level 2 and so on.
- Match Penalties handled at the Affiliate level which we already do.
- We have 400 officials registered with 282 complete as of January 18.
- Thank Nate for promoting and assisting with the January 3, clinic.
- Looking to get clinic information out earlier.
- Jim Newhouse moved to have ASHA pay official development fee out of the ref development budget for any 18U official next season, seconded. A friendly amendment to have ASHA reimburse official development fee out of the ref development budget for any 19U officials next season who gets their patch. Payment may be made in the form of a gift card, seconded, and passed.
- Nate asked about colored arm bands for new officials. The Officiating Task Force has discussed this and may have this be a pilot program. This is something local associations may try if they wish.

Coach in Chief, Rick Trupp (Excused):

- Coaching section for upcoming clinics **Level 5 – Falmouth, MA May 4-7, 2023**, Interested coaches can sign up at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)
- All level 1-4 clinics are complete for the 2002-23 season. New postings for next yer will occur next August.

Jr. Hockey, Jack Tragis: no report.

SafeSport Coordinator, Gina Hoke (Zoom):

- Quite a few reports have come in lately.

- Reminder, if you make an allegation of sexual abuse, make it on the US Center's website. You must also report it to your local law enforcement, this is a State Law.

Alaska ADM Coordinator, Kirk Kullberg: no report.

Goal Tender Coordinator, Chris Kamal: no report.

Old Business:

- Draft By Laws Carol will facilitate at least 3 work sessions. The first read was submitted in December. The vote will take place at the April meeting.
- Travis moved to Ratified the 4 email votes, seconded and passed.

New Business:

- Travis moved to allow Nikiski to roster 7 each 8U players on their 10 B team, seconded, discussion ensued. Motion passed.
- Derek Tannahill moved to allow a rule exception for Spring Travel Teams to talk with and commit players effective today, there will be no events until after State Tournament for their division is completed. Seconded, discussion ensued. Motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Carol thanked Jason Beach and several on the Board for updating the ASHA Website and if you need anything update, please contact Jason.
- Jim Newhouse moved to suspend travel fees for inactive associations or those that do not have teams like Anchorage Hockey Club, seconded and passed.
- Kirk Kullberg mentioned that there is a deceased body out the East end of Boeke this morning and the 10U teams are having practice. A message needs to be sent to the Assembly and Mayor. Security needs to do a better job.
- Brandon Harker mentioned that the Military United Hero League will help provide gear. Brandon will get Carol information to send out to the Board.
- Ben Roth asked how do you keep the most opportunities for kids to play youth, girls and high school hockey.
- Darryl thanked the Board for all of their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 10:00 am at Megan's Room, 6591 A St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Anchorage. Call in and Zoom options will also be available.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Hammingh  
ASHA Secretary