

Fairbanks Women's Hockey Association

General Membership Meeting

March 11, 2025 | 6 PM



Agenda Topics:

Housekeeping (Julie)

- Sportsmanship and injuries – we have had a lot, including season-ending (and we get complaints almost every weekend, and it is different people most of the time)
 - We have been actively discouraging overly physically aggressive play
 - Seems like there have been more injuries than average
 - Tough thing to police, most often contact is accidental
 - Not necessarily beginning players getting hurt
 - Took a poll: most people in attendance think it is a problem
 - Data to support? Julie says penalties don't correlate with injuries
 - We can ask refs to be a little more proactive in calling contact penalties
 - Suggestion to let players know if they are mentioned
- Regular Season sub rule reminders
 - Overall, subbing has improved as the season progresses, but there have been some bumps (subbing too high of skill level, not getting approval from the other team, having too many players, etc.)
 - As a reminder:
 - Up to three subs, or up to 10 players
 - Equal or lesser than the skill level missing
 - If you go outside of rules, get approval than the other team
 - Tell the scorekeeper who is missing and who your subs are
- Tournament
 - Hard to get extra ice time this year
 - HCF decided to have a spring season within our tournament window, and we were second priority for ice. It also took a long time for us to be notified of what ice was open.
- Lots of support (survey) for additional ice for scrimmages, clinics, etc.
 - Board is stretched pretty thin already, especially with more teams
 - We would love to have help or a small committee of folks to pursue clinics, practices, scrimmages, etc. Email us if you're interested: fwhainfo@gmail.com
- Booked ice for KL tournament (weekend of May 30th - June 1 @ Big Dipper)
 - No planning yet, we could use volunteers for that also

Financial Report (Hannah)

- General overview
 - On par for keeping fees the same

- End of season, will have \$25K in bank, so we will have spent down some but are still doing really well
- Scholarship fund and the Alaska Community Foundation (Julie)
 - Invest some income in ACF
 - Local organization
 - Slow growth, 5-7% per year, more of a mutual fund
 - We can provide ways to donate, in addition to putting in FWHA savings
 - The idea is to slowly and steadily grow the pot, and continue to give out scholarships long-term

USA Adult Hockey Classic teams

- We fronted the money for two teams, bronze and beginner
- Looking for the last few players, almost full

Results from the survey and related topics (Jen)

- See pdf of slides for data summary
- Player ratings
- Draft procedures (they are not specified in bylaws)
- Goal limit
- Mercy rule
- Enforcing rules – think about how difficult rules may be to enforce, especially for refs
- Subbing in the tournament
 - Jen C: this can be a test year to gather data/experience, while leaving the bylaw in place for the tournament
 - Tara L: everyone gets better when they touch the puck more (prefers no subs unless less than 8), but in the tournament, we may need subs because of more competitive play. It may be hard to sub at the right level logistically, but, Tara personally never says no to other team subs.
 - Toni B: maybe players missing should find their own sub ahead of time?
 - Kate LB: finds it awkward to play without scoring, refs have to keep track, arbitrary rules are tough
 - Jordyn V.: a sub deciding the impact of the game is not ideal
 - Dawn O.: regular season sub rules should be fine, it is for fun
 - Michele T: How would subs not scoring work?

MOTION: (Alexa Greene, seconded by Julie Esdale) I move to accept subs for the tournament (35 for, 1 against), Just for this tournament, the motion passes.

MOTION: (Teresa Shannon, seconded by Adrian Gall) I move to use regular season sub rules (15 for, 22 against) Motion fails.

Discussion following:

- Dawn O.: not allowing A skaters to sub or score takes away the value away of the game
- Malia W.: all skill levels should be able to sub, lowering to 8 max might help

- Jen C: Been on shorthanded teams several times – neither the short handed team nor the team they are playing has a good time, and the whole point is fun, close games. 8 is not enough in the tournament, one sub per position is reasonable for rest.
- Adrian G.: As a fan of consistency, suggests that we play the way we have been all season to reduce confusion and adopt regular season sub rules.

MOTION: (Alexa Greene, Dawn Olund seconds) Move to use regular season sub rules (27 for, 9 against) Just for this tournament, the motion passes.

- Teams found to violate will forfeit game
- Will use A+, A, B, C, D, E player ratings
- What should be up for a vote before or at the banquet?
 - Sub rules

End of season games and tournament (Julie)

- Bracket is on the website
- Championship game at UAF (two hour game, stop clock, zam after second period)
 - No IF game for winner of winner's bracket

Banquet (Julie)

- Who wants to help?!! We need help. (hoping for a small committee of volunteers)
 - Toni Brewer
 - Emily Donaldson
 - Email us if you're interested, it is coming right up
- Team door prizes (basket or similar)
 - Choose a theme, every person brings an item (as an example)
 - Whatever people feel comfortable, make it fun
- Team photos – take one before the end of the season
- Theme?
 - Toni B, suggests disco
- Two-year board elections (call for nominations President and Secretary)
 - Board needs email slips for nominations and votes (will do for March 23rd).
- Location and time?
 - Saturday v. Sunday – Saturday
- Voting this year will be for "Sportsmanship award", and one of choice category of award for each team (team reps will present awards at banquet)

In attendance:

Thanks to everyone who attended our first remote membership meeting – this was the highest attendance any of us can remember having at a general meeting. We have discovered a way to automatically record attendance in the future, but did not have the right setting checked for this meeting, we did our best but missed a few folks that joined a little late. If you attended and we have missed including you here,

let us know and we can amend the list. Thanks again for coming and for a great discussion!

Alexa Greene
Alexandria Sletten
Annie Coaty
Donna Fisher
Emily Donaldson
Karen Taber
Kate Liddle Broberg
Kit Shannon
Teresa Shannon
Lainey Gallenberg
Laura Weingartner
Lindsey Drees
Lisa Mohr
Malia Walters
Maren Johnson
Ashley Ermi
Michele Thompson
Michelle Coleman
Molly Murphy
Molly Redilla
Rebecca Hurbi
Rhonda Williams
Stephanie Bluekens
Toni Brewer
Trisha Levasseur
Julie Esdale
Vanessa Kissinger
Hannah Hartley
Adrian Gall
Chelsea Arnold
Elise Brehm
Liz Decker
Genie Permenter
Jordyne Vivlamore
Marisa Breslin
Sherina Anderson
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Kayla Clark
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