

**USA HOCKEY  
PACIFIC DISTRICT  
SEATTLE MEETING  
May 17, 2009**

The Mid-Annual meeting of the Pacific District of USA Hockey was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009, at SEATAC's Red Lion Hotel in Seattle Washington.

Chairman Bruce Urban called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

The following board members were present: Dick Coombs, Dru Hammond, Donna Kaufman, Steve Laing, Natalie McEwen, Dan Rogness, Bruce Urban, Cullen Wallace and Kevin McNaughton - Secretary.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Lynn Beehler-Urban – Director at Large, Margo Dreyer – Girls'/Women's Representative, Steve Stevens – Referee in Chief,

Special Guests – Ken Cook, Points Streak

The meeting started out with introductions around the room.

Bruce asked for items to be added to the agenda. The following items will be added:

Old Business

New Business

**Minutes**

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Steve Laing, and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2009 with minor corrections.**

**Financial Reports**

Charlie Fuertsch was unable to attend our meeting today; however, he provided a complete report. The board completely reviewed the major issues. **Motion was made by Cullen Wallace, seconded by Steve Laing, and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.**

**Point Streak**

Ken Cook with Point Streak gave the board a presentation. The presentation includes website hosting and real time on-line stats. There were discussions about the structure and hierarchy of the program. Pricing fees were discussed, \$6 per player, \$1,250 one time set-up fee, and a \$700 yearly maintenance fee.

Point Streak is willing to work with Pacific District to accommodate our needs and structure accordingly. They are a for profit business, so there will be a fee associated with their program.

### **Registrar Report**

Dan does not have the registration numbers with him. We appear to have similar numbers as last year. However, the new date for the registrar's reporting is now May 1<sup>st</sup>. USA Hockey has an overlap due to the change in registration month. Dan also discussed expense reports. Please send Dan your expenses on a frequent basis. Please do not hold for 6 months to a year.

### **Block Grant**

Dick Coombs presented the current amount available for 2009-2010. It is very similar to last year. District allocation will be toward Coaching program, Girls / Women's, Disabled Hockey, and the Officiating program for a total of \$12,500. Affiliate program requests are \$25,830.

Dick reviewed the collective application being submitted this year. He reviewed each line item individually both for the District and each Affiliate's request.

**Motion was made by Dru Hammond, seconded by Donna Kaufman, and unanimously approved to accept the draft copy of the Block Grant application to USA Hockey.**

### **District Tournament:**

Donna Kaufman, Bruce Urban, and Dick Coombs recapped the tournaments they presided over. All tournaments seemed to work extremely well. Margo also recapped the Girls'/Women's tournament in Fairbanks. Donna announced all the District tournament winners. These will be posted in the District Annual guidebook.

Donna presented a spreadsheet of all the bids for the different District tournaments. This year the District will only be hosting the Girls'/Women's and Youth Tier I tournaments. The Youth Tier II will be a super National tournament. There were discussions on the different submittals from all the board members. Steve Stevens offered his comments for referee considerations. Donna provided information about the National Tier II Tournaments.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Dru Hammond, and unanimously approved for Vacaville to host the Women's Tournament March 4-7, 2009 based on the condition their facility has an adequate pro-shop.**

**Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Natalie McEwen, for San Jose to host the Girls' Tournament March 11-14, 2009.**

**Motion made by Dick Coombs to table the Girls' Tournament in San Jose to insure the board understands San Jose's tournament bid proposal.**

### **Referee-in-Chief**

Steve Stevens is considering a referee development camp for the medium level officials around the same time the boy's development camp. Instructors will be long standing referees within the District. They will work on on-ice positioning, power skating and off-ice sessions. Previous camps have been extremely popular. Steve also shared a couple of our referees were invited to National tournaments and participated in championship games. Steve will have a DOS in San

Diego on August 28-30. They plan to have a Level IV clinic at the end of this session. He also plans to host a Level IV seminar in Tri-Cities. Alaska also had two referees attend Nationals.

**Referee Fee Increase**

Bruce Urban presented a proposal from Chris Milles for the increase of referee fees for District Tournament games. There was a fair amount of discussion among the board over the proposed fees.

Division	Current Fees		Proposed Fee	
Midget	\$130	52/39/39	\$160	64/48/48
Bantam	\$110	44/33/33	\$140	56/42/42
Pee Wee	\$90	36/27/27	\$120	48/36/36

**Motion was made by Cullen Wallace, seconded by Steve Laing, [Dick Coombs offered amendment - fees effective with 2011 District tournaments, accepted by Cullen and Steve] and unanimously approved the proposed referee fee increase for District Tournament games.**

**District Tournaments (con't)**

Donna Kaufman advised the board of some clarifications for the tournament bids, as phone calls were made to clarify bid proposals.

**Dick Coombs motioned to remove the Girls' District Tournament motion from the table.**

Dick Coombs requested Steve Laing withdraw his motion for San Jose to host Girl's Tournament, Steve and Natalie agreed, therefore motion was withdrawn.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Steve Laing, and unanimously approved for San Jose to host the Girls' Tier I & II and Youth Tier I Tournaments on March 18-21, 2010.**

**Bob Freeland Growth and Development Grant**

Bruce advised the board we received a total of eleven applications for the development grant. He had sent copies to the board prior to the meeting. The intent of the program is to foster programs that will help grow hockey. There may be eight \$2,500 grants awarded. There was a fair amount of discussion on all the applications.

Dru Hammond wanted the board to know that the Pierce Hockey Association is up for acceptance with PNAHA this summer. They are a new association and not fully sanctioned to date.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Donna Kaufman, and unanimously approved to accept Moses Lake, Spokane, West WA Females, Homer, and Nevada Girls application for \$2,500 each.**

**Motion was made by Donna Kaufman, seconded by Dick Coombs, and unanimously approved to accept Klamath Falls application for \$2,500.**

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Cullen Wallace, and approved to accept Pierce County for \$2,500 on the condition they are approved as a USA Hockey organization by PNAHA (at their next meeting). Donna Kaufman abstained from the vote.**

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Natalie McEwen, and approved to accept Puget Sound for \$2,500. Donna Kaufman abstained from the vote.**

The board notes the potential conflict of management interest of Donna Kaufman in this organization and this has been fully disclosed to the board. The council has recommended Donna Kaufman abstain from the vote.

### **Girl's Player Development**

Margo gave a recap on their recent Girls' camp last week. The weekend was extremely successful. Their hockey opportunities seminar was very good and the girls' behavior was extremely good. Dick Coombs gave a quick recap on the finances. It appears they will come in under budget. They are still working on all the actual income and final cost.

### **Boy's Development Camp**

Bruce Urban recapped the recently held Boy's Player Development / Evaluation camp. Both weekends went extremely well, only a minor issue at Wendy's Hamburgers. Bruce wanted to thank Dru for helping get information loaded on the web-site.

Bruce had a couple of people from the USHL. He thought this was extremely beneficial and looks forward to include more folks next year.

Bruce reviewed the budget for the camp. There are some still outstanding invoices; however, camp will come in under budget. He reviewed a number of specific expenses. Airfare was actually favorable this year. Cullen asked if maybe it's time for the parents to be responsible for their arrival and departure. Buses will leave the airport at certain times. The player needs to meet the bus versus Bruce coordinating all the air travel reservations. There was some general discussion among the board.

### **Coaching Program**

Bruce advised Larry Bruyere had submitted a coaching report; however, Bruce forgot to bring to the meeting. It will be distributed via email and these minutes. Cullen Wallace advised Blasé Burkhart has resigned from the Alaska Coach-in-Chief, due to some personal issues. Currently there are a few people working to cover this position.

### **Player Development Summit**

Bruce Urban reviewed the discussions from the player development summit the day before. One of the main issues was to send a letter to the National Office addressing the National Select Camps.

**Motion was made by Cullen Wallace, seconded by Dick Coombs, and unanimously approved to issue a letter to the National Office requesting the 16 age division be increased**

to 12 teams of eighteen players, the 17 age division be increased to its prior level of 10 teams of eighteen players, and asks the matter be placed on the Youth Council agenda at the Annual Congress.

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Cullen Wallace, and unanimously approved to write a letter to Jim Smith and Kevin McLaughlin (copies to Karen, Michelle and Ben Smith) on our district's process for getting players to our Boy's and Girls' Development camp.**

**Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Steve Laing, and approved that each affiliate shall provide the name of at least three proposed evaluators to Dick Coombs and Margo Dreyer by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the Girls' Development camp. Dick and Margo will discuss and review with each affiliate. Margo and Dick will make their selection after their discussions. Motion passed with two opposed – Cullen Wallace and Natalie McEwen**

### **Rules**

Donna Kaufman handled out a summary of the rules proposals. It is recommended all board members review and share with their affiliate as applicable. Please be prepared to discuss at Friday's meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs at the Annual Congress.

### **Future meetings**

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, in Colorado Springs (Bruce to arrange lunch meeting)

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, hotel location to be finalized by Dan Rogness.

### **Board Member comments:**

Dru Hammond asked for responses on Washington's law on concussions. We must be conscience of District tournaments being played in Washington with this law in place.

**Motion was made by Donna Kaufman, seconded by Cullen Wallace, and unanimously approved that Youth teams must provide a declaration for District Tournaments by October 1<sup>st</sup>.** Dick had left the meeting

Donna Kaufman was glad to have gone to the Girls district camp and learned a lot, Thank You

Steve Laing also learned a lot from the camp as well. For the system to be a success we must work as a team.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin McNaughton

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**Subject:** Pacific District Tournament Game Fees

District Directors/Affiliate Presidents:

To the best of my knowledge, the Pacific District Tournament game fees were initially established in 2005 or 2006. Since that time, the games are now longer due to changes zams and tie breaker protocol. Game times are between 2 to 2.5 hours in length. As a result, it is felt that an increase in the game fees is due. Listed below are the existing game fees on the left and the proposed game fees on the right with the splits based upon a 40%/30%/30%. I have proposed a \$30 increase in the fees. This equates to a \$12 increase to the referee and a \$9 increase to each linesman.

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The increased games fees are necessary to adequately compensate the official for his time. Many officials are taking time off work to officiate the games that occur during the normal workweek. At this point in the season, many officials have already devoted numerous hours and weekends to hockey with local and state tournaments that lead up to district tournaments. I know that before, we took the National tournament fees and backed them off by \$10-20 dollars to set the District fees. I no longer believe that logic is appropriate.

Officials selected for National tournaments are by invitation and are committed to the National tournament experience and have the job flexibility to be gone that additional weekend. In the event of Districts, the officials still have the pride and commitment for these tournaments, but the drain on their personal lives (family and job) is the biggest factor in getting officials to commit the time. I believe the increase in fees will help offset this concern.

As for Girls/Womens tournaments, the game fees seem to be appropriate. We do need to recognize Womens C in the table. I would just suggest that we use the same fees for Women C as the rest of the Women's divisions.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

District Coach-in-Chief Report  
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The USA Hockey Coaching section has been rather busy since the announcement of the “new” Player Development Model being implemented likely next year. We met in DC in April for two days to work on changing the coaching certification program to compliment the new model.

Projects and New Materials

**This past year** - the Coaching Education Program introduced:

- a) *Off-ice training for the Complete Player/Coach DVD/Rom*, the much anticipated follow up to the *Training for the Complete Player and Coach DVD/Rom*
- b) The Intra-Learn tool for registering coaching clinics was brought on line and after much frustration with the new software, the bugs have largely been mitigated and the registration process should run smoothly this year.
- c) **The Pacific District is in search of a District ACE Director** as Curt Castagna has made it clear that he cannot dedicate the time and energy necessary to do a sufficient job in that position.

**This coming year** - the Coaching Education Program will work on developing the following:

- a) Disabled hockey coach’s manual
- b) **New CEP Program and curriculum, including an age-specific on line component to the current Level I, II and III curriculums.**
- c) **This year’s Level IV clinic will be Aug 6-9 in Las Vegas (listed on USA Hockey website)**
- d) A Girl’s/Women’s Manual
- e) A concussion presentation

With the upcoming changes being promoted at USA Hockey, this year’s coaching clinics will very likely be the last set of clinics in their current form. There will be a different set of standards for coaches to achieve their proper certification in subsequent years and we will have that information as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bruyere  
USA Hockey’s  
Pacific District CIC