# USA HOCKEY PACIFIC DISTRICT SEATTLE MEETING May 15, 2010

The Mid-Annual meeting of the Pacific District of USA Hockey was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010, at South Center's Double Tree Hotel in Seattle Washington.

Madam Chair Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

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

The following guests were present at the meeting: Lynn Beehler-Urban – Director at Large, Larry Bruyere – Coach in Chief, Steve Stevens – Referee in Chief, and Casey Jorgensen – USAH Inline Director

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

Player Debt – add under Financial 2011 National Tournament recap Youth Council – add under Other Discussions USA Hockey

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Charlie Fuertsch, and unanimously approved to add the above items to the agenda.

# **Minutes**

Motion was made by Bruce Urban, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010 with discussed corrections.

# **Financial Reports**

Charlie Fuertsch thoroughly reviewed the District's financial report that he emailed to all parties prior to the meeting. He reviewed the balance sheet, profit & loss statement, bank account reconciliation, self-funding programs, boy's development camp, girl's development camp, and 2010 district tournaments. Block grant reconciliation will be discussed under the block grant section below.

# Mike / Dick

Motion was made by Mike Sullivan, seconded by Dick Coombs, and unanimously approved re-allocating \$610.35 from contingency line item to the District personnel and meeting expense.

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Bruce Urban, and unanimously approved the treasurer's report.

# Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Cullen Wallace and unanimously approved for Charlie Fuertsch to operate under 2009/2010 budget.

Charlie Fuertsch also presented an invoice he received from CAHA for referee's car travel for seven referees traveling to San Jose. The referees didn't know or understand the proper travel reimbursement procedure. The money is in the district's budget; just need approval from Steve Stevens for the applicable charges.

Charlie was asked to bring up the issue of outstanding player debt. It was suggested the district set-up a "clearing house". It is believed a system is already in place within the district. The main issue is to communicate the outstanding debt issue immediately to the appropriate affiliates involved. This would help eliminate players moving from one affiliate to another without closing out their balances.

Cullen Wallace shared the information from his recent Washington DC trip, where there's a federal law being discussed that anyone who collects money over time will be required to have a license to do so. This may impact affiliates or associates collecting past due player fees.

# **Block Grants**

Dick Coombs reviewed the final block grant application with the board. He will gather signatures from all the members and submit to Jim Smith. The final submittal will be at \$36,013 for both District and Affiliate requests. Charlie Fuertsch thoroughly reviewed the block grant financials and reconciliation. Charlie has also submitted the 2009-2010 block grant reconciliation to Jim Smith.

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved the 2010/2011 Block Grant Budget to be submitted to Jim Smith.

# **Bob Freeland Grant**

Bruce Urban shared with the board he only received three application requests for this season. The three requests are from Nevada, Wenatchee, and the Mighty Moose of Alaska. We also received a handful of reports from previous recipients.

Natalie McEwen asked the board if the grant was a one-time opportunity for an organization. She thought the programs were to be a self-sustaining as they moved forward. Some of the board thought there wasn't a specific requirement. Charlie seemed to remember general discussion that as long as they continued to grow hockey, a program could reapply for a grant. Applying for the grant will not guarantee it will be given to the program.

# Motion was made by Cullen Wallace, seconded by Dick Combs, and unanimously approved to accept all three presented requests.

Bruce Urban advised we would still have \$12,500 money available through this program for the year. Natalie McEwen asked if the board would consider additional request. The board was in agreement, but would still want to see the completed application.

There was a lot of discussion from the board about getting the information out to the associations. It was suggested each affiliate add this information to their web sites. It is important to get the information out and insure we are getting the expected results. It is also important to insure we are recognizing Bobby Freeland's name and memory.

Motion was made by Bruce Urban, seconded by Dan Rogness, this year's deadline be extended until August 1 or until such time the remaining grant funds have been awarded for this year only. – During board discussion, Bruce withdrew his motion (Dan agreed to withdraw his second)

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Dick Coombs, and unanimously approved the Board will continue to accept applications until funds have been expended. Any application requests received after the remaining funds have been allocated will be held into the next season.

# **Reports**

# **Coaching:**

Larry Bruyere shared with the board his report (see attached).

Larry also wanted input from the board members on their thoughts on the ADM program for the mite level. Bruce Urban felt the District should support the program. He does not believe USA Hockey will mandate the ADM program. There is a concern that the competitive players will move on to different programs. Larry believes the ADM is a tough sell to the competitive coaches and programs.

Dick Coombs asked if there was something in the program that wasn't liked. Larry believes it is a good program the more he reads about it. There was a lot of discussion among the board about the ADM program, cost impacts, economy, and consistency throughout the program levels.

# **Disabled Section:**

Janice VanDyck was not able to attend this meeting due to her son being sick. Unfortunately, she hasn't been able to dedicate as much time to the program as she would like for this same reason. Janice is looking for help within each affiliate. The board had discussions about potential people who may be of assistance to Janice from their different affiliates.

# **Female Hockey – Player Development**

Margo Dreyer was not able to attend this meeting. See attached her report.

Donna asked for comments from the board about the recent girl's select evaluation camp. Dick Coombs indicated that Margo has a report from Ron White on the evaluation process from the camp. He also stated there were a lot of positive comments from different folks. Unfortunately, there wasn't a district director available to attend the camp that weekend. There was one suggestion of not incorporating dry land training on a day the girls have to play two games. Steve Stevens indicated the girls' referees may want to add a development portion to the camp.

Mike Sullivan shared the dates for their regional development camp in Las Vegas. It will be held on June 18-22. The camp hosted 75 players last year and they're hoping for 100 this year. It will include a "Put the Biscuit in the Net" campaign with the Girl Scouts.

Cullen Wallace brought up a previous proposal about the Girls Tier I and Tier II tournament structure. He was interested to know if there has been any addition discussion within the district, as it was presented to Margo from Alaska.

Donna Kaufman will silicate a report from Margo and share with the board.

# **Player Development**

Bruce Urban gave a recap on the camp - see attached report.

Bruce reminded everyone the player rankings and alternates are not shared with the players or published. He believes, if a player is scheduled to go to Kent and gets an opportunity to go to the National festival they should be able to choose to go to both.

Lynn Beehler-Urban wanted to add a special thanks to Dru Hammond, Mike Sullivan, Curt Castagna, Mark Tabrum, Mark Boxer and Joe Doyle. There were very good presentations and information shared with the players during the development camp. Lynn encouraged the local affiliates to share this type of information to the parents at the local level, as more parents attend the local tryouts.

Charlie recapped the District's participation in a multi district festival at Kent State. There will be six different districts participating. The program will host a Select 14 and Select 15 division. The cost is \$410 per player, but players are also responsible for purchasing their own airfare. The fee will include room, food, four games and two practices.

Bruce demonstrated the Rocky Mountain registration system for the player development camp. He strongly encouraged the affiliates to utilize this program. It will easily take the information and move it to the district camp, then onto the National or multi-District camps.

Motion was made by Charlie Fuertsch, seconded by Steve Laing, and unanimously approved that Bruce Urban run the District's player development camp for 2011.

Donna Kaufman gave Bruce accolades for the success of the player development camps.

Steve Laing suggested setting up a meeting for the affiliate player development personnel to get their programs on board and moving in the same direction with the registration program. Maybe a webinar session would be the most cost efficient.

# **Referee Program**

Steve Stephens reported the Pacific District sent ten referees to Nationals. Seven of them had championship games. He also stated the district tournaments went quite well. The district tournaments gave younger referees a good chance to get higher profile experience.

Level IV seminars will take place in Eugene, OR on August 14-15 and in Long Beach, CA on August 20-21. Future clinics will take place in Western Montana, and possibly Las Vegas, Nevada.

Reminder: New Fees for 2011 District Tournament

Division	Currer	it Fees	Propo	sed 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

# Registrar's Report

Dan Rogness didn't have the current registration numbers to date. He will have them in June at USA Hockey's Annual Congress.

Dan announced the District Director election results. Casey Jorgensen will be the new District Director. This election had the most percentage of turn out votes in recent elections.

# **Risk Management**

Charlie Fuertsch advised that at the High School Nationals, a person went into the locker rooms after the games stating he represented a hockey equipment company. Apparently this person was actually in the locker rooms. He hadn't been screened and was attempting to collect information from the players. Charlie wanted to make sure the board was aware of the situation and affiliates would be cognizant of a potential issue.

# **District Tournament:**

Donna Kaufman gave a report on the District Tournaments – see attached report.

Donna was very well prepared, had everything together, and ready to go. A job well done

# **Tournament Bids:**

Donna Kaufman reviewed all the current bids. Dan Rogness and Steve Laing provided a couple of additional bids and updates.

Motion was made by Bruce Urban, seconded by Dick Coombs, the 16U & 18U tournaments be awarded to South Central Alaska and the 12U & 14U tournaments awarded to the Ontario Reign, California. After discussion the motion was amended.

Bruce Urban amended his motion, (agreed by Dick Coombs) the U16 & U 18 tournaments be awarded to South Central Alaska – Motion passed with one abstention (Cullen Wallace)

Motion was made by Bruce Urban, seconded by Dick Coombs, the 12U & 14U tournaments be awarded to the Ontario Reign, California. Vote: 0 in favor – motion fails

Motion was made by Bruce Urban, seconded by Dan Rogness, the 12U & 14U tournaments be awarded to the Semi Valley, California. Vote: 0 in favor – motion fails

Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Cullen Wallace, and unanimously approved the 12U & 14U tournaments be awarded to the San Jose, California.

Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Steve Laing, and unanimously approved the Women's B & C tournaments be awarded to the San Diego Heart Break, California.

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Dan Rogness, and unanimously approved the Girls' Tier I and II tournaments be conditionally awarded to the Anaheim Ducks, California.

Motion was made by Bruce Urban, seconded by Mike Sullivan, and unanimously approved the tournament dates of:

February 25 - 27 Women's B & C March 3 - 6 Youth and Girls

Bruce Urban reported on the Tier II 18U National tournament. The tournament didn't have any hearings. The Pacific District teams represented the District, their Affiliate and themselves very well. Bruce thought the format was run quite well. It probably needs to be tweaked a little. Some minor complaints were expressed but nothing major which couldn't be over come.

Donna echoed similar comments on the 12U Tier II Tournament. It was also a very good tournament.

Charlie shared similar information on the 12U & 14U Tier I. Charlie also shared information on the High School Varsity National tournament. It too was a success. The high school tournament will be hosted again next year and at the same location. The dates may change.

Dick Coombs updated the board on the Women's Invitation in Vacaville, CA. This tournament was also a good tournament, and very well received by the participants.

# **By-Law Revisions**

Dick Coombs and Charlie Fuertsch reviewed all the proposed changes to the existing by-laws with the board. (See attached)

Motion was made by Charlie Fuertsch, seconded by Bruce Urban, for the complete acceptance of the By-Law changes as presented. Motion passed, one opposed

# **Guide Book**

It was discussed the guide book should be updated and insure it's in line with current USAH annual guide and structure. Dan, Charlie and Kevin will be on the committee to review. Kevin will send to Dan and Charlie electronically to start the review.

# **USA Hockey Legislature proposals**

Donna asked all the directors their position on the elimination of the 12U Nationals proposal. Each board member was given an opportunity discuss their position. There was good discussion

among the board. Some comments revolved around the ADM and HP program and its future in relation to National tournaments.

Steve Laing asked if there is any discussion about the elimination of checking in the PW division. This would be a rules issue and not a by-laws amendment.

Mike Sullivan asked if we need to make a recommendation for a District Director for the youth council, as Bruce has resigned from the Pacific District board. Bruce indicated we could make a recommendation to Dave Klasnick.

Donna Kaufman relinquished the chair to Bruce Urban.

Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Steve Laing, and approved to recommend Donna Kaufman as the nomination to represent the Pacific District in the youth council. Motion passed, all yes votes, one abstention (Donna Kaufman did not vote)

# **Future meetings**

The board member may decide to get together in Colorado Springs for an informal meeting during the Annual Congress.

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in Seattle, WA., hotel location to be finalized by Dan Rogness.

# **Board Member comments:**

Natalie McEwen – has been elected President for two more years. OSHA will be working on bylaws and restructuring. The remainder of the board will also remain the same.

Steve Laing – asked the board to reconsider the dates for the youth tournament for the week of March 10-13.

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Charlie Fuertsch, and unanimously approved to reconsider the dates of the 2011 District youth tournament dates.

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Dick Coombs, to change the District Youth Tier I tournament from March 3-6 to March 10-13, 2011.

After discussion amongst the board, the motion was withdrawn.

Steve also shared CAHA held their first state adult championship tournament. There were 39 adult teams. The tournament was very successful and they plan to hold it again next year.

Mike Sullivan – Thank you to Bruce and Lynn for all their support and friendship.

Dick Coombs – Echo Mike's comments, thanks for Bruce and Lynn to all their hard work within the district. Dick also indicated this is his last term as District Director.

Cullen Wallace – advised AHOI (Anchorage Hockey Officials) have resolved their dispute with the State. AHOI was on a payment plan. The Alaska State Board paid it off; however, they will not cover other officiating organizations, as they all have been notified of the requirement.

Thank you to Bruce and Lynn for their friendship and support.

Donna Kaufman – also thanked Bruce and Lynn for their friendship and work on the board with the District. Welcome to Casey Jorgensen and glad Cullen is still part of the board.

Lynn Beehler Urban - thanked the board and recognized the folks at the national office who helped this district grow. This is also Lynn's last term and she will not seek re-election as an At-Large Director. She will encourage Bruce to run for this position. Friends and Colleagues will be greatly missed.

Bruce Urban – thanked the board for being able to stay involved with the player development program. He feels it's a worthwhile program. Bruce has served on the board in different capacities for approximate 21 years. He thanked everyone for their friendships and support. He is considering the nomination for an At-Large Director. This board has changed his life.

Upon motion duly made by Steve Laing, seconded by Dick Coombs, and unanimously approved in honor of Bruce and Lynn, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin McNaughton

USA Hockey Pacific District Semi Annual Meeting Seattle, WA May 15th, 2010 CIC Report

As we prepare for the 2010 coaching clinic season, the coaching section continues to develop the plan for implementation of the ADM as it relates to the CEP program. This season we will not be changing the way the clinics will be administered and/or attended. In other words, coaches attending clinics for the upcoming season, will be allowed to achieve multiple levels on a given weekend by registering and attending in the proper order.

Next season will see the implementation of on-line age specific coaching clinics that will allow coaches to obtain material that deals directly with the level they will be coaching. The certification levels will continue to be offered, but a coach will only be allowed to take one certification clinic and then an age specific clinic on line to qualify them for coaching at that level.

One of the criteria for implementing the ADM Program is utilizing the ice more efficiently thru cross-ice hockey and while the discussion has largely focused on the issue of enforcement and that many hockey organizations will choose to ignore the recommendation unless it becomes a mandate, it is truly up to the coaches and we are strongly urging participation through our CEP Clinics and showing the benefits both economically and developmentally with the young players.

The rationale is to be able to be more immediately effective with the coaching material for that coach right away, while still requiring the important material at Levels I, II and III to be delivered.

The Level IV (Advanced) Coaching Clinic is scheduled for August 19th-22nd at the Stratosphere Hotel in Las Vegas. It is listed on the USA Hockey website. All participants must register for the clinic in advance on line.

The CEP staff is in the process of scheduling and listing their respective Level I, II and III clinics on the USA Hockey website as well.

Larry Bruyere USA Hockey Pacific District CIC

# Pacific District Selects Try-outs

Another year for the Girls Select tryout has come and gone. The amount of work and countless hours behind a computer, on the phone, and scratching your head trying to find just the right person to help with the tryout process is unbelievable; but I enjoy every minute. The excitement that emulated from the players as I boarded that bus at the hotel to great them was indescribable.

In February I sent an email to all participants outlining every detail they would need to know about the tryout from required airline arrival times to requested airline departure times – forms they were required to bring with them to the time they were expected in their rooms at night. They also knew ahead of time the consequences if certain expectations of them were not met. The sign in process was kept as simple and painless as possible. The cinch bags were pre-stuffed with the girl's jerseys and tied with their name tags that corresponded to their team's color and birth year. Upon check in the girls were to produce their Code of Conduct and Consent to Treat forms that were to be downloaded from the Rocky Mountain Register site. Along with these forms the girls were to copy their schedules and welcome letter – they placed these two items in their cinch bag which they were to carry with them at all times. (No excuses for not knowing when you were supposed to be somewhere if you have that schedule riding on your back).

Thursday night, after check-in had completed, I held an All Staff meeting. All staff members were given packets with job descriptions, phone numbers and any additional information that was needed. The staff meeting further explained how things were to be conducted and what our individual jobs were.

- Division Leaders were to handle any problems that the girls may have had at the hotel, make sure that the girls boarded the buses at the appropriate times, and do a lights out check.
- Coaches were to handle the bench rotation, promote team spirit, and help the Division Leaders when needed
- Evaluators were carefully instructed to take copious notes to help with the goaltender evaluations. Jill Pohtilla, the head evaluator, spoke on the importance of knowing your own mind when it comes to evaluating and not feeling pressured to "cave in" to someone else's thoughts. Jill was tasked with leading the evaluator's discussions in between each skate when the evaluator's minds were fresh from seeing their group on the ice this worked quite well.

Friday morning brought rested faces as the girls were in their rooms Thursday night by 10:00 and lights were out at 10:30. (Bringing the girls in earlier allowed them to get a good night's sleep prior to their first skate on Friday afternoon.) The tryout was kicked off with their "Welcome Meeting" where the Division Leaders, Coaching Staff and Evaluating Staff were introduced. Each staff member addressed the girls — Ben Smith so impressed the girls with all of his accolades. Watching the girls' faces during his speech was priceless! The girls were busy either on the ice or in seminars most of the remaining tryout time.

The rink was once again very accommodating in allowing the girls to leave their gear at the rink overnight. We basically had the run of the rink for the entire three days. The evaluation section was set up in a way that prevented any interference with the evaluators. The evaluators were isolated behind glass and partitions. The afternoon and evening meals were held at the rink and this worked perfectly for fueling these young athletes. Peanut butter and bagels were constantly available to the girls for an instant "pick me up". While one age group was eating, another group was on the ice – this allowed the girls the ability to watch as some of their friends while they were competing.

The coaching staff was fairly inexperienced this year. This is due to the fact that it was VERY difficult to acquire high level coaches to work the benches. Solution: Next year I will get a list of all coaches and their coaching levels from USA Hockey for a particular section of our District. This will allow the coaching staff the ability to bring their skates (not having to pay extra for baggage on the airline) and further promote Girl's Hockey. This year I had to have parents / coaches act as coaches on the bench. I took great pains to prevent these parents from coaching their children. I spoke with Ben Smith and Jill Pohtilla about this and they saw no problem. They also said it was very important to have coaches on the bench – if for no other reason but to maintain an even flow of players on the ice and maintain the girls are

getting equal ice time. The coaches were very professional in their behavior with the girls and NO partiality was shown at all.

The seminars were excellent this year:

- Hockey Opportunities: In attendance were Jill Pohtilla (Augsburg D3, coach), Sarah Carlson (former BU coach, Humanitarian award winner), Kim Abrahams, Danielle Benson, Emily McKissock (former Vermont coach, USA Hockey) and Ben Smith (USA Hockey) The girls asked a variety of questions, this year the main topic was education.
- Sticks and Pucks: Headed by Cristy Hickel. The girls had a variety of stations in the parking lot of the rink. The drills were excellent.
- Dryland and Nutrition: Handouts were given to the girls by Chantelle Russell. <u>Problem</u>: During dryland the girls were asked to run sprints causing sore legs and groins. <u>Solution</u>: Explain to next year's seminar lead we cannot have the girls performing strenuous activities during dryland. Handouts are fine, but hands on will be out of the question.

Email notifications, on whether the girls made the cut or not, were sent out to the girls late Sunday evening. I found this is a very efficient way to get the news to the girls allowing the parents plenty of time to plan for their travels to the National Camps. Of course, as is the norm, some parents do not like the results; I received very few of those emails this year. When I did receive an email such as this, I asked the parent to have their daughter email me with their concerns and I would be more than happy to answer their questions. This worked best for me as the daughter was the participant and the parent was the spectator. Kids know how they did in comparison with their peers. On a positive note, the emails I have received from the girls and parents this year expressing their delight in the weekend has been astonishing. I guess we are doing something right and the girls/parents are loving it!

I asked each evaluator to send me an email. Basically, the one item that stuck out was the dryland. That will be dealt with differently next year.

2011 Girls Select tryout will be held again at Olympic View Ice Arena, Mountlake Terrace, Washington. The girls will be staying at the Embassy Suites, Lynwood, Washington. The dates are tentatively: April 21 – 21, 2011.

Attached is an email from Ben Smith.

Thanks to you that volunteered your time and energy: Dan, for making sure the girls and staff members were loaded on the bus and Steve, for getting us the refs and being a great support at the rink.

Respectfully,

Margo Dreyer Girls/Women's Pacific District Rep.

# Pacific District Boys Player Development Camp

This year was the 12<sup>th</sup> year of a combined district camp and the 5<sup>th</sup> year in Kent, Washington at the Kent Valley Ice Centre. By comparison to camps in past year this may have been one of the smoothest in terms of onsite operation. Many of the staff has worked this camp for quite a few years. I can't say enough or even begin to thank them enough for all their effort and hard work. If I were not able to lean on them asking for that one more favor or to complete that one more task I am not sure I could have made it through each year. The success of this camp is due to the efforts of everyone involved.

This is the first year that the district has utilized Rocky Mountain Register for registering players and collecting fees. I cannot say enough good things about this software product. There was a bit of a learning curve; however, in the long run I believe it made it much easier for me as an administrator to have everything done electronically and online rather than the previous method of fax and US mail. Bart Rogers, owner and programmer of RMR, was and is absolutely great to work with. We made tweaks along the way adding things that weren't there before and improving on what was already there. There are still a few things that I will be asking for and by all indications I believe that Bart will deliver on the requests. I am strongly recommending that each of the Affiliates use this software next season. It will connect to the district just as the district now connects with National. I would be more than willing to show/teach anyone how to use this program. It is very user friendly and anyone with anykind of computer knowledge/use should be able to pick it up immediately.

As in years past we again used evaluators recommended from each of the Affiliates. Many of these evaluators have been repeats to the camp and understand their role. There has been a very good cohesiveness among the evaluators over the years. Because of the diverse experience and personalities no one evaluator can dictate the outcome of the selections. Additionally we almost always have a representative from USA Hockey. This year was no exception as Mark Tabrum, Matt Cunningham, Marc Boxer, and Joe Doyle were part of the evaluation teams. With fewer selections to the National Camps this process has become even harder for the evaluators. I believe that for the most part our evaluation process picks the right players to move forward. Are there mistakes? Of course. There is no perfect science for this process. If there were we probably would not even need a camp but merely throw every players name in a computer and let HAL do it.

There are always those parents who think we selected the wrong players or perhaps more so did not select the "right" players. Some will gracefully accept the selection while occasionally there will be one or two who will insist there is a biased against their son and demand a change in the process or even demand a recount. Each year my hope is that after the camp is over I will receive no negative emails. I am still waiting for that year. There are positive emails and

those are the ones that really make this job rewarding and wanting to return the next year. Tis year there were several. One in particular was a father who told of his goalie son having a great time at the camp. He happened to be rooming with another goalie from another state and through the weekend the two became such good friends that the one player invited the other to his home later this summer. As a note, neither of these players advanced.

By no means do I believe this camp is perfect or even near perfect. There is room for improvement and perhaps changes that may make it even better. It is becoming more challenging each year as there are more for profit camps for players to attend and get the promise of being seen by scouts from respected and in some cases not respected programs. Cost of the camp is also a challenge. The current economy has placed a bit of a stress on this camp. Parents have to choose between this camp or another that they may see as or more important to their son's "career". We are always looking to make changes and I believe have done so over the years.

My term as Pacific District Director as everyone knows will end at Annual Congress this June. I have been involved with Player Development for the District for the last 17 years. I have enjoyed being a part of this process for every one of those years. It is challenging and perhaps that is the primary reason why I enjoy it. Even though I may no longer be in an elected position, it is my desire to remain as the Player Development Coordinator for the District. I believe there still remains a lot to be done and I would very much enjoy being a part of the process.

I am available for questions about this year's camp and the future of the camps.

Respectfully,

Bruce Urban

# 2010 Pacific District Tournament Report

The Women's C tournament was held in Vacaville, CA. Jerry Orlando and his staff hosted this event. The facility and staff were well equipped to handle this tournament. The host hotel was conveniently located directly behind the rink. With seven games total, the schedule was easy to administer. The games were competitive and the only issue of note was the fact that the one team that had been disciplined in the prior year basically disbanded and the players simply found new teams to play on. There were some questions about the eligibility of these players. The Lady Sharks defeated the SD Heartbreakers 2-0 in the final game.

The Tier I, Girls Tier I and Girls Tier II tournaments were held in San Jose. In was an 86 game tournament with 43 teams. It was a big event with both youth and girls teams. All the Directors were in attendance and several Affiliate Presidents were around to help with this event. After a minor change in the schedule, the tournament ran smoothly. There were several overtime games and the competition provided all with a great weekend of hockey. The combination of the girls and youth did not result in any notable issues. The staff of Sharks Ice and the volunteers from the Jr. Sharks did a great job of staffing the event. The in house scoring system provided us with real time scoring. Because of the size of this event, the attendance of all the Directors and other District personnel was invaluable as we administered this event. Prior to the tournament, there were some issues with the 3 team divisions with the format of playing 2 of the 3 days. There were a few issues with hotels, and we held just a handful of hearings. After the event, we had an issue with player eligibility with a player on the Alaska All Stars 18U team. An investigation was conducted. After the investigation, it was determined that the player was properly rostered in Alaska, and was not playing on two rosters that were National Bound. This decision was appealed to the National Tournament Committee and unanimously upheld. The following is a list of the championship games in the 9 divisions:

Girls Tier II 19-U – Anaheim Lady Ducks 3 vs Washington Wild 1 Girls Tier I 14-U – Anaheim Lady Ducks 2 vs Alaska Icebreakers 1 Girls Tier I 16-U – Anaheim Lady Ducks 7 vs Alaska All Stars 3 Girls Tier I 19-U – LA Selects 4 vs Team Alaska 1

Girls Tier II 12-U – Alaska Icebreakers 2 vs Alaska All Stars 1 (OT)

Youth 12-U – Kent Valley Rainiers 4 vs LA Selects 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> OT)

Youth 14-U - LA Selects 10 v Seattle NW Admirals 0

Youth 16-U – LA Selects 3 vs Seattle NW Admirals 1

Youth 18-U - Alaska All Stars 3 vs Los Angeles Jr. Kings 2

Thanks to the hard work from the hosts, the teamwork of the District Personnel, the cooperation of the coaches and managers of the teams, the overall behavior of the spectators and the determination of the players we had two successful District tournaments.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Thirty-five champions were crowned in two weeks at the 2010 USA Hockey National Championships. The Women's competition concluded on March 28 by awarding a national championship to teams in four divisions, while three Junior Tier III champions were crowned on March 30. Meanwhile, Youth and Girls' competition came to a close Sunday with teams claiming titles in 28 divisions.

#### 2010 USA Hockey Women's National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
Senior A	Minnesota Blue J's	NY All-Stars and Rochester Edge	3-0
Senior B	Minnesota Blue J Hawks	<b>Anaheim Lady Ducks</b>	6-3
Senior C	Mission	San Jose Lady Sharks	7-0
30 & Over	Team Connecticut	Chicago Stars	1-0

The USA Hockey Women's National Championships were held in Green Bay, Wis., March 26-28. The Minnesota Blue J's blanked the NY All-Stars and Rochester Edge, 3-0, for their second consecutive Senior A title. The Minnesota Blue J Hawks also captured the Senior B championship for the second straight year, topping the Anaheim (Calif.) Lady Ducks, 6-3. Mission (Mich.) avenged last year's title-game loss and captured the Senior C championship, 7-0, over the San Jose (Calif.) Lady Sharks. Team Connecticut knocked off the Chicago Stars, 1-0, to claim the USA Hockey Women's 30 & Over National Championship title.

# 2010 USA Hockey Junior Tier III National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
Junior A	St. Louis Jr. Blues	South Shore Kings	4-3
Junior B	NY Apple Core	Atlanta Knights	4-3
Junior C	Atlanta Knights	Suffolk Juniors	4-1

The USA Hockey Junior Tier III National Championships were held in Marlborough, Mass., March 26-30, with champions crowned at the Junior A, B and C levels. The St. Louis Jr. Blues captured the Junior A crown with a 4-3 win over the South Shore (Mass.) Kings. NY Apple Core edged the Atlanta Knights, 4-3, to win the Junior B title. The Knights Junior C squad rebounded with a 4-1 championship-game victory over the Suffolk (N.Y.) Juniors.

#### 2010 USA Hockey Girls' Tier I National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
12 & Under	East Coast Wizards	St. Louis Lady Blues	3-1
14 & Under	Team Pittsburgh	Assabet Valley Girls	5-1
16 & Under	Shattuck-St. Mary's	Little Caesars	4-1
19 & Under	Assabet Valley Girls	Shattuck-St. Mary's	1-0 (OT)

The USA Hockey Girls' National Championships, presented by Easton Sports and McDonald's, took place April 7-11 in Green Bay, Wis., for Tier I action and East Lansing, Mich., for Tier II play. In Tier I action, the East Coast (Mass.) Wizards edged the St. Louis Lady Blues, 3-1, in the 12 & Under category. Team Pittsburgh knocked off the defending champion Assabet Valley (Mass.) Girls, 5-1, to claim the 14 & Under championship. Shattuck-St. Mary's (Minn.) defeated Little Caesars (Mich.), 4-1 in the 16 & Under title game, but its 19 & Under team fell to the Assabet Valley Girls, 1-0, in overtime of its championship bout.

# 2010 USA Hockey Girls' Tier II National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
12 & Under	Bay State Breakers	Susquehanna Rapids	8-2
14 & Under	Bay State Breakers	Wisconsin Ice Spirit	8-0
16 & Under	Massachusetts Spitfires	Mid Fairfield Connecticut Stars	4-2
19 & Under	Massachusetts Spitfires	Alliance Bulldogs	5-1

Meanwhile, the girls' competed in Tier II play for the first time ever in USA Hockey National Championship history. The Bay State (Mass.) Breakers claimed both the 12 & Under and 14 & Under titles with 8-2 and 8-0 victories over the Susquehanna (Pa.) Rapids and Wisconsin Ice Spirit, respectively. The Massachusetts Spitfires also won two titles in the 16 & Under and 19 & Under categories, topping the Mid Fairfield Connecticut Stars and Alliance (Texas) Bulldogs, 4-2 and 5-1, respectively.

#### 2010 USA Hockey Youth Tier I National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
12 & Under	Compuware	Chicago Mission	4-0
14 & Under	Honeybaked	LA Selects	3-2 (OT)
16 & Under	Colorado Thunderbirds	North Jersey Avalanche	5-1
18 & Under	Chicago Mission	Philadelphia Jr. Flyers	7-1

The USA Hockey Youth National Championships, presented by Easton Sports and McDonald's, were held in six sites across the country April 7-11, with champions emerging in 20 divisions. The Tier I 12 & Under and 14 & Under championships were held in Amherst, N.Y., with Compuware (Mich.) and Honeybaked (Mich.) emerging as champions. Meanwhile, the Tier I 16 & Under and 18 & Under championships took place in Woodridge, Ill., with the Colorado Thunderbirds and Chicago Mission coming away with titles.

## 2010 USA Hockey Youth Tier II 12 & Under National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
1A	Delaware Ducks	St. Louis Stars	3-2 (OT)
2A	Atlanta Fire	<b>Burlington Bobcats</b>	8-1
3A	Affton Americans	Brandon Jr. Bulls	3-2
4A	Chicago Blues	Dearborn Belle Tire	5-4 (OT)

Each age group at the Youth Tier II level crowned four champions. The Tier II 12 & Under championships took place in Reston, Va. The Delaware Ducks beat the St. Louis Stars in overtime, 3-2, for the 1A division crown. The Atlanta Fire claimed the 2A championship with an 8-1 win over the Burlington (Vt.) Bobcats. The Affton (Mo.) Americans scored twice in the third period against the Brandon (Fla.) Jr. Bulls to claim the 3A title, 3-2. Finally, in the 4A division title game, the Chicago Blues edged Dearborn (Mich.) Belle Tire, 5-4, in overtime.

# 2010 USA Hockey Youth Tier II 14 & Under National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
1A	Nevada Jr. Storm	Portland Jr. Hawks	11-3
2A	Omaha Jr. Mavericks	Southern Rhode Island Jr. Rams	4-3
3A	Indianapolis Racers	Gulf Coast Flames	7-4
4A	Grand Rapids Griffins	LA Hockey Club	3-1

At the Tier II 14 & Under championships in Wayne, N.J., the Nevada Jr. Storm raced to an 11-3 win over the Portland Jr. Hawks for the 1A crown. The Omaha (Neb.) Jr. Mavericks scored with four seconds remaining in regulation to knock off the Southern Rhode Island Jr. Rams, 4-3, for the 2A title. The 3A division championship went to the Indianapolis Racers, who topped the Gulf Coast (Fla.) Flames, 7-4. Finally, the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Griffins beat the LA Hockey Club, 3-1, to clinch the 4A division title.

#### 2010 USA Hockey Youth Tier II 16 & Under National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
1A	<b>Orange County</b>	South Florida Golden Wolves	7-4
2A	Montana Thunderblades	Atlanta Fire	5-4
3A	North Dakota Starz	Affton Americans	3-1
4A	Niagara Jr. Purple Eagles	Madison Elite	5-3

West Chester, Pa., played host to the Tier II 16 & Under championships. Orange County (Calif.) earned a 7-4 championship-game win over the South Flordia Golden Wolves in the 1A division. The Montana Thunderblades scored four times in the second period en route to a 5-4 win over the Atlanta Fire for the 2A crown. The North Dakota Starz topped the Affton (Mo.) Americans, 3-1, in the 3A championship game. And the 4A title went to the Niagara (N.Y.) Jr. Purple Eagles, who beat the Madison (Wis.) Elite, 5-3.

# 2010 USA Hockey Youth Tier II 18 & Under National Championships

Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
1A	Oklahoma City Midget Major AA	Omaha Jr. Lancers	3-2
2A	Dallas Ice Jets	South Florida Golden Wolves	6-5
3A	Chesterfield Falcons	Illinois Sabres	7-2
4A	Dorchester Chiefs	Hollydell Hurricanes	3-2

Finally, the Tier II 18 & Under championships were held in Rochester, N.Y. Oklahoma City Midget Major AA notched the championship-winning goal in the third period to defeat the Omaha (Neb.) Jr. Lancers, 3-2, in division 1A. The Dallas Ice Jets outlasted the South Florida Golden Wolves, 6-5, for the 2A crown. In division 3A's title game, the Chesterfield (Mo.) Falcons topped the Illinois Sabres, 7-2, while the Dorchester (Mass.) Chiefs held off the Hollydell (N.J.) Hurricanes, 3-2, for the division 4A championship.

# 2011 USA Hockey Nationals Host Sites

Dates for all USA Hockey National Championships for 2010-11 are below:

Date	Division	Location (City/Rink)
April 1-3	Adult Women	Detroit, Mich./Onyx Rochester Ice Arena and Suburban Ice-Macomb
March 30-		
April 3	Tier I Youth (12U, 14U)	New Jersey/Ice House
	Tier I Youth (16U, 18U)	Hartford, Conn. / Int'l Skating Center & Champion Skating Center
	Tier II Youth (12U)	San Jose, Calif./Sharks Ice
	Tier II Youth (14U)	Amherst, N.Y./Amherst Pepsi Center
	Tier II Youth (16U)	Reston, Va./Skate Quest and Ashburn Ice House
	Tier II Youth (18U)	Gilmour Youth Hockey Assn./Mentor Civic Arena
	Tier II Girls (12U, 14U, 16U, 19U)	Anaheim, Calif./TBA
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April 10	Tier I Girls (12U, 14U, 16U, 19U)	Detroit, Mich./Onyx Rochester Ice Arena and Suburban Ice - Macomb

# **BYLAWS**

**OF** 

#### PACIFIC DISTRICT, USA HOCKEY

#### A Nevada Corporation

As Amended and Restated May 15, 2010

**ARTICLE I. OFFICES** 

Principal Office

Section 1.01. The principal office of the Corporation for its transaction of business shall be located at the residence of the Treasurer of the corporation.

Change of Address

Section 1.02. The Board of Directors is hereby granted full power and authority to change the principal office of the Corporation from one location to another. Any such change shall be noted by the Secretary in the minutes of Board meetings, but shall not be considered an amendment of these Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE II. MEMBERS**

Classification of Members

Section 2.01. The Corporation shall have one class of Members only, and each Member shall have equal voting and other rights. No entity shall hold more than one membership in the Corporation.

Eligibility for Membership

Section 2.02. The Members of this Corporation shall be the nonprofit, tax-exempt, <u>USA Hockey Affiliates</u> of the Pacific District of USA Hockey which are presently the Alaska State Hockey Association, California Amateur Hockey Association, Nevada Amateur Hockey Association, Oregon State Hockey Association, and Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association. At such time as a duly recognized and qualified organization located in the State of Hawaii executes an affiliate agreement with USA Hockey and otherwise meets the qualifications for membership, it shall be entitled to apply for membership in this corporation.

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#### Qualification of Members

Section 2.03. Any entity, eligible for membership under Section 2.02 of these Bylaws, is qualified for membership only after such entity has satisfied the following qualifications:

- (a) Incorporation under the laws of the State in which the entity shall oversee hockey under the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation;
- (b) Acquisition and maintenance of tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and the laws of the State in which the entity is formed:
  - (c) A signed Affiliate Agreement with USA Hockey.

#### Admission to Membership

Section 2.04. Any entity, eligible for membership under Section 2.02 of these Bylaws and qualified for membership under Section 2.03 of these Bylaws, shall be admitted to membership only on the approval of the Board of Directors and on the payment of the first annual dues as specified in Section 2.06 of these Bylaws.

#### Application Fee

Section 2.05. There shall be no application fee.

#### Dues

Section 2.06. The annual dues payable to the Corporation by Members shall be in such amounts as shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable for the first year on admission to membership and annually thereafter at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

#### Assessments

Section 2.07. Memberships are subject to assessments which may be levied and collected as follows: An assessment of \$1.00 for each registered paid player (as that term is defined by USA Hockey) within the geographical boundaries of each Member entity shall be paid annually by the Member. The Board of Directors may from time-to-time increase or decrease such assessments based upon the reasonable needs of this Corporation.

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#### Transferability of Membership

Section 2.08. Neither the membership in the Corporation nor any rights in the membership may be transferred or assigned for value or otherwise.

#### <u>Personal Liability</u> of Members

Section 2.09. A Member of the Corporation <u>is not</u>, <u>as such</u>, <u>personally liable for the acts</u>, <u>debts</u>, <u>liabilities or obligations of the Corporation</u>.

# Termination of Membership Causes

Section 2.10. (a) The membership and all rights of membership shall automatically terminate on the occurrence of any of the following causes:

- (1) The voluntary resignation of a Member;
- (2) The dissolution of <u>a corporate Member until such Member may by law be</u> reinstated;
- (3) Failure to adhere to the rules and regulations of this Corporation or the Bylaws, rules and regulations of USA Hockey;
  - (4) Noncompliance with the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, as amended;
- (5) The nonpayment of assessments, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2.13(b) of these Bylaws.
- (6) The termination of all memberships or any class of Members upon the amendment of these bylaws permitting the termination.

Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict the ability of the Board of Directors to terminate membership for the above causes or for any cause so long as a Member is given an opportunity to be first heard concerning the reasons therefore.

## Nonpayment of Assessments

(b) The membership of any Member who fails to pay his or her assessments when due and within sixty (60) days thereafter shall automatically terminate at the end of such period, provided such Member was given both a fifteen (15) day prior written notice of the termination stating the reasons therefore and a timely opportunity to

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be heard on the matter of the termination. The notice shall be given to such Member or sent by first-class, registered mail, or faxed to the last address of such Member as shown on the records of the Corporation. The opportunity to be heard may, at the election of such Member, be oral or in writing and shall occur not less than five (5) days before the effective date of the termination. The hearing shall be conducted at the next regularly scheduled meeting of this Corporation by the Board of Directors. The hearing shall be presided over by the Chair of the Board of Directors of this Corporation or, in his or her absence, any Director selected by the Chair of the Board, who shall perform the following duties:

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(1) Read the charges against the subject Member;

(2) Require that the charges be verified by the testimony of the entity or entities making them;

(3) Hear any other witnesses against the subject Member;

- (4) Allow the subject Member to cross-examine each witness following the testimony of that witness;
  - (5) Allow the subject Member to make a statement in his or her own behalf;
  - (6) Allow the subject Member to call witnesses in his or her own behalf; and
- (7) Allow the Members of Board of Directors to question the witnesses after they have been questioned by the subject Member.

The Board of Directors shall conduct the hearing in good faith and in a fair and reasonable manner and pursuant to the requirements of Bylaw 10 of USA Hockey's Bylaws. It shall have the exclusive power and authority to decide that the proposed termination not take place.

### **Effect of Termination**

(c) All rights of a Member in the Corporation and in its property shall cease on the termination of such Member's membership. Termination shall not relieve the Member from any obligation for charges incurred, services or benefits actually rendered, dues, assessments, or fees, or arising from contract or otherwise. The Corporation shall retain the right to enforce any such obligation or obtain damages for its breach.

# ARTICLE III. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

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# Regular Meeting

Section 3.01. <u>There shall be one Annual Meeting of Members which</u> shall be held in conjunction with and at the location of <u>Annual Meetings</u> of the Board of Directors <u>for the purpose of transacting such proper business as may come before the meeting.</u>

# Special Meetings

Section 3.02, Special meetings of Members may be called by any <u>a majority of</u> Members and held at such place as may be ordered by resolution of <u>a majority of</u> Members.

#### Notice of Meetings

Section 3.03, Written notice of every meeting of Members shall be either faxed or emailed not less than ten nor more than fifteen (15), days before the date of the meeting to each Member and each Director. The notice shall state the place, date, and time of the meeting and its purpose. The Secretary, for the purpose herein mentioned, shall execute an affidavit of the giving of the notice of the meeting of Members.

No meeting of Members may be adjourned more than 45 days. If a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, and thereafter a new record date is fixed for notice or voting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each Member of record.

### Waivers, Consents, and Approvals

Section 3.05. The transactions of any meeting of Members, however called and noticed, and wherever held, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present, and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the entities entitled to vote but not present, signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to the holding of the meeting, or an approval of the minutes of the meeting. All such waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

#### Quorum

Section 3.06, A quorum at any meeting of Members shall consist of a majority of the voting power, represented in person. For purposes of this Bylaw, "voting power" means the power to vote for any matter coming before the Members.

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# Loss of Quorum

Section 3.07, The Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum, if such action taken, other than adjournment, is approved by at least a majority of Members.

# Adjournment for Lack of Quorum

Section 3.08, In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of Members may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of a majority of the votes represented in person, but no other business may be transacted except as provided in Section 3.07 of these Bylaws,

# Voting of Membership

Section 3.09 Each Member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Members, and cumulative voting shall not be authorized for any purpose. Members entitled to vote shall not be permitted to vote or act by proxy.

# Action Without Meeting

Section 3.10. Any action that may be taken at a regular or special meeting of the Members may be taken without a meeting. If an action is taken without a meeting, the Corporation shall email, mail or deliver a written ballot to every Member entitled to vote on the matter. A written ballot must set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Solicitation for votes by written ballot must (a) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the requirement of a quorum; (b) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter; and (c) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Corporation in order to be counted. Approval by written ballot under this section is valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum that would be required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles or Bylaws, a written ballot may not be revoked. Actions taken without meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular Members meeting.

#### Action Without Meeting By Telephone

Section 3.11. Members may participate in a meeting through the use of conference

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telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all Members participating in such meeting can hear one another. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this paragraph constitutes presence in person at such meeting.

# Conduct of Meetings

Section 3.12. At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall select which duly elected president of a Member shall be Chair of and shall preside over the meetings of the Members. The Secretary of the Corporation or, in the Secretary's absence, any person appointed by the presiding officer shall act as Secretary of the Member meetings. Members, may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all Members participating in such meeting can hear one another. Such participation shall constitute personal presence at the meeting. Members, entitled to vote shall not be permitted to vote or act by proxy.

### Rules of Order

Section 3.13. The Robert's Rules of Order, as amended from time to time, shall govern the meetings of Members insofar as those rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation, or rules governing agenda, motions, and related matters.

#### ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS

#### Number

Section 4.01. The corporation shall have ten (10) Directors who shall together be known as the Board of Directors.

# Qualifications

Section 4.02. The Directors of the Corporation shall be the Presidents of each Member designated as an affiliate of USA Hockey located with the geographical boundaries of the Pacific District and each USA Hockey Director who is duly elected by the registered members of USA Hockey within the Pacific District <u>("District Director")</u> and the Pacific District Registrar appointed by USA Hockey. Any <u>USA Hockey elected Director or Director Emeritus</u>, as that term is defined by USA Hockey, who achieved his status by serving the Pacific District and who resides therein shall be an ex-officio Member of the Board of Directors and all committees of this corporation; provided, however, that no Director Emeritus shall be entitled to vote on any issue coming before the Board or such committees. The Directors of the Corporation shall be residents of the Pacific District.

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#### Meetings

Section 4.03. (a) Meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair of the Board or any three Directors of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than two (2) times each year.

#### Place of Meetings

(b) Meetings of the Board may be held at any location that a majority of the Board determines is reasonable, necessary, or appropriate.

#### Time of Regular Meetings

(c) The Annual Meeting of the Pacific District shall be held prior to the USA Hockey Annual Congress, generally in May or June and the Mid-Annual Meeting shall be held in the Fall, generally in October or November. The above referenced regular meetings of the Board may be held without call or notice provided that each Director shall receive at least fifteen days notice of the time, place and date of the meeting. Such notice may be given orally at a meeting at which all Directors are present.

# **Special Meetings**

(d) Special meetings may be held on ten (10) days' notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or on [forty-eight (48) hours' ] notice delivered personally, by telephone or by other electronic transmission and such notice shall be accompanied by notice of the agenda item(s) to be discussed. Notice of the special meeting need not be given to any Director who signs a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding the meeting or an approval of the minutes thereof, whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement. All such waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made part of the minutes of the meetings. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, in these Bylaws or by law, any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors or of a committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if, before or after the action, a written consent thereto is signed by all the members of the Board.

# Quorum

(e) A majority of the authorized number of \_Directors constitutes a quorum of the \_Board for the transaction of business, except as hereinafter provided. \_A quorum at Special Meetings shall consist of 2/3 of the authorized number of Directors.

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(f) Except as otherwise provided in the Articles, in these Bylaws, or by law, every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board provided, however, that <a href="mailto:any">any</a>, meeting at which a quorum was initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting, or such greater number as is required by the law, the Articles, or these Bylaws.

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# Voting

(g) Each Director is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors and cumulative voting shall not be authorized for any purpose. Directors entitled to vote shall not be permitted to vote or act by proxy. Should any Member President be unable to attend either a Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, that Member shall be allowed to designate in writing prior to the meeting another person to attend or participate. Such person who is attending shall be allowed a vote.

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#### **Conduct of Meetings**

(h) At the annual meeting or at such time as a vacancy occurs, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall select which USA Hockey Director duly elected within the Pacific District shall be Chair of the Board or, in his or her absence, any Director selected by the Chair of the Board shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors commencing with the next meeting. The Secretary of the Corporation or, in the Secretary's absence, any person appointed by the presiding officer shall act as Secretary of the Board. Directors may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all Members participating in such meeting can hear one another. Such participation shall constitute personal presence at the meeting. Directors entitled to vote shall not be permitted to vote or act by proxy.

#### Rules of Order

(i) The Robert's Rules of Order, as amended from time to time, shall govern the meetings of the Board of Directors insofar as those rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of this Corporation, or rules governing agenda, motions, and related matters.

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# Adjournment

(i) A majority of the Directors present, whether or not a quorum is present,

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may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. If the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours, notice of the adjournment to another time or place must be given prior to the time of the adjoined meeting of the Directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

## **Action Without Meeting**

Section 4.04. Any action that may be taken at a regular or special meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting. If an action is taken without a meeting, the Corporation shall mail or deliver a written ballot to every Director entitled to vote on the matter. A written ballot must set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Solicitation for votes by written ballot must (a) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the requirement of a quorum; (b) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter; and (c) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Corporation in order to be counted. Approval by written ballot under this section is valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum that would be required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. Except as otherwise provided in the Articles or Bylaws, a written ballot may not be revoked. Actions taken without meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regular Board meeting.

#### **Electronic Signature**

Section 4.05, Any action required or permitted to be taken "in writing" under these Bylaws by the Board may be taken by means of an electronic signature. An electronic signature means any electronic sound, symbol, or process, attached to or logically associated with a writing and executed or adopted by a person with intent to authenticate the writing including e-mail consenting to adoption.

#### Terms of Office

Section 4.06. Each Director shall hold office until such Director's successor is elected and qualifies under Section 4.02 of these Bylaws. In the event a Director resigns or is removed as prescribed by Section 4.09 of these Bylaws, such Director shall hold office until his or her removal and his or her successor is elected and qualifies.

#### Compensation

Section 4.07. The Directors shall serve without compensation except that they shall be allowed and paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Board, if such expenses are not otherwise paid by USA Hockey. The reasonable and necessary expenses of any Director Emeritus shall be paid as prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

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#### Personal Liability of Directors

Section 4.08. A Director of this Corporation is not, as such, personally liable for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the Corporation.

#### Removal of a Director

Section 4.09 Removal of any Director from the Board shall be in accordance with the procedures established for his or her removal by the Bylaws of USA Hockey and/or the Bylaws of a Member.

#### Resignation of a District Director

4.10. Resignation of A District Director. A District Director's resignation is effective upon his or her written transmission thereof to the Secretary of the Corporation and the Executive Director of USA Hockey.

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#### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

#### Number and Titles

Section 5.01. The officers of the Corporation shall be the Chair of the Board, a

Secretary, a Treasurer, one Director Officer and such other officers with such titles and duties as shall be stated in these Bylaws or determined by the Board and as may be necessary to enable it to sign instruments. The Chair of the Board is the general manager and chief executive officer of the Corporation. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as the Chair of the Board.

## Appointment and Resignation

Section 5.02. The officers shall be chosen by the Board and serve at the pleasure of the Board, subject to the rights, if any, of an office under any contract of employment. Any officer may resign at any time on written notice to the Corporation without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the Corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

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# **ARTICLE VI. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Section 6.01. At any Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board may consider revisions to its District Guidebook and/or Rules and/or Regulations. Any such revisions shall be submitted to the Board at least seventy two (72) hours prior to commencement of the meeting by e-mail, facsimile or first class mail to each Director.

#### ARTICLE VII. CORPORATE RECORDS AND REPORTS

#### **Keeping Records**

Section 7\_01. The Corporation shall keep adequate and correct records of account and minutes of the proceedings of its Members, Board, and committees of the Board. The Corporation shall also keep a record of its Members giving their names and addresses and the class of Membership, if any, held by each. The minutes shall be kept in written form. Other books and records shall be kept in either written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form.

# Copy on Demand and Posting Requirements

Section 7,02. The Board shall establish a website for the District and shall cause to be posted thereon, among other things, at a minimum, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws and Minutes of Board proceedings and all information required by law relating to nonprofit corporations.

# **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

Section 8.01. These Bylaws may be modified, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws by a vote of no less than two-thirds of the Board of Directors personally present at a meeting duly called; provided, however, that no amendment reducing the number of directors below ten (10) may be adopted without the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors and provided, further, that any such proposed amendments are transmitted to all Directors no less than fifteen days prior to any meeting.

# CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY PACIFIC DISTRICT, USA HOCKEY, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of said corporation and that the foregoing Amended Bylaws, comprising eleven pages, constitute the Bylaws of said corporation as duly amended and adopted at the [annual] meetings of the Board of Directors thereof held on February 10, 2007 (1st Amendment). January 30, 2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) and May 15, 2010 (Restated/3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment).

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Section 6.02. The Board of Directors shall adopt a corporate seal. The Secretary of the Corporation shall have the custody of the seal and affix it in all appropriate cases to all corporate documents. Failure to affix the seal shall not, however, affect the validity of any instrument.

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