

**Pacific District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2012**

A meeting for the Pacific District of USA Hockey was held on Saturday the 18th day of February 2012, at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Madam Chair Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and welcomed everyone. Donna Kaufman introduced Jon Gustafson to the board, all other parties introduced themselves.

The following persons were present: Dick Coombs, Charlie Fuertsch, Dru Hammond, Donna Kaufman, Steve Laing, Natalie McEwen, Dan Rogness, Mike Sullivan, Darryl Thompson, and Kevin McNaughton.

The following guests were present at the meeting: Bruce Urban – At-Large Director, Steve Stevens – Referee-in-Chief, Kellie Hays – Disabled Hockey, Jon Gustafson – Director Elect, and Kris Knauss - guest.

Kris Knauss introduced himself and gave some background on himself, as he is interested in the open Pacific District Director position. Kris left the meeting after his introduction.

The chair asked for any changes to the agenda. Kellie Hayes asked to ensure Disabled Hockey would be on the agenda. Steve Laing asked to add Task Force to new business.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Steve Laing, seconded by Natalie McEwen, and unanimously approved the minutes from the Seattle meeting of October 15, 2011.

Treasurers Report:

Charlie Fuertsch reviewed the District's financial reports that he emailed to all parties prior to the meeting. He has almost closed out the girls'/women's account, as recommended by the USA Hockey audit. He has left \$1,000 in the account, but has collected all the checks and debit cards. Charlie reviewed the district's balance sheet, profit & loss statement, bank account reconciliation, block grant reconciliation, boys' & girls' development camps, Freeland Grant, Kent Festival, and tournament fees. Charlie stated we are on target with the current budget.

Motion was made by Dru Hammond, seconded by Natalie McEwen and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Tabled Item

Donna Kaufman reminder the board there are a couple of the tabled items from last meeting. She indicated should they stay tabled the motions will die.

Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Charlie Fuertsch to take the "Terms of Office" motion off the table as presented below.

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 of a vacancy created by a District Director's resignation or removal as prescribed by Section 4.09 of these Bylaws, such vacancy may be filled for the remaining term of the predecessor by the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting subject to approval by USA Hockey. A vacancy created by the resignation or removal of a Member President, shall be filled in accordance with the Bylaws of the Member.

Donna Kaufman reviewed the procedure and how USA Hockey viewed the above language. There was discussion within the board as to the uniqueness to the situation. Darryl believes the proposed language is ineffective language based on USA Hockey guidelines. Other board members agreed with these comments. This amendment was written based on a previous experience of a Director's resignation.

Motion was made by Dru Hammond, seconded by Steve Laing to change the language in Terms of Office as removed from the table. Vote: 1 in favor/7 opposed - motion fails

Block Grants

Dick Coombs reviewed the block grant funds requests he has received to date, from the different groups with their explanations for the expenditures.

Submitter	Program	Amount
Chris Milles, Alaska RIC Supplement for Alaska official travel costs to National and District tournaments	District Officiating	\$2000.000
Steve Stevens, District RIC District girls/women camp, officiating, development, evaluation, travel, and education	District Officiating	\$4000.00
Larry Bruyere, District CIC District coaching programs for all District CEP personnel to attend and participate. The purpose would be to deliver and discuss all CEP training materials including, but not limited to, the new protocols and procedures recently developed for the coaching program by USA Hockey CIC's and the National Office personnel. Instructor Orientation.	CEP - Coaching	\$6150.00
Rick Trupp, Alaska CIC Clinics and coaching education in remote Alaska communities such as Kodiak and Barrow to grow fledgling programs.	CEP – Coaching	\$2655.00
Kellie M. Hays 25 sets of equipment to assist in growth of Disabled/sled hockey for use District wide use	District Disabled	\$3840.00
Total for District Program Requests:		\$18,645.00

Steve Laing reviewed the decision from the affiliate presidents meeting in reference to the allocation of affiliate money toward District programs. The following monies have been approved by the affiliate presidents.

- Alaska RIC - **\$1,000 from Block Grant** with Alaska affiliate matching \$1,000
- Pacific District RIC - **\$4,000** approved
- Disabled Hockey - approved **\$3,500**. California will add an addition \$5000 from their block grant portion.

- Girls/Women – No request submitted; however, there are girls ADM seminars coming up with the request for members of the Pacific District to participate. **\$2,000 from the block grants** and request \$2,000 from girls'/ women programs (district funds) to match.
- Multi-District Festival - **\$4,000** for program

Total Affiliate allocation of funds toward District programs: \$14,500

Pacific District CIC – not approved based on funding being provided by USA Hockey and previous excess funds not fully utilized.

Alaska CIC - Alaska will fund this \$2,655 requirement out of Alaska's portion of the block grant

The funds for the District Block Grant allocation shall come from: Alaska - \$3,400, California - \$8,000, and PNAHA - \$3,100. Nevada and Oregon will keep their portion of the allocation for their own affiliate use.

The Affiliates now need to finalize and present their program requests to Dick Coombs by April 1st for submittal to the National office. Natalie McEwen thanked the affiliates for allowing Oregon to keep their full portion of their block grant allocation.

Reports

Coaching Program:

Larry Bruyere and Rick Trupp were not able to attend the meeting. They submitted a written report. Donna Kaufman presented the reports to the board. (See attached)

Disabled Hockey

Kellie Hays attended the meeting and presented a thorough report to the board. (See attached)

Dru Hammond discussed the concern for programs registering as their own organizations. Kellie discussed ways in which athletes are captured within the registration process. Disabled hockey athletes have their first year fees waived. Kellie is also learning the registration process.

Kellie has done a great job taking this program on. She has really moved this program in the right direction with big strides over this past year. Congratulations and thanks to Kellie.

Female Hockey:

Margo Dreyer was not able to attend the meeting. She submitted a written report which focused on player development (attached). Dick Coombs presented the report with the board.

The board asked Dick Coombs to ensure Margo is sending her girls' player development personnel requests. These should be sent not only to the girls'/women's affiliate personnel, but the affiliate presidents as well. Apparently, Steve Laing's email address was incorrect on the January 3rd email. Donna Kaufman reminded the board, the affiliates wanted their input with the girls / women program, so please ensure communication with Margo in a timely fashion.

Officials Report:

Pacific District

Steve Stevens updated the board on the status of the Pacific District Officials program. They are ready for the upcoming district tournaments. Their officiating numbers are growing. He is not

planning to host a girls' program this year. He will still participate with the girls' development camp. Steve believes there are ways to help officials with travel to National tournaments.

Steve is going to help the Atlantic district in Wayne NJ put together an officiating program. Steve is also trying to figure out the impact with training due to the ADM program. They are using the cross ice officiating manual as a training tool for entry level referees. The cross ice officiating manual is on the USA Hockey website and provided to each Referee in Chief. The district program is strong with officials moving up the ranks.

Alaska Report

Chris Milles was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted the following report (below).

Alaska is preparing for State, District and National tournaments. Same concerns as in past years, that also occurs at other times, the number of tournaments scheduled for the same timeframe and then the duration of all the tournaments from MLK weekend, or before (Xmas) thru President's day, state tournaments, and districts. The number of officials is limited and the number of tournaments keeps growing. It is difficult in many locations to get all the games covered at the level expected by the parents and coaches. Scheduling and timing is always an issue.

For Girls Districts, we have three officials from the lower part of the district coming to Fairbanks. No Alaska officials will be traveling for any of the other district tournaments. Three officials will be attending Nationals, two at the PW II in NJ, and one in Dallas.

Number of officials in AK seems constant. I will also be one of the RICs at Dallas for the Girls Tier IIs.

Registrar's Report:

Dan Rogness shared with the board the registration summaries. See below.

USA Hockey Registration Summary													Season: 2011-2012	
USAH Data as of: 02/14/2012 01:07 PM MST													Page: 1	
Affiliate	Assoc	Unclaimed	Players & Unclaimed			Coaches			P + Uncl + C Total	Youth P/C	PPR	CPR	ERP	Other
			Paid	6&U	Total	Paid	Unpd	Total						
ALASKA	51	534	7458	872	8330	695	13	708	9038	5	888	24	49	187
CALIFORNIA	80	4124	21645	719	22364	1139	3	1142	23506	6	2204	120	78	429
HAWAII	1	8	7	1	8	0	0	0	8	**	0	0	0	0
NEVADA	8	387	975	50	1025	134	1	135	1160	2	55	4	5	11
OREGON	8	153	782	70	852	132	3	135	987	4	14	0	5	32
USA HOCKEY NATIONAL	1	0	481	0	481	27	0	27	508	3	0	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	41	1304	6790	518	7308	571	3	574	7882	5	253	21	39	111
Totals	190	6510	38138	2230	40368	2698	23	2721	43089	5	3414	169	176	770

USA Hockey Registration Summary													Season: 2010-2011	
USAH Data as of: 10/14/2011 02:50 PM MDT													Page: 1	
Affiliate	Assoc	Unclaimed	Players & Unclaimed			Coaches			P + Uncl + C Total	Youth P/C	PPR	CPR	ERP	Other
			Paid	6&U	Total	Paid	Unpd	Total						
ALASKA	50	641	7774	898	8672	758	16	774	9446	5	986	24	48	0
CALIFORNIA	83	2866	23828	773	24601	1303	5	1308	25909	6	2623	196	80	0
HAWAII	1	7	7	0	7	0	0	0	7	**	0	0	0	0
NEVADA	8	313	1044	52	1096	40	1	41	1137	7	66	4	5	0
OREGON	9	92	757	63	820	136	1	137	957	4	13	4	6	0
USA HOCKEY NATIONAL	1	0	561	0	561	63	0	63	624	1	0	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	39	1172	7348	545	7893	510	3	513	8406	6	471	13	36	0
Totals	191	5091	41319	2331	43650	2810	26	2836	46486	6	4159	241	175	0

Dan indicated one of the critical registration items is the “unclaimed” players. Please communicate to your association registrars to remember to claim these players. Information is being sent to the associate registrars.

Dan also discussed the voting process for a District Director on page 15 of our guidebook. Nominations will be open until March 1st for the remainder of Dennis Sorenson’s term, ending June 2013. Dan will modify the date schedule accordingly for this shortened election and have it reviewed by the national office. He will send out an email to all affiliate presidents with this information. He currently has three nominations; these names do not need to be resubmitted.

Dan has given out all the National tournament patches. He has given these to Connie, Veda, and Wendy (associate registrars), and Tier II patches to the Steve, Dru, and Mike (affiliate presidents).

District Tournaments:

Donna Kaufman indicated all the district tournament schedules were reviewed and agreed upon via email. The girls’/women’s tournaments will be this next weekend. State tournaments are currently in process for Tier I and II divisions. Donna will be sending out tournament packages with all information for the respective tournaments.

Donna reviewed the new National Championship rules to be utilized “this year”. (See attached)

Donna also distributed the Tier II Conference and National formations. Each affiliate should review these documents to determine their programs are in the correct conference.

Steve Laing gave a quick recap on the High School hockey nationals. California and Washington will each be sending a team.

Player Development:

Boy’s Camp

Bruce Urban reviewed the 14 combined district high performance camp in Colorado Spring the last week in June. (See attached) Bruce indicated they would like to submit the request for the \$50 player credit from USA Hockey to maintain the current individual cost projection. If an affiliate wants to send a team leader to travel with the players, Bruce will ensure they will be utilized at the camp.

Bruce also reviewed the Selects 15, 16 & 17 camps. The first weekend will only have one age group, while the second week will have two age groups. Everything is currently on track as it stands today. (See attached)

Mike Sullivan asked if the surplus was considered when determining the cost this year. Bruce confirmed it was taken into consideration.

Bruce also advised the board this will be his last year running the camps. He will be here to support whomever the board determines to take on this responsibility.

Girl’s Camp

Margo was not present at the meeting but sent a report for this section. This information was reviewed earlier in the meeting. (See attached)

Multi-District Camp

Charlie Fuertsch advised the Multi-District camp will not be hosting the 14 camp this year. This would be the districts third year participating. However, the first and second year, the district did not send teams to the camp in the 15 division for multiple reasons. He would like to know if the board is still interested in participating this coming year. The dates will be August 3-6, 2012.

Motion was made by Charlie Fuertsch, seconded by Steve Laing and unanimously approved to participate in the 15 Multi-District player development camp at Kent State.

Risk Management:

John Silberstein wasn't able to make the meeting and did not have a report to submit.

USA Hockey Discussion

Donna Kaufman advised USA Hockey legislation will be coming up in June at the Annual Congress. Everyone should be getting their information packages direct from the National Office. Please be prepared to discuss at the May meeting.

Juniors

NP3HL will be coming into California. A Wenatchee team will be playing in the BCHL. Steve Stevens commented on the need for referees being certified for Canadian rules.

Youth

Affiliate presidents received a survey about the ADM program. Out of 34 affiliates, 23 were in favor, while four affiliates were against the program.

There was discussion among the board about the fee increases from the National Office. USA Hockey has sent out a talking points bulletin. Affiliates will probably start seeing questions pertaining to these fees in March or April.

Mike Sullivan asked if there were any discussions about the coaching modules during the youth committee. Coaches cannot come back to access the practice modules once they complete their on-line activities. Apparently USA Hockey is aware of this issue and working to correct in the future.

Old Business

Nothing to discuss

New Business

Task Force

Steve Laing shared information about a new task force pertaining to abuse or reporting abuse. The task force is putting together a player protection program and looking for input from the affiliates. They are reviewing locker room attendees, travel with players, drivers of kids to practice/games, etc. The idea is for people to understand or recognize player abuse and protect youth athletes. They may also look at electronic device communications and potential issues with these devices. Jon Gustafson was curious why they were looking outside the rink with this issue. USA Hockey insurance is not in effect until the players walk through the rink door.

Dick Coombs asked if there will be reporting criteria. Steve indicated they are just in the initial stages of the task force. Steve's belief is this program might be an educational program in the

beginning. The task force needs to clearly define criteria and expectations. There were discussions among the board agreeing reporting is essential to the success of the program.

By-Law Amendment

Donna notified the board of the submitted proposal of a by-law amendment relating to the District Registrar's vote on the Pacific District's board. This will be presented for a vote at the May meeting in Seattle.

Director Issues

Donna Kaufman asked for a motion for the board to move to executive session.

Motion was made by Darryl Thompson, seconded by Charlie Fuertsch and unanimously approved to move into executive session.

Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Darryl Thompson and unanimously approved to come out of executive session.

Election of Chair

Donna Kaufman relinquished the floor to Charlie Fuertsch. Charlie asked for a motion to approve a Chair Person for the upcoming year.

Motion was made by Dick Coombs, seconded by Darryl Thompson and unanimously approved Donna Kaufman to be Chair Person for another year

Charlie Fuertsch relinquished the floor back to Donna Kaufman.

Future Meetings:

Annual Meeting – May 19th in Seattle, WA. It will be at the Double Tree Suites, South Center. Dan Rogness will send out the notification and hotel information.

Donna Kaufman relinquished the floor to Steve Laing to announce the Anderson awards, Steve announced the 2011-2012 Anderson award winners.

- Andy Anderson – Connie Hardwick
- Pete Anderson – Kurt Penberthy
- Dempsey Anderson – Dennis Sorenson

Congratulations to each recipient for their contributions to hockey within the Pacific District.

Board Member Comments:

Dick Coombs – has been involved with USA Hockey for 43years and the District for over 16yrs. He indicated it has always been a pleasure working with everyone.

Jon Gustafson– looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the board.

Charlie Fuertsch – welcome Jon and thank you Bruce Urban for all your hard work.

Kellie Hayes – thank you all for the support in disabled hockey and looking forward to working with Jon.

Natalie McEwen – High School tournament is coming up this weekend. They still have some growing pains but continuing to learn. Natalie’s term is up this year. Their next meeting is in April.

Dru Hammond – welcome to Jon. Good bye and good luck to Dick Coombs and Bruce Urban. Look forward to still be seeing you in the future. Nothing major going on in PNAHA at this moment.

Steve Laing – thank you to all three of you for the past, present, and future work with the District.

Steve Stevens – good bye to Bruce and Dick, also thanks to Dick and appreciate your friendship. Steve will be certifying referees at the California hockey school. This was a success in the past and he will try it again.

Dan Rogness – reminded everyone to add Jon Gustafson on the distribution list.

Darryl Thompson – we will still see Dick in future meetings. Darryl met Dick through the girls’ program due to his daughters playing. Bruce was always there when needed. Welcome Jon.

Darryl discussed some of the heat he was taking and looks forward to the process on the district director elections. Darryl briefly discussed the issue of the referee being indicted in Alaska.

Mike Sullivan – Thank you Dick, Jon welcome aboard, and thank you Bruce. Thank you to the Las Vegas Wranglers for their support with the meeting facilities and the use of the ice on a limited basis. Mike will not be at the May meeting due to his son’s graduation.

Bruce Urban – Congratulations Jon. San Jose is where Bruce started his hockey experience. Thank you Dick, Bruce has known him Dick 1976.

Donna Kaufman – wished Dick fun with the upcoming tournaments. We still have a lot on our plate coming up in the next 90 days.

Bobby Freeland Grant

Mike Sullivan asked for a quick update on the Freeland Grant. Natalie McEwen indicated she has slightly modified the submittal dates. We currently have given out partial grant funds. Natalie needs to follow-up with a few organizations to their final reports. She will provide these to Charlie Fuertsch so he can disperse the balance of funds. Charlie recapped the payouts from August and the two most recent. He is waiting for reports from everyone, but the Snow Kings organization.

Motion was made by Dick, seconded by Mike and unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin McNaughton

USA Hockey Pacific District

Winter Meeting Report

February 2012

Larry Bruyere CIC

The Pacific District had a very active year relative to coaching certification clinics and other informative coaching sessions such as body contact/ checking sessions and ADM clinics. Under the circumstances, with all of the new regulations and materials, we fielded a record number of inquiries from our respective coaches in the field. While it was a major change regarding how coaches become and/or stay properly certified to coach, in the Pacific District, our affiliate Presidents, Registrars and CEP staff were very diligent getting the word out and as a result, the problems have been mitigated for the most part.

The response I have had regarding the new CEP certification requirements has been mixed, but the general feedback relative to the on-line modules has been very positive. The content has been received positively and the only consistent criticism has been the repetition from module to module.

One issue that created some residual problems is that CAHA decided to ignore the USA Hockey "on-line module extension" and insisted that everyone who needed to complete a module, had to have it done by the original deadline of Dec. 31st. While I understand the rationale that the large majority of coaches complied and it wouldn't have been fair to them to then allow those who procrastinated to have an additional time period to complete the modules, I was receiving many phone calls with what sounded like legitimate stories of hardship. The National Office was taking into consideration that this was the first year of the modules and that it was a big change for many coaches around the country. I am told that Calif. was the only state who didn't allow the extension.

The number of coaches that attended the respective CEP clinics in the Pacific District are as follows:

Level I – 14 clinics and 434 attendees

Level II – 11 clinics and 133 attendees

Level III – 13 clinics and 152 attendees

Level IV – 1 clinic and 88 attendees

Total number of CEP clinic attendees - 959

The overall number of coaches attending clinics in the Pacific District was down by approx 500 and it likely has to do with coaches only being allowed to take one clinic per season. The Level II numbers were the softest for the same reason.

Our ADM Regional Manager, Joe Doyle, has been very active from Washington to San Diego running ADM /checking clinics and I have been able to attend several of his clinics as well as several that Joe was not involved with/

ADM/Checking Clinics – Eugene OR
- Las Vegas NV
- Simi Valley CA
- San Diego CA
- Fresno CA

I attended the following USA Hockey functions in 2011:

- The Winter Meetings in Florida – January
- Pacific District Meeting in Reno - February
- The Annual Congress in Colorado Springs – June
- CEP Training Session in Colorado Springs – August
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The Coaching Program has set up several committees made up of National Office staff and CIC's to continue to work on the coaching curriculum material as well as the grid for the respective certification levels and I am actively participating on two of those committees. We have been meeting regularly on conference calls.

Larry Bruyere
USA Hockey
Pacific District CIC

PACIFIC DISTRICT CIC REPORT FROM ALASKA

2011 Alaska Clinic Information:

Alaska held 14 clinics during the Fall 2011 with corresponding total numbers in parentheses serving 277 registrants (28 less than 2010):

Level 1 = 6; (151) +24 from 2010

Level 2 = 5; (42) -55 from 2010

Level 3 = 3; (49) -32 from 2010

Level 4 = 1; (35) +35 from 2010

Administration of Program: This season, we consolidated the clinics holding the Level I/II's together on the same day in the same facility where we were able to utilize the instructor resources in the building to speak to both audiences. It worked well and we'll continue that next season.

The quality of the instruction was improved by the new powerpoints developed this season as well as the addition of more quality presenters in Alaska. The quality of support from the membership organizations and coaches within the system is improving in Alaska.

National Level Meetings in Orlando – CIC work in progress:

1. National office is recommending each district to provide an organizational structure that defines key individuals within their district to serve as liaisons/support staff to the Coaching education program in certain areas such as: Girls hockey, goaltending, disabled hockey, adm, etc. Over the summer, the Alaska district will be working to identify individuals for these volunteer roles.
2. Committees were created to lead the way with coaches section projects. Each committee has a chair. These committee are to work to provide guidance/improvement in these following areas:
Current committees and chairs are as follows:
CEP Requirements
Curriculum and PowerPoints
IT/Apps
Materials and Resources
Modules
3. CEP program is looking to have another instructor training program this summer in each regional center.

Rick Trupp
Alaska CIC

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Current Programs

Nationwide, Special Hockey currently has 50+ programs, comprised of over 100 teams. We've identified **6 Special Hockey** programs in the Pacific District:

CA - Los Angeles	Contact: Rita Eagle, California CondorsX
CA - Pasadena	Contact: Crissy Finney, Pasadena Maple Leafs
CA - Oakland/San Jose Ice	Contact: David Hicks
OR - Eugene	Contact: Kellie Hays, Eugene Jr. Generals
OR - Portland (devt)	Contact: Bryan Roeder
WA - Spokane/Gonzaga	Contact: Dr. Mark Derby, Gonzaga Bulldogs

Nationwide, Sled Hockey has approximately 90 programs, with **12 Sled Hockey** programs in the Pacific District, in various stages of development:

CA - San Diego	Contact: Tricia Betts
CA - Ontario	Contact: Todd and Christie Jenkins, Jr. Reign
CA - Oxnard (devt)	Contact: Mel and Rhonda Waidmann
CA - Bakersfield (devt)	Contact: Scotty Hay
CA - Cathedral City (devt)	Contact: Judy May
CA - Oakland/San Jose	Contact: Trooper Johnson, Melissa Fitzgerald
CA - Sacramento	Contact: Jenny Yarrow, Ray Free, Sacramento Lightning
OR - Eugene (devt)	Contact: Kellie Hays, Eugene Jr. Generals
OR - Portland (devt)	Contact: Lester Sparks, Jill Boeschenstein, Ben Stadey, Jim Keene
NV - Las Vegas	Contact: Barbara Chambers, Paralympic Sport Club
AK - Anchorage	Contact: Jeff Dick, Alaska Avalanche
WA - Seattle (devt)	Contact: Tami English - Seattle Adaptive Sports Kody Doty (Tacoma - On hold)

At the USAHockey Congress, the 2012 Disabled Festival site of Dallas, TX was determined. Most likely the Disabled Festival will be held on the East Coast in 2013. I would like to see Pacific District apply to host the 2014 Disabled Festival, with applications due May 1, 2012. As new disabled programs are being established within the district, we need these programs to connect with USAHockey and register their participants.

Within the district, Sled Hockey is experiencing rapid growth as new administrators have requested information to host clinics and learn how to get a sled hockey program started.

The Ontario/Riverside program is now affiliated with the Jr. Reign and has a coach. They participated in an on-ice exhibition and jersey auction with the ECHL Reign and raised \$8000. They have also won the Hartford grant of \$10,000. At their first practice in January, 7 skaters took the ice. 7 more are committed to play in the program. Nicolas Jenkins was featured in Boys' Life magazine in his sled.

The Waidmann family from Oxnard are establishing a program in their area. They participated in the Camarillo Christmas Parade with a USA Hockey sled hockey float. They have met with the local Parks & Rec department and made some contacts within the LA Kings via Larry Bruyere. The sled hockey clinic

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held January 28 introduced sled hockey to 31 disabled athletes and 36 volunteers. The group has already had three fundraisers since the clinic, with some athletes placing orders for their own personal sleds.

On January 29, a sled clinic was held in Bakersfield with over 20 participants and many volunteers. Some key representatives from the disabled community were present, along with the Bakersfield Condors mascot.

Judy May is interested in hosting a clinic in Cathedral City, CA in late Spring or Summer.

In the Bay Area, the San Jose and Oakland teams held a sled tournament to finish up 2011. They are interested in helping to field a team to the Disabled Festival.

Jeff Dick reports that the Challenge Alaska started their season late in January due to the snow levels. They had 10 players show up with some few first timers among them. 6 total have a "qualifying" physical disability. Their policy is that athletes must be registered with USA Hockey before their fourth time skating with the program. The team discussed raising \$10k plus to go to Dallas. It'll be up to the athletes and their commitment for a large part. The group hosted a "learn to sled skate" afternoon for community veterans and active duty service members in conjunctions with Wounded Warrior Project and the Alaska Aces (ECHL team) in January. With any luck they'll find a new player or two and convince them to join the group.

Special

We have received a few inquiries in the Portland area. We need a program champion.

Rita Eagle from the California Condors is planning on sending a team to Dallas to the Disabled Festival. They have 12 athletes consistently practicing with a goal of 15 athletes by the end of the year.

The Pasadena Maple Leafs have 34 athletes. They practice 1 hour a week with a season from August through June. The coaches are USAH registered and most are coaches for other travel teams and volunteer their time for the Special needs hockey team. They are interested in learning more about the Disabled Festival in Dallas. The athletes currently have ISI insurance but they would like to switch them over to USAH.

The Eugene Jr. Generals have 8 skaters with a few more interested.

The Gonzaga Special Hockey program currently has 8 boys and 4 girls ranging from age 5 to 17. Finances are an obstacle to making it to Dallas. Athletes are USA Hockey registered.

Goals

- Determine USA Hockey registration status of each program, distribute information to manually register first year participants (free) as well as registering coaches and mentors.
- Direction from Disabled Section is to develop ability to have each disabled team (even if program is currently functioning within a youth program) register under its own association code. Held conference call February 8 with Julie R. and Wendy from California.
- Transition existing sled hockey clinics into USAHockey registered programs.
- Enhance the communication between the programs, helping programs to access resources.
- Update District Website with registered programs located within district.
- Special: Develop regional tournaments.

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- Sled: Grow programs to develop a league format in the West.

Where Help Is Needed

- Is there a location/area within district to host 2014 Disabled Festival. Requires 3 -4 sheets of ice.
- Help identify more existing Special/Sled programs to build network.
- Communicate information regarding programs, contacts, grants, opportunities.
- Disabled hockey requires equipment for youth *and adults* so programs are often looking for equipment at discounted rates.

Upcoming Tournaments/Workshops

Special:

SHI - Special Hockey 2012 London

USA Hockey Disabled Festival April 13 – 15 2012 Dallas, TX

Determine which teams can send a team, determine feasibility for combined teams

West Coast/Local: Utah proposed for this year

Sled:

USA Hockey Disabled Festival April 13 – 15 2012, Dallas, TX

Determine which teams can send a team, determine feasibility for combined teams

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2012 National Championships Rule Clarifications

The USA Hockey Youth Council has approved the following National Tournament Rules which will be in effect for the 2012 National Championships and supersede the Rules as written in the 2011-2012 Annual Guide.

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Nationals - All Youth, Girls, Adult Women, High School Varsity and/or Prep School Ice shall be cleaned before each game and between the second and third periods including the semi-final and final games. Any variation must be approved by the National Championship Director

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An opening meeting for all teams participating in the tournament shall be held prior to the start of play at a time and place to be set by the tournament director. All participating teams shall have a representative (coach and/or manager) present at such meeting. No one person may represent more than one team at this meeting unless prior approval is granted by the tournament director. Failure of a team to have its team representative present shall result in the suspension of the Head Coach, **as listed on the team's official roster** from that team's first game of the tournament. **After the preliminary games, there will be a second pairings meeting at a time and place as determined by the Tournament Director. It is mandatory for the Head Coach as listed on the team's official team roster to attend this meeting. If the Head Coach is not present at this second pairings meeting, the Head Coach will be suspended from the next game of the Tournament.**

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(b) Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Games

1. The game shall be continued to determine a winner.
2. At the completion of the third period, there shall be a **three (3)** minute rest period before the start of the first overtime session.

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5. Following the second overtime, there shall be a **three (3)** minute rest period prior to the start of the third overtime session.

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1. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:

- a. Standings - Most points.
- b. Most wins.
- c. Differential - Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
- d. Quotient - Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has a higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any other number other than zero (0). When two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall

be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for."

2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c, **or** d, the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order.

a. Most wins.

b. Differential - Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.

c. Quotient - Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for."

d. Most periods won - In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.

e. Quickest first goal - The team that scored the quickest goal in their preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.

3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout procedure as previously described.

Note:Forfeits - *If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie breaking formulas to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victory for the non-offending team.*

Western Regional 14 Boys High Performance Camp

- Location – Colorado College, Colorado Springs
- Dates – June 26 – July 1, 2012
- Cost - \$575
- Fee includes – room for 5 nights, meals, ice time, jersey, socks, ground transportation
- Coaching staff – mixture of college, junior and prep school coaches
- Players will come from Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Northern Plains Districts
- 2 to 2 ½ hours of ice time per day
- Seminars to include opportunities in hockey, nutrition and game strategy
- Dryland demonstrations and training
- Players will arrive no later than 3pm on June 26th in Colorado Springs. Transportation will be provided from the airport to the Colorado College Campus. Players will be assigned a room and team for the camp.

This camp will align with the ADM – LTHP concepts and bring together a camp that has an emphasis on development and education. The camp will take advantage of USA Hockey staff and hopefully, some from the Olympic development program.

Points of emphasis will include:

- Speed, strength
- Mental/cognitive development
- Aerobic
- Increase in off ice training concepts and techniques
- Exposure to opportunities specific to this birth year with educational seminars regarding hockey career path
- Nutrition

It is the goal of the camp to provide each attendee with experience and information so they can move forward with more knowledge and a long term plan.

2012 Pacific District Select Camp

Dates:

1997 - April 26 – 29, 2012
1995 and 1996 – May 3 – 6, 2012

Location:

Kent Ice Centre, Kent, WA

Hotel:

Hawthorn Suites, Kent, WA

Deadline for Registration:

March 15, 2012

Team Leader Responsibilities:

Alaska – 2 for 1st weekend, 2 for second weekend
California – 1 for 1st weekend, 2 for 2nd weekend
Nevada – 1 for 1st weekend, 1 for 2nd weekend
Oregon – 1 for 1st weekend, 1 for 2nd weekend
Washington – 1 for 1st weekend, 2 for 2nd weekend

Evaluators:

Each Affiliate to have one evaluator for each age group

Team Assignments:

1997 – 6 teams of 17 players each
1996 – 4 teams of 20 players each
1995 – 4 teams of 17 – 20 players each

Invitations have gone out to all players except Nevada and Oregon. I expect those invitations to go out no later than Tuesday February 21. Registrations are coming in at a very rapid pace. Better and faster than years' past. As a result of the District website being down at this time, broadcast emails through Rocky Mountain Register are being sent to the players to try and keep them abreast of any information available. Since about the 1st of February I have been receiving and sending an average of 40 emails a day regarding the Pacific Camp and the 14 Regional Camp. Many of the emails have been about not receiving the first invite that was sent. In most cases when sending the second invite it is received. There are several that have to be sent several times and in some cases the email address has to be changed. Some folks don't know how to look into their spam or junk folder or may have some security settings turned on/off. In any event, the invites are eventually getting to everyone.

Without the 14 age group this year the district agreed to enlarge the number of players coming to the 15 camp. Also this year in addition to the players selected to participate at the National Camp; players will be selected to participate at the Kent State Festival as a Pacific District Team. This has been offered the last two years but only the 14 age group has responded with enough players to attend. There will be another attempt to make that happen this year for the 15's. The 16 and 17 camp will be the same as in past years with both age groups on the same weekend.

Wayne Sawchuck with Charlie's approval will take over as the lead evaluator for both weekends. Wayne has a lot of experience in this process and will be able to lead the meetings to ensure they run without major issues. Wayne is taking over the job that Dennis Sorenson has had for perhaps the last 9 or 10 years.

Pacific District Girls/Women's Report
February 18, 2012

1. Pacific District Girls Tryout –
 - a. May 3 (arrival), May 4 – 6 (ice times and seminars)
 - b. Olympic View Ice Arena, Mountlake Terrace, Washington
 - c. Staffing of Evaluators – 10 total evaluators – request for evaluators was sent via email 1/3/12
 - i. Alaska –
 - i. No evaluator
 - ii. No coach
 - ii. Washington
 - i. Teka Parks – evaluator
 - iii. Oregon
 - i. No evaluator
 - iv. Nevada
 - i. Austin White – evaluator
 - v. California
 - i. No evaluator
 - vi. USA Hockey
 - i. Pam Dreyer – goalie evaluator
 - ii. USA Hockey will send another goalie evaluator
 - iii. Winny Brodt – Minnesota
 - iv. TBD
 - v. TBD
 - d. Staffing of Coaches – need one per team - 8 teams at the tryout. I have a young lady in Rocky Mountain that is interested in helping with our tryouts as a coach – I will ask her to help. I have also been approached by a couple individuals from outside the District that I am seriously considering to help coach:
 - i. Others:
 - i. Rocky Mountain – Mindy French
 - ii. Massachusetts – Christa Talbot
 - ii. Alaska
 - i. No coach
 - iii. Washington
 - i. No coach
 - iv. Oregon
 - i. No coach
 - v. Nevada
 - i. Carrie White – Coach
 - vi. California
 - i. No coach