



Pacific District
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Double Tree Suites Hotel
June 1, 2013

1. The Annual meeting for the Pacific District was held on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at the Double Tree Suites Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Madam Chair Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone. She announced that Kevin McNaughton was unable to attend this meeting and requested that Dru Hammond take the minutes.
2. Donna Kaufman congratulated Wendy Goldstein as the new USAH District Registrar and thanked Dan Rogness as the previous USAH District Registrar for all he has done. All parties introduced themselves. The following individuals were present: Gordon Brown (PNAHA President), Larry Bruyere (USAH PD Coach-in-Chief), Margo Dreyer (PD Girls/Women), Charlie Fuertsch (PD Director), Wendy Goldstein (USAH District Registrar), Jon Gustafson (PD Director), Dru Hammond (PD Director), Donna Kaufman (PD Director), Kris Knauss (PD Player Development), Steve Laing (CA President), Natalie McEwen (Oregon President), Andy Potter (Oregon SafeSport Coordinator), Dan Rogness (USAH District Registrar), Wayne Sawchuck (AK Player Development), Steve Stevens (USAH PD Referee-in Chief), Mike Sullivan (Nevada President), Darryl Thompson (Alaska President), Rick Trupp (USAH AK Coach-in-Chief).
3. The chair asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes. There were none.
4. Request for changes or corrections of the February 23, 2013 Reno, Nevada meeting minutes. ***Charlie Fuertsch motion [to approve minutes], seconded by Jon Gustafson. No discussion. Motion passed.***
5. District Financial Report:
 - Charlie Fuertsch submitted a written financial report and provided narrative to clarify the information contained within the report. (See attachment 1)
 - Everyone was reminded that in September Affiliates would be managing their own block grants. This is a change from the combined submittal we have been doing. Because of this change, any block grant money not spent by August 31, 2013 will be returned back to the Affiliates to zero out their accounts with the District.
 - It was noted that moving the camp to California resulted in some additional expenses. Things like ice and hotels are more expensive. Jon Gustafson helped a lot to contain the costs and made many donations. Alaska pitched in \$9000.00 to make sure we were healthy. Despite the increased costs, we came out \$8900.00 in the black. Additionally, we will be receiving a hotel rebate check for \$7000.00. We then will be approximately \$16,000.00 in the black. Charlie Fuertsch then stated that he would like to propose that we return the money back to Alaska that was donated. ***Jon Gustafson motion [to return \$9000.00 to Alaska], seconded by Steve Laing. No discussion. Motion passed.***
 - Balance of the check register as of May 28, 2013 is \$113,233.53. ***Darryl Thompson motion [to accept District Financial Report], seconded by Jon Gustafson. No discussion. Motion passed.***
6. Block Grant
 - All affiliates have turned in their applications. We are required to send in a final report to USA Hockey (USAH) along with receipts explaining how the funds were spent. Charlie Fuertsch is not quite done with that. He did speak with Jim Smith and he will take care of it upon his return from Annual Congress. Next year affiliates will be responsible for completing their own final reports. Charlie is willing to help others through the process. Donna Kaufman expressed her thanks for all the work Dick Coombs and Charlie Fuertsch have done in previous years to assist the whole District in preparing and reconciling their block grant funds.
7. Robert Freeland Grant
 - Natalie McEwen reported that she believes that people are just not aware of the availability of the grant. She is not really sure what we need to do to communicate better. We might want to focus on a

better timeline, a specific open and closing date. The only group that actively talks about the grant is disabled hockey.

- Darryl Thompson shared that he talks about it all the time. He indicated that part of the problem is that there just doesn't seem to be a lot of intuitional knowledge. It is long term planning verses short term planning. Smaller organizations depending on volunteers seem to struggle getting everything going for the upcoming season.
- Donna Kaufman was concerned that if we don't redirect this program we are going to end up with a large fund just sitting out there. Then what are we going to do with that money.
- It was decided that a committee would be formed consisting of Natalie McEwen, Jon Gustafson and Margo Dreyer to work together to propose a new path forward and determine how we can evaluate to see if the grants are meeting the growth initiative objective. Natalie McEwen will bring back a report in October.
- Natalie McEwen shared that Sharon Freeland does not wish to be involved in the process any longer. She is grateful for the grant program that is named after her deceased husband. Understandably, she is moving on in her life and is leaving the administration of the grant in the hands of the Pacific District Board of Directors.
- Charlie mentioned that Winthrop had never cashed their check. Natalie will contact them.

8. Reports:

- Coaching Program:
 - Rick Trupp reported that yearly updates were being applied to the coaching curriculum. They are continuing to add edits to the modules and adding more resources. They are working on a specific resource section. Nutritional, Drug and Alcohol information will be found there.
 - One of the long time coaching instructors was also a college professor. He proposed that if an individual took his class that perhaps they could also get credit for Level 1/2 certification at the same time. He stated that individuals would obtain a semester of information in his program, verses only eight hours of training in the Level 1/2 classes. If successful the curriculum could be taught at other colleges. It is currently under consideration as another opportunity for delivery of parts of our CEP Level ½ programs.
 - The Coaching Apple App has become very popular. However, they are running into a bit of a problem with it now because of membership issues. The existing App is free to download. USAH wanted to add skills and drills, but tossed around charging some sort of minimal fee. If a fee was attached to the App, Apple would require a percentage of the fee. USAH is still looking at possibilities on how to accomplish this to assist our coaches.
 - Larry Bruyere echoed what Rick Trupp said as to things going on in the District. He stated that with the exception of Alaska, about 900 coaches attended clinics in the District. Currently he is in the process of scheduling clinics for 2013. As dates are confirmed it will be posted on the USAH website. CEP Level 4 Instructor Training and Coaching Level 4 will be held in Las Vegas. They are going to combine the two for a cost savings. It is scheduled for August 16-18. Last year they reduced it from a 3 day clinic to a two day and it was well received so they decided to keep the format the same this year.
 - There are plans to add CEP instructors. Two will be added in California and two in Oregon for better coverage.
 - They are still pursuing to host the CEP Level 5 in Las Vegas. They are meeting a bit of resistance. Larry Bruyere indicated that he should have confirmation one way or the other at the conclusion of Annual Congress. Everyone was encourage to put in a good word for it should they run into Mark Tabrum. Larry Bruyere had secured hotels at an excellent rate only to find

- out the event had to be held at a Marriot property. So he is currently working on that and indicated that the bids he obtained were actually better than the earlier ones
- Larry Bruyere is planning on hosting a coaching symposium in California. It was successful in Oregon and that inspired him to try it in California. The symposium format is that it would be three clinics would be hosted in the same hotel in multiple rooms to create synergy. It saves money and allows for rotating speakers. It is something we did years ago.
 - Steve Laing asked to see hands in support of bringing the Level 5 clinic to Las Vegas. All were in support. Donna Kaufman suggested that if possible for the Directors to attend the coaches meeting at Annual Congress to demonstrate our support. Larry Bruyere stressed the importance of getting the numbers to attend since the majority of coaches were east of the Rockies. The west has a number of Level 4 coaches that would attend if they didn't have to travel so far. He chose Las Vegas because it has more to offer than just the clinic itself. ***Steve Laing motion [for Pacific District to prepare letter of support of hosting the Level 5 in Las Vegas], seconded by Dru Hammond.*** During discussion Gord Brown asked if there was some sort of financial exposure should we win the bid. Larry replied that as long as we had 500 coaches attend that the clinic paid for itself. Larry is a little concerned about volunteers. Steve Laing indicated that he was positive that we could obtain plenty of volunteers from California. The dates for the clinic would be August 22-24, 2014. ***Motion passed.*** Donna Kaufman would prepare the letter and send to the Executive Committee, Mark Tabrum, Dave Ogrea, Mike MacMillan, and anyone else that Larry believes should receive a copy.
 - Disabled Hockey:
 - Donna Kaufman state that Kellie Hays is in Valencia doing a special needs clinic. Kellie did prepare a written report that is attached to these minutes. (Attachment 2)
 - Female Hockey
 - Margo Dreyer thanked the Sharks for putting on a great National Tournament.
 - Girls/Women Section had a conference call and discussed the possibility of returning the 12U to the National Tournament. They decided not to because it is their belief that it is in conflict with the ADM Program. They also discussed helping only the Tier I (14, 16, 19) go to a 16 team format. Donna Guariglia will report their decision to the Youth Council.
 - The New England Junior Hockey League wants to start a Female League. There are lots of questions and concerns regarding this. Numbers are a big concern. The three individuals proposing this League will be providing a presentation to the Girls'/Women Section at Annual Congress. Margo stated that she personally does not believe the numbers in that age group support starting a Female Junior League. She also asked to see the financials and as of this meeting has not received anything. Donna Kaufman asked if they provided information regarding how 14/15 year olds fit into their plans. She is concerned how deep they plan to go into the youth program. Margo Dreyer responded that she read the document again and it indicates they plan to follow the existing Junior League format. Margo Dreyer asked if there were any questions or concerns that they be directed to her and she would present them to the section.
 - Everyone was reminded that they had the opportunity to vote on the USAH Female Honors Award. This is the first year for this award and it is being presented to the San Jose Sharks. She offered congratulations and provided Steve Laing with the award so he can present it to the girls.
 - Margo indicated that she had a real issue that is bothering her. Marris Halligan, USAH staff liaison sent Margo a communication on May 20th that two at large 98 players were still in consideration for the National Camp, but that decision would not be made until after June 20. The reason is that Minnesota moved the date of their camp and it won't be finished until the

20th. The National Camp starts July 19. All agreed that this just isn't right. Margo indicated that Pacific and Rocky Mountain Districts had been directed years ago to move their camps to April. This year we won't be able to do anything about this. However, everyone recognizes the financial burden these families might incur if they are called up to the National Camp. We will readdress if that should happen.

- High School Section:
 - Steve Laing reported that Oregon has no high school teams under national consideration, but does put together an American Showcase team. Washington is continuing to work on developing a high school combined team and yearly sends a team to the American Showcase. Nevada has no high school teams. California will add six new teams this season. He noted that San Margarita Catholic High School out of California won the 2013 USAH Varsity National High School Championship.
 - It was noted that the Anchorage School District has eliminated Girls' Hockey. Darryl Thompson is working to get the girls' incorporated into the national program. Steve Laing suggested that he start with contacting Mary Ann Robinson to start moving this along within the Girls/Women Section and getting their blessing before bringing it to the High School Section. Getting Mary Ann Robinson involved and having her bring it to the table will be positive. Right now they also need to know that it involves checking. If they would get an all-girls program they might decide to eliminate checking.
- Girls' Showcase Team:
 - Darryl Thompson didn't attend. He can say that it was definitely a lot of work. He wanted to extend a thank you to Sean Lundgren for coaching this team and Bridget Hopkinson for managing the team. He stated they both did a great job. From a financial standpoint the team needed a bit of a subsidy. Darryl, Destry Lind, and Billy Wright each contributed \$500.00 to the team. At the end of the day the team had about a \$300.00 balance. The funds were sent back to Pacific District. It was challenging because it is hard to pick players you don't know. Darryl and Sean Lundgren reported their disappointment at the lack of scouts. Margo Dreyer indicated that they video archived all games and that there were scouts upstairs. Darryl Thompson indicated it would be nice to get a list of what scouts were in attendance. In any case the perception was not good. Donna Kaufman thought we might get some answers the following week at Annual Congress. Steve Laing asked if we felt we wanted to continue and reserve the spot. Darryl Thompson felt we should keep the spot until the District's questions were answered. If the answers were unacceptable then we could choose not to participate in the future. ***Darryl Thompson motion [to put a girls team in the High School Showcase], seconded by Steve Laing.*** Gord Brown wanted to know what our deadline would be to pull a team due to lack of critical mass. Donna Kaufman suggested that October would be appropriate. ***Motion passed.***
- Player Development:
 - Player Development Committee Report:
 - Charlie reported that 220 players were invited and we ended up with 215. We had 80 U15, 75 U16, 60 U17. Slots available from USAH were 16 (15 year old level), 13 (12 year old level), 12 (17 year old level). Player numbers selected were 29% from Alaska, 51% from California, 2% from Oregon, and 17% from Washington. This breaks down to 41 players being selected. These figures do not contain alternates. In his opinion the camp seemed to go well. One of the things that needed to be determined is where we wish to hold it next year.
 - 2013 Boys Select Camp:

- Kris Knauss stated this was definitely a different experience for him to be at San Jose venue. He thanked the Sharks Ice and staff for being so helpful. The normal things occurred when you move an event to a new venue. He is currently sending out emails to evaluators and team leaders for constructive feedback on how to improve the camp. He and Charlie Fuertsch have discussed it and they both would like to recommend going back to Sharks Ice. Kris Knauss conveyed that the Development Camp committee would really like to make this into a huge opportunity for these players. He wants to try to attempt to increase the college coach presence. This year the camp fell on the same weekend of the American College Hockey Coaching Association Convention and conflicted with the USHL entry draft call for U16s. Charlie Fuertsch and Kris Knauss looked at dates and venue availability and recommend that the camp be held May 8-11, 2014.
- It would be very helpful if Affiliates start setting up their camp dates now. He would like to have player submissions in by February 1, 2014. If the Affiliates could get names of evaluators and team leaders turned in by March 1, 2014 that would be helpful.
- Kris Knauss indicated that he would like to meet on Friday night for the October meeting to discuss and gather clarification on some issues regarding the camp. The rules are pretty clear in the handbook, but he does see some loop holes and he would like some direction from the board because it causes a problem. Some issues with how some of the Affiliates run their camps. It is time for some discussion. It just would be good for everyone to understand the issues.
- Everyone expressed thanks to Jon Gustafson for a great job by the Sharks organization and staff. The Sharks organization did some off-ice testing and ranked them against each other, division I college players, and NHL players. Each player received a print out of where they stand so they know what they need to work on. Kris indicated that he could share that information with board members. It's an online database and next year they can compare results. Donna Kaufman stated that in her perfect world it would be nice to be able to evaluate this data and present to the coaches of the Pacific District. We could then pose the question that this is where we are, now how to we get to here. That would demonstrate true player development. ***Charlie Fuertsch motion [that we hold the youth camp in San Jose next year and that we hold the Girls' camp in Lynnwood on the same weekend], seconded by Dru Hammond.*** Discussion on cost per player to attend the camps. Jon Gustafson would like to see both in San Jose because resources could be pooled. Many believe that it would be better to combine the two camps in 2014, while others preferred to refine the youth camp next year and look at the logistics of combining the camps in 2015. ***The motion was amended by Charlie Fuertsch to [hold the youth camp in San Jose next year, May 8-11, 2014], seconded by Dru Hammond. Motion passed.***
- ***Darryl Thompson motioned [that the Girls' camp be held May 9-11, 2014 in San Jose], seconded by Steve Laing for discussion.*** Discussion about having the girls' hotel downtown. The nice part about the youth hotel is they cannot go anywhere. If we house them together that creates a number of issues. Margo Dreyer stated she had already made hotel arrangements. She strongly thinks that the girls' like having their camp by themselves. They like their own event. Steve Stevens indicated that he already has prepared to host a female referee seminar during the Girls' camp. Dan Rogness stated we currently have a well-planned youth and Girls' camp. If we want to have a well-planned combined camp he believes that we should wait and consider making the move in 2015. Darryl Thompson believes we have plenty of time to combine the events. Call for the question and Donna Kaufman restated the motion. ***Motion failed. Charlie Fuertsch motioned [to hold the camp at Mountlake Terrace], seconded by Dru Hammond. No discussion. Motion passed.*** The camp would stay in Lynnwood, Washington in 2014.
- Player Development: 2013 Female Select Camp:

- Margo Dreyer addressed the Player Development Camp. At the select camp 144 registered and 140 attended. Two were injured, but chose to attend even though they could not participate. Due to evaluators cancelling for a variety of reasons and a lack of some affiliates to send someone, she needed to obtain evaluators herself. Steve Laing questioned whether the two evaluators from each Affiliate were just nominated or were utilized. Margo was under the impression from working with Dick Coombs that they were just nominated because he picked them from the slate submitted. It was clarified that the process was for each Affiliate to submit the names of two evaluators and a team leader that would be utilized. Charlie Fuertsch stated that he had received feedback that there just wasn't the representation at the evaluator level for the Girls' Camp. She would like to have the names by December 1 for planning purposes. It was decided after discussion to have an official deadline of February 10th for both Youth and Girls' camps for consistency.
- Natalie McEwen stated that Oregon struggles with sending volunteers because they only have about 3 girls. Donna Kaufman suggested that Oregon notify Margo Dreyer no later than December 1 if they are going to be unable to send any volunteers.
- In previous years food was an issue so Margo Dreyer reached out to USAH and they provided menus that the caterer utilized. They even had selections available for those with gluten intolerances. Charlie Fuertsch, Darryl Thompson, and Steve Laing attended the camp this year. Feedback was requested. They felt the food issue had been resolved and that everything went well. There were concerns about the skill levels of these girls. Margo Dreyer feels that it is not a numbers issue, but a coaching issue at the grassroots level. She stated that some follow the ADM Program and then others are so hard on them that they just quit playing. Another issue is that parents are shopping for who they feel run the best programs. Unfortunately, we see a number of girls move east of the Rockies. Right now most of our better coaches strive to coach higher level youth programs. Our female program is young and some of those girls that advanced to college are now coming home and getting involved. We should start turning the corner in a few years. Dan Rogness stated that we had 5,760 girls in the District this year. That is up approximately 300 from last year.
- Referee Program:
 - Steve Stevens stated that a USAH subcommittee was formed to look at why the Officials Program is down in numbers across the nation. The results indicated that (a.) some have found out that they are just not cut out for the position, (b.) coaches and parents badger them unmercifully, or (c.) they are not being assigned to games. He was pleased to announce that Pacific District is not having a loss.
 - In-season development camps are encouraged so he can evaluate during games.
 - He is pleased that he is able to put on a female referee camp in conjunction with the Girls' Camp in Mountlake Terrace, Washington, May 9-11, 2014. Annette Lynn will be heading up this Referee Development Camp. They already have commitments from some NHL officials to attend.
 - The Pacific District tournaments went well. He was pleased by the performance of the female officials in Anaheim.
 - Upcoming seminars will be posted on the Pacific District website. Dru Hammond has been assisting him. He and his webmaster will be going to Tri-Cities, Washington to get some one-on-one training from Dru in the near future.
 - Advancement of our officials is going well. The Western Hockey League is noticing and reporting back positive comments.
- Registrar's Report:

- Dan Rogness reported that we are down approximately 900 players in the District. There are a number of contributing factors for this. (1) Hurricane Sandy delivered a major blow; (2) we are in the 3rd year of a 4 year Olympic cycle; and (4) the NHL strike contributed towards the lack of registrations. Player moves to AAU programs do not appear to be making a major impact. There is plenty of growth in both Women's and Adult divisions. Juniors were not included in the report. We still need to work on our retention of mites moving to squirts. The report that he distributed includes unclaimed players. (Attachment 3)
- Risk Management:
 - No report.
- SafeSport:
 - Steve Laing reported that the committee had a couple of conference calls to discuss addition of modules to the Handbook. Both coach and administer modules will be added. This will be presented to the Coaches Section at Annual Congress.
 - Some discussion will be held on who we truly need to screen, who might be nice to screen, and finally who do we recommend and who do we mandate to be screened.
 - SafeSport training modules are now available on both the USOC and USA Hockey sites.
- Tournaments – Final Report 2013 District/National
 - A number of the Directors attended both the Pacific District Tournaments, as well as National Tournaments. Dru Hammond was the Director for the Pacific District Girls' Tier I/II Tournament in Anaheim, California. She returned to California to serve as a Director for Girls' Tier I Nationals. This was her first National Tournament and she felt she learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the experience at both venues. Steve Laing also served as a Director for the Girls' Nationals Tier II. His previous National experience and background in law enforcement proved to be of great value during this event. Dan Rogness attended as the registrar.
 - Dan Rogness also attended the Women's National as the registrar in Oakland, California.
 - Donna Kaufman and Charlie Fuertsch served as Pacific District Directors in Anchorage, Alaska during the Tier I Youth Tournament. Steve Laing presented SafeSport during this same time frame. All shared that Alaska was a great host and that the hockey was great.
 - Charlie Fuertsch was the Tier II U16 Nationals Director in Troy, Michigan. His experience was also good. He did also have an opportunity to utilize his background in the law. No one ever said that hockey lacked passion.
 - Donna Kaufman was the Director for Junior Tier III Nationals that was held in Rochester, Minnesota.
- Tournaments – Final Report 2013 High School Nationals
 - Steve Laing reported that San Margarita Catholic High School out of California won the 2013 USAH Varsity National High School Nationals. He was very proud to see the success that California is experiencing in only five short years.
- Website/Guidebook:
 - Dru Hammond indicated that she had just renewed the website. Pacific District saved \$100.00 because she did a site for Nevada.
 - It is very important that those of you that have been granted the ability to update the website section that applies to them be sure to log out of the site before forwarding any site links. If you are not signed out it will allow others to update the areas of the site you are responsible for with your security privileges.
 - Based on discussions the Guidebook might need updates following the October meeting. Updates will be entered into the Guidebook as we approach that meeting so any other edits can

be quickly done and turned around within two weeks. At that time the electronic copy will be uploaded to the Pacific District website. The Guidebook will then be sent the printer. Three copies will be sent to each board member unless you request more copies at the October meeting.

9. USA Hockey Discussion:

- Steve Laing asked what the general feelings were in bringing PeeWee's back to Nationals. There would need to be 100% acceptance and Donna Kaufman does not believe there is that level of support. The ADM program for one would have objections. Steve Laing stated that AAU has taken a strong stance in favor of National Tournaments for the mites and squirts and it is only a matter of time in his opinion before they bring in PeeWees. The California Board of Directors wish to keep things as they are. Personally he has mixed emotions. Donna Kaufman indicated that she sits on the Youth Council and at this point four out of five Pacific District Affiliates are indicating that they don't wish to go back. Unless someone changes their mind today she will vote no.
- Donna Kaufman believes the 16 teams at Tier I is pretty much a go. What she isn't clear on is do you want to go on league champions, registered players, or perhaps rotation. Dan Rogness feels that the most fair way is rotation. Are we looking to be fair or ensuring that those top teams in stronger markets have the competitive edge. Jon Gustafson also indicated that rotation is probably the cleanest. There is a problem with leagues determining it as well. Everyone felt that rotation was the way to go.
- Donna Kaufman went over the playing rules changes and whether they were recommended for approval by the committee or not. She asked if anyone in the group had any they were particularly interested in. She reminded everyone that this was now a four year cycle so we need to know how we want to vote. She summarized how she would vote based on the feedback she just received.

10. Old Business:

- None.

11. New Business:

- Gord Brown indicated that PNAHA had someone attend the PNAHA Development Camp and then proceeded to send emails and letters asking these players to join his team. He did research as to if this is tampering. He discussed it with Donna Kaufman as well. Her response was that tampering had to do with "in-season." Another complication is spring hockey. When do you allow recruitment for those teams. Also at issue is sanctioned verses unsanctioned events. The person who was doing this is right across the border from Spokane. So it isn't even someone in our District. He was looking for some clear edict, but it doesn't seem to exist. There are conflicts within the guidelines that are provided by USAH. USAH defines a season as September 1 to August 31. They also say you can start recruiting the day after Nationals until you sign up with an organization. So the question is, can someone advertise a camp in March for a camp in May. You can direct market this announcement, but you cannot send an email to an individual player or their family because that could then be considered "in-season tampering." A few examples were discussed and it was clear this could be manipulated. Donna Kaufman suggested that each affiliate should come up with their own decision on how they wish to interpret it. At the end of the day, after Nationals players are free agents.
- Bid for 2014 Tournaments:
 - Donna Kaufman distributed the tournament bids and reorganized it in a manner to make it easier to identify what the individual bidders are looking for (Attachment 4). She stated that we need to determine if we want it all in one place or do we want to break it up. Also, our Pacific Guidebook does say that if you wish to host Tier I you had to have a Tier I team in the previous season, as well as the season for which you are bidding. Much discussion, but the decision was

to hold youth at one venue and Girls' at another. ***Charlie Fuertsch motion [to vote by ballot], seconded by Dru Hammond. No discussion. Motion passed.***

- Youth Tier I was between San Jose and Las Vegas. Las Vegas would host the Youth Tier I Tournament March 6-9, 2014.
- The finalist in the bid for Girls' is Alaska All Stars and Sharks Ice. Darryl Thompson stated that they would also host the Women if no other venue was available. Alaska All Stars will host the Pacific District Girls' Tournament. March 6-9, 2014.

12. Future Meetings:

- October 25-26, 2013 in Seattle (Friday night for a working dinner to discuss player development.
- February 8, 2014 in Las Vegas
- May 17, 2014 in Seattle

13. Board Member Comments:

- Gord Brown thanked everyone for their help on tampering. Thanked Dan Rogness.
- Rick Trupp indicated that perhaps a festival would be a nice way to end the year as we approach Nationals. He is going to try to educate his younger parents and future leaders about opportunities like the Robert Freeland Grant.
- Mike Sullivan indicated that as of 6:00 p.m. he would be resigning as President. He found the job to be incredible. He will hang around for a year as a consultant for his replacement, Greg Yoakum.
- Larry Bruyere wanted to thank the board for supporting the Level 5. Jerry Damschroeder passed away yesterday. He distributed hockey equipment for over 30 years. He was one of those few individuals that would go out and service small pro shops and rinks. He will be missed.
- Margo Dreyer wanted to thank Dan Rogness, Mike Sullivan, and the entire board for their support of Girls'/Women hockey.
- Dru Hammond echoed that Mike Sullivan would be missed. On a personal note she thanked Dan Rogness for everything he has done over the years. As long as she can remember Dan Rogness has always been there. She wished him the best.
- Wendy Goldstein indicated that she won't miss him as the new Pacific District Registrar because he will be on speed dial. She has enjoyed his mentoring over the years and looks forward to working with him as she learns the job. She also expressed that she was looking forward to working for Pacific District in her new role.
- Natalie McEwen expressed her thanks to Dan Rogness and shared that he would be missed.
- Charlie Fuertsch said he had to echo everyone else and hopes to work him into next year's development camp. He also welcomed Wendy Goldstein.
- Steve Laing said he would expect to see him at the Girls' camp on Friday next year. He was sure that Dan Rogness has the date. He has been an excellent mentor for our associate registrars and their competence speaks well of him. He thanked everyone for a great meeting and good discussions.
- Darryl Thompson said it was a great year for Alaska teams to be involved. We have a lot to be proud of in our District. Hockey is his Cheers. Mike Sullivan will be sorely missed. He plans to look you up the next time he is in Las Vegas. He expressed that Dan Rogness has been a great friend to him, to Alaska and the District. He stated that he was always there to answer the phone and answer the questions. He wanted to state that he won't be going far because he has grandkids. So, he is thrilled that Dan Rogness will now be coming to his bar!
- Steve Stevens expressed that he would also miss Mike Sullivan and would look him up when in Las Vegas. Steve Stevens is convinced that he and Dan Rogness have written the rule book on a sliding scale over the years. He quipped that you have to have quite a bit to drink to understand the book. This statement brought about much laughter and a few more quick comments from the group.

- Wayne Sawchuck indicated that Dan Rogness was one of the good ones and will be missed.
- Kris Knauss wishes Dan Rogness the best on behalf of the District, but especially from Alaska. He stated we are definitely losing a good one. He also wanted to thank everyone for helping out at the District Camp in San Jose. Dru Hammond, for spending most of her time in the hospital with players. Wayne Sawchuck, who he didn't get a chance to thank appropriately earlier.
- Dan Rogness explained he became an Associate Registrar in 1988 and a District Registrar in 1999. Those two add up to 25 years. This is a second retirement for him, and he will miss everyone as well. He emphasized that he would not have done it if he didn't enjoy it and the people too.
- Donna Kaufman said that one thing nice about the hockey family is we may get to go to meetings all the time, but at each meeting we get to see our extended family. As for Dan Rogness, he may be retiring, but we will get to bring a bit of him with us due to his mentoring. She wanted to remind everyone about dinner tonight and hopes that everyone can make it to Dukes. She then asked for a motion to adjourn. ***Natalie McEwen motion [to adjourn], seconded by Gordon Brown. No discussion. Motion Passed.*** This portion of the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.
- A brief break was taken as guests were leaving. Since Dru Hammond had submitted her desire to run for the Secretary position it was stated that the other positions would be voted on first, so that she could participate in part of the Executive Session.

14. Staff/District Positions – Executive Session:

- At 3:30 p.m. ***Steve Laing motion [to go into executive session], seconded by Darryl Thompson. No discussion. Motion passed.***

15. Referee Budgets

- At 4:05 p.m. ***Gord Brown motion [to reconvene the Annual Meeting], seconded by Steve Laing. No discussion. Motion passed.***
- With the change in the Block Grant process, referee's no longer have a budget to get to the tournaments. If the host has to absorb this cost it could prove to be a major burden. It was decided that we would talk about this at the October meeting.
- It was expressed that the Board should be involved in the selection of officials to promote better representation.
- At 4:15 p.m. ***Gord Brown [motion to adjourn], seconded by Natalie McEwen. No discussion. Motion passed.***

Respectively submitted,



Dru Hammond