



Pacific District
Mid-Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa
February 8, 2014

1. The Mid-Annual meeting for the Pacific District was held on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa, Las Vegas, Nevada. Madam Chair Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.
2. Donna welcomed Mark Tabrum, USA Hockey Director of Coaching Education Program (CEP) and Dick Coombs (Pacific District Director Emeritus).
 - Mark Tabrum provided an overview of current happenings within the CEP Program. The Level 4 clinic will be held in Seattle, Washington, June 20-22, 2014. It will be held at the Seattle Airport Marriott Hotel and the cost is \$325.00. It has been many years since this clinic has been held in Seattle and it is hoped that we have a good turnout. Larry Bruyere shared that there are plans to conduct a second Level 4 clinic in California as well. Mark then moved on to focus on the upcoming National Hockey Coaches Symposium that will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 21-24, 2014 at the JW Marriott Resort and Spa. There was some initial concern about holding the event in Las Vegas. The event needs a minimum of 500 coaches to be successful. To date 200 coaches have registered on-line. Pacific District contributed \$10,000 towards the event. Alaska originally sent a check for \$3,000 and bumped that up to \$5,000. California contributed \$5,000 and PNAHA contributed \$3,000. We now have more than the initial \$20,000 estimate needed to contribute to this event. In addition to the Pacific District Board of Directors coming in as volunteers, Steve Laing stated that California has budget funds to bring in a volunteer base as needed. Greg Yochum also stated that since this event was being held in Las Vegas that both the Las Vegas Storm and Junior Wranglers would also be available as a volunteer base. Greg will forward names to Larry.
 - Larry Bruyere shared that there would be lots of busy work. Volunteers will be needed to stuff coaching bags in advance. Las Vegas volunteers would be good for transportation as well. We will definitely need the help from the Pacific District Board of Directors. We will evaluate our needs once roles are determined prior to bringing in more individuals. We would all meet at the JW Marriott at 6:00 p.m. in the lobby with Julie Cruz for a walk down of the property.
 - Mark Tabrum stated that this symposium is one of the better things they do. He shared that Mike Goldberg will MC opening night of the symposium. Mike is the former TV play-by-play announcer for the Detroit Red Wings. Opening night is traditionally "District Night." It is informal. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and District people speak and layout the agenda. We advertise that the reception, beverages, appetizers, continental breakfast, and lunch are sponsored by the Affiliate. It was asked if Labatt would sponsor at the reception. Mark responded that by time you pay the corkage fee that it turns out to pretty much be a wash so sponsoring by Labatt would not result in a major saving for the event.
 - It was asked if those individuals that attend the Level 4 in Seattle would be eligible for this clinic. Larry responded that we would consider that if we don't meet our enrollment numbers.
 - All parties introduced themselves. The following individuals were present: Larry Bruyere (USAH PD Coach-in-Chief), Vada Burrow (Registrar – CA North), Dick Coombs (PD Director Emeritus), Charlie Fuertsch (PD Director), Wendy Goldstein (USAH District Registrar), Dru Hammond (PD Director), Greg Johnson (PD Girls/Women Representative), Donna Kaufman (PD Director), Kris Knauss (PD Player Development Administrator), Steve Laing (CA President), (Registrar CA-South), Steve Stevens (USAH PD Referee-in Chief), Mark Tabrum (USA Hockey), Darryl Thompson (AK President), Greg Yochum (NV President).
3. The chair asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes. Steve Laing asked that the Guidebook change removing the criteria requiring that the host support teams in all three divisions during the previous and current season be removed. There were no further additions or changes.

4. Request for changes or corrections of the October 25 and 26, 2013 Seattle, Washington meeting minutes. **Charlie Fuertsch motion [to approve minutes], seconded by Greg Yochum. 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) Balance of the check register as of February 4, 2014 is \$175,100.71. **Dru Hammond motion [to accept District Financial Report], seconded by Steve Laing.** No discussion. Motion passed.
 - A review of the Boys' and Girls' camps was presented. The final expenses for the Boys' Camp was \$44,238.95 and the Girls' Camp was 35,799.14.
 - Charlie distributed tournament funds and held back \$100 for the referees. Due to no playoff for the girls' 16U, Pacific District owes Alaska and California both \$1,300.
 - Charlie paid filing fees with the State of Nevada that were \$75 and he also ordered a Certificate of Good Standing for \$50 for our records and he has received it. **Dru Hammond motion [to accept the financial report], seconded by Greg Yochum.** No discussion. Motion passed.
 - Office supplies are \$863.99. Due to discussions at the previous meeting regarding the expenses incorporated when renting a projector, Charlie purchased a projector for the Pacific District. **Steve Laing motion [to approve the \$800.00 purchase of a projector], seconded by Dru Hammond.** No discussion. Motion passed.
 - Final Block Grant Report: The Affiliates 2013-14 Block Grant contributions to the District is \$11,988. Seventy-five percent of the Block Grant is now due. Charlie is currently sending out billings for the block grants. In June, Charlie will bill each affiliate for the final 25% once it has been distributed by USA Hockey. Currently the following amounts are due: Alaska \$1,740.00; California \$5,175.00; Nevada \$244.50; Oregon \$181.50; PNAHA \$1,650.00 for a total of \$8,991.00.
 - Kris Knauss asked if anything has been collected yet for the Pacific District Youth Camp. Charlie replied that he was positive that there had been some expenses, but as of today none of those expenses had been passed on to him to be paid.
 - The Women's C Tournament is in two weeks in Oxnard. There are three teams (all from California) and we need to collect those funds now. Steve Laing asked if the teams could just bring the checks for the tournament to the venue. Donna Kaufman told him that typically the Affiliate pays the team fees and collects from the team in advance or at a later date.
6. Block Grant
 - Steve Laing reported that the Affiliate Presidents met for dinner and discussed the 2014-15 block grant. Based on 12/13 paid player numbers total of 40,533 the Grant funding total is then \$121,600. Natalie McEwen and Gordon Brown were not present. The Presidents are returning 10% of the block grant funds back to the District pending approval of the Affiliates. The following allocations back to the District are: Alaska is returning \$2,260; California \$6, 976; Nevada \$351; Oregon \$374, Washington \$2,205 for a total of \$12,166 to the District. No line items for the 2014/15 season were identified. Donna Kaufman asked Charlie Fuertsch if we had received any funding requests to date. Charlie indicated we had not. A letter will go out to the District for funding requests so that those requests can be discussed and approved at the May 17, 2014 meeting. Steve Laing will touch base with the Affiliates to confirm these numbers prior to the May meeting.
7. Reports
 - Coaching Program
 - a) Larry Bruyere reported that the 2013 CEP Clinic Season participant numbers were up slightly over the previous year with 1025 total coaches attending clinics this past season. This is up from 891 from the year before. The second abbreviated Level IV Clinic (2 ½ days) was held and the format

is working well even with an ice slot added. A segmented ADM style on-ice clinic for the Level IV participants was held in conjunction with a Level I clinic at the Las Vegas Ice Center. Both groups were able to share the ice and a record was set with 114 skaters on the ice. It went surprisingly well due to the very organized CEP staff that was running the on-ice program. Larry also provided a written report. (Attachment 2)

- b) Larry reminded everyone of the walk down at the J W Marriot so everyone will be familiar with the setup for the Level 5 Coaching Clinic. He also asked how many would need rides to get there and how many individuals plan to have dinner on-site after the walk down.
- Disabled Hockey
 - a) Steve Laing presented a report by Kellie Hays. Kellie had entered her resignation at the October 2013 Pacific District meeting due to time needed to support her business and the travel was proving to be a burden. When Steve and Kellie looked at what she was doing and what was really required to do the job, it proved to be a significant change. No one has demonstrated an interest in the position to date. Steve spoke with Kellie and told her that until a replacement can be found that any assistance that she could provide would be appreciated and that he would help her out. Donna Kaufman indicated that we had heard from someone from Alaska that was interested in the position. She is going to forward this information to Kellie and Steve so that they can contact this individual to help bring them on board. This individual can assist Kellie and perhaps make this a transitional position to replace Kellie. Steve indicated that he would reach out to Nick Walters who is from Anchorage, Alaska. Perhaps he could hook up with folks during the mini-tournament in April.
 - b) Kellie submitted a written report and it is attached to these minutes. (Attachment 3) It was reported that Laura Johnson is the new Disabled Section Representative. She can be reached at 224-636-3233.
 - c) The USA Hockey Disabled Section would really like the Pacific District to consider hosting the Disabled Festival in 2015 or 2016. They would like to see San Jose host the event. Four or more sheets of ice in one facility is needed to host this event. They don't have play downs and anyone can attend. Donna Kaufman explained what types of modifications might be needed in order to host this event. She expanded on the need for volunteers when hosting a disabled event.
 - d) Two short videos were distributed at the Mid-Annual meeting. It was requested that these videos be shared with Referee-in-Chiefs within the District. The official's videos can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alb_7k2KSb4 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CWWSNzSVNY> . Links to the video will be added to the website on the disabled section. It was suggested that perhaps we could hold a one day clinic within the District for officials.
 - e) The Ontario Reign (Riverside, California) participated in the sled hockey classic in Pittsburgh. They received permission to use the LA Kings name. At the end of April the Alaska sled hockey team will be hosting a mini tournament. A veteran team from Buffalo, New York has committed to attend. March 8 a sled hockey clinic is scheduled in Eugene, Oregon.
 - f) Watch for the Paraolympics in Sochi. We have two players from the District that are participating.
 - g) Steve will forward a copy of the disabled report to Dru Hammond.
- Female Hockey
 - a) Greg Johnson shared that they would be hosting "Try Hockey for Free." Being that this is an Olympic year and the Women's team is doing so well the interest level is elevated due to the excitement.
 - b) An effort to get a Junior Hockey League off the ground is just plain all over the place. The Girls'/Women Section is not supportive of this effort. Despite their failure to support a Junior

Hockey League it is forming anyway. One of the restrictions will be to keep it at 16 years and above and it appears they are already reaching for the younger ages.

- c) Comments have come back regarding the High School Showcase. It is felt that it did not deliver on the scouting opportunities as promised. Jen Nyberg from Oregon made an effort to attempt to pull a team together, but was unable to generate enough interest. Darryl Thompson apologized for not letting anyone know that Jen would be contacting the different Affiliates for players.
 - d) The Mid-Am Multi-District Camp for Girls will be held at Kent State University. The camp will be held the end of July. It does deliver on the scouts. This should open up opportunities for the girls.
 - e) Michele Amidon is hosting an ADM Clinic in Anchorage in conjunction with the 2014 Pacific District Girls' Tier I/Tier II Tournament. The clinic will be held at the Subway Sports Centre. The clinic will focus on age appropriate training for the 14U-19U female player. Greg asked Dru Hammond if she would please post on the Pacific District website. Donna voiced concerns of a conflict with the Districts coaches meeting. She will move the meeting back to 8:00 p.m.
 - f) In an effort to improve the experience Greg Johnson indicated that he budgeted for 5 college coaches as instructors. Most are training in ADM. One might find that this year there will be fewer games. More feedback will be available for the girls this year as well.
 - g) The University of Alaska, Fairbanks did host the Delaware team for the ACHA collegiate game. It was a big deal for the District. It was well attended.
 - h) We will be utilizing Rocky Mountain Register for registration again this year. There is talk of migrating over to Sport Ngin for 2014/2015. Sport Ngin is the current USA Hockey platform and it might make sense to utilize it. Dru Hammond stated that she still maintained the USA Hockey platform, but had it set up so it does not show. If we think we are going to start utilizing Sport Ngin it might make sense to migrate back to the USA Hockey platform. If she remembers correctly, there might not be a fee associated with the website either since she never retired the old Pacific District website.
 - i) Dru Hammond question what the reason was for the limited goalie allocations. Greg indicated he didn't have a good answer for this, perhaps Dick Combs could clarify. Greg said he is not hearing an answer to be truthful. Donna Kaufman stated they do send a group of goalie evaluators around to the different camps. So, it appears that National does evaluate the girls. This year the goalies will have their own coach and a separate ice session at the Pacific District Camp.
 - j) This year the plans are to pull together a type of scouting book.
 - k) We need to get the best players to Nationals. Currently it appears that our younger players perform better than our older girls do. Mark Tabrum weighed in on the evaluation process. He made some suggestions. Based on those suggestions the girls' should have a better experience at camp.
- Referee Program
 - a) Steve Stevens announced that Pacific District is ahead of the national curve on retaining officials.
 - b) Three girls are going to the Women's World Championship in Mexico City, March 30, 2014. Jill Salvo, Jamie Huntley, and Jamie Fenstermacher. These are excellent females. It is possible that they might pick up one more female from the Seattle area, Sara Beckstead.
 - c) Five officials from Pacific District are going to Nationals (Anthony Guzzo, Justin Nicole, Dan Spore, William Valiant, Fred Perkins, and Eric Mclaughlin. Four females are going (Bree Stewart, Jill Salvo, Jamie Huntley and Sarah Beckstead.)
 - d) All officials had to have their SafeSport Module completed by December 31, 2013 in order to be eligible for State, District or National Tournaments. Some officials slacked off and were not invited to participate. When they complained it was explained that this was the rule, it was communicated, and we would be sticking to it. There were a couple of very disappointed people.

- e) Steve feels that he has a good mix of officials for Districts. Oregon did not submit any names. Alaska is not sending any female referees because of the Arctic Winter Games. Chris Milles needs them up there for better coverage.
- f) Steve stated his concern over an “abuse of officials” case that occurred in PNAHA. These cases are referred to the Affiliate Disciplinary Committee. The player should have received a minimum of a one year suspension. Instead he worked off his suspension in two weekends (12 days) for punching a referee in the face. He is trying to figure out how to justify this and keep this referee. He thinks we are sending the wrong message by letting players off too easy. Gord and the PNAHA vice presidents need to reference page 87 in the USA Hockey Annual Guidebook. If Steve affirmed that it was abuse of officials, then the discipline committee should have called in witnesses to the incident before making a decision. Steve asked if there was any way that the District could step in. It appears the District cannot at this point. Most of the other Affiliates are very strict in areas of this nature. Steve Laing suggested that perhaps the District could draw up some Guidelines for Gord Brown to walk him through the process. Steve Stevens, Dru Hammond, and Donna Kaufman will meet with Gord Brown to help him understand what the expectations are in cases of this nature.
- g) Now that we know the date and location of the Women’s C Tournament, Steve Stevens will arrange for officials.
- Registrar’s Report
 - a) Wendy Goldstein reported that overall the numbers were up in the District. She passed out copies of the Winter meeting report and Affiliate registration numbers by Affiliate. Donna Kaufman asked how we get copies of these reports as Directors. There was a slight dip in both Alaska and Nevada. See attached registration reports. The registrars are moving on to a web based program. (Attachment 4)
 - b) Wendy announced that Charlie Fuertsch and Donna Kaufman were both reelected. Both terms are for 3 years. They will officially take their positions in June 2014
 - c) Wendy introduced Robin Ruhwedel who is the Associate Register for southern California. Wendy is pleased to have her on her team and summed it up with “she is just amazing.” . Donna then officially welcomed Robin Ruhwedel to the group.
- Risk Management
 - a) No report.
- SafeSport Report
 - a) Steve Laing requested verification of SafeSport coordinators: PNAHA – Doug Ross; Oregon – Andy Potter; Alaska – Andrew Good; Nevada – Greg Yochum. Steve stated that at the winter meeting they had two days of meetings with all the Affiliate Coordinators. The coordinators had a round table and were able to resolve a lot of issues. Other than that there were no changes. A new website for training of SafeSport is now up and running. Steve is trying to get SafeSport into Hawaii.
 - b) Locker room monitoring is becoming an issue. There is a lot of finger pointing going on by teams. Teams are even videotaping the lack of coverage.
 - c) Steve addressed the hiring of coaches and a case where a coach was convicted of attempted sexual assault. CAHA disciplinary committee disqualified him and the volunteer appealed it. The committee allowed him to continue coaching with probation and had to be screened every year. He later applied to be a head coach and the issue then became public. It got messy. Bottom line is volunteers don’t have training in how to deal with the media. The primary lesson learned is in situations like this to have someone with public relations experience to deal with the media. Only this person should deal with the media. The good news is the case is resolved.

- d) Donna Kaufman had to leave the mid-annual meeting early and inquired about the decision regarding Rule 411 on Progressive Suspensions. She wanted to know if they came to a determination on the rollup games and if they were going to follow the player or the team. Steve indicated that there are multiple interpretations of Rule 411 and that they are rewording it. The intent of the rule was that it follows the player. Bob Matheson is very passionate about his thoughts behind it. Youth Council and Legal will review and interpret. Once USA Hockey's tracking system is in place it will be better and not so difficult to track.
- Tournaments
 - a) Districts
 - The Youth Tournament is in good shape. Donna is ready to turn over to the Directors to start managing.
 - The U16 Tier II Lady Ducks submitted a request to withdraw from the tournament. The issue is that commitments were made in October, and at that time it was a 4 team tournament. At mid-November there were only 3 teams and by Thanksgiving there were only 2 teams. The Lady Ducks made this request without prejudice to any sanctions or fines. Discussion. Donna Kaufman did caution everyone that in the future we could have teams (girls) determining that they are not competitive enough and attempting to drop out between October and January. It is understood what happened this year in seeing the division drop from 4 teams to 2 teams and the fact that the District had a minor role in this situation. Everyone needs to remember that by this time that the host may have contracted for the ice, bought trophies, etc. There is a cost involved here to the host. With that said she is in agreement this time. Concern echoed by many that a decision in their favor could impact future tournaments. Discussion. Darryl Thompson stated that it appears that California teams complain about the costs, etc. to travel. On the other hand, it costs Alaska the same if they travel, it just doesn't matter if you are going north or south. In Alaska they don't hear these complaints, it is just accepted. The mindset with either group just doesn't seem to be going away at this time. The teams just need to accept it. Alaska 16 U Tier II -KPHA Ice Hawks (Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association) would now have an automatic to Nationals. ***Motion by Steve Laing to [allow the Lady Ducks to withdraw without prejudice from the U16 Tier II Division], seconded by Dru Hammond.*** No further discussion. Motion passed.
 - The Women's "C" is going to be held in Oxnard, California. They do want to play all their games on one day. They now have a schedule and hotels have been arranged. Trophies have also been ordered. Arrangements are now under way for a Coaches Meeting. All game information has been provided to Steve Stevens. Dru Hammond requested that this information be forwarded to her so that she may post information on the website. Steve Laing asked how soon the schedule could be filled in with names. Donna indicated that this could be done on Sunday or by Monday. Steve Laing replied that Monday morning would work. Donna Kaufman will send out a full packet on Monday. Steve Laing, Donna Kaufman, and Wendy Goldstein will be present at the tournament. Steve Laing indicated they will email Dru Hammond with information to post on the website.
 - Greg Johnson stated that it appears that October 1 declaration appears to be too early for the teams and yet January is too late for the organizers. He wondered if some thought had been given to change the declaration date. Donna explained that the Girls' needed the information by the October meeting to report to Nationals. We then moved the Youth back as well. That has been working. The District actually dropped the ball this year. The Declaration Form was in transition. Going forward we should be OK.
 - b) Nationals

➤ Everything is under control with Norm Spiegel. All the Affiliates have reported on their Tier II teams and those Directors within the District know which National event they are attending. Donna Kaufman stated that it is really good for our people to be developing those relationships working beside tournament administrators from other Districts. It is a great networking opportunity. Donna Kaufman will be in Simsbury, Connecticut; Dru Hammond – Amherst, New York; Steve Stevens – Amherst, New York; Charlie Fuertsch – Wayne, New Jersey; Steve Laing – Omaha, Nebraska.

c) High School Nationals

➤ High School is expecting 32 teams to participate this year. Last year there were 18 teams. Some teams will not see each other until the cross overs. They have been asking for people to send two teams if possible. California will send two teams. Steve indicated that he had been assured that they would not see each other until the cross overs. Looking for some locations to send two teams if possible.

➤ California is working on creating a Prep League for the high school elite. Other states have bought in to this concept as well. It was noted that they had not told their registrar yet, which generated much laughter when everyone saw the look on her face. This league will be composed of high end varsity teams. Colorado and Arizona have expressed interest in joining this league. The criteria will be that you must be 100% pure.

8. Player Development

• Boys Select Camp

- a) Kris Knauss distributed a copy of his budget for the Boys' Camp (Attachment 5). He worked with Charlie Fuertsch and Jon Gustafson on it. The boys' camp will be in San Jose, California, May 8-11, 2014. Kris Knauss stated that the budget increased due to dinner on Thursday night and they added some ground transportation costs.
- b) He had applied for a USA Hockey Player Development Grant. However, the grant only covers 14/15 year olds at the District level.
- c) Western Regional will be June 14-19, 2014. The cost is up a bit to \$625.00 this year. USA Hockey plans to bring in 10-15 international players and potentially a few coaches.
- d) Kris is still waiting on names from PNAHA, however, he understands the camp was January 25/26 and they are finalizing their invites.
- e) Kris needs evaluators and team leaders for the District Camp. The earlier he gets the names the easier it is for him. He has more time obviously for names for the Western Regional Camp.

• Girls' Camp Proposals

- a) Greg summarized the survey results. Based on survey feedback and other comments, Greg believes that the girls' like having their own camp. However, moving the camp to San Jose came in high on the survey. Thoughts by the District were if moved to San Jose that we could pool resources and volunteers. We can look at this again at the May 17, 2014 Pacific District Meeting. Greg will send the survey file to Dru Hammond. (Attachment 6) Donna requested that Greg Johnson prepare a proposal for moving the camp and distribute it around mid-April to the board of directors to review so it could be discussed at the May 17, 2014 meeting so a decision could be made. Greg indicated he could do this. He might perform a poll at the Girls' camp. He did ask for people to submit some possible questions to him. Charlie Fuertsch asked if it was agreed that we should look at different options for the camp. Greg responded that the girls' don't have any issue with the Seattle location. If it comes down to it and the Board believes it is better to move the camp the same weekend or an alternate weekend, then that is a decision that the Directors can make.
- b) Coaching and instructors did come in low compared to their experience at other camps. By far the biggest hit was for opportunities for exposure. This of course this is location based in part.

- c) Discussion on the suggested Florida Showcase move. Greg believes it is valid because it would eliminate the exposure to college coaches concerns. We should focus on two things with our camp, 1) a good experience and 2) exposure. Steve Laing expressed that this would not happen in Seattle. The general feeling by the Pacific District Board of Directors is that our camp needs to remain within our District. Most believe that the Showcase is not worth the cost that would be absorbed by the parents. Mark Tabrum commented and then offered up a number of suggestions to consider.

9. USA Hockey Discussion

- Legislative Rule Proposals

- a) Donna Kaufman asked the Board if there were any Legislative proposals they would like to discuss at this meeting. Steve Laing wanted more discussion on Rule 411. In particular, he wanted to get a feel for the direction that Youth Council might go in. Donna's read is that the suspension should follow the player. The confusion is in the wording in the glossary for game misconducts. In the glossary it says "not eligible to participate in the next game(s) that was already on the schedule of his team at the time of the incident." However, in the fighting rule it says you get a two game suspension. She feels they need to clean up the wording. The people that wrote this said you are suspended for your next 3 games. They did not add "of that team" on purpose. The intent was to get the player off the ice. It is the behavior we are after. Because of this, there is some concern that midget or high school coaches won't let their player's dual roster. Donna asked Steve if he was in favor of it following the player or team. He feels it should follow the player, but it needs proper monitoring and that is the challenge. Some Affiliates are not utilizing the National tracking system. Darryl Thompson discussed the program Ref Ranger. He stated it was a good program.
- b) Darryl Thompson wanted to touch on the Safety Coordinator position that Dr. Stewart is pushing. He stated that we are pushing our volunteer base as it is. At some point where does this stop. Donna responded that Charlie Fuertsch, Jim Day, and Jim Smith have been appointed to a committee to look at this Safety Director, mandatory Sport Concussion Management Program and some other things. It appears that the Executive Committee did not realize that there was a USA Hockey Sport Concussion Management Program or guidelines on the website. She feels that the general feeling is the same as Darryl was expressing. She thinks that in a very respectful way that they will most likely speak with Dr. Stewart to communicate this.

10. Old Business

- Bylaw Revisions

- a) At the October 26 meeting Steve Laing proposed that Pacific District delete E.3. of the Pacific District Program that states: "*In order to avoid a direct conflict of interest, upon election as District Director, the electee shall vacate any elected position held in an affiliate.*" It is Steve's opinion that we don't need that restriction. Other Affiliates allow President's to serve as a President and a Director. It was decided to defer the discussion on this subject to the May 17, 2014 meeting in Portland. Charlie Fuertsch is rewriting the Bylaws and asked that any proposed changes be moved to that meeting.

- Website

- a) Dru Hammond reminded everyone with tournaments approaching that she needs tournament logos and links to the host's site. She needs to know if the host is going to use software to post results or if she needs to develop something. It was also requested that someone in attendance at the Boys Tournament speak with the photographer and see if they would consider donating some photos to the District in exchange for advertising.
- b) Dru Hammond offered to build a web page for Wendy if she feels she could utilize it to communicate better to the District.

- c) Brent Tubbs recently went to Japan for the Asia League Championships. Brent is from the Los Angeles area where he is a school vice principle. Matt Leaf makes these appointments and he chose him from among the top officials to represent USA Hockey at this event. Dru stated that information would be nice to post on website. Steve Stevens will provide information. She encouraged everyone to please send her items of this nature.
- d) The wine totes were much appreciated. Dan Rogness was thrilled with his and was especially fond of the Zinfandel from Peirano Estate Vineyards. Dick Coombs sent a thank you card to the Board of Directors and Dru passed it out so everyone could read it. Dru expressed appreciation for the assistance provided by Lisa McPheters. It turned into a challenge to get wine to Alaska. Efforts are continuing to get the wine to Margo Dreyer Sadel and Kevin McNaughton.
- e) Changes that were requested at the October meeting to the website have been completed. Integrated Sites navigation button was removed, SafeSport link was fixed, a new picture album navigation bar is available to upload pictures unique to the Pacific District.

11. New Business

• 8U Waivers

- a) Steve Laing reported that Alaska would get their waiver in soon. Alaska's waiver request was not reduced from the previous year. Steve encouraged them to try to reduce the number by 2. Nevada is working on their waiver. PNAHA submitted their waiver and it was approved. PNAHA requested a waiver for 13 full ice games for Bellingham. Bellingham is a border town and plays in the Canadian League. To play in that League they need the waiver exception. Their overall waiver stayed at 8 games with a plan to reduce to 6 games in the 2014/15 season. California went from 12 games to 8 games. California has a 4 year plan to get to zero. Most Affiliates tried to reduce or go to zero games. Illinois just has not bitten. Many Affiliate President's want this mandated. If it was mandated you would deal with this year and then the next year all would be good. Failure to mandate just takes the wind out of our sails when trying to create change in your Affiliate. It is the consensus to have the National office mandate zero and then end it. If the fear is AAU then let them go. We are aware that many that left to play AAU have already returned. Soccer, T-Ball and other youth sports were used as examples where coaches and parents just plain accept that this is the way we play and leave it at that. No waivers.
- b) Donna Kaufman stated that USA Hockey is expecting each Affiliate to identify an ADM person for their Affiliate. They are going to be challenged to get the ADM message out there.
- c) Guidebook Change: Steve Laing proposed that Pacific District delete paragraph A.3. under tournaments that says: The Affiliate hosting the District Tournaments must have, in the previous season, as well as the season for which it is bidding, had at least one team entered in each Division, Tier I and/or Tier II, of the Tournament for which it is bidding. Discussion on how this requirement eliminates a variety of facilities and Affiliates from hosting the District Tournaments. Donna Kaufman then asked Charlie Fuertsch if it was appropriate to put on the floor. That is, is this a Guideline change, or Rules and Regulations where 72 hours' notice is required? Charlie responded that it was a Guideline change and appropriate for a motion as long as there are no objections. ***Steve Laing motion [to delete paragraph A.3. under District Tournaments], seconded by Charlie Fuertsch. No discussion. Motion passed.***

• Affiliate Presidents Report

- a) Steve Laing reported that the Affiliate Presidents had selected the following individuals for District Awards: Andy Anderson, Roselee Neydo from Alaska; Dempsey Anderson, has been tabled until a later date, they are still working this one out; Pete Anderson, Josh Ellis from Alaska. Steve will get the awards ordered and sent to the winners within the next 7-10 days.
- b) Darryl Thompson said he spoke with Jen Nyberg and that she found 7 girls that were interested in participating in the High School Showcase. She was going to check with Pittsburg to see if she

could augment these numbers and create a team. Steve Laing indicated that he would like to withdraw funding for the Girls' Showcase this year due to lack of interest, and use the funding for something else within the District.

- c) The new District Gust Haugen Award was discussed. Dan Rogness was nominated. Donna Kaufman asked three times if there were any other nominations, and there were none. ***Darryl Thompson motion, [to close nominations], seconded by Dru Hammond.*** Discussion. Motion passed. Dan Rogness will be the second recipient of the Gust Haugen Award. Frank Lang was the first in 2012-2013. Donna also asked Dru to list this award in the Pacific District Guidebook. Dru requested a write-up similar to the others.

• Election of Chairman

- a) Per the Pacific District Bylaws a chairman is elected at this meeting each year. ***Steve Laing motion, [to appoint Donna Kaufman as Chairperson], seconded by Darryl Thompson.*** No discussion. Motion passed.

12. Future Meetings

- Steve Laing proposed that we consider moving the Pacific District Meetings around to various District Affiliates. ***Steve Laing motion [move the May 17, 2014 meeting from Seattle to Portland], seconded by Darryl Thompson.*** Discussion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be May 17, 2014 in Portland, Oregon. Wendy Goldstein will contact Natalie McEwen, Oregon Affiliate President for recommendations of a meeting place.

13. Board Member Comments

- Greg Yochum announced that this is the first time in about 10-15 years since they have held a state championship. He also noted that relationships between the two associations are getting better.
- Darryl Thompson stated that he was disappointed when they found that they were not in the running for the National Tournament in 2015. It was reported that there was a concern about scouting. If this is a part of the criteria then those bidding should be made aware of this. Had Alaska known that they would be evaluated on this issue it would have been included in the bidding package. Alaska was asked to bid, then up until a week prior to the Chicago meeting there were no issues. On the Monday prior to the meeting suddenly scouting was an issue. It is understood why Alaska is offended.
- Wendy Goldstein shared that she had failed to sanction a tournament and the specifics as to why she failed to sanction that tournament. She was angry that the organization threw the registrar under the bus. They were not forthcoming with the fact that they didn't try to sanction the tournament until December 2 and the tournament was December 7. The registrar didn't hear anything else from this group until December 28. So they held the tournament which was unsanctioned, yet they distributed a flyer advertising the tournament with a fake sanction number. In any case, it was just plain wrong.
- Donna Kaufman thanked everyone for the flowers sent to her mom's services. She stated that they were gorgeous. Rides were then arranged for the trip over for the walk through at the J W Marriot for the Level 5 Clinic.

14. At 3:16 p.m. ***Dru Hammond motion, [to adjourn], seconded by Steve Laing. Motion passed.***

Respectively submitted,



Dru Hammond