



**Pacific District Meeting
Marriott Las Vegas
February 11, 2017
9:00 am – 5:00pm
Meeting Room, Check at Desk**

Present

Flint DOUNGCHAK
Wendy GOLDSTEIN
Jon GUSTAFSON
Dru HAMMOND
Tom HANCOCK
Chris HAYS
Kellie HAYS
Donna KAUFMAN
Kris KNAUSS
Steve LAING
Lisa MCPHETERS
Eric SIMMONS
Lester SPARKS
Steve STEVENS
Darryl THOMPSON
Greg YOCHUM

Not Present

Greg JOHNSON
John SILBERSTEIN
Rick TRUPP

USA Hockey Guests

Charlie FEURTSCH
Dave OGREAN

Call to Order

Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone. Introduced special guests, Dave Ogreaan and Charlie Feurtsch.

USA Hockey Guests

- **Dave Ogreaan**, USA Hockey Executive Director – Admires the Pacific District because of the level of involvement by the people in the District. Hard working and do things the right way. People from the Pacific District move to the National Office because of this.
- **Charlie Feurtsch**, USA Hockey Legal Council and Executive Committee – discussed that the USOC will be taking over SafeSport issues, especially the sex related incidents. Legal has been working to get the process set up for this. Another current issue is the development of transgender policies to allow transgender persons to participate in the sport of hockey as any other person is allowed to, both for youths and adults. Concussion protocol is going to be good for USA Hockey to implement. There are quite a few legislative items being presented for this year, and a lot taking place within Junior Hockey. Charlie is up for re-election this year.

Suggested additions to Agenda

- Elected to move Concussion Report to after the Financial Report.
- Added Kent State Camp for discussion purposes under Player Development.

Secretary Report – Lisa McPheters

- Approval of October 22, 2016 Minutes - motion to approve Lester Sparks; second Jon Gustafson. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- Lisa advised that today's meeting was being recorded. She reminded everyone to please speak loudly for the recording.

District Financial Report - Chris Hays

- Financial Reports were distributed as hard copies. Fully reviewed by Chris Hays. Motion to approve by Steve Laing; second by Dru Hammond. Motion passed with no abstentions.

Concussion Protocol Presentation – Steve Laing

A thorough presentation was provided demonstrating the type of documentation that will be required for the 2017.18 season and what will be required of all affiliates within the Pacific District.

- A concussion form will be part of the online registration package.
- Should a parent decline to sign the form, a player can still participate.
- However, once it has been determined that a player is concussed, the enforcement of the protocol is not optional.
- Purpose of the Concussion Protocol is to educate, increase awareness and protect the players.
- A suggestion was made to see if Rae can send the concussion protocol slideshow out as a pdf to all members in the Pacific District.

Darryl Thompson motioned to approve a District Wide Concussion Protocol; second by Tom Hancock. Motion passed with no abstentions.

Reports

Chairperson Report – Donna Kaufman

A meeting took place between the Las Vegas Golden Knights and USA Hockey representatives to welcome a partnership between the NHL and USA Hockey in Nevada. USA Hockey personnel present included Kevin McLaughlin, Joe Bonnet, Ken Martel, Kris Knauss and Jon Gustafson.

- Jon Gustafson/Kris Knauss reported on the meeting. Very excited as to the quality of people coming into the Pacific District. Murray is a quality guy and very versed in youth hockey. We are here to help them, whatever they may need, and now we need to support that statement. New facility is to be open by late Summer 2017.

Coaching Program

Flint Doungchak, Pacific District CIC

Flint provided a complete written report – copy attached.

To date this season have done:

- 21 Level 1 Clinics – 589 participants
- 16 Level 2 Clinics – 339 participants
- 13 Level 3 Clinics – 260 participants
- 2 Level 4 Clinics – 152 participants

Currently planning clinics for 2017.18 season, intend to hold Level 4 clinics in Seattle and Las Vegas.

Items of concern are:

- Not all CEP clinics are similar with their on ice component
- A few instructors in smaller geographical areas are not using USA Hockey curriculum
- Need to increase Flint's visitation throughout the District.

High Performance Meeting to be held.

Rick Trupp, Alaska CIC

Not present; No report provided.

Disabled Hockey – Kellie Hays

- Kellie provided a complete written report – copy attached.
- Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Disabled Festival in April 2017 that the Pacific District do a Program Ad as well as put together a raffle gift basket. Dru Hammond motioned to approve; second by Darryl Thompson. Motion passed with no abstentions. Basket items are to be sent to Kellie Hays.

Female Hockey – Steve Laing (in Greg Johnson’s absence)

- Currently working with the National Office to access female player’s in the district for specific camps.
- Girls High School Showcase to be held April 20-24, 2017.
- Norway proved to be a great host for female disabled hockey event.

Referee Program – Steve Stevens/Eric Simmons

Referees in the District are aware of tournaments they are assigned too.

Steve will be in Las Vegas; Eric will be in Anchorage.

Looking to hold a March seminar. Challenge is everything has to be submitted to USA Hockey by April 30th.

Registrar’s Report – Wendy Goldstein

- Wendy provided a complete written report – copy attached.
- Director Elections – Donna Kaufman and Kris Knauss ran unopposed in their respective seats. They will serve an additional 3 years effective June 2017 through June 2020.

Risk Management – John Silberstein

Not present – no report provided.

Safe Sport – Steve Laing

- Center for Safe Sport, is separate from USOC. Has an office in Denver.
- Will have an online version of protocol for Safe Sport by April 1st.
- Presently dealing with a couple of Safe Sport issues in Alaska, Oregon, Nevada - nothing of great significance to involve the National Office for vetting.

Tournaments – Donna Kaufman

- District Tournament Schedules were provided.
- Women’s C Withdrawal
 - Sharks team declared and registered; now pulling out. Rules state that if a team pulls out they will still be required to pay the entry fee and any financial impact paid to the host; possible future ramifications for the team.
 - Schedule changes to a Double Round Robin event.
- National Tournaments
District personnel are aware of locations they are assigned too.
- High School Nationals – Steve Laing
Will have Pure Division and Combined Divisions. Lester Sparks asked at what level the play is at. Really depends on the combined teams as to how strong the division may be.

Player Development – Kris Knauss

Pacific District Player Development Camp

- All Affiliates, with the exception of Alaska, have completed their development camps.
- Invites have been sent out to all selected players.
- Camp to be held May 4-7, 2017 in San Jose, California.
- 240 Players to attend.
- Breakfast meals have been moved to Stanleys/Shark’s Ice to help with expenses. Approximate savings of \$4500.
- At Large Spots to be determined. Have heard from NTDP and USHL to move the right kids forward.
- Not holding All Star Games this year.
- Players will be graded/ranked A-B-C.
- Kent State Festival – do we want to participate in this. Top Tier players go to National Camps; 2nd Tier players go to Kent State Camp.

Goaltending Player Development Camp

- May 19-20, 2017 in Seattle
- Phil Osaer – USA Hockey Goaltending Coach, along with all affiliate goaltending coaches.
- Pilot Program for goalies within the District.
- District Directors will be assisting with the camp.

Multi-District Boys 14 Camp – Flint Doughtchak

- Invites are currently going out.
- Increasing the fee \$25 to be able to bring in more coaches from outside of Colorado.
- Looking to provide better financial reporting separate from RMR.

Girls Camp – Steve Laing

- Shocked on the numbers from the girls' National Camps for Pacific District Girls.
- Have been talking to Kirsten Wright on our girl players. (Manager of Girls Player Development for USA Hockey). Kirsten stated that a C rated player for girls is similar to a B rated player for boys. Said we are doing okay with our girls.

USA Hockey Discussion – Board

- Rule proposals need to be dissected and discuss. As a board, we need to determine what we approve of or do not approve of.
- Tier 1 – each Affiliate should have a process in place to determine Tier 1 teams for the 2017-18 season.
- Mid-Winter Meeting
 - President's meeting was valueless; no substance whatsoever. We need to send a message forward on this. Charlie will raise this issue on our behalf.
 - Also recommend that at the end of Town Hall Meeting, time is allowed for a 15 minute break. This should make is so people do not have to get up and walk out of the Town Hall Meeting while people are still presenting.
 - Legal Council meeting was very good.
 - Girls Meetings – Broke into round tables for discussion. Felt it was very exclusionary.
 - Jim Smith suggested election of directors and voting to be held later on Saturday during Annual Congress. Majority of people would be gone by this time.

Old Business

Bobby Freeland Grants

- Challenge Alaska Grant approved. To provide financial assistance for travel to 2017 Sled Hockey Festival.
- Hawaii Grant. Hawaii does not have a person to start a sled program. May have a couple ambassadors to come over to 2017 Sled Hockey Festival to watch and/or participate in games. Darryl Thompson motion to award up to \$2500 Bobby Freeland Grant to get Hawaii Athletes over to 2017 Sled Hockey Festival. Motion seconded by Tom Hancock. Motion passed with no abstentions.

New Business

Multi-District Best Practices – Kris Knauss

- Pacific, Southeast and Rocky Mountain District Directors. Meet and discuss Player Development Camps, eetc. Work together to have alignment amongst the districts and a greater presence/voice with USA Hockey. Obtain a Director Representative on USA Hockey's Executive Committee as well as a better Disabled presence. Three Districts stretch from Virginia to Alaska and all are experiencing rapid growth.

Affiliate Presidents' Report – Darryl Thompson

- Block Grant Funding is at 10% from USA Hockey, at slightly more than \$15,000. Affiliate Presidents' wish to split this money as follows:
- Underwrite Player fees for Pacific District Player Development Camp participation beginning in 2018; and
- Set up a Disabled Account for Capital Expenditures.
- 2017 Andy Anderson Awards

- Administration – Nancy Hodges
- Officiating – Matthew Zucker
- Coaching – Andy Carroll
- Darryl Thompson re-elected as President of the Affiliate Presidents.
- Lester Sparks elected as Secretary of the Affiliate Presidents.
- Affiliate Presidents Round Table Discussion – can we consolidate May/June meeting? Is it possible to do a telephonic meeting in May and then do a streamline meeting in June at Annual Congress? For further conversation at the May 2017 board meeting.

Election of Pacific District Chairperson – Jon Gustafson

- Spoke to the concept of rotating the position of chairperson around every couple of years. Provides a change of perspective for the district.
- Donna Kaufman motioned for Kris Knauss to be nominated as chair; Jon Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- Members of the board thanked Donna Kaufman for her service the last 6 years as chairperson.

Future Meetings

May 20, 2017 – Seattle, Washington

Final Comments

Kris Knauss – Good meeting. Thank you Donna for all you have done over the past 6 years. Looking forward to being Chairperson. Appreciate Charlie and Dave being her to work with our District.

Charlie Feurtsch – Thank you Donna for your leadership. Congratulations to Kris. I plan to make more meetings. Will bring up issues from Mid-Winter meeting at Monday’s executive committee meeting. Can provide a report on items from the executive meetings that are not confidential.

Dru Hammond – Thank you to Donna.

Darryl Thompson – Thanks the board for their work. Very proactive. Thank you Steve Laing – always responsive. Thank you Donna.

Greg Yochum – Go Gamble!! Will provide updates on NHL team as it happens.

Flint Doungchak – Asks that Affiliate Presidents’ provide feedback to Flint on rule changes. Will help him to understand each affiliate a little bit better. Wants to provide feedback to the rules change committee.

Lester Sparks – Thanks the Directors for all of their help.

Tom Hancock – Thank you Donna.

Wendy Goldstein – Appreciates all the help provided by everyone working to better the Pacific District.

Jon Gustafson – It’s fun being part of something that is so good. Proud of the fact that we can make a difference. Really excited about the Disabled Festival happening in San Jose.

Chris Hays – Thank you to everyone for your help. Congratulations to Kris Knauss.

Kellie Hays – Congratulations Kris and thank you Donna for your continuing support and mentorship. Thank you to everyone for your help with the upcoming Festival.

Steve Laing – Thank you for supporting the concussion protocol.

Donna Kaufman – You guys are great and see you at dinner!

Adjournment

Steve Laing motioned to adjourn; second by Kris Knauss. Motion so moved with no abstentions.