



Pacific District
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
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1. The Annual meeting for the Pacific District was held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at the Embassy Suites Portland – Airport in Portland, Oregon. Madam Chair Donna Kaufman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.
2. **Introductions:** Donna Kaufman welcomed Ashley Bevan, USAH Senior Director, Adult Hockey and numerous representatives from OSHA. All parties introduced themselves. The following individuals were present: Gordon Brown (PNAHA President), Flint DOUNGCHAK (USAH PD CEP Development), Charlie Fuertsch (PD Director), Wendy Goldstein (USAH District Registrar), Dru Hammond (PD Director), Kellie Hayes (Disabled Representative), Greg Johnson (PD Girls/Women Representative), Donna Kaufman (PD Director), Kris Knauss (PD Player Development), Steve Laing (CA President), Natalie McEwen (Oregon President), Steve Stevens (USAH PD Referee-in Chief), Darryl Thompson (Alaska President), Greg Yochum (Nevada President).
 - Donna Kaufman welcomed Ashley Bevan, and invited him to provide an overview to the Board of Directors. Ashley handed out a flyer on the breakdown of adult membership within the Pacific District and across the nation (Attachment 1). John Beadle always encourages Ashley and his staff to get out and visit the Districts at the conclusion of the season and that is why he is here. Adult membership grew by approximately 7,000 players which is a 4.3 % increase over the previous year. USAH appreciates the continued efforts to grow the program. Within the Pacific District we have a lot of activities for the adults. California is hosting the Adult State Championship soon, in Alaska there is the Adult Classic, and in Las Vegas there is the Adult Classic as well. From the National aspect it is appreciated what the Pacific District is doing. He stated if there were any thoughts of expansion to let him know because USAH is willing to come in and help. Ashley discussed the Whales Program that was started last year. They put it together with the Customer Share Group and Tom Austin. They took all the largest leagues across the country that were over 1,000 players or more and invited them into a location to make a sales presentation focusing on adult hockey. They sent out 16 invitations. They had four show up and two leagues signed up. Portland, Oregon and Portland, Maine were the leagues that signed up. When they looked at the cost of the event, it was well worth the expense and they plan to hold another Whales Program. The bottom line is they are looking at the organizations that have not signed up with USAH. They focus on the needs and wants and seek to deliver on those with hopes they will sign up with USAH. It is an ongoing process and will continue for many years. Steve Laing asked if they were going to do the rankings again. Ashley indicated that Rae Briggie was currently pulling those numbers together for Annual Congress. This ranking list shows the top 25. Ashley indicated that he would take the lead to inform teams and players of the state championships in San Jose. California has a number of teams that have signed up with USAH, but have not turned in the funds. What they are finding is that if no one gets hurt during the season they pocket the money. This came to light when an adult was recently injured.
3. **Agenda Additions:** The chair asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes. Steve Laing wanted to verify that we would address the “lookup line”, Rule 411, and the camp that is held in Florida. Darryl Thompson asked to add discussion on the Girls’ Multi-District Camp. Josh Sweeny will arrive close to lunch time. When he arrives he will be given the floor.
4. **Approval Prior Minutes:** Dru Hammond made a request from everyone that if they are going to submit a report that they please email her a copy in advance of the meeting if possible. She then asked

the group if there were any changes or corrections of the February 23, 2014, Reno, Nevada meeting minutes. There were none. Charlie Fuertsch motion [*to approve minutes*], seconded by Jon Gustafson. No discussion. Motion passed.

5. **District Financial Report:** Charlie Fuertsch emailed his report to everyone in advance of this meeting. He then proceeded to cover the financial report beginning with the income statement and provided narrative to clarify the information contained within the report. Currently the operating income is at \$36,781.50 of a planned income of \$38,000.00. We are almost there. This is based on registrations last November. In June he will get new registration numbers and then he will bill everyone. This is the income derived from the \$1.00 assessment per player in the District. (Attachment 2)
 - Other income included the \$3,000 Alaska contribution to the Level 5 Symposium. He still needs to collect \$5,000.00 from California, and \$3,000.00 from PNAHA. The District also set aside \$10,000.00 for this event. Once everything is collected we will have \$21,000.00 and we committed to \$20,000.00.
 - The Block Grant amount donated by the affiliates was \$12,000. The report reflects the 75% that Charlie has billed the Affiliates for. After the June meeting Charlie will bill for the other 25% because that is when we get the other 25%.
 - For District Tournaments \$41,600. This is based on \$1,300 per team. \$1,100 went to the venue and \$200 to the referees for travel and other expenses. The actual number should have been \$39,000. Alaska over paid and Charlie will be refunding them \$2,600. However, he then mentioned he would be spending it in a minute which generated much laughter. Alaska still owed \$2,550 for the \$50 per player fee for the District Development Camp so Charlie was going to reallocate those funds to those charges.
 - We also got a \$5,000 grant for the Development Camp.
 - Balance of the check register as of May 15, 2014 is \$180,727.08. Natalie McEwen motion [*to accept District Financial Report*], seconded by Dru Hammond. No discussion. Motion passed.
 - Charlie explained that the new fiscal year begins September 1. As a board we don't meet until October. He wishes to use this report as our starting budget. Donna Kaufman further explained that what this does is allow us to operate and give him authorization to continue to pay our bills until our next meeting. Steve Laing motion [*to approve current years' budget as starting point for next years' budget*], seconded by Dru Hammond. No discussion. Motion passed.
6. **Robert Freeland Grant:** Natalie McEwen reported that she has one more report to submit. She indicated that one of the California groups has not cashed their check.
 - Natalie stated that she is not seeing a whole lot of activity. What she is seeing is that the same groups/organizations are applying for these grants. It seems like the grant is evolving in a whole new direction. Perhaps we want to start to develop a new structure for it. She is not sure if the issue is communication. She would hate to see it go away, but at the same time it doesn't seem right to have to fight with people to get them to take money. It doesn't make sense. She is frustrated that we can't get people to apply. Donna Kaufman stated that we have cleaned everything up and it looks like we have approximately \$20,000 coming in. If these funds continue to come in and the District does not utilize these funds, then the bottom line is we are charging too much. We need to form a committee to look at this. Perhaps as the complete board we need to look at specific growth initiatives. Then as a board we can promote these targeted areas.
 - Natalie stated that she had been working on a new name such as the "Growth and Development Fund" instead of the Bobby Freeland Grant. Donna Kaufman believes we need to keep Bobby Freeland's name tied to the grant, because that is why it was created. Jon Gustafson believes that the new name clearly defines what the grant is for. For simplicity and ease "growth and development fund" defines what the money is to be used for. Donna Kaufman suggested that Jon and Natalie get

together to finalize the name. Gord Brown and Darryl Thompson then shared that at our last meeting it was announced that the application period was currently closed. Dru Hammond confirmed that the website states this as well. Steve Laing doesn't think the issue is communication. What we were seeing is people taking the money and doing their own thing. Now, we are telling them it is to be directed to growth efforts. That would explain the slow down as well. We could suggest promoting growth programs. Perhaps purchasing ADM equipment, One Goal equipment, and sticks. Focusing on the start-up programs could be a better way to go. Steve shared that California is also starting to purchase One Goal equipment for adults.

- Kellie Hays stated that we had stipulated that to help pay for a special hockey clinic that the group had to apply for the grant. Kellie thinks that the one organization that did not cash their check is an anomaly. She believes that once we advertise to all the new programs in the disabled area that they will apply for those grants. She believes that you might want to put a cap on how many of the grants would be provided to the disabled area. She stated that the disabled folks are very skilled in applying for grants.
- Dru Hammond stated that we need to revise the current form and post the new dates for submittal on the Pacific District website. Donna Kaufman stated that this board approved July 1 to September 30 as the window to apply for grants at the October 26, 2013 meeting. Money will be available in the new budget on September 1, 2014.
- Junior Reign was the only group that did not send in their final report according to Charlie Fuertsch. Their group was Inland Valley Hockey. Wendy Goldstein stated that they had now changed their name and believed it was LA Kings Sled Hockey. Steve Laing stated this was a recent change.

7. Reports:

- **Coaching Program:** Larry Bruyere, Pacific Coach-in-Chief was unable to attend this meeting. Flint Dounghchak, Associate Coach-in-Chief will be presenting the Pacific District report (Attachment 3). Donna did not receive a copy of the written report; Flint will forward it to everyone. As everyone can imagine it is really busy right now. A number of coaching clinics are scheduled for the upcoming season. Level I, II, and III are scheduled for Valencia, CA on July 26-27 and in Las Vegas, NV on August 9-10. Level IV is scheduled for Seattle, WA on June 20-22 and is also scheduled in Van Nuys, CA on August 8-10. The Level V Masters Symposium is scheduled August 21-24 in Las Vegas.
- The Level V is shaping up. Most of the speakers are in place. Larry is pleased with how the District has stepped up to host this event. Larry, Mark Tabrum, and Alison Raines will meet in Las Vegas to finalize details with the hotel and determine what will be needed in terms of volunteers. Most of the volunteers will be needed the Wednesday prior to the clinic to assemble the materials being handed out to the attendees. Nancy Hodge and Alison Raines will handle registration, but expect to need at least three more individuals to assist with this.
- This is the opportunity to promote our District. The most prominent opportunity will be at the cocktail reception. Larry recommends that the District prepare a banner that says, "The Pacific District Welcomes".
- Larry also recommends that District personnel kick-off each day. Perhaps a different affiliate president can open each day and/or greet the guests after lunch. Larry asked if we would let him know of our desire to do this and he will then confirm with these arrangements with Mark Tabrum.
- Dru Hammond had heard a rumor that Level 3 coaches might be allowed to attend the Level V clinic and receive credit for their Level 4 certification. Flint asked Larry about this, and to Larry's knowledge this rumor is not true.
- Gord Brown also asked Flint about the discussion surrounding coaches who obtained their Level IV in June and being allowed to take the Level V. Flint had also asked Larry about that too. Larry

doesn't have an answer to that one yet, but thinks it is possible if the numbers are not there. Steve Laing stated that this discussion all started when the numbers were not coming in as quickly as in the past. However, we are still months away from this event and a lot of coaches are holding on to their money and will register as the date gets closer. Donna Kaufman mentioned that the numbers are a little low, so she anticipates a bit of nervousness. She encouraged everyone to go back to their Affiliates and encourage attendance. It is also possible to send an email blast to all Level IV's in the District. That list could then be forwarded to the individual Affiliate Presidents who could also reach out to their coaches.

- Donna Kaufman asked who would be attending the Level V Symposium. Dru Hammond, Donna Kaufman, Wendy Goldstein, Steve Laing, Natalie McEwen, Greg Yochum, Jon Gustfason, Doug Kirton will represent PNAHA. Darryl Thompson is not sure if he can attend and Charlie Fuertsch stated he is not available. Donna indicated we would get with Larry next month to confirm the numbers he needs for assistance.
- The Coaching Apple App continues to be very popular.
- A committee of CIC's along with National staff has been working on a new and updated Level I presentation and it is just about completed. The new Level I material will be delivered at the two Level IV clinics. Larry is excited about the new Level I material. He believes that a great deal of thought went into this curriculum and indicated that it flows much better now.
- Two CEP instructor training events will be held in conjunction with the two Level IV clinics.
- **Disabled Hockey:** Kellie Hays passed out a copy of her written report (Attachment 4). She announced that as everyone knows we brought home the "gold" from the Paralympic sled in Sochi which was fantastic. We had three Pacific District natives competing in the Sochi Paralympics in sled hockey. Rico Roman is a Portland, Oregon native. He was all over advertising during the Olympics and Paralympics – for McDonald's, Citi, Access to advertise the Paralympics. Jen Lee, back-up goalie, is a native of San Francisco and is active military. Josh Sweeney has moved to Portland and is excited to help get a program going in Portland. All three athletes have been instrumental in helping us to facilitate clinics in the district.
- Josh Sweeney will come and speak to the group. He just moved to Portland and is in the process of unpacking, but wanted to take a break to come speak to our group.
- Alaska hosted (Alaska Avalanche) the Buffalo Sabers. They played in April and got in 4 games. A sled hockey clinic was held in Eugene in March. A school-based program has applied for a Special Hockey Grow Grant in Portola Valley, California. California is also showing interest in holding additional sled clinics by San Diego and North Hills. They are all in the infancy stage of their programs. They are all USAH registered. She is striving to help build the infrastructure, so that once they have their clinic there is a place to send the players, families, and athletes to share that enthusiasm. It would have been nice to hold the clinics this summer, but without the infrastructure in place it would prove to be expensive and we would fail to capitalize on the energy these camps generate.
- The Disabled workshop is October 2-5, 2014 in Washington, D.C.
- Laura Johnson is the new Disabled Section Representative. She can be reached at 224-636-3233 or disabled-registrar@comcast.net. She is going to be a great asset as we all know that registration can be a bit tricky. California registers its teams a little different, but she should be a big asset to the other Affiliates within the District.
- The Disabled Section would really like Pacific District to consider hosting the Disabled Festival in 2015 or 2016. Four or more sheets of ice would be optimum for the Festival venue. San Jose is more than likely the only facility that can host this event in the District, so Kellie told Jon to consider this her attempt to twist his arm.

- The sleds are no longer being stored in Oregon since so many of these camps are held in California. Steve Laing has taken over the management for storing and shipment of the sleds.
- Darryl Thompson discussed the Avalanche/Saber game. He stated they actually had a crowd. He also shared that the enthusiasm and energy in the building was off the charts. He learned he is considered an “upright”, that is an official term expressed by disabled athletics. He did indicate that they were a little outmatched. They had a public session and had a line about 25 feet long to get the opportunity to try the sleds. He wanted to thank the District for absorbing the costs associated with this event.
- Donna Kaufman congratulated Kellie on a great job. However, she also noted that we did not wish to burn Kellie out and highly encouraged the Affiliates to bring someone on board that could spread the word about disabled hockey.
- **Female Hockey:** Greg Johnson felt that nationally that a lot of energy was spent on attracting new players. Being that it was an Olympic year it is the perfect time to grow numbers.
- It is fairly quiet right now. There will be lots of discussion at Annual Congress and Greg will provide a written report to set the stage to where we are headed on those discussions to the board.
- Donna Kaufman asked if there had been any further discussion on the Junior Hockey issue. Some individuals have reached out to the Women’s Section. It appears that the organizers are going to move forward with or without their blessing.
- **High School Section:** Steve Laing reported that there is going to be discussion on the 411 Rule. The High School Section Chairperson from Illinois is heading this up. The Rule says the penalty will follow the player and Steve feels the push is to have it follow the team. After the vote the interpretation was that it is a game suspension not a game misconduct. The Rules Committee and the referees look at it, is that it follows the player. After a player’s third infraction, they now have game suspensions that follow the player wherever the player plays. If it was a game misconduct it would follow the team. There are a lot of players that participate on both midget teams and high school teams. There is a lot of concern in the High School Section that if this is mandated the midget coach will not want the player to also participate on the High School team. The goal is to manage those troublesome players. The High School Section is now looking at exactly how many people this actually affects. It appears that it is a very small group. This is the year that the National Reporting System is going to kick in. The problem is that not all of the Affiliates are utilizing this system. So, there is some concern that not everyone will get the information. There is a fear that coaches will be penalized for playing ineligible players, when the coach didn’t know the player had been suspended. Steve Laing doesn’t feel it should be implemented until the National Reporting System is working. Steve believes that this will be the main discussion point.
- Another topic will be looking at the applications for the 2016 National Tournaments. High School has pure teams and combined teams. The High School Section has asked Youth Council for permission to hold both a pure High School Tournament and a Combined High School Tournament going on at the same time. Steve stated that if you are interested in a combined team that the application is on the USAH website.
- Dru Hammond shared that when she was back at Nationals that there was some discussion as to why each Affiliate sent a second team to this event. The event had jumped from 16 teams to 32 teams and that growth impacted other National Tournaments in small ways. An example was that there were not enough patches to distribute. Steve explained that USAH wanted the High School Nationals to grow nationwide. There were a number of Affiliates that had multiple teams and they wanted to send them. Naturally the High School section did not want to tell them “no”. It backfired in a positive way. They had an abundance of teams. They even had to get an additional facility. Then at the eleventh hour a team backed out. They had to scramble of course. In the future it looks like the path

forward would be to only allow a second team if there is a hole to fill. There will be a large tournament again this year. The 2015 High School Nationals will be in St. Louis, Missouri. Steve asked Gord Brown and Darryl Thompson if they would be entering combined teams next year. It appears that they will not. Steve also mentioned thinking out of the box and the possibility of creating a co-ed combined team for the District.

- Steve attended the High School Showcase and he indicated that it is a nice event. There were a fair amount of scouts at the event. Didn't see a whole lot of scouts for the women's side. He did notice 3-6 during the youth games. He would recommend continuing to send youth teams. When he was there he spoke to the head coach from University of Pittsburgh. Because of performance in the showcase the University awarded 3 full ride scholarships. He doesn't recommend sending a District girls team there. However, he believes we need to do something for them. He would like to have some discussion on perhaps sending a District Girls team to Florida.
- **Player Development: 2014 Boys Select Camp:** Charlie deferred to Kris Knauss. Kris Knauss reported that they just finished up with the camp last weekend. They had approximately 225 players attend. Sharks' Ice was great again. Stanley's service improved this year as did travel logistics. Of the allocations allowed, Pacific District nominations for National Festivals is as follows: Select 15 (1999) = AK-2, CA-13; Select 16 (1998) = CA-9, WA-1, AK-2; Select 17 (1997) = AK-2, CA - 7, OR - 1. Pacific District left 2 positions vacant. One at the 97 defensive position and 1 at the 99 goal tending position. So we gave 2 positions back to the National office.
- This year there were 5 different camps the same weekend as ours. The Goaltending Camp will continue to hold their clinic on the same weekend. Next year it will be May 7-10, 2015. Kris recommends moving the Pacific District Camp to be held May 14-17, 2015. This will avoid conflicts with other clinics.
- 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, 2015. If the Affiliates could get names of evaluators and team leaders turned in by March 1, 2015 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
- Motion by Charlie Fuertsch to [*hold the youth camp in San Jose next year, May 14-17, 2015*], seconded by Dru Hammond. Motion passed.
- Kris also is recommending a \$50.00 increase per player across the board. It is expensive to host this camp. We need to shop around a bit. For the most part it ran better than the previous year. Great volunteers.
- Steve Laing stated his displeasure at the parents not paying on time. He suggested that next year if they register on time and don't pay that they get dropped. We need to stick to our guns.
- Player Development: 2014 Female Select Camp: The Girls' Camp is scheduled for May 1-3, 2015 in Seattle at the Lynnwood rink.
- This was the first year for Greg running this camp and it was quite the experience. It is kind of hard to run behind Kris. Everyone reminded Greg that Kris was in his shoes last year.
- In previous years food was an issue so Greg and Sue (Greg's wife) paid a lot of attention to the menu. They also opened up a room where the girls could come to replenish healthy snacks and beverages. There were lots of positive comments regarding this addition.
- He had conducted a survey and made changes based on the survey. They had 125 participants. The most difficult issue is keeping the older groups interested.
- The allocations had not changed over the previous years.

- After some calls to the National Office, Greg brought in Michelle Amidon. She helped to bring in some Division III coaches, NCAA coaches, etc. Jenny Potter was a big super star. The girls really enjoyed the panel discussion.
- Greg also thanked Dru Hammond and mentioned that she was a big superstar in his eyes at the camp.
- Charlie Fuertsch asked about the results of the suggestion box. The box really showed who were first year participants and repeat attendees. Darryl Thompson read through the comments with Sue Johnson. He stated there were lots of positive comments.
- Dru Hammond stated that having Jenny Potter there was a big hit. Dru stated that Greg was being extremely modest as to taking credit for the camp. She indicated that Greg, Sue and his daughter just worked their bottoms off. Greg was a little reluctant to involve his daughter. Donna Kaufman stated that it is nice to see these players participating and giving back. It is not nepotism when despite living in our homes that they demonstrate that they can stand on their own and be a vital contribution to these events.
- The camp was organized a little differently than before. There were a lot of small game drills. Evaluators were able to see things that would have been missed in regular games. It was a much more efficient use of the ice. Michelle Amidon stated that this camp was designed more like the National Camp.
- Gord Brown stated that he was concerned about all the different dates for these events and suggested that perhaps the camp could be held on the same weekend that we held the District meeting. Donna Kaufman stated that it would be a distraction. Our job during the camp is to focus on the 250 people in attendance. Others agreed that the camp and the District meeting cannot be held at the same time.
- **Referee Program:** Pacific District did well at the National Tournaments. At the U19 Girls' the referee for the final game was from our district. Twelve girls from our District were at the Tier I Tournament. None of them were pushed down to the Tier II level.
- We have 12 selections going to the Regional Camp this year. We also have 4 attending the National Camp and 3 attending the Elite Camp. Three participants are extremely good when you consider that only 12 participants are invited.
- Level 4 Clinics are set: August 2, 2014 in LA, August 9, 2014 in Portland, and August 17, 2014 in Wenatchee, WA. He is looking to host one in California. There will be one in September (5-7) in conjunction with the District Officiating Seminar (DOS) put on by the National Office in San Diego, CA.
- Changes in how officials are carded this year. Currently officials are required to renew their card every year. The proposal would not change Level 1 and Level 2. Level 3 will have a lot of on line instruction.
- In order to get an official's card this year you must complete the SafeSport module.
- He would like to mention the on-line reporting. It is not the officials' responsibility. The official files their initial report. It is the coaches, manager and players responsibility. They know when the must sit.
- Steve Laing wanted to mention that social media can impact the career of young players and officials. One player had great opportunities to progress, but due to a Facebook posting he lost that opportunity. When at Nationals, they received a call from the National Office inquiring if a certain official was there. The response was yes, he is on the ice right now. They were instructed that after the game they were to have the official pack his bags and leave. It was all due to a YouTube video. The video showed him having fun, however, at the end of the video it stated, "Don't Drink and Skate." There is no way to know if the individual was intoxicated or not. However, it implied that the individual was intoxicated. We really need to impress how damaging social media can be on the careers of our youth players and volunteers.

- **Registrar's Report:** Wendy Goldstein distributed a report on registration numbers. (Attachment 5) She stated that the numbers are not what they were last year. Registration (CyberSport) is moving on to a web based program. She will receive training at Annual Congress. The program will then be distributed to registrars.
- She is waiting to see if the roster change allowing 23 players to a midget team will be allowed. That issue will be voted on at Annual Congress.
- They are performing a trial program for spring/summer with Canada. They are allowing them to come to Michigan and register this summer. Make sure if a team is coming from somewhere other than Canada (Russia/Mexico) that you have the correct paperwork.
- **Risk Management:** No report.
- **SafeSport:** Steve Laing reported that he attended the SafeSport conference in Denver hosted by the Olympic Committee. It was a pretty decent 3 day clinic. If there is one drawback, it is emphasis on volunteers being investigators. He stated privately that he indicated that we had no business in expecting our volunteers to sit down with a child and dive into the history of abuse. He tried to make it clear that if you come across abuse that it is your responsibility to contact authorities. Our volunteers should never need to do this. A lot of time was spent on how to teach volunteers to question. He is adamant that you don't want to do this. Volunteers are not trained for this and it is wiser to refer any incident to the local authorities.
- On the other hand, there have been some cases that have come to the attention of others that have been blown off a bit. The rationalization is it wasn't a hockey event; it is not a current player, etc. If abuse does come to your attention that is tied to our organization in any way it is always a good idea to at least get the information then make the decision as to what you should do.
- **Tournaments – Final Report 2014 District/National:** A number of the Directors attended both the Pacific District Tournaments, as well as National Tournaments. Donna Kaufman and Dru Hammond were Directors at the Girls' Tier I and Tier II in Anchorage, Alaska. Anchorage did a great job. She did express her frustration about the commitments last year. She stated that this was also discussed by Youth Council. Donna stated that there was discussion about backing up the date to November 15. We have been told that by the October meeting that Greg Johnson needs to come in with the information as to what teams we are sending. The question is if we can afford to back off the dates. Does everyone just have a big appetite and when reality hits is it a different situation. In any case, a great job was done by Alaska. On the National side Donna was the Director for the Juniors. For the first time all registered Tier III teams attended.
- Charlie Fuertsch was the Director for Tier I Youth in San Jose, California. It was a great tournament. They did seem to have an exceptional amount of hearings. Ended up that the Junior Kings won at every single level. He can't remember when one club won at every single level (18U, 16U and 14U). However, going on to Nationals they did not do as well. The 18U didn't win one game, and the 16U and 14U each only won one game. On the National front he attended the Tier II 18U in Wayne, New Jersey. In the 1A Level which was the smallest group was won by the Tennessee, Knoxville Ice Bears. The 2A Group was won by the Affton Americans from Missouri, and at the 3A Level the Mid-State Mustangs won from Western Pennsylvania.
- At the District level the Las Vegas Junior Wranglers (1A) didn't make it into the quarter finals. At the 2A Level we had the Alaska South Central Wolves and Spokane, Washington Junior Chiefs participate. Spokane was eliminated prior to the quarter finals. Alaska ended in the quarter finals. In the 3A division the Anaheim Junior Ducks lost in the quarter finals. Overall, everyone played well. We were just up against some very stiff competition.
- Dru Hammond reported that she was one of the Directors for the Girls' Tier II Nationals in Amherst, New York. It was a wonderful facility. While in attendance it was announced that they would be

hosting Nationals next year. This was in response to the fact that San Jose had a conflict with Wrestle Mania coming into the San Jose area. Sorry to hear that, but the facility will do an excellent job.

- At the 19U level it was Cape Cod over Keweenaw, 16U was Charles River over Marquette Sentinels, and at 14U it was Assabet Valley over the New Jersey Titans. The District was represented very well by all three Alaska teams. All the teams made it into either quarter finals or semi-finals. Dru stated that they were noticeable at the rink and that they would have made Alaska proud. They played well.
- At the 16U level they played a very hard game. One of the girls who just had a heck of a series during this tournament displayed behavior at the conclusion of the final game that was less than good sportsmanship. She threw her stick clear across the ice at the conclusion of the game, did not stand in line when they were announcing players at the blue line. I just remember thinking that this is really too bad, there are scouts here. I don't think she is impressing them now. Steve Stevens echoed similar statements about the incident.
- Dru let Jon Gustafson know that the Northtown rink was interested in information about the system that the San Jose rinks utilize.
- Dru laughed that Charlie had lobster tail, but she never had so many Buffalo wings in her life. They do have a right to boast however.
- The Tier I's were moved to a 16 team format. Donna served on the committee. Of the 12 teams selected, 9 of them either made it to the quarter finals or semi-finals. None of them won a tournament. It was a pretty good process overall for the first time in getting the right teams there.
- Youth Council is going through the Guidebook word for word. The tournament information is going to come out of the Guidebook. Instead a National Tournament book will be created.
- Steve Laing reported that he was one of the Directors for the National High School Tournament. Bethel Park, Pennsylvania beat Providence Catholic 2-1 in the finals.
- In 2015 High School Nationals will be held in Chesterfield, Missouri. The Anaheim Ducks High School League has bid on High School Nationals in 2016. A survey demonstrated that there was concern surrounding air fare. Despite this, California is moving forward.
- In 2015 National Tournaments are scheduled for March 26-30, 2015. Bids are coming in for 2016. The dates are March 30 - April 4, 2016.
- Darryl Thompson asked if the rumor was true that San Jose would get Nationals in 2016. Donna stated that she has heard that San Jose would get the 16U and 18U and that Alaska would get the U14. However, the process for Youth Council is to look at all the bids. So, she knows they will follow the process. She believes that Norm will come with a recommendation. Darryl Thompson then asked Jon Gustafson if he had bid on hosting Nationals in 2016. Donna doesn't wish to step on any toes, so the proper response is that Youth Council will follow the process.
- **Website/Guidebook:** Dru Hammond reported that people who have been assigned areas of the website seem to be doing well. Dues for League Athletics' are due in June. She stated that she is looking at migrating back to the USA Hockey platform, Sport Ngin. She hopes to speak with some of their representatives at Annual Congress. With the changes that USA Hockey is making this might be a smart move to make. Also, the Pacific District website is grandfathered so there is no charge for the site. There may be a small fee involved with some of the extras. She hopes to provide more information in October.
- She did make a revision to the Guidebook. Charlie had requested that his personal information be changed due to safety issues. He now lists a post office box for Charlie.

- We are still struggling with teaching some users how to utilize the site. It might have something to do with the age of the computer or the age of the computer programs. Steve Stevens will provide Gary Wagner with another computer. She and Steve will speak later after the meeting.
 - Steve Laing asked if Dru had any tournament sled pictures. She replied “no” but would love to have them to post. Steve stated that he would send them to her.
- 8. USA Hockey Discussion:** Mites 7/8 year olds. Looking at creating a new division of mini-mites that are 6. This proposal seeks to add 6U as a classification to be consistent with the ADM guidelines and reference the Hockey for Life Chart. (2014 AC – Coaches Section Legislative Proposal #1 Amended)
- Instead of mandating, they are going to strongly suggest that you have a concussion program. (2014 AC – General Legislative Proposal #1 Amended)
 - Make Guidebook consistent with the Handbook on SafeSport. (2014 AC – Legal Council Legislative Proposal #1) Looking at the co-ed issues of lack of locker rooms. (2014 AC – Legal Council Legislative Proposal #2)
 - Move 16/18 to allow 23 players. They would still only be allowed to dress 20. They are looking at doing this to ease the drop and add paperwork involved. (2014 AC – General Legislative Proposal #10 and #11)
 - Move up date for U8 waivers for cross-ice games. Currently due in May 1, they want to take back into January with a final decision in March. (2014 AC – General Legislative Proposal #13)
 - Clarify Disabled Coaches requirements. This proposal primarily cleans up language and clarifies what is currently common practice. No one had any issues. (2014 AC – Disabled Section Legislative Proposal #1).
 - Looking at creating a Safety Director position. Most disagree on this. We are already burdened with obtaining enough volunteers. We all have SafeSport and believe that this function could fall under this category. (2014 AC – General Legislative Proposal #16)
 - Move to not have 65/70 year olds worry about citizenship. (2014 AC – International Council Legislative Proposal #1 Amended)
 - Definition of what an exceptional player is. (2014 AC – Junior Council Legislative Proposal #2)
 - Doing some work on By-Law 10. Changing wording that simplifies the requirements. By simply being a member of USA Hockey you are bound by By-Law 10. (2014 AC – Legal Council Legislative Proposal #3) Also, wording will be added that you can waive the 7 day notice. (2014 AC – Legal Council Legislative Proposal #4) Also, other parties within the Affiliate may appeal suspension. An example is that the individual is given a 2 day suspension, but others feel it should have been a greater suspension. Language will now be included to allow appeals in these matters. (2014 AC – Legal Council Legislative Proposal #5 Amended)
 - Discussion on how official’s can be suspended. The local official can suspend for 10 days. The Affiliate Referee-in-Chief can suspend. (2014 AC –Officials Section Legislative Proposal #1)
 - Look-up line discussion. The look-up line is an area extending 40 inches from the boards around the rink painted orange. This has not been significantly vetted to prove that it would prevent injuries. Jon Gustfason doesn’t believe it is what we need for our game. He is personally for anything that will make our game safer for the kids. He doesn’t understand how we teach our kids to look up at all times, and now ask them to look down. He believes we have plenty of markings on the ice and adding more along with the advertising just makes it more confusing in his opinion. He has shared his concerns with Dr. Ashare. More discussion around the room. (106 Face-Off Spots and Circles). Most of the room did not believe it was a good thing yet.
- 9. Old Business:** Charlie Fuertsch started the discussion surrounding the By-Law proposal change submitted by Steve Laing. This subject has been discussed for a couple of meetings that would allow for one affiliate president to serve in such dual capacity at any given time with prior unanimous consent

of the voting members of the Board. Charlie went on to explain that this amendment would reduce the number of directors from ten (10) to nine (9) in the event an affiliate president is also elected as a district director. According to Section 8.01 it would require unanimous consent of the Board of Directors. Charlie sent out the proposal after reviewing the current By-Laws. Charlie Fuertsch motion **[to approve the Proposed Pacific By-Laws 5th Amendment as distributed on April 26, 2014]**, seconded by Jon Gustafson. (Attachment 6) Darryl Thompson believes we have other issues to focus on within the District other than changing the By-Laws. He stressed that this is not personal, but he also believes that it results in a real conflict of interest. Donna Kaufman responded to Greg Yochum's question regarding how many Districts' allow for dual representation. Darryl Thompson asked for a ballot vote. Donna Kaufman explained to the body that she is a chairperson and not the president. She is therefore allowed to cast a ballot. Donna also reiterated that the vote must be unanimous in order to pass. Charlie had indicated that it must be unanimous in the initial email distributing the proposal. Motion failed.

10. New Business:

- Kellie Hays introduced her guest Josh Sweeney. Donna introduced everyone in the room. Josh just moved to Portland with his wife Amber. He would like to be a resource for sled hockey in the Pacific District. He started playing in 2011 on the National team. This is his 3rd season on the National team. He started out with roller blading in Junior High and played hockey in high school in Phoenix, Arizona. So he already had a love for the game. Josh provided great insight into sled hockey. He passed around his gold medal and everyone was surprised as to the size and weight of the medal. Josh was very easy to chat with and shared stories of his experience in Soshi. He explained the schedule for the National Team. He was very generous with his time and took photos with everyone.
- **Bid for 2015 Tournaments:** Donna Kaufman asked Wendy who she had heard from. Wendy responded with: The Rinks, Anaheim for Girls', The Rinks, Lakewood for anything, El Segundo/Junior Kings for Tier I Youth, and Tacoma, Washington Tier I Youth. Donna stated she sent emails to all presidents asking if she had any other applications. Jon Gustafson stated that he had submitted San Jose for both Youth and Girls'. Nevada submitted Tier I at the Ice Castle. Donna Kaufman asked if any other bids had been received during lunch. There were none. Dru Hammond suggested we start with San Jose, California since they were bidding for both Youth and Girls'. Greg Yochum stated from a competitive standpoint that his teams would not be as competitive. Gord Brown stated his concerns regarding start and ending times if we held this event at one location. Donna stated that we did this about 4 years ago and it went well. It was a good event. Dru Hammond asked Jon Gustafson if we could possibly run into the ice crunch we ran into during Nationals. Jon responded that originally when he bid that tournament that it was to cover two weekends. It would not be an issue this time.
- Dru Hammond motion **[that Youth and Girls' both be held in San Jose]**, seconded by Darryl Thompson. Discussion. Motion passed. The tournament will be held March 5-8, 2015. The coaches' meeting will be held March 4, 2015.
- We don't know right now if we will have Women's C. Donna asked if Anaheim would be willing to host Women since they wanted Girls'. It was mentioned that perhaps the tournament should be held in northern California this year. It was decided that since The Rinks in Lakewood had bid for anything, that they should be approached first. Jon Gustafson motion **[Women's' C be hosted by Lakewood, The Rinks]**, seconded by Darryl Thompson. Motion passed. The tournament will be on February 20-22, 2015 if needed.
- March 26-30, 2015 is USA Hockey Nationals. The High School Nationals are March 18-23, 2015. High School Showcase April 8-13, 2015.
- Kris Knauss discussed that Tom Lampl would be holding a Multi-District Camp (14,15,16,17) in Mid-June for Girls. They would like Pacific District to partner with Rocky Mountain. They envision

this being a Premiere Camp for Girls. Greg Johnson also looked through the proposal. He is not sure that the 16/17 year old would be interested. He believes that the Florida camp might be a better choice for the 16/17's. In June, USA Hockey will be talking about the Florida Camp and see what role they can play in it. He leans towards getting behind it for the 14/15 and consider sending the 16/17 to Florida. Either way he believes we should join forces with one or the other. Darryl Thompson feels that it is time to expand the camp experience. Donna had concerns about sending our players to Rocky Mountain. She said that she would like to see Pacific District have a co-director in this partnership. It was decided that no motion was needed to discuss the concept. Pacific District will move forward in dialog with Rocky Mountain. It should be Director to Director and District to District. It is now time to determine if it is a multi-district or are we sending our girls to another District.

11. Future Meetings:

- October 24 and 25, 2014 in Seattle, Washington (Friday meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m.)
- February 6 and 7, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada (Presidents and Directors meet on Friday night for dinner meetings)
- May 16, 2015 in Seattle, Washington (this date conflicts with Youth Development Camp, so it might be moved)

12. Board Member Comments:

- Donna Kaufman stated that if Charlie Fuertsch is elected that we will need to have a conference call to discuss how to fill the spot. She also spoke about some of the future hot buttons. Bob Crawford is looking at authoring a proposal that would limit Tier I growth until a committee can be formed to define criteria for Tier I. It is going to be discussed by the Board of Directors and if passed it would provide for a 3 year moratorium on Affiliates from approving any new Tier I programs. He will also have a proposal to bring back 12U Nationals. Dave Margenau wishes to discuss cross ice restrictions and High School Rule 411.
- Natalie McEwen stated that she and Gloria Leo were reelected for another 2 years. The board has a very aggressive summer planned. They will be looking at all their appointed positions. Plans to put together a board committee to visit the different Oregon venues to help educate the state in the ways of USA Hockey. She announced she will be a grandma in October. Natalie also introduced Jill Boeschenstein and stated that Jill would attend Annual Congress for her. She brought her today so that she could put together names and faces. Donna reminded her to send a message to USA Hockey to let them know.
- Greg Johnson stated he had lots on his plate with the Girls' and plans to keep very busy over the next few months.
- Greg Yochum announced that they actually had their first state tournament in a number of years at the Pee Wee level. The three Las Vegas organizations worked together for this event. Trying to change how they perform tryouts and obtain a better working relationship within the organizations.
- Flint Doungchak thanked everyone for the hospitality.
- Wendy Goldstein stated that Nancy Hodge would take over for Robin Ruhwedel as southern California associate registrar. The District forwarded their appreciation to Robin for her help.
- Kellie Hays wanted to once again thank Josh Sweeney and his wife Amber for taking time out of their day to come and speak with us. She also thanked Charlie for everything over the years.
- Charlie Fuertsch wanted to thank Greg and Kris for the excellent job running the camps. He will be willing to stay on until August 31 which is the end of the fiscal year. He apologized for not being as responsive as usual. They opened a new courthouse and all the judges are being moved around. He is also applying for a position as a Federal Bankruptcy Judge for Central District in California. So it has occupied his time. He thanked everyone for all their support.

- Darryl Thompson was a little shocked at the shipping costs for the sleds. His wife works for Alaska and perhaps Alaska would help with this function. Darryl stated that participating with sled hockey makes him appreciate what he has and he is amazed at how positive these sled athletes are. They are inspirational. Alaska did not submit for any waivers. They will not be having any full ice games at U8 and under. By the end of the summer they will have 9 sets of boards. Partnered with associations for 50% of the cost, some of which was block grant money. He is really excited about these boards. He shared the distribution of the boards within the state. He is experiencing huge attrition within the state of Alaska. He plans to draft a letter to be placed on the agenda. They have identified that one of their problems is recruiting. As an example he mentioned the Skipjacks constantly recruiting their players' mid-season. As an Affiliate President he is unable to do anything. This is defined within USA Hockey as tampering. He had enough issues internally without dealing with this.
- **Adjourn:** At 4:30 p.m. Darryl Thompson [*motion to adjourn*], seconded by Natalie McEwen. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dru Hammond".

Dru Hammond