



**Pacific District Meeting**  
**Homewood Suites by Hilton San Diego Airport**  
**October 22, 2016**  
**9:00 am – 4:00pm**  
**Meeting Room, Check at Desk**

**Present**

Flint DOUNGHAK  
Wendy Goldstein  
Jon Gustafson  
Dru Hammond  
Tom Hancock  
Chris Hays  
Kellie Hays  
Donna Kaufman  
Kris Knauss  
Steve Laing  
Eric Simmons  
Lester Sparks  
Steve Stevens  
Darryl Thompson  
Greg Yochum

**Not Present**

Greg Johnson  
Lisa McPheters  
John Silberstein  
Rick Trupp

**USA Hockey Guests**

Wayne Sawchuk

**Call to Order – Donna Kaufman**

Donna advised that Lisa McPheters is sick in her hotel room, will not be at the meeting. Donna thanked everyone for taking the time to attend, understands how busy things are.

**Suggested additions to Agenda**

**Secretary Report – Donna Kaufman** (in Lisa McPheters' absence)

- Approval of February 13, 2016 Minutes - motion to approve Darryl Thompson; second Lester Sparks.
- Approval of May 14, 2016 Minutes – motion to approve Lester Sparks; second Tom Hancock.
- Guidebook – Books are in the back; please take what you need. Review guidebooks for any changes, make suggestions in May.

**USA Hockey Guests – Wayne Sawchuk**

**District Financial Report - Chris Hays**

- Reports distributed. Set reasonable time frame for expense submissions for the Pacific Dist. Player Dev. Camp. 60 days/July 1 – suggested.
- Currently researching expense portion of Pacific District Player Development Camp. Appears to be a couple billing issues.
- Donna requested that Chris change the term "Grant" to "Affiliated Player Fee" – more accurately reflects what that income is.
- Affiliate Block Grant should be it's own line item.

Call to Question the approval of the Budget. Motion moved by Steve Laing; seconded by Greg Yochum. Motion passed with one abstention.

## **Bobby Freeland Grant – Lester Sparks**

Two current applications.

- Klamath Falls to purchase helmets for their Introduction to Hockey (original helmets are now expired). Discussion ensued on how many previous Bobby Freeland Grants they have received. Believe they have put in for a grant every year. Did not receive a BF Grant in fiscal year 2016; received \$600 in fiscal year 2015. Remark was made that while Klamath Falls shouldn't come to rely on a grant as part of their budget, they also should not be penalized for being smart enough to put in for a grant every season. Steve Stevens stated that if Klamath Falls is going to get USA Hockey funds, they need to run their tournaments under USA Hockey rules.
- Eugene to purchase cross ice boards.

Call to Question to award grants to both Klamath Falls and Eugene. Motion to approve by Lester Sparks; second Steve Laing. Motion passed with no abstentions.

Discussion was held that all Bobby Freeland Grant recipients be required to provide a written report (possibly a survey provided by the Pacific District) as to what the BF Grant funds were used for. Report is to be provided within 30 days of receipt of funds and/or the event occurrence, but no later than May 1 of the current playing season in which the funds were disbursed.

Call to Question to approve Reporting of Bobby Freeland Grant Usage. Motion to approve by Jon Gustafson; second by Kris Knauss. Motion passed with no abstentions.

- Flint spoke up on behalf of Hawaii, who currently operates under no governance. He recently put on a CEP Clinic on a Saturday, followed by a Try Hockey for Free on Sunday. Hawaii is working towards governance and are inquiring on how they can put in for a Bobby Freeland Grant to purchase Youth Start Up Gear Sets. Donna said that the District could make that grant request on their behalf. Need to develop a budget, i.e. what they need, exact number of sets. Flint had suggested to Hawaii that they match dollar for dollar a \$2,500 Bobby Freeland Grant.

Call to Question to award a BF Grant to the Pacific District on behalf of Hawaii to purchase One Goal and Youth Gear Sets for Hawaii. Motion to approve by Lester Sparks; second by Tom Hancock. Motion passed with no abstentions.

Potentially three new grant requests forthcoming in 2016.17:

- Kelly Hays will work on a BF Grant request for Hawaii for Sled Gear;
- Challenge Alaska request to aid in travel expenses for 2017 Disabled Hockey Festival
- VLAHA Special Hockey request to aid in travel expenses for 2017 Disabled Hockey Festival.

## **Reports**

### **Coaching Program – Flint DOUNGCHAK**

- The CIC is tasked with ensuring that CEP classes are done throughout the district. The Annual Guide also tasks the CIC with reviewing coaches' work and overall coaching, however the national office provides no funding for this. So how does the Pacific District wish to move forward with this, request more funding from the National Office or set aside District Funds to cover this expense?
- Flint is currently in the process of localizing regions within the District. Setting up head instructors in each region. North Nevada (Jeff Bruckner), Northern California (TBD), Southern California (Rob Foster), Oregon (Andy Potter), Washington (Rob Kaufman) & Alaska (currently independent/Rick Trupp). Trying to get the GDCs and CEP head instructors to work with each other.
- As of October 22, 2016 (does not include Alaska) 310 Level 1; 184 Level 2; 132 Level 3; 96 Level 4 (with another 57 registered for Seattle's Level 4). We have noticed a large drop off in Level 2 participants this year. Trying to determine why. Are coaches staying coaching Mites or are new coaches being pushed out. Not sure, but wanted every one to be aware.

- From the survey conducted at the recent Level 4 – two trends have surfaced – the first is that coaches want to understand athletes from a psychological perspective. The second pertains to the ADM and a perceived disconnect from the national office and what CEPs are talking about and trying to implement and what is actually being supported and implemented from the Affiliate and associations within the Affiliate. At the Level 4 next week in Seattle, we will have a person there to discuss the “New Modern Coach” and what’s involved with coaching today’s athletes, and also how better to deal with those athletes that challenge us, understanding their mentality better.
- Temp cards awarded after December 31. Ask that affiliate presidents support our efforts to deny temp cards. Only approved for extraordinary situations right now, i.e. military deployment, etc.

**District Coach in Chief Action Plan – Flint Doughtchak**

**Short-term Goals by December 2016**

- Implement an Off Ice component for practices. Too many ice practices where players just jump on the ice and skate, then back off and go home. Need to implement a 10-minute warm-up, 10-minute cool down.
- Officials Retention – Educate coaches on the ramifications that come with coaches abusing officials.
- Consistent Curriculum – currently 85% of CEP is standardized; want to get that to 100%.
- Posting of CEP Clinics – establish procedure that can be used throughout the district so same level clinics in same geographical areas do not overlap.
- Quality Control Program – Utilize surveys of participants to enhance overall quality of CEP material.
- Regional Head Instructor – established for each region within the Pacific District.

**Mid-term Goals by mid-2017**

- CIC attends Affiliate Board Meetings
- Player Development – determine what needs to be done to facilitate players in each affiliate to better develop and compete within the district as well as nationally. What skills/abilities are lacking and education coaches on this.
- Affiliate and Association CIC’s & GDC’s – are these set up throughout our District? Help to ensure this is the case.

**Long-term Goals by March 2018**

- Establish District based coaching education goals and a measuring program.
- Model Programs within the District. We should be determining who qualifies for that, not the National Office.
- Additional Coaching Education opportunities beyond the schedule CEP’s to encourage and support those coaches wanting to achieve at a higher level.

**Alaska’s CIC Rick Trupp – written report given.**

- Alaska held a Level 4 CEP in September, and have held 10 additional clinics to date. We have 12 remaining clinics scheduled for the 2016.17 season. Alaska is looking to hold a mini-NARS next spring / summer. A draft agenda was sent to the National Office and we would like to determine key people to attend from not only Alaska but throughout the Pacific District.

**Disabled Hockey – Kellie Hays**

- Josh Sweeney, a member of Team USA’s Paralympic team is our new Pacific District Disabled CIC.
- Matt Zucker and Ryan Bauman came to Oakland to do officials training for disabled hockey and will represent the Pacific District as lead officials for the 2017 Disabled Hockey Festival.
- Disabled programs are determining what their needs may be to get to the 2017 Disabled Hockey Festival. Kellie has been advising them of grant opportunities and communicating with their local affiliates.
- Currently have San Diego Sled Hockey and LA Kings Sled Hockey participating the PSHL (Pacific Sled Hockey League). This is a first and is working in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain District.

- Pacific District has two female athletes participating on the National Women's Sled Hockey Team – Sarah Bettencourt and Gabby Wake.

***Specific to the 2017 Disabled Hockey Festival – April 6 thru 9, 2017***

- Logo is being finalized
- Jon Gustafson is in charge of hotel rooms. Utilizing a service – roomroster.com – to simplify registration for teams. Should be ready to go by October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Expecting 60 to 70 teams to attend.
- The next Officials Training Weekend will be in February 2017 in Scottsdale.
- Game Schedule - We will be using the same volunteer to do this that schedule for Detroit. We will have a San Jose person shadowing the schedule development.
- A strong volunteer base is developing.
- Budget – Detroit had a loss of \$2,950, in part due to their opening night events. We need to comb over the budget and see what we can do to ensure we are in the black.
- Planning to have apparel sells in advance & deliver purchases prior to the event start. Minimize on lines during the event.
- Steve Laing asked that each affiliate president determine two people from their board who can attend the festival and be key helpers. Should have hockey knowledge so they understand what is happening and can facilitate keeping the games moving and the rinks on time.

**Female Hockey – Steve Laing**

- National Office is looking to reduce the Goalie Allocations from 2 to 1 for the Multi-District Camp. Allows National office to make goalie selections for the National Festival.
- Kristen Wright from the National Office is setting up Try Outs and Evaluations. They are tracking players over time to see how they perform.
- The National Office looking to hold a Player Development Goalie Camp. Phil Oser is working on setting this up.
- Youth Council Proposal for Tier I hockey is that the player count will be done by the National Office and included unclaimed players based on the residency.
- 2018 National Championships will be held at New England Sports Center in Marlborough, MA for Girls Tier I and Girls Tier II; at the Edge Sports Center in Bedford, MA for Womens A, B & C.
- Girls/Womens Section has asked the Youth Council to support the elimination of any exceptions to 8U Cross Ice – no waivers allowed.
- Currently working on developing the same protocol/rules for Girls/Womens in the Pacific District Handbook for Player Development as the Boys.

**Female Player Development Camps – Steve Laing (in Greg Johnson's absence)**

- For the Girls 2015 Multi-District Camp (Pacific District/Rocky Mountain District/Northern Plains District), we have just learned this camp concluded with a \$31,000 deficit. The Northern Plains District had pledged 40 participants then dropped down to just 8 participants, which killed the budget. We have been kept in the dark on this deficit. Supposedly there was an agreement that should the camp run at a deficit that the 3 Districts would split the difference. However, its unclear and unlikely that we would have agreed to this situation with a District dramatically reducing its' participation. Having just learned of this situation, we have asked a lot of questions as to why this happened, including documentation of certain expenses, payments, budgets, etc. We are to meet with the Rocky Mtn District to discuss accountability for the loss. No funds will be disbursed from the Pacific District without this Board's approval.
- An issue we have to address is the date that the Girls Multi-District Camp is held. It is too close to the Girls National Festival. This is creating issues with the selection process.
- The 2017 Girls Multi-District Camp is scheduled for June 10-15, 2017.

- Affiliate Girls Player Development Camps are
  - Alaska – February 18 & 19, 2017
  - California – January 21, 2017
  - Nevada – December 19, 2016
  - Oregon – January 21, 2017
  - PNAHA – January 28, 2017

### **Player Development – Kris Knauss**

- **2016 Boys Player Development Camp Recap**
  - The District had an increase in National Camp Players from 4 to 8.
  - We had 4 players participate as international players, along with Flint Doughtchak as the 5 Nations 17U Team Leader and Alex Stimson as the “Talking Head” for the event. The 17U’s won all games significantly and had Pacific District Representation in Isaiah Saville from Alaska, and Stanislav Demin from California
  - Ivan Hlinka 18U Team – Pacific District Representation in Jake McGrew and Brandon McManus, both from California. Lost in the Gold Medal Game.
  - 2001 Birth Year is looking strong. Both Ryan Johnson and Cameron York, of California, are considered contenders for the USNTDP.
  - Across USA Hockey, working on a recruitment development calendar with College Hockey, Jr. Leagues, etc. May establish blackout dates so there are no conflicts to prohibit players from attending USA Hockey Player Development Camps.
  - For 2018, USA Hockey is looking at District Goaltender Camps. If this happens, may have district goalies fly into Pacific District Camp 1 or 2 days early to begin evaluation process.
  - With regard to USA Hockey’s Rule Changes, the Pacific District has asked for no 8U exemptions to be granted. Our District needs to show full support of the ADM. The Pacific District also supports the 9 Dot System and Face Off in the offensive zone following a penalty.
  - Talking within Player Development on the best approach to bring the National Office into Nevada. To kick it off, consider holding a High Performance or NARS Program with NHL Club Participation.
- **2016 14 Player Development Camp – Flint Doughtchak/Wayne Sawchuk**  
Electronic Presentation provided by Flint.
  - Purpose of the 14 Player Development Camp is to prepare the players for the National Camp selection process at 15, 16 & 17.
  - Felt the coaches that participated in the camp were pretty diverse.
  - Had a couple of goaltending coaches present.
  - Several Player Development Seminars.
  - The 2016 camp included the Pacific District’s first Coaching Internship Program, which is run by Wayne Sawchuk. There were 4 interns this year, one each from Arizona, Colorado, Oregon and Washington. Based on their participation, each received their Level 4 CEP. Program is designed for a younger coach. Camp is a 5-day camp, so the intern is split equally between 2 teams to be mentored by 2 different coaches. There is an application available that Wayne will send to the Affiliate Presidents. Looking to increase the number of interns for the 2017 14 Player Development Camp.
  - 2016 saw an added emphasis on the Off Ice component. Jordan James ran this part of the camp. 10 minute warm ups and 10 minute cool downs for each game. Need to do a better job of emphasizing a sporty lifestyle, not just jumping on and off the ice prior to events. Correlates to a large reduction in injuries, which had the camp trainers somewhat bored.
  - Introduced players to the college experience.
  - Held Player Evaluations based on camp performance. Used USA Hockey’s A – B – C rating system. Pacific District had the fewest number of C rated players.

- Conducted a post-camp survey with the players and the parents. Response rate was over 50% and highly favorable of the camp.
  - Goals for future 14 Player Development Camps include:
  - Extending the Coaching Internship Program
  - NCAA Coaches come to talk
  - Better communication to parents
  - Increase Pacific District Camp Staff Participation
  - Formalize a relationship with the USHL; WHL has great representation at this camp.
  - Financials presented electronically, reflecting the camp finished in the black.
  - Kris Knauss thanked Flint DOUNGCHAK and Wayne SAWCHUK for putting together an outstanding camp, letting everyone know that he has received great feedback on the 2016 camp.
- **2017 Player Development Camp – 15, 16 & 17 Year Olds – Kris Knauss**
    - Affiliate Allocations have been distributed via e.mail. At the 17 age level, held back a few extra At Large Allocations due to Player Movement.
    - Camp Dates are May 4-7, 2017 at Sharks Ice and San Jose Hilton.
    - Great scouting opportunity for participating players and scouts. One of the best player development camps held in the country.
    - Determine whether or not to have All Star Games at camp. Pacific District needs to do what is right for our district.
    - 2016 Camp significantly over budget. Believe this is due to a billing issue. Just learned of this yesterday, so working on determining the overage. 2017 Budget is waiting approval until we determine overage for 2016.

#### **High School Section - Steve Laing**

- USA Hockey High School Nationals is March 30 through April 3, 2017 in Cleveland, Ohio.
  - Pure Division – all team players come from one high school in their district.
  - Combined Division – allowed if the Pure Division is not available. Team Players are combined from multiple schools in a district with each school having a maximum of 4 players participating.
- The High School Showcase will be held April 20-24 in Pittsburgh, PA. Oregon and Alaska will each be sending their own pure team. California will have at least one pure team, possibly two. Nevada has 4 or 5 kids that would like to participate so they may possibly combine with California's second team.

#### **Referee Program**

##### **Eric Simmons, Alaska RIC**

- Alaska is seeing an improvement in number of officials. 2015.16 had 265 officials, and as of October 15, 2016, 265 were registered. At Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4, numbers are good.
- Just held a Level 1 Seminar and had 21 brand new officials. Seminar quality has improved and feeling very positive on how Alaska Officials are shaping up.

##### **Steve Stevens, Pacific District RIC**

- Steve feels equally positive about how the rest of the District is shaping up with officials. Hawaii is currently at 22, and Las Vegas' numbers are improving too. Recent Level 4 seminar in Las Vegas was well attended. Will hold four Level 4 seminars this year.
- Deadline for official cards is November 30 of each playing season. If an official's card expires and he/she fails to renew it, they cannot referee for the duration of the season and until they update their card.
- Steve is reminding referees of the Zero Tolerance policy that is supported by the Pacific District Board. The officials have to make the call on the offenders to help get the abuse out of the game. Our Directors will support this.
- The Girls Camp was very good, with 16 girls participating. San Diego Referee Association provided great support.

- From the May 2016 Referee meeting, it was determined that we needed to do referee conference calls within our district to enhance communication. We did our first one in August 2016 and it seemed to help with communication. We also developed a District wide Match Penalty Form for officials to use.
- If a referee gives a 601-F(1) Illegal Abuse of An Official, Steve Stevens (or Eric Simmons for Alaska) needs to know if it was upheld or not. In turn they will report this to Matt Leaf, USA Hockey's RIC.

#### **Request for Meeting Explanation & Transparency – Darryl Thompson**

- Due to the need of one of the Directors to depart the board meeting, Chairperson Kaufman requested Alaska Affiliate President Thompson to address the full board with a concern of his. Having become aware of the 4 Pacific District Directors having a private meeting yesterday, Darryl felt it necessary to inquire as to the purpose of the meeting and why the lack of transparency with the full board. The board was advised that the main purpose of the meeting was to welcome Steve Laing as a new director and answer his questions as to his role within the district. From this, further discussion ensued as to each director's role, to be further addressed under New Business. All four directors assured the full board that no Pacific District Board business was conducted in yesterday's meeting.

#### **Registrar's Report – Wendy Goldstein**

- A written report was sent out electronically. Numbers are up across the District:
  - Alaska – up 11%
  - California – up 12%
  - Hawaii – up 44%
  - Nevada – up 3%
  - Oregon – up 18%
  - Washington – up 14%
- With the District up overall by 13%. The numbers above include unclaimed members.
- Current emphasis for registrars is getting players claimed. They do not necessarily have to be on a roster, but should be claimed by an association.
- USA Hockey's Registry Portal System is a work in progress, ever evolving. One item of concern is that Associate Registrars are unaware when an association Drops a Player from a roster. Difficult to track this without notification.
- 2017 Election – 2 directors' seats are up for election – Donna Kaufman and Kris Knauss. If anyone is interested in running they should notify Wendy by December 31, 2016.
- Expense Reports need to be submitted timely, 2 to 4 weeks following a meeting date. There is a revised expense form that Wendy will send out to all.

#### **Risk Management – John Silberstein – No Report.**

#### **Safe Sport – Steve Laing**

- As of today's date, there is no known adverse Safe Sport activity within the District.
- California Safe Sport activity is down.
- Please tell your Safe Sport Administrators in your affiliates to please reach out to me with questions or if you need support.

#### **Tournaments – Donna Kaufman**

- Womens Senior B and C, February 24-26, 2017 in Santa Barbara, CA.  
Tournament Directors Donna Kaufman & Steve Laing
  - Womens Senior B – 2 CAHA teams. If both move forward to Nationals, no tournament necessary; if necessary will be a best of 3 series. Will find out in mid-winter.
  - Womens Senior C – 4 CAHA teams for 4 team, 7 game tournament format.

- Tier I & Tier II Girls, March 2-5, 2017 in Anaheim California  
Tournament Directors Donna Kaufman & Steve Laing
  - Tier I 14U – 2 CAHA teams – Best of 3 Series
  - Tier I 16U – 1 CAHA & 1 PNAHA teams – Best of 3 Series
  - Tier I 19U – 1 CAHA team – Direct Bye to Nationals, representing the Pacific District
  - Tier II 14U – 3 Alaska teams, 2 CAHA teams, 2 PNAHA teams for 7 team, 15 game tournament format; 2 brackets seeded
    - Alaska 2, CAHA 1, PNAHA 1 and
    - Alaska 1, CAHA 2, Alaska 3, PNAHA 2.
  - Tier II 16U – 3 Alaska teams, 2 CAHA teams for a 5 team, 11 game tournament format.
  - Tier II 19U – 1 Alaska team, 2 CAHA teams, 1 PNAHA team for a 4 team, 7 game tournament format.

Call to Question the approval of the 2017 Girls Tier I & Tier II and Womens Senior B & C District Tournaments as listed above. Motion moved by Darryl Thompson; seconded by Lester Sparks. Vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

- Tier I Youth – 14U & 18U, March 9-12, 2017 in Anchorage, Alaska  
Tournament Director Steve Laing
  - Tier I 14U – 1 Alaska, 7 CAHA applied; tournament to be 1 Alaska, 3 CAHA for 4 team, 7 game tournament format.
  - Tier I 18U – 1 Alaska, 4 CAHA applied; tournament to be 1 Alaska, 3 CAHA for 4 team, 7 game tournament format.
- Tier 1 Youth – 15Only & 16U, March 9-12, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada  
Tournament Directors Donna Kaufman & Kris Knauss
  - Tier I 15Only – 1 Alaska, 4 CAHA applied; tournament to be 1 Alaska, 3 CAHA for 4 team, 7 game tournament format.
  - Tier I 16U – 2 Alaska, 5 CAHA, 1 Nevada, 1 PNAHA applied; tournament to be 2 Alaska, 2 CAHA, 1 Nevada, 1 PNAHA (replaced by a CAHA team if PNAHA does not declare as Tier I), for a 6 team, 12 game tournament format.

Call to Question the approval of the 2017 Youth Tier I District Tournaments as listed above. Motion moved by Darryl Thompson; seconded by Lester Sparks. Vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

- Wendy Goldstein and Donna Kaufman working on updating of District Tournament packets to provide to host associations.
- Host completes the packet and returns it to Donna Kaufman.
- Donna Kaufman distributes the packet to Affiliate Presidents by January 1. Affiliate President's give qualifying teams the packet upon verification of qualification for District Tournament Play.
- District Tournament Team Fee is \$1,300 of which \$1,200 is given to Host Association and \$100 is maintained by the District to offset referee expenses associated with District Tournaments.
- New for 2017 – 18U Tier I – period will be 20 minutes in length followed by an ice clean between all periods.
- 18U Tier I & 16U Tier I will utilize a 4 man referee system.
- 15Only Tier I & 14U Tier I will utilize a 3 man referee system.



- 2017 National Tournament Guidebook should be available by mid-November. Pacific District follows the National Tournament Guidebook for District tournaments.
- 2018 District Tournament Application is available and will be provided to all Affiliate Presidents. It must be submitted by May 1, 2017 for consideration to host a 2018 Pacific District Tournament.

### Old Business

- Steve Laing is the contact for Pacific District Website Data.

### New Business

- On Friday, October 21, 2017 – the four directors of the Pacific District held a meeting for the purpose of welcoming new director, Steve Laing, and to discuss and clarify questions he had regarding his duties and responsibilities as a USA Hockey District Director.
- Additionally the directors discussed focus on the following areas within the Pacific District and assigned a director to each focus area:

Adult Hockey – Jon Gustafson	High School – Steve Laing
Bobby Freeland Grants – Jon Gustafson	Safe Sport – Steve Laing
Boys Player Development – Kris Knauss	Disabled Hockey – Steve Laing
Player Movement between Affiliates – Kris Knauss	Tournaments – Donna Kaufman
Girls Player Development – Steve Laing	Financial Fees – Donna Kaufman

- Furthermore, Discipline within each Affiliate was discussed with the Directors feeling there needed to be better communication between the Affiliates and the District Directors, to cross train so the Directors are aware of the issues within the Pacific District. With such, each Affiliate has been assigned a Director to work with:

Nevada – Jon Gustafson  
 California – Kris Knauss  
 PNAHA – Steve Laing  
 Alaska – Donna Kaufman

- Upon review of the Annual Guide for recommended staff, it was determined the District should establish
  - A High School Section staff person
  - Alaska CEP
  - Associate Risk Managers for Alaska, CAHA and PNAHA need to be determined.
- Finally, where are we and where do we want to be in USA Hockey?
  - National Councils – we have representation on the Junior, Youth & Legal Councils, but not on the Adult, International or Marketing. Do we want a presence on these?
  - Committees – we have no representation on Audit, Nominating or Playing Rules. We should look at that, especially Playing Rules and consider ways to pursue this.
  - Sections – presently we have representation in all Sections.

### Final Comments

- Wendy Goldstein – Invitational Tournament Fees charged by Affiliates. This is separate from the \$50 USA/\$75 Canadian fee that USA Hockey charges for Invitational Tournaments. Presently in the District, some affiliates charge a fee, some do not. Of the fee charged, there is no consistency. Do we wish to allow this practice to continue or not. After polling each Affiliate President, it was determined that no Affiliate fee would be allowed without first coming to the Pacific District Board for approval.
- Wendy Goldstein also thanked Steve Laing for making the arrangements for October 2016 District Board meeting.

- Darryl Thompson – reminding Affiliate Presidents of the February 10, 2017 Affiliate President’s dinner and to bring with them their recommendations for the 3 Anderson Awards – Administrative, Referee and Coach. They need to discuss this and determine who will be the recipients at the February District Meetings.
- Tom Hancock – no comments
- Greg Yochum
  - Las Vegas currently has one high school team participating in the Anaheim Ducks High School Hockey League. They also have one 14AA team, one 16AA team and one 16AAA team.
  - New Arena all set for New NHL team.
  - UNLV had ACHA Game with over 1,000 fans.
  - Alex Furk will serve as Nevada’s Goalie CIC.
  - Nevada started to reimburse new referees for their fees to get started. Have 6 new referees and more to come.
  - Promised Reno Ice that if they get hockey established we would conduct a coaching clinic for them.
- Dru Hammond – Getting caught up on her new role as PNAHA President.
- Lester Sparks
  - In Bend, OR in early November we are hosting a Level 1 CEP, Referee Clinic, USA Hockey ADM & GDC, Disabled Hockey Event. Trying to touch on all aspects of USA Hockey and what is available to our players.
  - Oregon Hockey is moving forward in a very positive manner.
- Donna Kaufman
  - Stated that Oregon Hockey has done an amazing amount of work in the last 12 months, congratulating them on bringing in new people to improve hockey in their state. Lester and all the people involved are doing an amazing job.
  - Tier I Hockey – Youth Council is meeting on Tier I hockey regularly to further define the landscape and how to interpret the membership numbers to determine the number of Tier I teams allowed at each age level within each affiliate. As more determinations are made, Donna will share within the District.
  - Gus Haugen Award Recipient needs to be determined at the February meeting. Award goes to individual with an overall involvement and work within the District.
- Flint DOUNGCHAK – Had an outstanding and amazing opportunity being the team leader with the 17U 5 Nations Tournament team this summer. Really want to thank each of you for your support of him in this role and tell you how honored he was to serve.
- Kris Knauss – In Lisa’s absence, reminding everyone to please take District Handbooks from the back of the room.

### **Future Meetings**

February 11, 2017 – Las Vegas, NV

District Directors and Affiliate President Dinner – Friday February 10, 2017

May 20, 2017 – Seattle, WA

Call to Question for adjournment of the meeting. Motion moved by Kris Knauss; seconded by Darryl Thompson. Vote was unanimous with no abstentions. Meeting adjourned.