



2020 USA Hockey
Pacific District Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday ~ September 29, 2020 ~ 7:00 pm AST
Zoom Video/Teleconference

Present

Darren Eliot
Wendy Goldstein
Jon Gustafson
Dru Hammond
Thomas Hancock
Kris Knauss
Steve Laing
Lisa McPheters
Wayne Sawchuk
Darryl Thompson

Not Present

Lester Sparks

Minutes

Purpose of the meeting is to look at changing the dates for the Girls District Tournament. Presently the dates are set for February 18-21, 2021

Steve Laing stated that the following weekend is the Youth Tier I District Championship. As the tournament director for the District, he did not give a second thought to both events being held on the same weekend. Reason being is that there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that most of you are likely not aware of. Additionally, this changes the officiating as to what officials are sent to which event. I feel that sufficient time was spent on this at the August 15th board meeting, and the dates were determined. We should not make a change for special interest groups, which is what we are doing now.

Is it doable to have the Youth and Girls District Tournament on the same weekend? Yes. But I feel that based on the amount of work that I put into it, I want to be at both events. I want them on separate weekends so I can run the events the way I am supposed to.

At the end of the day, I will do whatever the Affiliate Presidents and this Board feels is the best thing to do.

Darryl Thompson – Darryl moves to change the Girls District tournament from Feb 18-21, 2021 to Feb 25-28, 2021. Thomas Hancock seconds. Discussion ensued.

Thomas Hancock stated that he fielded the request from Kathy McGarrigle, who came to him and indicated that several other girls' programs didn't like the dates, that are at the end of President's Day weekend. Thomas apologized for reaching out directly to Affiliate Presidents, before reaching out to Steve Laing, but was fact finding to see if this was a legitimate concern throughout the District, and also checking with the host to see if the date change works. But once we determined it is a legitimate concern, we the board need to address. I do realize that it means that you won't be able to be at both events, Steve, but I believe that we as a board can man these events sufficiently if they are held on the same weekend.

Steve Laing said that he appreciates that but if we are having them on the same weekend, I'm not sure I want to do it. Yes, Wayne Sawchuk, Kris Knauss and Darryl Thompson can make this happen without me.

Darryl Thompson said that part of what Thomas Hancock wanted to know from me is whether it is logistically possible. And we can make this happen.

Thomas Hancock said hindsight is 20/20. Perhaps I should have went to Steve Laing first. But I didn't want to do that if my peers couldn't make any kind of accommodations.

Dru Hammond said that this issue has created a bit of a problem for Dru and PNAHA, as to communication with my affiliate. Truly appreciate all that Steve Laing does for the district tournaments and understand why you want to be there and taking on the ownership. This process stunk and has opened up a can of worms. I concur with Steve.

Jon Gustafson stated that this isn't a regular year. I don't feel that this has anything to do with Steve Laing and the job he does for the District or District Tournaments. We really need to look at this as what is best for our constituents. That should be our charge and mission to accomplish.

Darren Elliot asked for Steve Laing to enlighten him on the special interest group. Neither Steve nor Dru Hammond knew the name of the league.

Thomas Hancock stated that he really appreciates everything that Steve does. But I am an advocate for what these teams want to do. Probably not a good idea to have our tournament so close to President's Day.

Discussion concluded. Motion was voted on, with 6 yeas and 2 nays. Motion passed to change the dates of the Girls District Tournament to February 25-28, 2021.

Darryl Thompson moved to adjourn; Wayne Sawchuk seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.