



**2023 USA Hockey
Pacific District Board of Directors Meeting**

Sunday – October 22, 2023
9:00 am – 4:00 pm (PST)
JW Marriott Summerlin
Cataluna Room

Present

Darrin Campbell
Jody Carpenter
Flint DOUNGCHAK
Josh Ellis
Dan Ellison
Darren Eliot
Ben Frank
Thomas Hancock
Chris Hays
Kris Knauss
Lisa McPheters
Lester Sparks
Darryl Thompson
Rosemary Voulelikas
Matthew Zucker

Absent

John Beaulieu
Wendy Goldstein
Rick Hutchinson
Alex Morrison
John Silberstein
Rick Trupp

Guests

Anna Culley, Alaska Registrar USAH
Ken Martel, USA Hockey
Andy Potter, OSHA USAH
Mark Tabrum, USA Hockey

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Kris Knauss. Roll call was taken and guests were introduced.
- II. **Persons To Be Heard** – No persons to be heard.
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Kris Knauss requested approval of the agenda. Ben Frank motioned to approve; Wayne Sawchuk seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes, June 10, 2023 Board Meeting** – Thomas Hancock motioned to approve the June 10, 2023 board meeting minutes; Lester Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Chairman Report - Kris Knauss**

Player Development is meeting monthly. Moving for a set of guidance on best practices for affiliate and district camps. Player Development has heard and approved 6 affiliate waivers for 8U hockey. Mostly in New England. Must be 8 years old, full ice, 10 games max after MLK weekend. Not what they wanted, but a compromise. National camps done. 6 Pacific District players invited to the NTDP camp and strong showing at the 17U camp with our team. Good change with the new format of District teams. Pacific District team was very dominant, and 8 players received Hlinka team invites. Thanks to Mark Tabrum, National Camps were very organized. Pat Kelleher is chairing SafeSport for the NGBs. Large discussion in Congress on how to handle the NILs. Believe Congress is going to have to look at all amateur athletics and how the NILs affect them. USAH board meeting in 2 weeks – IT meeting to determine what direction we are going. We have not done a great job. Need to have a direction and fix it. IHF meeting, we were awarded the 18U's for the next round.

Youth Council is moving along. Joe Baudo has done a good job rewriting and updating the handbook. Working on constant communication between Girls Council and Youth Council. Steve Thompson is working on rolling out new process for Goaltending Development and education. Funding will be by each District.

- B. Financial Report - Chris Hays. – written report provided.
- C. Bobby Freeland Grants – Lester Sparks & Thomas Hancock – 11 applicants. To be discussed in February. After some discussion, Thomas Hancock motion to review and pay disabled grant requests now; Jody Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passes with Darryl Thompson abstaining.
- D. Registrar's Report – Wendy Goldstein – written report provided.
- E. District RIC Report – Dan Ellison – written report provided.
- F. Alaska RIC Report – Josh Ellis –written report provided.
- G. District CIC Report – Flint DOUNGCHAK – no written report provided.
- H. Alaska CIC Report – Rick Trupp – not present and no report provided.
- I. Disabled Section – Matt Zucker – sending a written report. (not received as of 2.2.2024)
- J. Risk Management – John Silberstein – not present and no report provided
- K. Affiliate Presidents' Reports

Alaska – Darryl Thompson. Nate Anderson has done a good job streamlining officiating. We are hosting all our Tier 1 programs this year, both youth and girls.

Oregon – Lester Sparks. Two rinks coming online. State games have been scheduled. Multiple teams at 14U and 16U this year. Oregon is growing, and associations are looking for grants to grow the 8U programs.

Nevada – Darren Elliott. Need more ice to continue to be able to grow. Affiliate meeting is set for Wednesday. We are hosting 16U & 18U Tier 1 Nationals in 2024.

California – Thomas Hancock. Rolled out Diversity & Inclusion mandatory training. Players are required to take the training, along with their parent, to be placed on a roster. Kelleher and Tromboli have committed to IT improvements that the training can be linked to the portal. Been a process to get this engaged. Board voted to eliminate CAHA's Tier 1 process. NHL program will be the only approved Tier 1 program. Goes into effect 2025/26 season.

Washington – Jody Carpenter. I can say that it has been an Interesting 4 months. Learning a lot. Look to improve the culture and player development in our state. Lots of clicks throughout our state. Katelyn Parker is phenomenal in her role. Trying to bring people together to work for the betterment of hockey. Player Development Camp – Flint is going to assist with coordination.

- L. USA Hockey Reports
 - a. Girls Section & Player Development – Alex Morrison, not present and no report
 - b. Youth Council – Kris Knauss looking forward to upcoming national tournaments, especially those within the Pacific District.
 - c. Legal Council – Darryl Thompson. Lots of subcommittees that are starting to get rolling.
 - d. SafeSport Report – John Beaulieu, not present and no report
 - e. High School Section – Rosemary Voulelikas. Unfortunately, meetings take place while I am working. There's a waiver submitted for high school girls. To have 2 post-graduate players participate at Nationals. Thomas Hancock moved to oppose waiver for post-graduates for high school nationals; Darryl Thompson seconded. Vote passed unanimously. All Affiliate declarations are in. Kris Knauss thanked Rosemary for sending out reminder to Affiliate Presidents.
 - f. Youth Player Development – Kris Knauss
 - 1. 2024 Boys Player Development Camp (May 9-12, 2024) in Las Vegas at City National Arena. They do an outstanding job for us.

- a. Affiliate Player Allocations sent out to everyone. Please keep in mind that they are private and not to be shared.
 - b. Fee increasing this year from \$650 and \$700 to \$700 (affiliate invitee) and \$750 (at large)
- 2. Western Regional High-Performance Camp – Wayne Sawchuk
June 10-15, with staff coming in the 9th. Fee increasing from \$835 to \$875 if necessary. Waiting to hear back from Colorado College. Had our first Player Development meeting yesterday and believe it was meaningful. Branding is a big deal. Need to see more of that. Celebratory event, congratulating players that they made it to this level. 14 Girls Camp to be held in Henderson. Will be a commuter camp. June 27-30th. Kris Knauss thanked the national office people and their support, time commitment. Really great having the affiliate player development personnel in the room and talk about each affiliates camp and process. Need to continue these discussions. Trying to get alignment throughout the district.
- 3. 2024 Goaltending Development Camp –Darin Campbell
55 goalies at national goalie camp in Colorado Springs. 11 from PD. 4 district people attended the girl’s camp. Goalie camp was held at Kraken Facility. They accommodate us well with our needs. 36 goalies this year. Boys side we aren’t inviting boys that make the WRHPC. Cost is \$540. Includes 4 ice time, off-ice, speakers. This year going to do a try goalie for free session, at 10 and under. August 2-4, 2024.
- M. District Tournament – Teams & Allocations – Wayne Sawchuk
Please see attached 2024 District Team Allocation pdf. District staffing will be as follows:
San Jose – Wayne Sawchuk, Thomas Hancock, Ben Frank, Dan Elliston, Kristen Wright, Wendy Goldstein.
Seattle – Kris Knauss, Jody Carpenter, Darryl Thompson, Josh Ellis, Lisa McPheters, Jeremy McCann.
Anchorage – Wayne Sawchuk, Kris Knauss, Darryl Thompson, Wendy Goldstein, Anna Culley, Lisa McPheters.

VI. New Business

- A. Women’s Leadership Summit Budget – Thomas Hancock motioned to approve; Darryl Thompson seconded. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- B. February 3, 2024 Board Meeting – Seattle, Washington – Kraken Community Iceplex.. Presidents and Directors dinner on Friday night. District dinner on Saturday.
- C. Winter Classic 2024 Event. Looking to have a youth 10U skating event. We are working on it.
- D. Youth Olympic Dinner Sponsorship. 15s going to South Korea. Train in San Jose prior to departure. Wayne is asking the Pacific District to host a dinner prior to their departure. Jody Carpenter motioned to host a dinner capping the expense at \$3500; Darren Eliot seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Meeting adjourned.