



**2025 USA Hockey
Pacific District Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday – June 5, 2025

6:00 am – 8:00 am (PST)

Denver Marriott Tech Center

Meeting Room – Larkspur

Present

Nicole Adams
Flint Doungchak
Darren Eliot
Josh Ellis
Dan Ellison
Wendy Goldstein
Thomas Hancock
Kris Knauss
Lisa McPheters
Alex Morrison
Andy Potter
Wayne Sawchuk
Darryl Thompson
Rosemary Voulelikas

Absent

Chris Hays
Rick Hutchinson
John Silberstein
Rick Trupp
Matt Zucker

Guests

Teresa Attebury
Anna Culley
Jeremy McCann
BJ Ringrose
Joe Bonnett
Ken Martel
Daniel Gomez
Candidates for Director at Large
Shawn Spencer
Mike McCollugh

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order** – Kris Knauss called the meeting to order at 5:59 am
- II. **Roll Call & Introductions** – Kris Knauss
- III. **Persons To Be Heard** – (5 minute limit) – Daniel Gomez addressed the board regarding his interest to be the next Pacific District Coach in Chief.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Kris Knauss asked for approval of the agenda. Thomas Hancock motioned to approve. Andy Potter seconded the motion. With no discussion, motion was approved with no abstentions.
- V. **Approval of February 7, 2025 Minutes** – Kris Knauss asked for approval of the February 7, 2025 Pacific District Board Meeting minutes. Thomas Hancock motioned to approve. Wayne Sawchuk seconded the motion. With no discussion, motion was approved with no abstentions.
- VI. **Reports**
 - A. **Chairman Report** - Kris Knauss. USA Hockey has had really good results in international play this year. Real gold star to what we all have been doing over the past 10 years. Everyone deserves credit. Going into the Olympics as a favorite. Affiliate budgets are solid this year. IT seems to be moving on the right track. Pretty good discussion on what the fee increase has done. Have set aside a reserve fund looking to build on. From World Juniors at St. Paul, funds to pay off the debt on our USA Hockey facility in Plymouth. So only maintenance headed into the future. Relationships between the volunteers and staff seems to be improving. USAH Dev League has been evolving. Will be rolling it out this morning at town hall. 18U Worlds in Dallas operated at a loss and we need to address that. IHF wants USA Hockey to oversee the 18U Worlds.
 - B. **Financial Report** – Chris Hays – not present.
 - C. **Registrar Report** – Wendy Goldstein – written report received. Numbers are up at least 2%. Portal available right after the 4th of July.

- D. **Bobby Freeland Report** - Thomas Hancock. Reconciliation completed. Application on website. Due in September and we will vote on at October meeting. Affiliate Presidents please get the word out to your people.
- E. **Risk Manager Report** – John Silberstein – not present. Feel free to call him with questions
- F. **RIC Reports** – Dan Ellison / Josh Ellis – written report received. Alaska implemented a mentor program and are encouraging it be adopted and utilized.
- G. **CIC Reports** – Flint Doughtchak / Rick Trupp – not present. Written Report received from Flint.
- H. **Disabled Report** – Matthew Zucker – not present.
- I. **Affiliate Presidents' Reports**
 - ASHA – Darryl Thompson** – written report received. ASHA will be hosting the 2026 Girls Pacific District Tournament, Tier I and Tier II for 14U, 16U and 19U. Tournament host is Team Alaska, Carol Hammingh will serve as Tournament Director. Matt Thompson will be continuing as director of Team Alaska, and our coaching staff is solidified. The ASHA Hall of Fame event will be September 7, 2025. Great class of inductees. We had two girls teams advance to high school nationals, one hosted by AHA (Anchorage Hockey Association) and one hosted by HCF (Hockey Club Fairbanks). Boys High School Hockey in Alaska is not USA Hockey, but Federation Hockey. Trying to change the structure of our board; it was once again denied.
 - OSHA – Andy Potter** – written report received. New treasurer coming in. VP re-elected. Next board meeting is Monday June 16th and we will finalize all our dates. Target doing our girls camp the same weekend as Alaska. Highlight was a 16U Tier II 1A national title.
 - NAHA – Darren Elliot** – written report received. NAHA annual board meeting will be June 14, 2025. We hosted Boys 18U Tier 1 Nationals in April 2025. We also hosted both the Girls and Boys Player Development Camps in May 2025.
 - PNAHA – Nicole Adams**. We are having the same Tier 1 discussions that everyone else is having. June is our guidebook revision.
 - CAHA – Thomas Hancock** – Tryouts start this coming weekend. Implemented districting based on geographics. Effects all hockey in CAHA. A work in progress.
- J. **District Championships** – Wayne Sawchuk
 - a. **2025 Results** – Las Vegas hosted the Girls Tournament. Thank you to Darren Elliot, Andrew Stewart and Wally LaCroix for being outstanding hosts. Six different associations/clubs were crowned as champions. The following weekend we were in Anaheim. Thank you to Bridget Hopkinson and Caroline Marchant for all that they did and do to make the event successful. We need to do a better job on expressing District expectations to our hosts. Looking forward to Alaska for the girls in 2026 and then to San Jose for the Youth.
- K. **USA Hockey Reports**
 - a. **Youth Council** – Kris Knauss – Not a lot to report. Likely to see changes to the National Tournament handbook.
 - b. **Adult Council** – Tom Hancock – current numbers 24,000 men; 2400 women. National championships – discussion on movement. Not going to happen. 7 adult classes that run from March through June.
 - c. **Legal Council & Safesport Issues** – Darryl Thompson. Litigation out of Fairbanks Alaska. HCF got involved. Injury was serious. Sueing the borough. Borough has been difficult in dealing with the local program. Is it a SafeSport issue or is it handled by discipline committee. Lawsuit asking for \$750,000. SafeSport events are subject to discipline. We need to be in the loop.
 - d. **High School Section** – Rosemary Voulelikas – written report received. Really happy that we also had representation from Washington. Pacific District teams did really well. I was part of the directors working nationals and really enjoyed it.
 - e. **Player Development** – Kris Knauss. Meeting later today. Going to talk about Tier II hockey today. From a national camp standpoint, all invites have been sent. Flint working 17 Camp.
 - 1. **District Goaltending Development Camp & Budget** – Andy Potter – written report provided.
 - 2. **Western Regional High-Performance Camp & Budget** – Wayne Sawchuk Camp starts on Sunday. USA Hockey TV will stream this year. Practices will be free, games will have a cost to parents. Hybrid of the bio-banding.

3. Ken Martel. Coach development in Alaska. Kings sponsored the level 1 coaching and referring program this spring to any interested participants. Ducks are going to do an internal program for their coaches this August.
 4. 2025 Boys Player Development Camp – Kris Knauss. Success in Las Vegas this past month. Great turn out by Division 1 coaches willing to come and evaluate. Several affiliate presidents were present. The level of hockey has gotten stronger, meaning the evaluators have to work harder. Caliber of player has risen. 190 Major junior NCAA commitments. Something to be mindful of.
 5. 2025 Girls Player Development Camps – Alex Morrison. Girls’ Council working on some subcommittee stuff. Looking at active body contact at the older ages. Colleges looking at allowing this so we need to be mindful.
 Player Development Camp – changes nationally. 18U National Festival has changed from 4 teams to 46 players. Increased 16/17 from 8 to 16 teams. I am going to be a camp director at 16/17 camp in Ohio. Received one extra allocations at 16/17, and 15s. Camp went really well. 12 NCAA coaches there. Good feedback from parents. Would like to have the camp slightly earlier so don’t have to deal with coaches/blackout period. Girls High Performance Camp will be taking place later this month. 8 teams. Coaching learning opportunity. Working with the referees as well.
- L. 2025/26 USA Hockey Pacific District Dates of Interest
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| a. June 8-14, 2025 | Western Region HPC – Colorado Springs, CO |
| b. June 19-22, 2025 | Girls 14U Multi-District Development Camp – Henderson, NV |
| c. August 1-3, 2025 | Pacific District Goaltending Camp – Seattle, WA |
| d. October 18, 2025 | USA Hockey Pacific District Board Meeting – Las Vegas, NV |
| e. November 13-15, 2025 | Fall Board Meeting, USA Hockey – Tampa, FL |
| f. January 15-19, 2026 | USA Hockey Mid-Winter Meeting – Nashville, TN |
| g. February 6, 2026 | USA Hockey Pacific District Board Meeting – LAX Marriott |
| h. February 19-22, 2026 | USA Hockey Pacific District Championships (Girls TI & TII) – Anchorage, Alaska |
| i. February 26-
March 1, 2026 | USA Hockey Pacific District Championships (Youth TI) – San Jose, CA |
| j. TBD, 2026 | USA Hockey Pacific District Girls Player Dev Camp – Las Vegas, Nevada |
| k. May 14-17, 2026 | USA Hockey Pacific District Boys Player Dev Camp – Las Vegas, Nevada |
| l. June 2026 | Pacific District Board Meeting – Denver, CO |

VII. New Business

- A. High School Section Election. Rosemary Voulelikas agreed to another 3 year term. Thomas Hancock motioned to elect Rosemary Voulelikas as High School Section Representative, term expiring June 2028; Alex Morrison seconded the motion. It was stated that Rosemary does an outstanding job, is a workhorse and she speaks up on behalf of Pacific District. Motion approved with no abstentions.
- B. Increase in District Tournament Fee. Wayne Sawchuck motioned for Pacific District Tournament Fees to increase in 2026 by \$150 to \$3,000. Increase in 2028 an additional \$150 to \$3150.00. Andy Potter seconded the motion. With minimal discussion, motion approved with no abstentions.
- C. Voting Members Zoom Meeting Scheduled for June 10, 2025 at 8:00 am PST.

VIII. Adjournment. At 7:45 am, Thomas Hancock motioned to adjourn the meeting; Wayne Sawchuk seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.