



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

Saturday – October 18, 2025

9:00 am (PST)

City National Arena – VIP B Room (upstairs outside restaurant)

Present

Teresa Attebury
Jody Carpenter
Debbie Didzerekis
Flint DOUNGCHAK
Darren Eliot
Josh Ellis
Dan Ellison
Wendy Goldstein
Thomas Hancock
Chris Hays
Rick Hutchinson
Lisa McPheters
Alex Morrison
Andy Potter
Wayne Sawchuk
Darryl Thompson
Rosemary Voulelikas
Matt Zucker

Absent

John Silberstein
Rick Trupp

Guests

BJ Ringrose, Manager of Youth
Officiating Development, USAH
Chad Smith

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Wayne Sawchuk called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
- II. **Roll Call & Introductions** – Wayne Sawchuk asked to go around the table for introductions.
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Wayne Sawchuk asked for approval of the agenda. Thomas Hancock motioned to approve; Darryl Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed, no abstentions.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes, June 5, 2025 Board Meeting** – Andy Potter motioned to approve the June 5, 2025 board meeting minutes; Lisa McPheters seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- V. **Approval of Minutes from June 10, 13, July 10, 24 Zoom Board Meetings** – Thomas Hancock motioned to approve the Summer 2025 Zoom Board Meeting Minutes; Jody Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passes with no abstentions.
- VI. **Persons To Be Heard** – 5-minute limit
 - a. **Chad Smith** – Disabled Representative Candidate. Chad presented on why he would like to be in the role of the Pacific District Disable Representative, when Matt Zucker steps down.
- VII. **District Reports**
 - A. **Disabled Section** – Matt Zucker. Matt discussed he needs to step down from his role as Disabled Section Representative. Thomas Hancock thanked Matt for his

contribution and leadership. Thomas Hancock motioned to appoint Chad Smith upon receipt of Matt's resignation; Jody Carpenter seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passes with no abstentions.

- B. Chairman Report – Wayne Sawchuk – Scott Gomez in USA Hockey Hall of Fame. Frozen Four will be here in Vegas in 2026. Has started a Directors meeting to connect once a month to share information and be on the same page.
- C. Financial Report - Chris Hays/Lisa McPheters. Financial documents provided.
- D. Bobby Freeland Grants – Thomas Hancock - Two applications received and sent out to the board to review. Southern California Disabled Sled Hockey and Fresno Youth Hockey Club. Both deserving. Darryl Thompson motions to approve \$2500 grant to each; Jody Carpenter seconds. Motion passes with no abstentions.
- E. Registrar's Report – Wendy Goldstein – written report received.
- F. District RIC Report – Dan Ellison – written report received.
- G. Alaska RIC Report – Josh Ellis – written report received.
BJ Ringrose– Officiating Symposium in Washington DC. 150 officials come in. Breakdown of what we expect mentors to do, what they can do. Expectations for managing benches and activity on the ice. 2026 Level 5 CIC and Officiating Symposium together. Took on a position with the IHF.
- H. District CIC Report – Flint Dounghak – written report received.
- I. Alaska CIC Report – Rick Trupp – not present and no report.
- J. Risk Management – John Silberstein – not present and no report.
- K. Website – Lisa McPheters – written report received.
- L. Pacific District Handbook – Lisa McPheters
 - 1. Personal Address – asked to be able to remove these from the guidebook. Board agreed they are not necessary.
 - 2. Coaching Education Program – to update, will put a link to CEP information in the annual guide.
 - 3. Print or not to Print – Board would like a printed copy for each board member.
- M. Affiliate Presidents' Reports
 - Alaska – Darryl Thompson.** Using Game Sheets statewide. Kudos to Jason Beech, ASHA's Web guy and technical support person. USAH site visit, audit. Conflict of Interest does not prohibit to participate; just means you must be judicious in what you vote on etc. Girls' Womens council wants all Tier II teams to participate at Districts. Seeding at younger ages is working well.
 - California – Thomas Hancock.** ABI training continues. Working to expand on it. Online modules. Think parents are taking them for the kids. Need to have actual discussions with the players and between peers. Last year announced we are reducing the Tier 1 teams. Legal challenges, which we are weathering well. Part of this is Districting, where you can or cannot play. Promoting community-based hockey. Implementing some additional requires. Always a lot of work. CAHA people here work extremely hard, thank you.
 - Nevada – Darren Eliot.** Busy, people like to come to Vegas for hockey. New girls program tied to the Henderson Silver Knights. A monthly event. 62 girls signed up. Couple hours, a jersey, food, and get to go to a Silver Knights game as well. Competition committee set up.
 - Oregon – Andy Potter.** USA Hockey audit. Want us to eliminate using debit card and use a credit card. 3rd party arbitrator – let a player go. Might consider implementing bullying training. First every official coaching symposium. Well attended. Putting checking back into the training.
 - Washington – Jody Carpenter.** First ever High School tournament Feb. 20-22, 2026 in Tacoma. Our Girls Camp will be Dec. 19-21. Sno-Kings in Snoqualmie. Alex will be there

with Katelyn. Boys Camp March 7-8 & March 15-16 in Tacoma. Darin Campbell is state GDC. Marty Ruben put together a development camp. Barry Smith came out. Incredible guy and wealth of information. Some new rinks coming. Kraken may put some in, talks happening. Helped with a presentation to Spokane Valley City Council. City donating the land, investor putting up \$44 million. We have a 10U problem. HPL is promoting full ice for 10U, picking off our high-end players. We must figure out the best way to fix this.

N. District Tournament – Teams & Allocations – Wayne Sawchuk.

Wayne Sawchuk said at 130 Tier 1 have a 4-team tournament; Darryl Thompson motions to approve; Andy Potter seconds the motion. Discussion ensued that there will be some heartburn for CAHA. Motion passed with California voting no.

14, 15, 16 Tier 1 – each a 6-team tournament. Thomas Hancock motioned to approve; Darryl Thompson seconded. 1 AK, 3 CAHA, 1 NV, 1 PNAHA. Motion passes with no abstentions.

18U Tier 1 – 4 team tournament to include 1 AK, SJ (Host) + 1 CAHA, 1 PNAHA. Lisa McPheters motioned to approve; Andy Potter seconded. No discussion. Motion passes with no abstentions.

Girls 14U T1 – 4 team tournament, 1 AK, 2CAHA, 1 PNAHA. Jody Carpenter motioned to approve; Darryl Thompson seconded. No discussion. Motion passes with no abstention.

16U T1 – 4 team tournament, 1 AK, 2 CAHA, 1 PNAHA. Jody Carpenter motioned to approve; Darryl Thompson seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passes with a No vote from CAHA.

19U T1 – 2 teams play in the District Tournament at CAHA State tournament. Darryl Thompson motioned to approve; Jody Carpenter seconded. Discussion ensued. Board is not interested in setting a precedent. Alex Morrison will be the District Director present. Motion passes with no abstentions.

14U TII – 8 team tournament with 3 AK; 2 CA, 2 NV, 1 PNAHA. Jody Carpenter motioned to approve; Lisa McPheters seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion passes with a No vote from ASHA.

16U TII – 6 team tournament, 3 AK; 2 CA, 1 NV. Jody Carpenter motions to approve; Darryl Thompson seconds. Discussion ensued. Motion passes with no abstentions.

19U TII – 4 team tournament, 2 AK; 1 CA; 1 PNAHA. Jody Carpenter motions to approve; Lisa McPheters seconded. Motion passes.

VII. USA Hockey Reports

- A. Adult Council – Tom Hancock. The Pond Hockey Classic is set for January 29 – Feb 1, 2026 in Wisconsin. Registration is still open. USA Hockey Classic – 2 of 6 are Pacific District sites. In Anchorage, Alaska at Kelly Connect and in Las Vegas at City National Arena. Alaska is the largest of the Classics. CAHA has petitioned to have Irvine as another site. Adult Nationals are in Coral Springs – Mens is April 9-12; Womens is April 16-19. Heavily sponsored.
- B. Youth Council – Tom Hancock. Have only had two meetings. No real substance. Rebounding Tier 1 and NDL changed to USA Hockey Development League. Trying to get language ready for USA Hockey Winter Meeting.
- C. Legal Council – Darryl Thompson. One meeting, time difference is a challenge.
- D. SafeSport Report – Darryl Thompson. Cautionary tale. Focus is on people not reporting. Better off saying something.
- E. High School Section – Rosemary Voulelikas. No meetings since Annual Congress. Rosemary asked the Affiliate President's if they have completed their declaration form. Which then gets reviewed by High School Chairperson, then Rosemary gets it. So at this point in time

she's in the dark. Thomas Hancock, Jody Carpenter, Darren Eliot have. Darryl Thompson had not. Andy Potter has no High School teams.

- F. Membership Report – Rick Hutchison. Written Report. Need to work with each affiliate president on the strategic growth plan.
- G. Player Safety Report – Andy Potter. Written report. Monthly zoom call with Margarucci. Plea to collect concussion information from the district. Pushing for legislation to modify the rule to recommend not require medical support for all USA Hockey sanctioned tournaments. Neck Laceration. Next will be a HEC approved guard.
- H. Player Development
 - 1. Boys Player Development Camp – Lisa McPheters
 - a. 2026 Camp Dates & Location – 15, 16, 17 Camp will be held May 14-17 at City National Arena in Las Vegas. Will be working with the Red Rock Resort Casino & Spa as well.
 - b. Affiliate Player Allocations. The allocation document was sent to all Affiliate Presidents. Includes 14 age group as well. Affiliate Presidents need to advise their Player Development people.
 - 2. Western Regional High-Performance Camp – Wayne Sawchuk
 - a. 2026 Camp Dates & Location. At Colorado College, June 8-12 for players. Staff is in on June 7th. Fee will be raised \$50 from \$895 to \$945. USA Hockey's Player Development Committee is asking how do we do best practices at the camp. What can we do to keep it the same across all Districts.
 - 3. Goaltending Development Camp – Andy Potter
 - a. 2025 Goaltending Development Camp Recap. We had four individuals from Rocky Mountain District came to audit our camp. Maybe every 5 years do a Multi-District Camp, perhaps start this with next year's camp. ASHA is awesome with sending coaches, paying for their airfare.
 - b. 2026 Dates & Location. Looking at Vegas. Multi District or not. August 7-9. Or July 31, Aug 1, 2.
 - 4. Girls Player Development – Alex Morrison
 - a. June 2025 14's Camp Recap. Multi Girls HPC in Henderson. 58 from our District. 136 kids total. Growing in interest from families. In conjunction with the Jamie Hill Officiating Camp. Kristen Saggert came in for education. Stronger coaches came in as well. Headed the right direction
 - b. 2026 Camp Dates & Location. Looking to figure out where we do it. June 18-21. Working with the rinks and the hotels. Rocky Mountain does all the accounting. Pacific District 15, 16, 17 slated for May 7-10, in Las Vegas. Player Allocations will be out in a week or so.
- I. Girls Council – Alex Morrison. Nationally were we fair. We as a district wanted to kick back a couple 15 spots. USA Hockey did not allow this. Last 3 were graded D. Three Pacific District Players were on the 18 team that played against Canada. One of the kids I coached since she was 8. All three kids are really doing well. We had four A grades, only 2 C grades. Feel we are doing a good job selecting players moving forward. Meetings for girls council are very random. In person meetings are always great. Trying to work out something with the PWHL. Hopefully next year.

IX. New Business

- A. Secretary Position. Jody Carpenter nominates Teresa Attebery. Thomas Hancock seconds. Discussion ensued. Darryl Thompson asked Teresa if she is willing and she said yes. Motion passed, no abstentions.

- B. Treasurer Position and Transition. Thomas Hancock nominates Debbie Diezierkas. Alex Morrison seconds the motion. Discussion ensues. Darryl Thompson asked Debbie if she's interested. Debbie said she is. Motion passed, no abstentions.
- C. CIC Discussion – Andy Potter would like to be the District CIC. Wayne Sawchuk has had some discussion with Mac at USA Hockey and it is currently being worked upon.
- D. February 6, 2026 Board Meeting – Irvine, California. Meeting will start at 12:00 noon. Thomas Hancock will make hotel arrangements at the AC Marriott in Irvine. Send your hotel needs to Teresa.
- X. Adjournment – Andy Potter motioned to adjourn; Alex Morrison seconded. Meeting adjourned.