

July 9, 2016 Oregon State Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Oregon State Hockey Association was held on July 9, 2016 at 9:06 a.m. at Collier Community Ice Rink, Klamath Falls, OR. The President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Roll Call:

Board Members:

OSHA President: Lester Sparks
OSHA Vice President: Ken Evans
OSHA Treasurer: Kara Minchin
OSHA Secretary: Sue Fthenakis
Bend Ice: (absent)
Klamath Ice Sports: Wendy Heaton
Lane Amateur Hockey Association: Brad Tye
Portland Junior Hawks: (absent)
Rogue Valley Hockey Association: Jeff Lillman
Winterhawks Amateur Hockey Association: (absent)
Hockey Oregon LLC (REHL): Kevin Chambers
Sherwood Ice Arena Adult League: (absent)
Winterhawks Skating Center: (absent)

Non-Voting Members

Referee in Chief: Erik Freeman attending for Erik Nyberg

Committee Chairpersons:

Audit Committee: (absent)
Disabled Hockey: (absent)
Goaltending: (absent)
Player Development: (absent)
Safe Sport Coordinator: (absent)

Members of the USA Hockey Oversight Committee:

Steve Laing

Reports: Officers

President Report: Lester Sparks

- (see President's Report to be attached in a later draft)
- Lester went to the National Conference: USAH set a record for overall registrations. The Pacific District overall had growth. Oregon was down at the 8U level where USA Hockey measures growth.
- We received the final payment of last year's block grant and the first installment for this year.
- **Jeff moved that OSHA will purchase 2 sets of Total Goalie QuickChange Equipment for each of the Youth Member Associations in Oregon. Motion carried. No abstentions.**
- At the USA Hockey National President's Meeting assaults on officials was a topic of discussion since the number of incidents is escalating nationally. As a state we have also seen a spike in these incidents related to abuse of officials as well (mostly from our adult programs). As discussed at the last meeting we are losing officials to the point of having a shortage due to this problem. USA Hockey is looking at ways to reduce this at the national level.

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Vice President's Report

- Ken Evans and Lester Sparks will be meeting soon to hand over to Ken Evans the responsibilities for VP and Discipline Chairperson .

Treasurer's Report: Kara Minchin

- (see Treasurer's Report attached)

Secretary's Report: Sue Fthenakis

- (see Secretary's Report attached)

Referee in Chief Report: Erik Freeman

- (see Referee's Report attached)
- **Erik Nyberg needs to receive the names of each Discipline Committee Chair for each Member Association by August 1, 2016.**

Reports Standing Committees:

Audit: Flint DOUNGCHAK

- Nothing new to report

Discipline: Lester Sparks

- Just settled one Match Penalty. One more is on the docket. All other Match Penalties have been settled. All are at the Adult level. **Lester Sparks will be following up with this association to find a way to reduce the number of Match Penalties.**

Membership Committee Report: Sue Fthenakis

- (see Membership Report attached)

Nominating Committee Report: Wendy Heaton

- (see Nominating Committee Report attached)

Reports Appointed Committees

American Developmental Model Report: Lester Sparks

- The big event November 5, 2016 in Bend will have an ADM program, a Coaches program, a Goaltending program, a referee program and a Adult program with several USA Hockey National representatives participating at the event. **Lester Sparks highly encourages all Member Associations to send as many participants as possible to this special event.**
- ADM is working. We are seeing players who grew up in ADM getting drafted at the national level now and other countries are starting to look at the ADM model.

Coaching Education Program

- **Ken Evans moved to appoint Andy Potter as the Coach In Chief. Motion carried. No abstentions.**

Disabled Report: Kellie Hays

- (see Disabled Report attached)

Goaltending Development: Nore Berggren

- (see Goaltending Development Report attached)
- **Lester Sparks asked everyone to help identify goaltending coordinators for their youth Member Associations**

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Player Development: Paul Doherty

- Paul Doherty's primary job will be Oregon Select Camp for the Development Team. He will also be working with Nore Berggren to formulate a plan for player development within the state.

High School: Lester Sparks

- **Lester Sparks asked for nominations to chair this committee.**
- **Lester asked for projections for numbers of High School teams in each Member Association.**
- **Lester asked Member Associations to consider whether we should continue with High School programs as they are now, or move towards growing to Tier programs in each association.**

SafeSport Report: Andy Potter

- (see SafeSport Report attached)
- **Lester Sparks is looking for nominations for an Associate SafeSport Chairperson to work with Andy Potter this year and the over the full Chairmanship next year.**

Website:

- Ken Evans expects to have the website updated in a week.
- **Lester Sparks asked Member Associations to identify a person within their organization to regularly send content from their associations to the state website.**

Old Business:

- Adult Hockey: **Lester Sparks would like to see an Adult Committee formed and asked for nominations for a Chairperson.**
- Oversight Committee: The National Committee was very pleased with the Progress OSHA has made. The current focus is on finishing the update of the Bylaws.
- National/Pacific District News: (a more complete report from Steve Laing is attached below)
 - Pacific District is growing and is now 4th in terms of overall membership among national districts.
 - USA Hockey has discontinued the age classification names (Mites, Squirts, Peewees, etc.) and now will be using age number classifications (6U, 8U, 10U etc.)
 - Pacific District meetings will be held in locations all over the district in the future including a meeting in Oregon at some point.
 - Club Excellence: A web-based site will be a great way to disseminate information out to Member Associations.

New Business:

- Bylaw Review: **Ken Evans moved to approve the revisions to the Bylaws as amended. Motion carried. No abstentions.**
- Budget: **Kara Minchin requested submissions to her of projected budget items to be considered for discussion at the next meeting for the upcoming budget.**
- Rose City: The Rose City Hockey team is planning to put in an application to be a new Member Association.
- Tournament Schedule: Lester Sparks reviewed the process for applying to hold a tournament. **Lester Sparks asked that all member Association submit a list of their planned tournament(s) to him by July 16, 2016.**

Association News and Reports:

- (see Member Association Reports attached)

Next Meeting:

- October 15, 2016, Eugene, OR (exact location and time to be determined)

Meeting Adjourned:

Ken Evans moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

President's Report

Lester Sparks

USA HOCKEY, INC.
2016 ANNUAL CONGRESS
AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS
2015-16 Season
MINUTES (of Record)

ATTENDANCE

Present: George Atkinson, Meeting Chairperson (Michigan), Greg Johnson (Alaska), John Dunne (AHAI), Tim Reckell (Arizona), Tom Hancock (California), Kevin Universal (Carolina), Randy Kanai (Colorado), Jarry Rasmussen (Connecticut), John Heinrich (Idaho), Steven Thompson (LOEHA), Mike Keaney (Maine), John Tobin (Massachusetts), Paul Day (Mid-American), Shawn Spencer (Mid-West), Dave Margenau (Minnesota), Larry Boyd (Missouri), Traver McLeod (Montana), Greg Yochum (Nevada), Paul Comeau (New Hampshire), Joe Baudo (New York), Greg Evenson (North Dakota), Lester Sparks (Oregon), Gordon Brown (Pacific NW), Linda Jondo (Potomac Valley), Robert Larence (Rhode Island), John Cox (Southern), Jeff Wood (Florida), Reggie Hall (Texas), Kathleen Smith (Utah), Mike Hickey (Vermont), Don Mulder (Wisconsin)

Absent: Darryl Thompson (Alaska), Glenn Hefferan (Atlantic), Dan French (South Dakota), John Cioffi (Vermont), Chad Vail (Wyoming)

Guests: Rae Briggie, Ron DeGregorio, Kevin Erlenbach, Dennis Green, Casey Jorgensen, Pat Kelleher, Dave Klasnick, Dave LaBuda, Phil Osaer, Kathy Santora, Jim Smith

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

George Atkinson, Chairperson of the meeting and Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Affiliate President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and self-introductions were made.

2016 WINTER MEETING MINUTES

George advised that the minutes from the 2016 Winter Meeting were previously approved by email and a final copy was included in the agenda packet.

BLOCK GRANT & MEMBERSHIP REPORT UPDATE

Pat Kelleher distributed the funds to the affiliates as part of the Block Grant. Jim Smith congratulated and thanked the affiliates on the good job they are all doing in using the Block Grant to support new programs and initiatives.

Rae Briggie reviewed the registration report that was included in everyone's Congress packets and thanked all the affiliates for another successful year. The registration numbers are good and it is exciting to have an increase. This is the third year of the USA Hockey portal system and the 12th year of the online registration process which continues to be a success. On April 1 the new season opened and everything is going well with over 100,000 people registered for the 2016-17 season. So many NGB's do not have an online registration process so USA Hockey is pretty fortunate to have such a successful process.

Rae had previously checked with all the affiliates on the ACH transfer of affiliate fees and there has been one transfer done already for 2016-17 season. If affiliates have any changes in the distributions or email contact that changes they should notify her with this information. Rae reminded the affiliates of the check digit for the 2016-17 season which is the fourth number on the confirmation page and will be the number 7.

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She also encouraged the affiliates to have volunteers who are not on-ice to register online as a volunteer/manager for no fee as the confirmation number does allow them to take SafeSport.

Pat Kelleher recapped the 8 & under report indicating that the 2015-16 season represented the largest total number of players at the 8 & under level in USA Hockey history. At the 9-14 age levels we continue to grow with a 1.2% increase from last season. A total of 26,234 kids participated in the Try Hockey for Free events at 813 host sites. Information on the 2 and 2 Challenge was distributed to the affiliates. There were 324 associations that completed the 2 and 2 Challenge in 2015-16; goals for 2016-17 include 500 associations accepting the 2 and 2 Challenge, 850 Try Hockey for Free host locations with 25,500 kids trying hockey for the first time and achieving the largest total of 8 & under youth players (112,843).

YOUTH COUNCIL & LEGISLATION UPDATE

Dave Klasnick and Dennis Green reported on the Youth Council legislative proposals. Dave indicated that the Youth Council did form sub-committees to formalize the proposals. During the congress the Youth Council has been reviewing the information from the sub-committees and discussed proposed amendments to the legislative proposals for Flex Hockey and Tier I criteria.

Dennis Green explained the Flex Hockey proposal indicating this is a program designed for a player who is involved either one day a week or one day a month and keeps them involved in the game. It allows for the affiliate to build a system that works for the affiliate and allows the player to be involved at a lessened pace. The coaching section would build a special system of requirements for coaches that participate at this level and possibly not even call them coaches but just have adult supervision in place to monitor the session.

Dave Klasnick indicated that additional information on the proposed amendments for Flex Hockey would be available at the next Youth Council session and prior to the board meeting. Dave Margenau explained the program in Minnesota and how it is run at a league level.

Dave Klasnick asked the affiliates for any additional feedback on the Flex Hockey or Tier I proposals to take back to the Youth Council in order to formulate the amendments for the board meeting. He also thanked those that did provide information previously.

CLUB EXCELLENCE

Kevin Erlenbach provided an update on Club Excellence indicating that a soft launch of the program will be coming soon. This is a way to guide local association through tasks and provides specific resources for the associations. Kevin indicated that he is working with all the affiliates to have a registration link available for each affiliate to send out invites to the association to join the unique platform. It is important to get associations involved and use this as a communication tool. Kevin asked each affiliate to send him the contact information for the person who handles the communication within the affiliate so he and his staff could work with that individual on this platform. Timing on start dates as well as online training and webinars will be coming very soon.

8U EXCEPTION RECAP

George Atkinson reported on the 8U exceptions. All 34 affiliates have submitted information. Twenty-six affiliates are no longer having exceptions and two of the eight that remain are primarily dealing with Canadian border issues. In summary, all the affiliates have made progress to the goal of moving forward with no exceptions.

John Tobin asked if the affiliate is no longer asking for exceptions are they actually enforcing cross ice hockey in the affiliate and if you find a group not following this has there been discipline handed down. A few affiliates (Montana, Michigan, Texas and Wisconsin) responded and in most cases there has been no violation. In Texas, there were two incidents and the clubs were both fined and disciplined. In Wisconsin, they put penalties in place for the club and association such as not sanctioning invitational tournaments.

GOALTENDING PROGRAM UPDATE

Phil Osaer thanked all the affiliates for their time and providing feedback on the emails that he has been sending regarding the program. He provided an update on the ordering of the Quick Change Pads. These

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pads do last much longer than traditional pads and he anticipates that affiliates will get many years of use from this purchase. Phil indicated that this year only 24 inch pads are available and next year they will offer 24 and 22 inch. July 15 is the cut-off date to order and this is a firm date; delivery is anticipated by mid-November.

Phil provided an update on the Goaltending Development Coordinator position; with 20 of the 34 affiliates currently participating. Additional discussion was held on the funding of this position and selection of the coordinator. Ron DeGregorio explained the funding of the position. The funds in the foundation for the Goaltending Development Program will be for the training piece and support elements. The affiliate has been asked to provide in their budget \$5,000 for the position; it was suggested that \$2,500 is used for expenses and other \$2,500 as a stipend. Ron also explained that the \$5,000 from the affiliate can be used as approved by the affiliate to cover the approved expenses and how they see fit for the program. The affiliate provides three nominations for the position and then these are reviewed by the goaltending committee to select the coordinator for the affiliate. The coordinator is appointed for a 5 year term. This year the coordinators attended the Warren Strelow National Goalie Program in Plymouth and next year they will most likely attend a district camp. The idea is to change up the program each year so the coordinators will understand all the various programs. The coordinators will also receive additional training and monthly webinars.

Jim Smith was concerned why some affiliates were hesitant to participate in the program and asked those not participating to comment. The main question from the affiliates who have not yet participated in the program was concerning the budget for the position. The question concerning the stipend and process of reimbursement of expenses was discussed indicating that this could be determined by the affiliate. The goaltending program is an approved program under the affiliate Block Grant program.

Phil also explained the app that has been developed to record the activities of the Goaltending Development Coordinator and how this app will generate reports to both Phil Osaer and the affiliate. It is recommended that these reports are provided to the affiliate on a quarterly basis and Phil will receive the items as entered or monthly.

USA HOCKEY GAME REPORTING SYSTEM UPDATE & DEALING WITH ASSAULT ON OFFICIALS

Dave LaBuda, National Referee-in-Chief, thanked all the affiliates for supporting the officiating programs in their areas. He distributed a summary report on the USA Hockey Game Reporting System and reviewed the various incident reports. The chart indicated that in the three year history comparison the match penalties have been increasing. The concern from the Referees Section is the growing number of incidents that are listed as a physical assault on an official. Dave asked the affiliates to review the protocols that are required under Rule 601 (F) 1. Dave explained the process of when the penalty is assessed the official has 48 hours to report to the District Referee-in-Chief; the District Referee-in-Chief must then review the situation to see if the official correctly assessed the penalty; if it is affirmed that it was correctly applied then it is required that a hearing be held at the affiliate level. What seems to be happening in some situations is the hearing is not being held as it should be which can tend to have a negative impact on officials wanting to register and continue to be a part of USA Hockey.

Steve Thompson asked if there could be a more specific breakdown of this chart to show if the penalty happened from an adult versus youth. Larry Boyd inquired if the reduced number of registered officials is also being impacted in the affiliates that have more penalties of the assault of an official. Dave indicated that he would need to get additional details to report back to the affiliates more specific details of the 601. Reggie Hall asked if the cases were actual assaults; Dave did indicate that the 80 reported in the summary were all physical assaults.

Casey Jorgensen commented that as there is a turnover in leadership within the affiliate to make sure that others are aware of the process. It is important to review how the affiliates should be handling the hearings (page 89, 2015-16 Annual Guide).

Paul Day asked if all the affiliates are using the reporting system. Dave advised that not all affiliates are using the system however they are still working to get everyone to participate. Paul indicated that those

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affiliates not on the program present a problem to those who are, as this causes a delay in being aware of penalties that were assessed.

APPEALS PROCESS WITHIN AFFILIATES

Don Mulder indicated that in Wisconsin they are spending more time hearing appeals on all topics versus playing the game. He was inquiring if other affiliates were experiencing similar issues and also questioned the process if everything that is appealed needs a hearing as it is becoming overwhelming. Michigan is experiencing similar issues of the volume of items coming in from SafeSport and appeals that need to be heard. Casey indicated that the language in the Annual Guide has not changed in a long time about what items can be appealed at the affiliate which is "Any Party that is suspended, otherwise disciplined or subject to an Administrative Action may, after a hearing or failure to have a hearing in accordance with the Unified Procedure, appeal such action." Casey strongly recommends that affiliates have an appeals committee so you don't have to send every appeal to the full board of directors. An affiliate can appoint an appeal committee of three to five people that can serve as the final appeal board for the affiliate. If this puts undue burden on the three to five people you could appoint additional individuals and rotate the appeals around on the committee.

Reggie Hall commented indicating that not every appeal results in an actual hearing or meeting which Casey indicated is correct. In Texas, when an appeal is received they identify three to four individuals to review the appeal and the supporting documents to determine if the appeal is accepted or denied. Casey advised that the party does have a right to appeal, but not the right to an actual hearing on the appeal. The party has a right to submit a written submission of appeal and the other party has a right to submit a response to the appeal. The committee can review the written submission and then make a determination on the appeal. This does not require an actual hearing.

Larry Boyd asked, if the affiliate creates a sub-committee, does this become the final decision or can this then be appealed to the Executive Committee. Casey advised that this becomes the final decision of the affiliate, and if it is appealable to the Executive Committee, then it can be appealed, however, if it is not an item that can be appealed to Executive Committee then it is final. Additional discussion was held on the different type of appeals related to suspension, discipline, administrative action, rostering rules and eligibility of Tier I or Tier II level.

Casey reminded everyone that the appeal authority has a wide discretion and can affirm, reverse or modify, including increase or decrease the terms of the suspension at its sole discretion as deemed proper under the circumstance. It has wide authority to make a decision. Reggie Hall indicated that the language used in Texas when requesting an appeal is to provide a rationale for the appeal, the conflict that existed during an appeal or something that was missed or ignored. They require the party to inform the affiliate why the appeal has been requested.

ARBITRATION PROCESS

Larry Boyd reviewed the arbitration process and suggested that the process be modified for affiliates. Larry explained the process they recently went through within the Missouri affiliate and the lack of experience to prepare the affiliate for arbitration. The arbitration process as understood by the affiliate under bylaw 10 does not follow American Arbitration Association (AAA) procedures; bylaw 10 is a modified and more expedited process. Larry explained the arbitration process including the selection of the arbitrators, the neutral arbitrators and explained the bond that needed to be provided. Casey explained the arbitration process that USA Hockey has was intentionally drafted to not follow the AAA procedures in order to expedite the procedure, involve specific people with hockey expertise and generally a less expensive procedure. Under the Ted Stevens Sports Act, USA Hockey is obligated to go to AAA arbitration upon demand. The procedure that USA Hockey has now has been in place for close to 20 years and generally there are probably 1 to 3 arbitrations a year, which are much less expensive and less burden on the parties than what you see at AAA arbitration.

Larry questioned if there was a rate structure that could be provided from the neutral arbitrator or all arbitrators in order for the affiliate or respondent to have the ability to evaluate if they are willing to take the risk instead of assessing fees after the arbitration. Having full transparency would have allowed the affiliate to make a different decision entering the arbitration process. Casey indicated that the Legal

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Council could certainly review this process moving forward. Larry also asked for a summary or a document to be created on preparing yourself for arbitration.

Casey advised that the difficult part of this case is USA Hockey is required to be a neutral party in the case once this matter did go to arbitration. Charlie Fuertsch commented on the process of the Missouri situation and indicated that there was an opportunity to obtain this information from their attorney.

AMERICA'S SHOWCASE

Kathy Santora reported on the America's Showcase. The dates of the event will be April 20-24, 2017. Affiliates should see Kathy for the invitation information. She also recognized and presented awards to Illinois, Mid-American and Wisconsin affiliates for the performance of Team Illinois (boy's champion), Team Mid-American (girls champion) and both the Wisconsin boys and girls teams for their second place finish at the Showcase.

NEW BUSINESS

George Atkinson mentioned that during the award banquet he noticed that the New Leader Awards and Female Honors Award were not being used by all the affiliates and/or districts. He reminded the affiliates of these awards and to review them in the future to submit a nomination.

ADJOURNMENT

George Atkinson adjourned the meeting.

Secretary Report

July 5, 2016

- Approved copies of Minutes of the September 2015, October 2015, January 2016, February 2016, March 2016, and April 2016 Meetings have been sent to Ken Evans for posting on the website.
- An updated Contact List sent out to all board members on June 15, 2016.
- New Member Association Representatives have been sent Conflict of Interest Forms

Sue Fthenakis



OREGON STATE HOCKEY



State Referee in Chief Report JULY, 2016

1.Seminars ~

The USAH Officials Seminar Instructor staff will hold USAH officials seminars in Oregon. Here are those dates and times;

Aug. 28 th	Beaverton Or.	8:30am @ Winterhawks Skating Center.	Level 1 & 2
Sept 24 th	Medford, Or.	9am @ The Rrink.	Level 1,2 & 3
Oct 8 th	Eugene, Or.	9am @ Rink Exchange.	Level 1,2 & 3
Oct 22 nd	Beaverton, Or.	9am @ Oregon Sports Offices	Level; 3 ONLY
Nov 5 th	Bend, Or.	9am @ Bend Ice	Level 1, 2, & 3

The dates will be live on the USAH Officiating site on July 15th, for mandatory registration into the seminar of their choice. They fill FAST, so tell your folks not to wait!

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Officials can attend a seminar in any state or location.

Official's annual registration opens on August 1st 2016, through USAH on-line.

2. Recruiting ~

We have scheduled a first time ever 'Officiating Prospects Camp'.

July 26th 2016 7pm. @ Oregon Sports Offices.

This is an informational meeting for any new and interested potential Ice Hockey Officials.

We'll cover registration process, training class and video requirements, plus just what it takes to be an official in the fastest game on the planet!

Please refer anyone in your area that wants to be involved to State RIC nyberg37@comcast.net to confirm a spot.

3. Association Discipline Chair ~

At the April 2016 annual meeting, I had requested the name and contact email for your association Discipline Chair.

To date, I have only received the LAHA chairperson's name.

This is to ensure that you are receiving the required notification of the suspension penalties that players in your associations receive.

Please respond with your chair person's info by August 1st 2016.

Submitted 7/5/16

Erik Nyberg
Oregon State RIC

Membership Committee Report

July 5, 2016

- Member Association Annual Reports were due March 15, 2016
 - Reports have been received from all 9 Member Associations
- The Oregon State Hockey Association Bylaws are being revised. A meeting will be held to discuss Membership Policies and Procedures shortly after the new Bylaws are approved.
- Discrepancies listed below have been found between the Member Association names listed with the Oregon Secretary of State and the names the Member Associations are using on their websites etc. This topic has been placed on the agenda for clarification of the names to be used going forward.
 - Secretary of State: **Portland Junior Hawks, Inc.** / website: **Portland Jr. Winterhawks**
 - Secretary of State: **Rogue Valley Hockey Association** / website: **Rogue Valley Youth Hockey Association (RVYHA)**
 - Secretary of State: **Hockey Oregon, LLC** / website: **The Rink Exchange (RHL)**

Sue Fthenakis

Nominating Committee Report

07/06/2016

Committee Members:

Wendy Heaton
Dean Rurak
Kelly McMahan

At the May 23rd meeting, held via Phone conference, Lester Sparks announced that Ken Evans Had been chosen to become the new OSHA Vice President.

There is no further news to report from the nominating committee.

Thank you,

Wendy Heaton

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Around Oregon:

The Winterhawks Amateur Hockey Association is hosting a free **Sled Hockey Clinic** on August 7th from 2:30 - 4:40 pm at Winterhawks Skating Center in Beaverton. Participants can register on line at: <http://goo.gl/forms/1ejJxVqDonAga1452> or through “Oregon Sled Hockey” on Facebook. Contact Jill Boeschenstein at jillb@winterhawks.com with questions.

Around the District:

The Pacific Sled Hockey League is working hard to establish locations and rules for the newly formed sled league. The league consists of sled teams in the Pacific District, Colorado, and Arizona, which hold consistent practices and can host a sled league weekend. In the interest of growing the sport, there may be opportunities for sled athletes whose teams do not participate to play in “exhibition” games in the league as well. The PSHL holds conference calls about bi-monthly.

League Weekends: Sept. 23-24, Oct. 21-23, Nov. 11-13, Dec. 16-18, Jan. 6-8, 2017 Feb. 10-12, March 3-5

Highlights from the Annual Congress:

Disabled Athlete of the Year Recipient Sarah Bettencourt represented the Pacific District well. All Disabled teams can nominate an athlete, and then the section narrows the field down to one Disabled Athlete of the Year. Sarah was selected from a field of amazing athletes. Sarah is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps, and is the founder of the San Diego Ducks Sled Hockey Club. Sarah started the program, gained sponsorships, organized practices, recruited athletes, and got the team to the NHL Sled Classic and the Festival

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their first and second seasons. After becoming pregnant two months into her first season, Sarah kept training and tried out for and made the US Women's Sledge Hockey Team, just 5 weeks after the birth of her son!

The section voted to change the **Disabled Festival Format** after 2017. The Festival has simply become too large for many locations to have the opportunity to host. Beginning in 2018, there will be 2 Festivals held each year: one Sled and one Special (with probably a combination of Blind and/or Deaf Hockey too). These Festivals will be held in separate locations, during the same weekend. Every 5th year, beginning in 2022, we'll hold a proposed "Disabled Hockey Weekend Across America" similar to the current format at larger sheet locations.

The **Disabled Hockey Guidebook** should be available August 1 for programs to review.

Colorado Springs is working on a **Special Hockey Marketing Video** which programs can utilize to help market their amazing programs.

Increased emphasis is being placed on having facilitators/coordinators/managers attend the **Disabled Workshop** in Nashville September 30 – October 1. Attendees learn about recruiting, fundraising, organizing, etc. and the many components needed to run a successful Disabled Hockey program. This is especially helpful for new programs.

Upcoming Dates

June 24-26, 2016	Sled Jamboree in Voorhees, New Jersey
July 10-15, 2016	Sled Select Camp in Buffalo, NY
July 16-17, 2016	National Sled Team Tryouts in Buffalo, NY
July 22-25, 2016	Sled Hockey Development Camp in Columbus, OH
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2016	National Team Camp/ Disabled Workshop Nashville, TN
Nov. 17-20, 2016	NHL Sled Classic Nashville Predators
April 6-9, 2017	Disabled Festival in San Jose, CA

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Hays, Disabled Representative

USA Hockey Goalie Development Plan

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1. Currently reaching out to all Oregon Youth Hockey Programs to identify local goalie development leaders. (Andy Potter is helping with this.)
2. Planning on attending the Oregon Summit on November 5th in Bend, and take part in some clinics and education sessions around goalie development.
3. Participating in the CEP classes this year educating attendees about the goalie development program.

Nore Berggren
Goalie Development Coordinator

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USA Hockey National and Pacific District News

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Pacific District - We are now 4th of 12 USA Hockey Districts in terms of overall membership passing two typical markets in the last year of Michigan and New York.

Las Vegas being granted an NHL Expansion Team for the 2017-2018 season. The new program in the desert will surely create another surge in youth membership for the Pacific District.

2016-2017- The following venues and hosts have been selected to host Pacific District Championships next spring:

Note - 18U Tier I will be 20 minute periods with ice cuts in between periods along with 4 Person officiating system.

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Facility</u>
14U Tier 1	March 9-12, 2017	Alaska Oilers	Anchorage, Alaska	Subway Ice Centre
15U Tier 1	March 9-12, 2017	Las Vegas Storm	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Ice Center
16U Tier 1	March 9-12, 2017	Las Vegas Storm	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Ice Center
18U Tier 1	March 9-12, 2017	Alaska Oilers	Anchorage, Alaska	Subway Ice Centre

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Facility</u>
All Ages & Levels	March 2-5, 2017	Anaheim Lady Ducks	Anaheim, California	The Rinks - Anaheim Ice

<u>Women</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Facility</u>
All Ages & Levels	February 24-26, 2017	Combined	Santa Barbara, California	Ice In Paradise

USA Hockey Board of Directors voted in Congress that we are doing away with the youth age classifications of mite, squirt, pee wee, bantam, and midgets. The proper terminology is used above in the table using strictly age level classifications.

The USA Hockey Board of Directors took multiple actions on policy relating to youth, girls, high school, adult, player safety, and legal matters. Specific amended legislation items can be found at:

<http://www.usahockey.com/annualcongress>

Club Excellence - website sent to Lester

NCAA update
SafeSport - % that have completed SS
Coaches 86%, Refs 83%, others 45%

Registration report

Tier I

- 1) Establishment of a 15 Tier 1 Division of birth year only players;
- 2) Re-establishing age classifications (14U rather than bantam) as referenced above;

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- 3) Penalties from USA Hockey on recruitment and tryout dates (48 hours following national championship) for tier I and tier II before the end of the season;
- 4) Creation of tier I standardization:
 - a) Tier 1 teams are not to exceed 15% of total youth players (20-player roster) and 20% of girl players (18-player roster) registered in that affiliate during the preceding season;
 - b) Each affiliate will be allowed one tier I team per age classification;
 - c) In order for any team to be eligible for national tournament play, the program/association must be in existence and registered with the applicable Affiliate for a minimum of (3) three prior consecutive years;
 - d) The Association / Program must have at least two (2) National Tournament Bound Teams from the 14U, 16U, 18U, or 15 yr old age categories in either Tier I or Tier II categories, each of which must have a minimum of 15 players per team;
 - e) It is recommended that each player on the team have on-ice and off-ice practices consistent with the ADM recommendations for that age level;
 - f) These changes take effect the 2017-2018 season.
- 5) Coaching Section tightened language referencing SafeSport Policies with requirement that coaches be screened.

The District has also had a few turnovers in affiliate leadership; Lester Sparks, Oregon State Hockey Association President; Tom Hancock, California Amateur Hockey Association President; and Dru Hammond, Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association President.

USA Hockey, at the recommendation of the Pacific District Board also appointed Mr. Flint Doungchak of Oregon as the Pacific District Coach-In-Chief replacing long time California CIC Larry Bruyere.

Those interested in Pacific District Business, we have scheduled the following dates and locations for our quarterly meetings:

Dates	Location
October 22, 2016	San Diego, California
January 12-15, 2017	Orlando, Florida (Mid-Winter Meeting)
February 11, 2017	Las Vegas, Nevada
May 20, 2017	Seattle, Washington
June 7-10, 2017	Colorado Springs, Colorado (Annual Congress)

The USNTDP had a successful 2016 NHL Draft with 9 out of 12 former USNTDP Players selected in the first round. Moreover, we saw USNTDP Alumni Patrick Kane receive the Hart Trophy this season as the MVP of the NHL.

Have a great summer and here's to a positive year of growth and retention for Pacific District.

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Steve Laing, Director
Pacific District, USA Hockey

Treasurer's Report

Oregon State Hockey Association				2:13 PM
Balance Sheet Standard				07/07/16
As of July 7, 2016				Accrual Basis
				Jul 7, '16
ASSETS				
	Current Assets			
		Checking/Savings		
		WF CHECKING 3773	9838.57	
		WF OVERDRAFT 8034	2000.25	
		WF SAVINGS 8240	61248.19	
		Total Checking/Savings	73087.01	
	Total Current Assets		73087.01	
TOTAL ASSETS			73087.01	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
	Liabilities			
		Current Liabilities		
		Accounts Payable		
		Accounts Pay:	120	
		Total Accounts Payable	120	
		Total Current Liabilities	120	
	Total Liabilities		120	
	Equity			
		Retained Earnings	58935.34	
		Net Income	14031.67	
	Total Equity		72967.01	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			73087.01	

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Oregon State Hockey Association				2:16 PM
Profit and Loss Standard				07/07/16
May 21 through July 7, 2016				Accrual Basis
				May 21 - Jul 7, '16
	Ordinary Income/Expense			
	Income			
		Interest Income		3.2
		Registration Fees		
		Player Registration Fees		305
		Total Registration Fees		305
		Tournament Fees		
		Tournament Application Fee		25
		Total Tournament Fees		25
	Total Income			333.2
	Expense			
		Meeting Expenses		150.96
	Total Expense			150.96
	Net Ordinary Income			182.24
Net Income				182.24

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Oregon State Hockey Association							2:24 PM
Reconciliation Detail							07/07/16
WF CHECKING 3773, Period Ending 06/10/16							
	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance							812.78
Cleared Transactions							
Checks and Payments - 7 items							
	Check	05/02/16	3025	Nore Berggren	✓	-854.66	-854.66
	Check	05/15/16		Doubletree by Hilton	✓	-403.52	-1258.18
	Check	05/02/16	3027	Oregon Sports Action	✓	-324	-1582.18
	Check	06/02/16		Riverhouse	✓	-150.96	-1733.14
	Transfer	05/21/16		Overdraft	✓	-78.33	-1811.47
	Check	05/12/16		EarthLink	✓	-23.95	-1835.42
	Check	07/19/16			✓	-12.5	-1847.92
Total Checks and Payments						-1847.92	-1847.92
Deposits and Credits - 3 items							
	Transfer	05/17/16			✓	78.33	78.33
	Deposit	05/27/16			✓	200	278.33
	Transfer	05/17/16			✓	5000	5278.33
Total Deposits and Credits						5278.33	5278.33
Total Cleared Transactions						3430.41	3430.41
Cleared Balance						3430.41	4243.19
Uncleared Transactions							
Deposits and Credits - 3 items							
	Check	02/21/16	3011	VOID		0	0
	Check	02/28/16	3016	VOID		0	0
	Check	04/05/16	3023	VOID		0	0
Total Deposits and Credits						0	0
Total Uncleared Transactions						0	0
Register Balance as of 06/10/16						3430.41	4243.19
New Transactions							
Deposits and Credits - 3 items							
	Deposit	06/16/16				25	25
	Deposit	06/16/16				105	130
	Transfer	06/23/16				5000	5130
Total Deposits and Credits						5130	5130
Total New Transactions						5130	5130
Ending Balance						8560.41	9373.19

Oregon State Hockey Association		2:20 PM
Reconciliation Summary		07/07/16
WF OVERDRAFT 8034, Period Ending 06/30/16		
	Jun 30, '16	
Beginning Balance	2000.2	
Cleared Transactions		
Deposits and Credits - 1 item		
	0.05	
Total Cleared Transactions		0.05
Cleared Balance	2000.25	
Uncleared Transactions		
Total Uncleared Transactions		0
Register Balance as of 06/30/16		2000.25
Ending Balance	2000.25	

Oregon State Hockey Association		2:22 PM
Reconciliation Summary		07/07/16
WF SAVINGS 8240, Period Ending 06/30/16		
	Jun 30, '16	
Beginning Balance	66246.59	
Cleared Transactions		
Checks and Payments - 1 item		
	-5000	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item		
	1.6	
Total Cleared Transactions		-4998.4
Cleared Balance	61248.19	
Register Balance as of 06/30/16		61248.19
Ending Balance	61248.19	

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Oregon State Hockey Association						2:28 PM
Profit and Loss Prev Year Comparison						07/07/16
September 1, 2015 through July 7, 2016						Accrual Basis
		Sep 1, '15 - Jul 7, '16	Sep 1, '14 - Jul 7, '15	\$ Change	% Change	
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
	Block Grant Funds	0	5533.5	-5533.5	-100.0%	
	Interest Income	12.51	8.7	3.81	43.8%	
	Other Income	0	467.2	-467.2	-100.0%	
	Registration Fees					
	Adult/Coach Registration	7405	8510	-1105	-13.0%	
	Player Registration Fees	16860	15560	1300	8.4%	
	Registration Fees - Other	740	0	740	100.0%	
	Total Registration Fees	25005	24070	935	3.9%	
	Select Camp Fees					
	Camp Registration	3273.75	0	3273.75	100.0%	
	Try Outs	2375	7375	-5000	-67.8%	
	Refund - Select Camp Fee	0	-250	250	100.0%	
	Total Select Camp Fees	5648.75	7125	-1476.25	-20.7%	
	Tournament Fees					
	State Championship Entry Fee	3400	5100	-1700	-33.3%	
	Tournament Application Fee	250	325	-75	-23.1%	
	Tournament Fees - Other	150	0	150	100.0%	
	Total Tournament Fees	3800	5425	-1625	-30.0%	
Total Income		34466.26	42629.4	-8163.14	-19.1%	
Expense						
	OSHA Select Camp					
	REFUND	250	0	250	100.0%	
	Ice	975	0	975	100.0%	
	Food	874.8	0	874.8	100.0%	
	Select Camp Rocky Mt Fee	163.25	0	163.25	100.0%	
	OSHA Select Camp - Other	43.93	0	43.93	100.0%	
	Total OSHA Select Camp	2306.98	0	2306.98	100.0%	
	Auto					
	Gas	2	17.62	-15.62	-88.6%	
	Mileage	374.6	1884.28	-1509.68	-80.1%	
	Parking	19	61.25	-42.25	-69.0%	
	Total Auto	395.6	1963.15	-1567.55	-79.8%	
	Background Check Fees	0	23	-23	-100.0%	
	Bank Charges	0	221.25	-221.25	-100.0%	
	Cash Advance	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Computer & Internet	161.9	371.81	-209.91	-56.5%	
	Contracted Services	0	1330.5	-1330.5	-100.0%	
	Ice Time	0	5532.5	-5532.5	-100.0%	
	Insurance - Business	0	425	-425	-100.0%	
	Late Fees	0	0	0	0.0%	
	Licenses and Permits					
	Annual Report Filing Fee	0	50	-50	-100.0%	
	Total Licenses and Permits	0	50	-50	-100.0%	
	Meals & Entertainment	345	1384.89	-1039.89	-75.1%	
	Meeting Expenses					
	Food & Beverages	159.16	1926.7	-1767.54	-91.7%	
	Room Rental	0	371	-371	-100.0%	
	Meeting Expenses - Other	150.96	0	150.96	100.0%	
	Total Meeting Expenses	310.12	2297.7	-1987.58	-86.5%	
	Miscellaneous	0	25	-25	-100.0%	
	Office Expense	24.45	102.94	-78.49	-76.2%	
	Office Supplies	932.45	309.56	622.89	201.2%	
	Pacific District					
	Block Grant Funds Contribution	0	640	-640	-100.0%	
	Meeting Expenses	403.52	0	403.52	100.0%	
	Player Fees	0	1878	-1878	-100.0%	
	Select Camp Affiliate Fee	0	550	-550	-100.0%	
	Select Camp Participation Fees	970	0	970	100.0%	
	Total Pacific District	1373.52	3068	-1694.48	-55.2%	
	Postage and Delivery	16.95	76.26	-59.31	-77.8%	
	Printing and Reproduction	0	59.71	-59.71	-100.0%	
	Referees	966	1449	-483	-33.3%	
	Rent					
	Room Rental - Office	1685.4	1277.65	407.75	31.9%	
	Storage Rental	839.97	596.16	243.81	40.9%	
	Rent - Other	390.63	348.8	41.83	12.0%	
	Total Rent	2916	2222.61	693.39	31.2%	
	Service Fees	0	154.5	-154.5	-100.0%	
	Supplies	0	383.36	-383.36	-100.0%	
	Taxes					
	State	0	45	-45	-100.0%	
	Sales	0	8.23	-8.23	-100.0%	
	Total Taxes	0	53.23	-53.23	-100.0%	
	Tournaments					
	State Championships	3721.27	0	3721.27	100.0%	
	Total Tournaments	3721.27	0	3721.27	100.0%	
	Travel					
	Airfare	2686.01	1353.01	1333	98.5%	
	Dining	428.74	1660.92	-1232.18	-74.2%	
	Lodging	3069.91	4692.84	-1622.93	-34.6%	
	Misc. Travel Expenses	50	221	-171	-77.4%	
	Parking	27	0	27	100.0%	
	Transportation	558.99	331.38	227.61	68.7%	
	Total Travel	6820.65	8259.15	-1438.5	-17.4%	
	Uniforms	0	210.75	-210.75	-100.0%	
	Utilities					
	Internet	143.7	239.5	-95.8	-40.0%	
	Telephone	0	169.5	-169.5	-100.0%	
	Total Utilities	143.7	409	-265.3	-64.9%	
	VOID	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total Expense		20434.59	30382.87	-9948.28	-32.7%	
Net Ordinary Income		14031.67	12246.53	1785.14	14.6%	
Net Income		14031.67	12246.53	1785.14	14.6%	

