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USA HOCKEY GIRLS'/WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT **JANUARY 24, 2010**

USA Hockey Girls'/Women's Section Meetings and Conference Calls

The Section met on September 19-20, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois. The Section also had two conference calls on October 15 and December 3. We discussed USA Hockey Girls'/Women's National Tournaments and participation numbers, waivers for Adult C players, the USA Hockey Prep School Nationals and the Women's 40 and 50 & Over Nationals. Committee updates were given on Tier I/II, Adult Women's, Growth and Development, Hockey Weekend Across America and "Play Like a Girl" Newsletter. Four Committees were set up from our Long Range Plan: 1) Communication with USA Hockey, Chair Lynn Olson; 2) Education for Female Participants, Chair Patty Madden; 3) Female Membership, Chair Joe Eppolito; and 4) Educate Female Members regarding ADM, Chair Donna Guariglia. The Section met last weekend in Orlando, Florida. Reports were given on the progress of Tier I Girls and Women's USA Hockey National Championships in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Tier II in Lansing, Michigan; Sub-Committee reports, Nationals Teams and Development Camps, Legislative Proposals and Long Range Goals.

Minnesota Hockey District 19 Under Playoff

The playoff for the 19 Under Girl's National Tournament bound teams will be held March 5-7, 2010, at Wakota Arena, South St. Paul. There are three teams participating, Minnesota Crunch, Minnesota Thoroughbreds and Shattuck St. Mary's. I have instructed the teams to provide their credentials book to Carol Carlson for approval prior to participation in the event. The winning team will advance to the USA Hockey National Tournament. I am the coordinator for this event.

Minnesota Hockey District Adult Women's Playoffs

Several teams are participating in the Adult Women's A and B playoffs this year to advance to the USA Hockey National Championships. I am coordinating the B playoffs and working with the two teams regarding the A playoff. The C Division has one team automatically advancing to the Tournament.

USA Hockey Girls'/Women's National Championships

The National Tournament for Women's A, B, C and 30 & Over will take place March 26-28, 2010, in Green Bay, WI. The Girl's National Championships will also be held in Green Bay April 7-11, 2010. Shattuck will represent Minnesota in the 16 Under and the winner of the 19 Under playoff will represent us at 19 Under. A 40 & Over Women's Tournament was added to the Adult Recreational National Championships this year along with the Women's 50 & Over and will take place April 29 to May 2, 2010, in Ellenton, Florida, at the Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex. Minnesota will participate in the 50 & Over Tournament.

USA Hockey Girls' Prep School National Tournament

Only two teams registered for the Girls' Prep School event and it will become an invitational this year. The USA Hockey Girls High School Tournament was cancelled for 2010.

USA Hockey Under-18 Women's National Team

The Under-18 IIHF World Women's Championships will be held March 27 to April 3 at Seven Bridges Ice Arena in the Chicago suburb of Woodridge, Illinois.

USA Hockey Newsletter – Play Like a Girl

If you have any information or articles that you would like placed in the USA Hockey Newsletter, please send written stories and photographs by e-mail to me, deadline is April 18, 2010 for the next newsletter. Each District Representative for the Girls'/Women's Section has been asked to collect this information for the Section.

USA Hockey Girls'/Women's Section Minutes

Anyone interested in the minutes from the Section can contact me and I will send them a copy.

USA Hockey Girls' Player Development Camps

In Florida last weekend we discussed Player Development and the Girls 14, 15, 16, 17 and Women's Camps and received our allocations. USA Hockey is looking for the name and contact information of coaches and female team leaders for the girls camps. The National Office will be sending a representative to observe the Minnesota Development Camp Tryouts for the 16/17s in April, 2010. Dates for the Girls' Camps are:

Select 15 (1995) July 22-July 28 at ESL Sports Centre, Rochester, NY (102 players)

Select 16 (1994) June 25-July 1 at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN (102 players)

Select 17 (1993) June 25-July 1 St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN (76 players)

U.S. Women's Olympic Team

Carol Carlson and I assisted USA Hockey with the exhibition games for the U.S. Women's Olympic Team on September 25, December 30 at Xcel Energy Center and January 12 at Ridder Arena. Carol arranged with local associations to provide the volunteers for the events. I attended the announcement of the Women's Olympic team at the Mall of America on December 17, 2009. Minnesota has three women on the Olympic team this year, Natalie Darwitz (Captain), Gigi Marvin and Jenny Potter (Assistant Captain). Games begin Sunday, February 14, 2010 and conclude with the Gold Medal Game on February 25 in Vancouver, British Columbia. I will be attending the semi-final and final games with my husband at our expense.

Patty Kazmaier Award Brunch

USA Hockey will host the Patty Kazmaier Award Brunch on March 20, 2010, at the McNamara Alumni Center at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$75 or a Table of 10 is \$700. I am representing Minnesota Hockey on this committee. If you would like to purchase a table, please contact me.

Minnesota Hockey Scholarship Committee

The Application for Scholarship and Awards Program requirements are on the Minnesota Hockey website at www.minnesotahockey.org. Applications are due February 15, 2010. Please contact me if you would like to participate on the Committee for the selection process this year. There will be a conference call after Kathy Hayes has an opportunity to copy and forward the applications to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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