



**Hockey Operations
Saturday, June 26, 2010
Mystic Lake Resort**

Barry called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Jon Bittner – new HS boys rep to the board was introduced. Jon gave a brief history of his involvement with MN Hockey.

USA Coach-in-Chief

* Coaching Education Program Requirements effective for the 2011-12mseason and beyond.

VII. COACHING PROGRAM

A. Coach Registration

All ice hockey coaches as well as instructors of USA Hockey programs shall be registered for the current season (before the start of the season) in order to be eligible to coach/instruct in any regular-season activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, try-outs, etc.), state, district, regional playoff, national championships or in the USA Hockey Player Development Programs. There will be an annual fee to register the coaches (head and assistants) and instructors. Coaches who also play on a USA Hockey registered team are required to pay this registration fee only once per year. Coaches may register as participants online at www.usahockey.com or through a local association/member program (refer to Section I Participant Registration). Junior coaches shall register with and through their teams with the junior registrar.

Note 1: All USA Hockey Coaching Education Program Instructors and National Player Development Camp coaches will be exempt from the annual participant registration fee, but must complete the participant registration process.

Note 2: The head coach and all assistant coaches of each disabled hockey team must complete the required CEP registration and proper level of certification. Those volunteers or employees who assist with helping disabled hockey teams (i.e. interpreters, pushers, on-ice mentors, etc.) must be properly registered with USA Hockey but are not required to attend a CEP clinic and otherwise comply with these rules and regulations.

All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey Youth 18 & Under and below, high school, girls'/women's 19 & under and below, and disabled programs must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and all Coaching Education Program clinics and/or workshops.

Registration, education and other requirements for inline coaches are as provided in the USA Hockey InLine Rules and Regulations.

B. Coaching Education Program Requirements

- (1) Required Coaching Education Program Levels for Ice Hockey USA Hockey requires that all affiliates and/or districts shall establish the following requirements without modifications for all coaches (head and assistant).

All coaches must have the required certification level by January 1 of the current season.

- (a) All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1, and must continue their education each year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 3. A coach may attend only one (1) certification clinic per year (not including age-specific requirements). Coaches who do not coach in continuous years must re-enter the program at the next level when they resume coaching responsibilities. Once Level 3 is achieved, periodic renewal [as outlined in Paragraph (c) below] is required for coaches who have not achieved Level 4. Coaches of Tier 1 and Tier II (National Tournament Bound) 14U, 16U, and 18/19U teams must complete Level 4 in their fourth season of coaching. Coaches who attain Level 4 certification are not required to attend any further certification clinics but must adhere to the

age-specific requirement as outlined in Paragraph (b) below.

- (b) In addition to the training in Paragraph (a) above, coaches must also complete age-specific training components specific to the level of play they are coaching, if they have not already taken that component. This requirement applies to all coaches at all levels, 1 through 5. Coaches may complete more than one age-specific component in any given season.
- (c) Coaching certification at Level 3 is valid for two (2) seasons, as indicated by the expiration date on the Level 3 sticker.

A coach whose Level 3 is due to expire must take the online Level 3 Recertification Track 1 curriculum or they may move up to Level 4. Level 3 Track 1 Recertification is valid for two (2) seasons.

A coach whose Track 1 Level 3 recertification is due to expire must take the online Level 3 Recertification Track 2 curriculum or move up to Level 4. Level 3 Track 2 Recertification is valid for two (2) seasons.

Coaches whose Track 2 Level 3 Recertification is due to expire must attend a Level 4 clinic prior to the expiration of their Level 3 Recertification.

Coaches must complete the online recertification program in order to recertify their Level 3 certifications. Attending a clinic or workshop is no longer valid for recertifying any certification level.

- (d) Grandfather Clause-For coaches who enrolled in the Coaching Education Program prior to May 1, 2011, their entry into the above program will be at their current certification level. Level 1 and 2 coaches must adhere to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, effective May 1, 2011. Current Level 3 coaches must adhere to paragraph (b) and (c) above; effective with the season their Level 3 expires.

Coaches Ethics Code was passed at the USAH Annual Congress. It will be covered in all CEP classes and be available to all coaches that are not required to renew this season.

The Coaching Education Program this past year in the Minnesota District has gone well, we are fortunate to be in many leadership positions in the district and across the country. Our staff has had very few problems and they have done a great job of running and administering the program during this season. Over the past few seasons we instituted some new and I hope exciting things for the coaches:

We kicked off our season by hosting the USA Hockey National Hockey Coaches Symposium – Level 5 – in St.Paul, MN. It was the 10th Anniversary of the NHCS the first being held in Bloomington, MN in 1999. Our clinic season ended on December 31st with a few last chance clinic's being held around the state the last week of December.

We continue to co-sponsored three High Performance High School Level 3 clinics in the fall. We hosted the Minnesota Boys and Girls High School Clinic's as well. The Girls was held in Blaine the weekend of October 8th, the Boys in St.Paul the weekend of October 23rd. We also conducted a special Level 3 H.P for our Junior Gold Coaches.

This fall we again hosted a Girls/Women's Clinic at Level 3 for coaches who instruct or coach girls or women's teams.

We have been putting on for the past 6 years the Dave Peterson Coaches Goaltending Workshops. Steve Carroll coordinated and ran the clinics throughout our clinic season in addition Steve association skills clinic's this season and Justin Johnson as a Associate Goalie Coach.

Minnesota instituted a new skating and skills program for local hockey associations in 2008-09 lead by Hal Tearse, Gary Gregus and Dick Emahiser. This year we pilot'd certification for those who participate in one association. Minnesota Hockey continues to publish newsletter for coaches under the direction of Associate CIC

– Hal Tearse. Terry Evavold and Dave Marganeu also added a HEP(Hockey Education Program) newsletter to our menu of information going out to parents and coaches.

This past fall we hosted 3 staff conference calls and hosted a CIC/ACE meeting this April following our CIC meeting in April.

We have been working closely with Guy Gosselin our new ADM Regional Director on education of our process's and incorporating him into our program. Myself and Dave Margeneau co-chair our ADM/MDM committee a copy of report was given to the board of directors in April.

We just completed our first Disabled Hockey – Sled Clinic and Special Hockey Coaches Clinic in conjunction with the National Office and Sled National Program. We had 15 athlete's participate and 20 coaches. I have also added to my staff a Disabled Associate CIC who will begin work with us this spring.

We hosted a joint CIC/ACE meeting that centered around ADM and future planning on April 16th. We presented on the State of Hockey in Minnesota, Updated staff on CEP curriculum changes, Head Contact, Improving our Skill Development Instructors and HEP.

We will be going through a couple of staff changes this year as we have had a couple of our District Head Coaches(CIC's) move to different positions and we have also added a new district in Minnesota. We will be hosting a second ADM/ACE/CIC meeting late this summer. We will role out our new District Bantam 15 preseason development model state wide as well as train our ACE/CIC's to assist in delivery of ADM in Minnesota.

At the recent USA Hockey meetings in June a new ethic's code, lockerroom policy, as well as new coaching guidelines which will be effective for the 2011-2012 season. I have attached a copy of both for everyone. Once copies of the minutes from our CIC meetings are published I will forward all a copy.

Our State District Coach-In-Chiefs continue to push the envelope and provide educational materials and information to our coaches to make associations and individual coaches better. Also our ACE program in Minnesota is growing and expanding under the leadership of Terry Evavold who has spent a great amount of time this past year making sure each of the 12 districts in Minnesota get the support they need. As the ACE program grows in Minnesota we hope to focus on more and more education programs at the association and Minnesota district level.

MN Coach-in-Chief

No report

ACE Program

We have not had much going on sense last meeting other than change of a few ACE Coordinators we say good bye to Andrew Shriver D15 as he transfers to Coach in Chief 15D and we welcome Derek Thompson from Moorhead Youth Hockey Association. D9 we welcome Doug Zmolek and D4 we welcome back Greg Johnson as he works with Mark Jacobs while we look for additional help! I will be working with each of these districts ACE coordinators to bring them up to speed this summer as I plan to meet with them all.

As most of you know the ACE program has grown in this state we are at 100% within all districts and for that I am very grateful to all of you! This past Annually Congress USA Hockey Coaching Section made some changes and the one that is closest to me was that of an organizational title change within the USA Hockey's ACE program. The position of National ACE Director has been reassigned to each district coach-in-chief. I have been assured that the program is not going away but will be more inline with the Coaching Education Program, helping to deliver the principles of CEP and HEP in Minnesota Hockey. Mac and I will be hosting a call with all district ACE coordinators after the 4th of July to address that we will see change but only in the delivery method.

I will again host a fall kick off meeting date and location to be determined.

High School Boys

Nothing to report.

High School Girls

Junior Festival was held June 12 – 15, 136 players attended. Freshman/Sophomore camp ended yesterday with 68 players in attendance. Coaches association is now a 501(3)C corporation.

Discussion is going on for a new program for the girls to have a pre/post season for the girls. They are opposed to having a pre/post team for the girls.

Tim Morris will check into the question on the girls' D league.

HEP Program

Essay Contest – “I Respect My Opponent Because”

- 66 entries (08-09, 147; 07-08, 120)
- Finalists:
 - Trey Christopherson, Squirt, Crookston
 - Conner Coughlan, Bantam, Coon Rapids
 - Stephanie Eberhard, 12U, Roseville
- Winner by drawing – Stephanie Eberhard

HEP Material Distribution 2009-10 Season

Number of Associations who have ordered materials

Season	Associations
2009-10	92
2008-09	77
2007-08	33
2006-07	30
2005-06	71
2004-05	105

- 2010-11 Distribution
 - SAYC – to incoming Mites
 - CWNL – CEP Clinic handout
 - Youth Enrichment in Sports - DVD

3M Coach Recognition

- 120 Coaches were nominated
- Majority after program featured in e-newsletter
- Coaches receive certificate and USA Hockey DVD's

Fair Play – 2010-11

- Completed our 6th season
- Collecting scoresheets for measurement data

Respect & Protect – Brain Injury Prevention Awareness Campaign

- Objective - Generate significant awareness of the concussion issue in youth hockey and specifically how to prevent concussions.
- Overview - program was introduced in the October issue of Minnesota Hockey Journal. All Minnesota Hockey families received helmet stickers in the October issue of Minnesota Hockey Journal. Much of that issue was dedicated to concussion prevention, identification, and treatment. Kids were encouraged to put the sticker on their helmet to declare that they Respect & Protect in The State of Hockey.
- To encourage players to put the stickers on their helmets, Minnesota Wild “Secret Scouts” have randomly show up at ice rinks and pick a player who has their sticker on as a winner (similar to a “secret shopper” campaign). The winners receive two tickets to a Wild game in a suite. Secret Scouting stops:
 1. 11/3/09 – Cloquet Squirt and 12U practice
 2. 1/25/10 – Chaska/Chanhassen Squirt practice
 3. 1/25/10 – Minnesota Hockey Recreation League scrimmage in Minnetonka
 4. 1/26/10 – Faribault Mites and 10U practice

Electronic Media – HEP Newsletter

- **Basic Statistics**
 - First Edition – October 29, 2009
 - Weekly Distribution
 - 50,000 Subscribers – October thru April 1,300,000 Contacts
 - Open Rate 20 – 30% (Industry Average 5 – 12%)
- **HEP Parent Quiz**
 - 1900 Participants
 - \$5,000 Prize Incentives
 - District Participation (Thru January 2010)

District 1 – 76	District 8 – 243
District 2 – 199	District 10 – 312
District 3 – 149	District 11 – 40
District 4 – 98	District 12 – 22
District 5 – 98	District 15 – 73
District 6 - 247	District 16 – 19
- **3M Coach Recognition**
 - On-line nomination introduced mid-February
 - 100+ nominations in two weeks
 - Thank you letter sent to nominator
 - Nomination sent to Kathy and archived
- **Social Media Accounts Set Up**
 - HEP Twitter (<http://twitter.com/mnhockeyhep>)
 - HEP Facebook Fan Page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Minnesota-Hockey-HEP-Program/162656570008?ref=ts>)
 - You Tube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/minnesotahockeyhep>)
- **Most Popular Articles**
 - Education
 - 8 Ways to Turn Around a Problem Parent
 - A Team Leaders Job Description
 - 7 Steps to Resolve Coaching Issues
 - 7 Ways to Help a Player Have More Confidence
 - 7 Ways to Overcome Athletic Stress
 - 10 Questions to Help Your Player Evaluate Last Season
 - How to Choose the Best Hockey Camp
 - Real-World Guide to Storing Hockey Equipment
 - Trophies for Teens – Is There a Better Way
 - What NOT to Yell During Hockey Games
 - Why Every Player Needs a Checking Clinic
 - Hockey Glossary
 - Zones
 - Shot on Goal
 - Top Shelf
 - Contests
 - HEP Quiz
 - Top Skating Skills
 - What's the Call
 - Roughing
 - Equipment
 - Develop Wicked Fast Hands with the Halo Hockey Trainer
 - Review s-19 Shock Helmet
 - The Smart Training Ball – On-Ice Feel on Any Surface
 - Get On-Ice Feel Off the ICE with FlyPuck

Reader Feedback #1

Subject: Minnesota Hockey is Great

Dear all those at Minnesota Hockey (hep and newsletter),

I am just a hockey mom, with 2 of my three boys in hockey. I just completed reading "Why Car Coaching Drives Kids Crazy" and laughed and applauded the whole way through it. I will be showing it to my kids and husband. I cannot compliment you all enough on what a wonderful newsletter this is to get. I believe all parents with kids in

sports would benefit from the majority of the materials, as I'm sure you know. I just wanted to Thank you all for doing such a great job! Keep up the great work and abundant information!

Sincerely,

Pam Bistram
Hockey Mom

Reader Feedback #2

I just want to let you know how wonderful this newsletter is! The articles are so useful and cover everything a parent could think of. I wish I had had access to the website when my older son started in hockey -I didn't even know how to put his gear on! Keep up the great work.

Missy Hermes
Fergus Falls

Greetings from south central Minnesota!

Reader Feedback #3

I have enjoyed reading so many of the articles you publish in the on-line Minnesota Hockey HEP publication. Some of them have really made me think about the way I talk to my son, what I say (or yell) in the stands, and what my son really needs. I look forward to reading them each time I receive them. Unfortunately, even though I received them, until a coach referenced some pieces of an article from this newsletter in an email he sent, I never even open the publication. I get so many emails from so many hockey sources that I don't look closely at them. I wonder if there are others in the same situation.

These articles are really good and I think all hockey parents should read them. I think they would enjoy reading them and would benefit from the messages they send, that are presented in a humorous and very realistic way. I recall one article regarding parents comments in the stands during games. The author started by saying something so simple yet so true, the parents in the stands with you today are likely going to be the parents in the stands with you for many years to come, so you better like them. The author gave the example of his son who would never skate the puck up to the net, he always passed it. The one time his son finally skated it up and took a shot, a parent in the stands yelled "pass the puck!". Can't you feel your heart sink? Mine did. The author said to this day he doesn't like that parent. I can relate and I bet many others can too.

As the Ace Director for the Shakopee Youth Hockey Association, I would like to get these articles out to our parents and coaches, so I was wondering if I could add to our website a section on HEP or Minnesota Hockey (whatever is appropriate) with links to some of your articles. I would like to pull out the articles from your publication and highlight them. Maybe something like the following:

Why Car Coaching Drives Kids Crazy

Hockey Glossary: Shot on Goal

Kids Stuff: How to Make a Goal (Literally)

Helping Your Child Cope with Losses

I wish I had kept some of the other emails so I could capture some of the best ones I read. Do you have an archive of them?

I don't know the legalities of doing this. So any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

Andre Prah

Ace Director, Shakopee Youth Hockey Association

Reader Feedback #4

You guys always provide great articles and ways to connect with kids in hockey every month, so thanks. That being said I am more and more disappointed with the intolerant and abusive behavior the parents and kids are subjected to during all these tournaments you write about. The cursing, yelling to kids to 'knock their heads off', and general meanness of a lot of parents really turns many of us away from this game. You've got great ideas and my guy loves his hockey but I am seriously considering just pulling the plug and focusing him in other sports where there is less intensity and bloodlust being screamed at these little guys and gals. Thanks again for your efforts but frankly not enough people are reading it or living it. The reality is these out of control parents have to be muzzled or you'll lose more talented kids than you attract. Thanks for listening

Warren Wolf

Reader Feedback #5

Subject: Helmet Stickers

I am requesting a supply of helmet stickers for the hockey officials in this area. I read your article about "Respect and Protect" in the new online HEP newsletter and agree whole-heartedly with the content. I work with approximately 60 local officials as the Mankato Hockey Referee Association President and also as the Bulldogs Hockey Association (St. Peter) Referee Coordinator. I also work closely with the MN District 4 Supervisor of Officials as the D4 Officials Committee Director.

I would like to see our officials wearing the helmet sticker to help remind the players and each other about the importance of trying to prevent brain injuries. I have a sister who has been living with the effects of a traumatic brain injury for more than 25 years. I also have a son who suffered a concussion while playing hockey two years ago.

If you are ever in need of a guest speaker for one of your events, I also have a good relationship with some health care professionals (neurology) who might be willing to share their knowledge of brain injury / concussion, etc.

Thank you and keep up the good work!

Mark Zallek
Minnesota Hockey District 4
Officials Committee Director

This chart outlines the progression for a new coach. Coaches with pre-existing certifications will enter the new program at their current certification level and must adhere to paragraphs 1. (a) and (b) above.

C. Years of Coaching	D. Certification Requirements
E. Year 1 (ex: 2011-12)	F. Level 1 clinic G. + age-specific component
H. Year 2 (ex: 2012-13)	I. Level 2 clinic J. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
K. Year 3 (ex: 2013-14)	L. Level 3 clinic (expires Dec. 31, 2015) M. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
N. Year 4 (ex: 2014-15)	O. No Level certification required but can attend a Level 4 clinic P. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
Q. Year 5 (ex: 2015-16)	R. Complete the online Level 3 Recertification Track 1 (expires Dec. 31, 2017), or attend a Level 4 clinic S. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
T. Year 6 (ex: 2016-17)	U. No Level certification required but can attend a Level 4 clinic V. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
W. Year 7 (ex: 2017-18)	X. Complete the online Level 3 Recertification Track 2 (expires Dec. 31, 2019), or attend a Level 4 clinic Y. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
Z. Year 8 (ex: 2018-19)	AA. No Level certification required but can attend a Level 4 clinic BB. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
CC. Year 9 (ex: 2019-20)	DD. Must attend a Level 4 clinic EE. + age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level
FF. Year 10 and beyond	GG. No Level recertification required but must complete age-specific component if not previously taken for current age level. Coaches are highly encouraged to attend a continuing education course every two years.

(1) Evidence of Level

All USA Hockey coaches will possess a USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card with valid certification stickers, or printout from the USA Hockey Online Certification list.

It is the responsibility of the local association to identify those coaches who do not meet the certification requirements. All coaches have until December 31 of the current season to attend a USA Hockey coaching clinic and complete the online playing level component to become properly certified.

Prior to the start of all games throughout the season all coaches are required to indicate their current certification status on the score sheet, regardless of their certification level. All coaches (except for Juniors) must legibly print their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) card number, their CEP level (levels 1-5), their online playing level component and the year their CEP level was attained. If a coach cannot produce his/her current USA Hockey Coaching Education Program Card prior to the start of the game, it must be noted on the official game score sheet.

Beginning January 1 of the current season, prior to the start of each game, all coaches present are required to sign the designated area of the score sheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the score sheet, for that game.

(2) Penalty and Enforcement

All coaches must have current certification and online component verification beginning January 1

of the current playing season. Any coach not in possession of these requirements will be ineligible to coach for the remainder of the season. Districts and/or affiliates are required to uphold this penalty. It will be the responsibility of the local association registering the team to enforce the national policy.

Non-compliance penalties for Junior coaches will be determined by the Junior Council.

(3) Junior Hockey Requirements

All (head and assistant) Tier I and II coaches are required to be certified at Level 4 (attendance at Level 1-3 prerequisites not required). All Tier III coaches (head and assistant) are required to be certified at Level 4 (attendance at a Level 3 clinic is required).

HH. Under-Age Coaches

(1) Student Coach

A player age 13 through 17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a Student Coach.

(2) Qualifications

- Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association or audit a Level 1 clinic (not required to pay nor will they receive certification credit).
- Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs and in the locker room.
- May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. (May not participate as a player in scrimmages or games when acting as a STUDENT COACH).
- May not act as a head coach or an assistant coach during practices or games.
- May be on the bench during games with an adult. The STUDENT COACH will count as one of the maximum of four Team Officials allowed on the bench.
- Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves and skates while on the ice. Must wear helmet during games while on the bench.
- May only work with players at least one full playing age level below the STUDENT COACH (e.g., a Bantam age player may act as a STUDENT COACH at the Pee Wee, Squirt or Mite level).
- The organization that is using the STUDENT COACH must provide a form indicating on the team on which he/she is participating as a STUDENT COACH, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player. A model form is available on the usahockey.com website.
- Upon reaching the age of 18, the STUDENT COACH must comply with the USA Hockey Screening Program and meet the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program requirements which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach.

II. Coaching Ethics Code

All USA Hockey ice hockey coaches (head and assistant) and instructors must abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code, and understand that violations may result in full or partial forfeiture of coaching privileges in programs, at sites or events under USA Hockey's governance.

All coaches have an obligation to be familiar with USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of an ethical standard is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct. The USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code can be found online at www.usahockey.com under Coaches.

It is the responsibility of MN Hockey to enforce the code and to make sure that all coaches are aware. The question was asked as to whether or not these adults must be screened and the answer is yes. The person designated as the lock room monitor is required to be screened.

The subject of cell phone with cameras was discussed and Risk Management advised that cameras in whatever form be banned from the locker room. MH could have their own policy on cameras but could not add to the USAH policy. Bruce Kruger will investigate the issue and have a recommendation for the board. The recommendation could be very broad covering all inappropriate in the locker rooms. Concern was expressed that the kids use the cell phones to contact their parents for pick-ups and a general ban could be bad. Hockey Ops will come up with a policy statement.

Dennis Green brought up the issue of the referees working with under age referees and their mentoring program.

Boys Advanced 15's

We concluded a successful year with the Advance 15 boys program last week. This was the 29th year of the program. This year's camp was held at the St. Cloud State University campus. The camp dates were June 12 – 17. We will be returning to St. Cloud State for next year's camp. The date of the 2011 camp will be June 11 to the 16th. We had 102 players in the camp this year and had a very competitive group. We selected 21 players, USA Hockey allotment for MNH, and picked 9 alternates. The players plus all alternates will attend a warm up camp in Blaine, MN on July 6 – 9, 2010.

The players are in the process of registering with USAH online this year. Bill McClellan is going to be a team leader again this year with the USAH Select 15 Development Camp. The dates of the camp are July 15th through the 21st. The selections are on the web site under USA Hockey boy's advance 25 national selections.

We have a very nice mix of coaches coming from our youth programs to college graduates who are interested in starting a coaching career. We made some changes in our first and second phase's this year to increase the time players have to develop their skills. Our staff will meet again in October to see what improvements we can implement to strengthen the program.

I want to thank our staff for a great camp and look forward to the upcoming season. Don Krause does a tremendous job putting our coaching staff together and securing our counselors. Scott Dornfeld did an excellent job as assistant director. Scott works well with our players and parents who are dealing with injuries and equipment adjustments.

The speakers this year were Chris Howe Head coach Concordia College, Derek Plant Assistant coach UMD, Cary Eades Assistant coach UND, Keith Ballard Florida Panterhs, Bob Motzko Head coach SCSU, and Grant Potulny Assistant coach U of M.

Barry Ford was notified about getting an in-season affiliate agreement for this year for a program similar to what Dan Clafton is doing with his group out of Grand Rapids. This program would be for older girls to get more development to possibly receive college scholarships. This would be for girls who have graduated from high school. It will be brought before the board on Sunday for approval. Barry asked Pete Hill – District Director – to be the monitor for this program and to propose it to the board. Hockey Ops will be recommending approval of the Affiliate Agreement as this does not affect the Girls' teams within the state. Steve Oleheiser is the Director that oversees the Dan Clafton group and treats them like any other association within his District. The agreement does state that high school girls will be eligible after they have finished their high school season. If the group plans to participate in the 19U Play-offs for the National Tournament, the roster would be frozen on December 31.

There was an incident at the camp in Mankato this past week and coach was dismissed. The incident has appeared in the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers. Background checks are run on these individuals and nothing was found. The individual is now paying price as he has lost his collegiate coaching position due to poor judgment on his part.

Dennis Green revealed that for the third year in a row one of the names submitted for the National Camps received a hit when they were screened by USA Hockey. Dennis recommended it would be in the best interest of MN Hockey to pre-screen all individuals before their names are submitted to work the national camps.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol D. Carlson