



Hockey Operations  
Saturday, September 18, 2010  
Marriott Minneapolis West

Defending the Blue Line made a presentation to the board on their activities with military families who have kids involved in hockey.

### **Electronic Media – MN Hockey Newsletter**

- Committee evaluated the three responses to the RFP. Selected Youth Sports Coalition as our provider for the 2010-11 season
- Recruiting a Newsletter Coordinator

### **Essay Contest 2010-11**

- Essay question:  
“I love to go to the rink because:”  
“Hockey “Rocks” because:”  
Safety Topic

### **HEP Material Distribution 2009-10 Season**

- Revision have been made to manuals to incorporate ADM/LTD
- 2010-11 distribution plans:
  - SAYC – mailing to all new Mites. Include in the mailing, welcome letter and intro to MH, intro to SAYC, member decal, and other items that would make them feel a part of MH
  - SAYC available at arena kiosk
  - CWNL – distributed at Level 1 CEP clinics

### **3M Coach Recognition**

- Wild practice event, add lunch after event
- Eliminate monthly winners

### **Brain Injury Prevention Awareness**

- Continue with Respect and Protect II campaign
- Ice Hockey Summit: Action on Concussion, October 19 0 29, 2010 Rochester

Jon Bittner – Boys High School Hockey coaches spoke to the activities going on now with the boy’s high school programs. Jon expressed his thanks for the support of high school hockey and that the two groups are continuing to work together for the kids.

Tim Morris – High School Girls – coaches’ clinic is coming up in October at the NSC in Blaine. Elite League starts today.

ACE Report Fall 2010

Sense the Summer Meeting I have attended the summer meeting in D4. I presented to the District on the ACE program, HEP and the Minnesota Hockey Skill Development Program. This weekend the ACE/CEP team is meeting in Duluth in conjunction with the USA Hockey Level 4 Clinic. The agenda will be to include ADM and how to implement the principals within Minnesota Hockey. I have been working very close with Mike MacMillan in the development of this clinic and we have a great lineup.

I have also been working with D5 Coach in Chief Brian Johnson and Mike MacMillian with the implementation of a D5 Fall Bantam 15U Development camp. We have 30 kids in camp and a great staff of coaches from St Cloud State University, St John's University, and the local High School Coaches. We are using the program that Pat Westrum, Dick Emheiser, and Troy Jutting used in there district last season.

We have some new members to the ACE team. They are Doug Zmolek D9 ACE Coordinator, Derek Thompson D15 ACE Coordinator and currently we are looking for a new person for D16 as Scott Riopelle has accepted the Coach in Chief Job within D16.

This year I have asked the team to work closely with their Coach in Chief during the CEP Season we have formed some great teams and together they can bring a better value.

Please let me know if you have a need for me to visit your district. I would be glad to come and visit.

## Coach in Chief Report- September 2010

Currently working on a couple projects but nothing eminent. One video was added to the website recently featuring Ludek Bukac from the Czech Republic. He was here doing a two week clinic in July at the Super Rink.

"Thoughts from the Bench" E Newsletter continues to go out monthly. Distribution is well over 35,000 and then it is forwarded in Michigan, Rocky Mountain, Northern Plains and New York each month.

Local Association Clinics have started. Gary Gregus is coordinating. We have added a couple instructors.

I am currently developing a "Player Development" section on the website.

### **Safety Committee Report**

The safety committee will be presenting an "abstract" of our data collected over the past couple years in D3 and D6 at the Concussion Summit in Rochester October 19-20. The event will be interesting however the solution to the problem is of course the most obvious and easiest; enforce the rule book. In lieu of that I imagine that there will be lots of discussion about better equipment, rule changes, no checking etc.

Bob Shuman has designed a new score sheet for District 6 to accommodate our request for more space to report injuries on the score sheet. The template is available for other districts to use also. Thanks to Bob for working on this issue.

No other issues have come before the committee.

#### **Concept Proposal and Funding Request:**

Minnesota Hockey has been invited to participate in an exchange program with the Czech Republic Hockey Federation next year (2011). The proposal involves their U16 team coming to Minnesota for five games with out U-16/17 teams during the Advanced Festival in April. For our part we would take a U-17 team to Prague for 2 days in early August 2011 to play against Czech U-17 and then travel to Salzburg, Austria for a tournament with the Czech, Russian and Slovak teams for five games. We would return home form Austria.

The rationale would be to give 120 of our 16's a chance to play against top players from the Czech Republic and give 22-24 U-17's a chance to experience international competition and an opportunity to visit Prague which is one of the oldest cities in Europe and Salzburg, Austria. A cultural component (to be determined) will be part of each side of the program.

**The proposal which has been approved by the Czech Federation is as follows:**

We will billet/host family the players and coaches while they are in Minnesota.

All housing, food, and local transportation while our team is in Prague and Salzburg will be paid by the Czech Federation and the team.

Airfare is the responsibility of each team. The estimated cost for airfare to travel to Prague and home from Salzburg is \$1,800 per player. All other costs are covered. We can work on strategies to help players fund the airfare portion of the trip after we have approval to participate.

I would be appreciative of board approval of the "Concept" along with a budget request of \$5,000, the use of which (if needed) would be determined by the winter meeting. Since the program is contingent on our including the Czech team in the Advanced Festival in April, I think that it would not make sense to wait until the winter meeting to authorize. Sorry for the late notice but the details were just worked out this past week.

I realize that there is a bit of work to do on our part to incorporate the Czech team into the 16/17 Festival and we need to do that soon.

Thanks for your consideration.

Hal Tearse

Coach in Chief, Minnesota Hockey

Meeting adjourned at 9:49

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol D. Carlson