



## **Coach in Chief Report** **Winter 2012**

We have had a very busy fall with the in association skills clinics and participating in ADM clinics. Additionally we produced 4 new videos to help coaches understand ADM and body contact. Some details:

Over 30 association clinics were held this year. We added sessions on teaching body Contact and checking skills. There are three new videos: One each for squirt, pee wee and bantam levels. They show video of legal and illegal body contact from the 2011 pee wee and bantam state tournaments and a series of drills that coaches can utilize. We also filmed an ADM clinic to be used here in Minnesota and gave Guy Gosselin a copy for his use in the region.

The Enewsletter continues to go out each month with the 84<sup>th</sup> issue coming this month.

I would like to do one more videos about body contact/checking and one about how to better utilize small area games to teach hockey sense but currently do not have any budget money available to do so.

The collective videos on the website have been viewed over 50,000 times!

If MN Hockey wishes to increase coach education we are ready to participate.

### **Recommendation:**

The responsibility to properly train and teach rests at the local level. We need to do a better job emphasizing this responsibility and obligation to our local associations. When we boil down all the noise it comes down to coaching. Our coaches are the most important participants because they set the tone for the kids and parents. The better our coaches the better experience the players will have. We have presented President Margenau with some ideas about how this can work in regards to a "Youth Development Program".

Ideas and suggestions from District Directors are welcome.

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