

USA Hockey 2017 Winter Meeting Report – Margenau
January 12-15, 2017

8U Committee

- Minnesota exception to allow 6 full ice games was approved. Minnesota and Illinois and possibly one other affiliate of the 34 affiliates are requesting an exception.

Finance and Investment Committee

- Reviewed the August 31, 2016 Audited Financial Statement
 - USA Hockey Inc. Revenue \$42.3M, Expenses \$42.3M, Net Income \$40K
 - Budget Net Income \$1.432M, budget deviation \$1.39M. Budget deviations - Player Development \$358K, Youth \$107K, Officiating \$260K, International \$324K, NDTP \$410K, Administrative & Legal \$230K, STAR \$125, Public Relations \$100K, Marketing \$160, Others underspending (\$66K). “Procrastination and Discipline”
- \$8.0M NHL Grant. Officiating \$400K, College Hockey and USHL \$1,500K, NDTP \$3,400K, Membership Development \$700K, ADM \$2,000K
- USA Hockey Foundation – Total Assets \$52.5M
 - Investment Funds: Jan 2016 \$16.6M, Jan 2017 \$18.0M, 8.2% growth (70% Equity, 30% Fixed)

Big 6 Affiliate Meeting

- Tier 1 Criteria Discussion
 - Questions regarding grandfathering of teams/programs
 - Questions regarding “recruit/solicit” players before 48 hours after the National Championships are completed.
- Elimination of ¼ finals at National Championship
- Playing Rule Change Proposals

Town Hall Meetings

- Dave Ogrea is retiring effective August 1, will continue part time for three years. Search committee established, plan is to name new Executive Director by May 15, 2017
- NHL Grow the Game Initiatives
 - “Learn to Play” programs (Little Wild)
 - Funded by the NHL and NHLPA
 - Objective - “Reduce the coast barriers for first time participants”
- SafeSport
 - US Center for SafeSport – Independent investigation and clearing house for all Sexual Abuse and Misconduct cases
 - Effective April 1, 2017 for the 2017-18 season.

- Within 72 hours will issue a summary suspension. Affiliate has the authority to issue immediate summary suspension
 - Will complete investigation and issue findings in 60 days.
 - Affiliate accepts the findings/ruling, no appeal.
- Economizing Technology
 - USAH mass e-mail launch
 - One log-in for all USAH apps
 - Meeting facilitation Apps
 - Go to Meeting
 - BlueJeans
 - Zoom
 - Document Sharing, Drop Box, Google Drive, etc
- Events
 - Hockey *Week Across America* – Feb 19-26, 2017.
 - Kraft Hockeyville – Applications due March 10, 2017 (1,543 have been submitted)
 - Pass it Forward - \$25,000 grant for sled hockey

Youth Council

- Legislative Amendments to the Tier 1 Criteria
 - “Solicit or recruit or offer hockey contract” before 48 hours after the National Championships have been completed
 - Clarify the calculation of number of Tier 1 teams an affiliate is allowed to have and provision for grandfathering existing teams.
- Discussion of single birth year classification for Bantams. All first year Bantams will be experiencing body checking for the first time, second year Bantams will have had one year experience. Two year window already provides for this.
- National Camp Dates
- Playing Rule Proposals
 - Reduce Minor Penalties to 1:30 for all games with periods of 15 minutes or less. (Discussion, affiliates already have the authority to do this – consensus to defeat)
 - Remove Body Checking from 14U Bantams (Discussion, following recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics, staff recommendation to remove body checking from “recreation” classification, consensus to defeat)
 - All face-offs conducted at one of nine face-off spots. (Discussion, consensus approve)
 - Eliminate the ability to legally ice the puck when shorthanded. (Discussion promote skill development, why allow team the ability to break the icing rule when just assessed a penalty, teams will likely ice the puck anyway to change lines and delay of game for icing face-off, consensus to defeat)
 - Eliminates delayed off-sides (tag-up) for 14U Bantams and below. (Discussion, promotes skill development neutral zone regroup, discourages dump and chase, all other classifications above 14U allow, consensus to defeat)
- Goaltending Development - Phil Osear
 - Monthly Webinars

- Age appropriate “points of emphasis”
- Goaltender Coaching Certification Program – Levels 1, 2, 3
- Development Camps – Affiliate Goaltending Development Coordinator and Players
- Biannual – Goaltending Development Symposium.

Affiliate Presidents

- Membership Development USA Hockey Up 9,000 year on year comparison
 - 8U Registrations - December 2017 vs 2015-16 final total
 - MN – 17,767 vs 17,651
 - MA – 13,360 vs 13,098
 - NY – 10,009 vs 10,776
 - MI – 6,776 vs 7,289
 - WI – 5,853 vs 5,793
 - IL – 3,772 vs 4,975
- Registration Portal – Access available by Annual Congress 2017
- Club Excellence
 - Helping volunteer leaders to do the best possible job.
 - Focus Areas – Business Administration (Program Development, Financial Management, Governance), Hockey Development (ADM, CEP, Officiating), Parent/Volunteer Development (Parent Education, Volunteer Recruiting and Retention)
 - MN has 38 Associations registered
 - Customize with MN affiliate specific topics
 - Demo Account – Postal.USAHockey.com, Username: MNHdemo, Password 616+MNH

Respectfully Submitted,

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