

Minnesota Hockey ACE Director Spring 09 Report
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Hello, I hope all is well with you. I want to thank each of you for taking the time to spend with Mac and I, and we hope that you found value in meeting with the Coach in Chiefs. I believe that we all learned a lot from each other. I will do my best to recap the joint meeting and then to recap our meeting.

CIC/ACE

Friday we heard the history from the historian, Mike MacMillan, USA Hockey Coach-in-Chief Minnesota District. Actually, he is not that old but has written a lot of history within USA Hockey. I believe that it was a good starting point for all of us to hear where we have been and where we are going. I gave a report on the ACE program and then we heard from Dave Margenau, Minnesota Hockey VP Maroon District/HEP Director about HEP and what a great job you all are doing. Dave talked about the delivery model and how that might help each association with education of parents, coaches and players.

Next we listened to our Minnesota Hockey Coach-in-Chief, Hal Tearse, and talk about the program through his eyes, the DVD program, the Skill Development program and his vision for the future. We then had a presentation from Alyson Raines, of USA Hockey, about the IntraLearn system and how to set up a clinic. She spoke of how important it is to have very specific information within the extra info tab and how this should help correct the constant need from coaches for more information. We finished the joint meeting with an open forum of Q/A.

Saturday we opened with comments from Mac, who introduced Coach-in-Chief, Pat Westrom, and ACE Coordinator Mark Palmer. They presented on how to work together in the CEP clinics. Lots of great info was provided. I appreciate Mark's willingness to share. We next had a report from Dave and Mac on the AMD and how it will play in our seasons to come. After that Mac introduced Special Project Coordinator, Chris Bonnell, and he talked about the level 5 coaches' symposium. Chris spoke of the special cost if you would like to get your Masters of \$250 per person and all you have do is to give a little time. If you want to talk about this opportunity please give me a call. The last thing we talked about I felt was the most powerful, as we provided Mac with input on the CEP clinic and how we felt they could be improved. We talked about many things and I hope that Mac can bring our message to his team at USA Hockey. Hopefully, it will show that Minnesota is leading the way with an open mind to change.

ACE Meeting

I want to thank you all for spending time to talk openly about our season last year. I am so proud of each of you. I know that I have put the best players on the ice that I could have. As Herb Brooks said, "It is not about me but rather about the team, and that is you." I presented the attached power point to recap our season and how we did on our goals. If you want to present to your district please share the news. We took role call- D1 Dan Muccio (not able to attend) D2 John Peterson, D3 Gene Ferrel, D4 Greg Johnson, D5 Terry Dvorak, D6 Mark Palmer, D8 Steve Morse, D10 Donn Berkeland, D11 Pete Hill, D12 Scott Sarkela, D15 Andrew Shriver, and D16 Scott Riopelle. You all did a great job of supporting each other during the district reports. It made setting our goals very easy. We talked about setting goals that support MDM/ADM and we thought that it was not the best use of our time to do this as we do not have the direction from Minnesota Hockey. Donn stated that we did not completely finish our 2008-2009 goals

so we would work on completing them first and then when we meet in the fall again we may add others. So our goals look as follows:

- 1 To support the Growth Model of Minnesota Hockey
 - a) Help CIC's look for Development Staff
 - District Skills Coach
 - District Goalie Coach
 - Assistant District ACE to help with training
- 2 To take over the Mite 8-U workshops
 - a) Look to do 4 clinics in 09-10 season
 - One in each of the four corners of the state. We would use Best Practices with the possibility of giving a Level One certification.
- 3) HEP Material Distribution and ACE training
 - a) I offered to host a meeting in every district to train every ACE coordinator. We decided not to make it mandatory but rather strongly encourage using the association president and the association ace coordinators.
 - Meeting at a central location within the District
 - ACE training
 - HEP material ordering
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I would also like to give thanks to all the presenters for helping out!

If you have any questions please let me know!

Respectfully submitted

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