

Coach in Chief Report Spring Meeting 2009

This past year we once again distributed 6,000 skills videos to coaches across the state. We also held a Master Coach Clinic at Blaine in September which drew 45 coaches who wanted an in depth session on teaching skills. Our “local association coach development program” touched 32 associations and nearly 700 coaches this past fall. It continues to be a very popular program and growing each year.

My current projects are all aimed at getting ready for next season and we are still in the planning stages on several. These are planned projects;

- 1) **Expand the “in association” skills sessions.** This is the 4th year of this extremely popular and well received program which has doubled each of the past three years. This program is a tangible resource that our membership can access and provides real value for the \$10 registration fee that each member pays to Minnesota Hockey. This fall we will add goaltending to the offerings.
- 2) **Create an Advanced 16 and 17 video piece:**
- 3) **Create a presentation centered on the American Development Model.** This piece would be educational in nature and designed to promote a fun and challenging environment for our younger players that will also help them learn the fundamentals they need to be successful.
- 4) Begin working with interested districts to train skills coordinators to assist with skills clinics. ACE Network to assist.
- 5) Reorganize the coach’s resource center on the website and load skills videos on the site for viewing.
- 6) Continue to publish the “**Thoughts from the Bench**” E-newsletter. The distribution list has 17,000 addresses. This newsletter circulates around the country via a separate distribution list and also has started going to all head high school hockey coaches in Minnesota. USA Hockey is going to publish an e-newsletter similar to ours beginning in the fall. Ours is the model for theirs.
- 7) Updating existing skills videos and possibly adding a new title for the new season.

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