

Minnesota Hockey
ACE Mid year report
12/14/2009

This is the report that I sent off to USA Hockey for Winter Meeting!

Tom Kehr

Minnesota District

10/03/2009 I held my preseason ACE clinic, in St. Cloud MN it was attended by all 12 Minnesota District ACE coordinators. This is our season planning meeting. During this meeting I asked each District ACE for a report of what happen in there District during the 2008-2009 season. I was looking to see what there efforts looked like and how we could improve delivery. We had to special guests David Margeneau VP Minnesota Hockey, and Director of HEP (hockey education program) and Toni Bolter Director Special Hockey.

Dave reported on the efforts of the ACE Coordinator in assisting with the 2008-2009 HEP material ordering. Dave informed us that Minnesota Hockey had approved the idea of a weekly newsletter and the joint marketing effort Youth Sports Coalition. We have incorporated the principal of Sport and My Child book by Smith and Small into a weekly parent quiz, and as of this week we have delivered 360,000 newsletters to our hockey families around the State of Hockey!

Toni Bolter Director of Special Hockey reported that need to get the word out about Special Hockey. She touched on how the ACE group can help get the word out about the programs and they can support it. We are very blessed to have people like Toni as she is very passionate about special hockey!

This year's goals

- 1) To continue to promote skill development within the Association using Cross Ice within Mini and Mite programs. We are also promoting the Skill Development Programs that CIC Mike MacMillan, Minnesota Coach in Chief Hal Tearse, developed to put coaches back on the ice, but in small groups with highly trained Skill Development Instructors. This program is in its 3 full season and is under the direction of Gary Gregus, Dick Emhaiser, Pat Westrum for forwards and Defense and Steve Carroll and Justin Johnson with Goaltenders. We are currently doing 80-100 development workshops each year! This is some of the best stuff we have done in years with regards to developing coaches in Minnesota Hockey.
- 2) To keep current our directory. We are just finishing up our ACE Directory and would like to thank Rae Breggel, Dan Brannon, and Tom Kehr for there leadership and help with the effort of collecting this information at the time each association registers there teams.
- 3) To support CEP instructor during the clinic. This year we have created great teams between the CEP instructors and the ACE Coordinator, I believe this happen during our spring meeting when we bring all CEP instructors and ACE Coordinators together for a meeting. Mike MacMillan, are instrumental in creating these teams and I believe that we will have better classes because of these teams.
- 4) To grow the program not only do we want to grow that game but we are looking for ways to grow the ACE network with the geographical challenges we have, I am always looking to had more members to the ACE network.

I would like to thank Tom Kehr for his leadership of the ACE Group he is a great resource for me. I am entering my third season in this position. I feel we are reaching more coaches, players and parents than we have ever done before!

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