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USA HOCKEY GIRLS'/WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT **APRIL 24, 2010**

Minnesota Hockey District 19 Under Playoff

The playoff for the 19 Under Girl's National Tournament bound teams was held March 5-7, 2010, at Wakota Arena, South St. Paul. Shattuck-St. Mary's advanced to the USA Hockey National Championships.

Minnesota Hockey District Adult Women's Playoffs

After setting up a playoff process and reserving ice, no playoffs were conducted in the A, B or C Women's classifications. Teams continued to back out as the playoff neared, and a team in the B Division was found to be ineligible because a player participated with the team during the season who was not properly rostered.

USA Hockey Girls/Women's National Championships

I attended the National Tournament for Women's A, B, C and 30 & Over March 26-28, 2010, in Green Bay, WI. The Minnesota Blue J's won the Women's A Division, the Minnesota Blue J Hawks won the B Division and the Minnesota E>Train team reached the crossovers in the C Division. A problem arose in the format used for the Women's A Division and Norm Spiegel has requested that the Women's Section provide language for the Annual Guide regarding the playoff format used when less than 8 teams participate. The Girls' National Championships were held in Green Bay April 7-11, 2010. Shattuck St. Mary's won the 16 Under and Shattuck St. Mary's 19 Under team lost in overtime to the Assabet Valley team from Massachusetts. Women's 40 & Over and 50 & Over Championships will be held at the Adult Recreational National Championships April 29 to May 2, 2010, in Ellenton, Florida, at the Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex. Minnesota teams will participate in the 50 & Over Tournament.

USA Hockey Under-18 Women's National Team

Minnesota had three players participate on the Under-18 IIHF World Women's Championships held March 27 to April 3 at Seven Bridges Ice Arena in the Chicago suburb of Woodridge, Illinois. The US lost in overtime 5-4 to Canada.

USA Hockey Girls'/Women's Section

Karen Lundgren did not conduct any conference calls since the January meeting due to her illness and hospitalization this spring. She is not running for the Women's Director position in June.

USA Hockey Newsletter – Play Like a Girl

The next e-mail newsletter will be coming out soon. I have written a summary of MH District events for the Newsletter and am interested in any information or articles that MN Hockey would like placed in this Newsletter. Please submit written stories and photographs by e-mail to me. Each District Representative for the Girls'/Women's Section has been asked to collect this information for the Section.

USA Hockey Girls' Player Development Camps

Dates for the Girls' Camps are:

Select 15 (1995) July 22-July 28 at ESL Sports Centre, Rochester, NY (102 players)

Select 16 (1994) June 25-July 1 at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN (102 players)

Select 17 (1993) June 25-July 1 St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN (76 players)

Vancouver Olympics

My husband and I (at our own expense) attended the semi-final and final Women's Olympic games, as well as one of the men's hockey games versus Switzerland. It was exciting that the United States advanced to the final games in both men's and women's hockey. It wasn't easy finding housing, but we ended up renting a condo in downtown Vancouver and were able to walk to the events. This week the Star Tribune had an item about the City of Vancouver and that its losses for hosting the Olympics were more than \$300 million, about the same as its budget to run Vancouver for a year.

Patty Kazmaier Award Brunch

As a member of the organizing committee, I participated in conference calls and assisted in selling tables and advertising for the Patty Kazmaier Award Brunch sponsored by USA Hockey. Minnesota Hockey purchased a table on March 20, 2010, at the McNamara Alumni Center. It was an excellent event and Vicki Bendus of Mercyhurst College was the recipient of the award for the best player in women's collegiate hockey.

Minnesota Hockey Scholarship Committee

As chair of the Scholarship Committee, I want to thank Kathy Hayes who copied and mailed the applications to the committee members. The Scholarship Committee received a large number of applications this year, likely due to the economy. It was interesting to review the candidates' applications this year as there were many outstanding individuals which made the selection extremely difficult, but very gratifying. Thank you to Bruce Kruger, Tim Morris and Greg Nagan for participating on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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