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## **USA HOCKEY GIRLS'/WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT** **JUNE 27, 2010**

### **USA Hockey Annual Congress**

I attended the Girls'/Women's Section meetings on Thursday and Saturday. I also received my twenty year award from USA Hockey on Thursday evening at their awards banquet.

### **District Reports**

The USA Hockey Districts gave verbal reports of issues that were occurring in their District and those issues were discussed.

### **National Championships**

A recap of the Green Bay, Wisconsin, Girls Tier I and Women's USA Hockey National Championships was given by Mary Ann Robinson. It went well other than the merchandise issue (didn't arrive on time).

Patty Madden spoke regarding the Lansing, Michigan Tier II Girls National Championships. Discussion regarding the selection by the Districts of Tier II teams was the major issue at this tournament with Massachusetts sending the second place winner of their Tier I tournament to the event.

The Women's 40 & Over and 50 & Over National Tournament was held in Florida and was a great success. A 60 & Over classification will probably be added in two years.

The Girls Prep School tournament will be held March 11-13, 2011, according to the present schedule. Several Districts reported that those dates conflicted with their tryouts for the National Development Program or other in-District events. Mary Ann Robinson said she would take that information back to the High School Section.

Dates for the 2011 USA Hockey National Championships are as follows:

Women's A, B and C and 30 & Over – April 1-3 in Rochester, Michigan

Girls Tier II – March 30-April 3 in Anaheim, California

Girls Tier I – April 6-10 in Rochester, Michigan

A closed session was held for bids for the 2012 USA Hockey Girls'/Women's National Championships.

### **Tier II Girls**

A clarification to the criteria for Tier II was discussed. National Tournament Bound teams must declare Tier I or Tier II in writing to the District Registrar by December 31. Teams must compete in separate Tier I and Tier II playdowns.

### **Legislative Proposals**

The G/W Section discussed four legislative proposals: Eliminate 12U Nationals, change Girls'/Women's Tie Breaker (Section decided to withdraw this proposal for further discussion), Girl's/Women's/Adult Council Recreational Tournaments and Officiating Price Increase.

### **Play Like a Girl Newsletter**

Change made to the July date for submission of articles - All articles should be submitted in August for an August 30th publication date. All articles must be submitted through your District Representative in the format provided by the G/W Section and then the representative will forward to Joe Eppolito.

### **National Team and Development Camps Update**

Michele Amidon gave an update on the Women's National Team and Development Camps and her move to the ADM Program.

- **Olympics** - The Residency program went well and a grant has been extended from NSC to USA Women's Program for upgrades of facilities. Mark Johnson spoke regarding the Olympic event and selection process.
- **U18 Team** IIHF World tournament was held in Chicago, April 2010. August 22 they will participate in Calgary.
- **Warren Strelow Goalie Camp** Ann Arbor – 12 girls attended.
- **IIFH Camp** Vierumaki, Finland – July 3-11. MARRISA and Michele will attend this event with three players 93-94 birth year.
- **Player Development Camps** Preparations are two weeks ahead of last year. August camp will include 22 players and the U22 team. August 18-21 they will play 3 games versus Canada at Lake Placid, NY.
- **Scouting Announcement** Tom Osiecki will be scouting the WCHA and CHA NCAA Women's hockey for USA Hockey.
- **ADM** Michele Amidon will head up the girls' side of the ADM Program.

### **Sub-Committees**

The four committees were asked for their reports. Three individuals said they had not worked on their subject. Lynn Olson handed out her report on "Improve communication within the infrastructure of USAH and with interested outside entities."

### **Women's Tournament in Napa Valley, California**

Pacific District Representative, Margo Dreyer, advised that they are hosting a Women's Tournament August 13-15, 2010, featuring Wine Tasting in Napa Valley.

### **USA Hockey Girls'/Women's Section Fall Meeting**

Fall meeting is scheduled for September 18-19, 2010.

### **Retirement**

The foundation and establishment of girls' and women's hockey in Minnesota was a monumental task and the success and achievements have been immense and felt throughout the United States. It has been an honor representing the girls and women in Minnesota and I thank you for allowing me to serve them the past 24 years.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lynn Olson*