



USA HOCKEY GIRLS/WOMEN'S SECTION REPORT

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Winter Meeting

- I. **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Don Gould
 - G/W Section and Youth Council Schedules WM 2017
 - Attendance of G/W Section Representatives

- II. **Long Range Planning Committee working sessions**
 - A. **Growth and Development**

Actionable Tasks and Discussion...

 1. Meet with Pat/Kevin/Shannon: How can we enhance what you guys already do? (Try Hockey for Free, 2 V 2, etc.) How do we make the programs in place more female specific?
 2. Meet with ADM/Ken: How can we enhance what's already being done? How do we address ADM with just females?
 3. Promote and advocate for a new ADM manager specifically focused on female LTD.
 4. Doug, Ladd: spoke about specific things done in their districts in respect to "Try Hockey for Free", Grants, Competitions between rinks, etc.
 5. Arrange "Try Hockey" events to coincide with any kind of upcoming Olympic Tour games
 6. Develop a growth and development relationship/dialogue with the NWHL teams. As professional teams, they may have an interest in creating a position for this. Shelley would have some pull in this area.
 7. Investigate the effects of dual-rostering.
 8. NHL Learn to Play – Are there things we can borrow or steal and modify to be female specific?
 9. Develop a collection of best practices from each District Rep, etc. Create a template document like what is done for Player Development. Focus on "How to" as opposed to a detailed list of events.
 10. Identify Affiliate Growth Coordinators and survey them regarding job descriptions, etc.

 - B. **Age Appropriate Play and Age Classifications for Girls**
 1. Increasing the age levels if Senior Women's moves to Recreation Nationals. No Player under 21 years old.

2. Expanding Tier 2 offering with maybe offer Large market and Small market offering.

C. Leadership Development in Girls Hockey

1. 18 Months ago, introduced a Leadership program, with Intern Coaches.
2. Beta Program-Pacific Camp this Spring
3. Create a Portal-Find Volunteer Positions in an area when a player moves to an area
4. Coaching Recommendation-Coach recognizes leadership

D. Increasing Visibility of Female hockey

1. **NWHL or connect with the role players through Twitter**
2. ***Stream a game of the week and or top game.**
3. **Pick big events-5 top events. Highlight to grow the game.**

III. Liaison Reports

- **High School** – Mary Ann Robinson HSS Invitational status.

6 Teams, Asked MN why we can't have a team from our second level of girls. Bob Gillen asked with MN having the NIT, why don't they take over with 2 level of teams.

- **Coaching-** Joe Eppolito, IIHF / Frozen Four HPC Plans.

IIHF Coaching Seminar-Level 4 only

Frozen Four HPC Plans-Teaching Seminar-Parents, coaches, etc. Next Year in Minnesota, Level 4 Seminar.

- **Adult Women**– Katie Holmgren

Seeing more Senior A teams registering at the National Rec Tournament. Maybe helping the move to Adult Rec from Youth at other Levels. Must be 21 to attend Rec tournament. LaBatt's Beer is sponsorer.

- **Disabled Section** – Shawna Davidson, Women's team update

Austria-Flew in with Team Canada and Team Europe for training/building. Three team tournament and beat TC with one second left.

IV. Membership Registration 2016/17 Season: Shannon

- Membership and registration update

- WGIHW 2016
Boys and Girls both up. Girls up 8.2 %
THFF February 25th. 350 sites.

V. Player Development Update – Kristen Wright

- Tryout/Evaluations Notification Timeline
National Evaluators-One Player and one Goalie evaluator..
- PDC Plans and Dates
See Document. Grant for PDC is out there and now due.
- Regional Camps – 14's, Goaltenders

VI. IIHF Update Long Game February 18-19th, 2017

A game every hour for full day. G3 folder of teams who want to participate. Is there any MN Girls teams who want to participate.

VII. 2017 IIHF World Championship and Related Programming

VIII. National Championships

- Final Grid review. No Senior A. Senior B-12 Teams, Senior C-10.
- Schedules, Women, TI and TII. Joe has it mostly worked out. Waiting for Qtr. Final elimination for Tier 1.
- Process improvement, Tournament Director role in the planning and execution of the tournaments
- Guidebook Change Process, Quarterfinals question
Live through it this year, but look at changing for future. Maybe expand Tier 2 to 16 teams.
- Future Bids (closed session) and do we award multiple tournaments.
- Ideas for future NC's – Full season verses short / split season teams, Pure verses Select classifications
- Tournament Declaration Policy Discussion
Look at changing to December 1st. Maybe make consistant for all levels.

IX. T-I Recommendations Review and Discussion

- Grandfathering at T-I for Girls
Girls set at 20%, 18 players with min. of 3 years prior. Registered Girls teams for 3 years. Tier 1 only. Can go Tier 2.
- Identify team numbers by affiliate subject to GF language
- Tryout rule and recruitment language
Language removed. 40 Hours after NC.
- Clarification of rules and recommendations interpretation
- Concerns and thoughts concerning recommendations document

X. Playing Rules Committee Review and Discussion Affects Girls/Women's

#38-Reduce the Length of a minor or bench minor penalty to 1:30: Adult has asked for an exception

#128-Eliminate the ability of a shorthanded team to legally ice the puck: Adult has asked for an exception

XI. National Team Update

Girls Hockey has increased 250% with 70,000 players. Less spots available for National Teams. And tougher to make out of District.

Post Grad in season camp in Boston this year.

Trying to keep from pulling players out of school.

Many more camps for training.

IIHF-New Hire to run IIHF.