

Hockey OPS
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Crowne Plaza

2009 Advanced Committee

We have recently completed about half of our 2008-09 Advanced Programs for Minnesota Hockey players. We still have five big programs to finish up: Boys/Girls 15 Festival, Advance Dave Peterson Goaltender Camp, Boys Advanced 15 Camp and Girls Advanced 15 Camp.

Up to this point we have given about 2100 players from 16's through High School an opportunity through the following programs to compete, develop and be exposed – Boys/Girls 16/17's, Elite I Boys/Girls, Elite II Boys. So far in the process we have included about 350-400 coaches, evaluators and general managers. Our program directors made a point of incorporating: youth, college, high school and alumni coaches again in the processes.

We will still be serving in our other programs another roughly 1000 boys and girls in the 15's Boys and Girls programs.

This year was the second year for our expanded girls program. We again ran the Boys and Girls 16/17 Festivals and Final 54's together in Plymouth. It was exciting to watch 640 athletes compete at the same location. This year Ben Smith joined us for the final 54 in Plymouth and he really like the process and the increased level of play of the girls on the ice. He also thought it was pretty nice to see both the boys and girls together in the same building. One of Ben's quotes was, "it would sure be nice to see rest of country develop this many young female hockey players and watch the change from one year to next in talent not just having same girls each year." We will post the lists recommended to the USA National Summer Programs on Monday, April 27th.

I have asked each program to submit a report from each program with the plus's and minus's from each. The Advanced Committee will have a T-Con on April 29th at 7:00pm. If you have comments please direct to me or the following program directors who did a great, great job this year running their respective programs.

15 Girls – Kevin Dickie
15 Boys – John Perry
16/17 Girls – Tom Peart
16/17 Boys – Dave Bakke
Great 8 – Paul Moen
Chicago Showcase – Dave Stigen
Senior Classic – Tim Morris
Advanced Dave Peterson Goalie Camp – Steve Carroll

A special thanks to Carol Carlson who coordinates registration and Jim Bullard who processes all budget items. This year we fully utilized electronic registration which helped the process a lot. Jim and Carol also took time out of there schedules to meet with the respective GM's for all age groups.

All program information will be listed on the Minnesota Hockey website as well as both the boys and girls High School Coaches Association sites. We have secured dates for 2009 programs for the 16/17's boys and girls and working on dates for the 15 programs.

One project that Advanced Committee worked on and got kicked off was the development of a Fall Upper Midwest Elite I Girls League under the direction of Eric Johnson, to allow girls in the state the same opportunities as the boys for development and exposure without having to endure cost of a pre-post AAA program. This fall they will kick-off the first Girls Elite II league which will give more girls the same positive fall opportunity.

We also will be piloting a 15 advanced training program that hopefully will be taken regionally that incorporates USA Hockey, Division I and European National Coaches following the 15 Festival in June. As we plan for next year we will be looking at the HPC components and trying to upgrade and enhance all of our programs.

All of our programs gained Olympic Development status from USA Hockey and MSHSL so we have no eligibility problems with our players and coaches; a copy was submitted to President Dennis Green.

A complete report will follow at the summer meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike MacMillan – Advanced Chair

David Bakke commented how well the Festival weekend worked with having the boys and girls at the same venue.

Ben Smith was at the Festival, picking kids for the 18 National Program. One of Ben's comments was that we were growing the girls' skills and he was excited about the number of girls participating and the growth of the sport.

There will be a TCon on the 29th to get feedback on the advanced process and to discuss how to get more kids involved in the process and give more opportunities.

August 12 – 15 USA Hockey National Coaches Symposium will be in Minnesota for the first time in 10 years. In St. Paul at the River Center. 500 coaches from around the world will be present and this is the maximum attendance. High School and College coaches are invited to attend to get their Level 5 Certification. They have asked MNH to sponsor a Minnesota Kick-off. You have to be Level 4 in order to attend. The cost to attend is \$425 and those who do not have a Level 4 will be allowed to attend if there is space available.

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.

Respectfully submitted April 26th, 2009

Hal Tearse

Coach in Chief, Minnesota Hockey

**Minnesota Hockey ACE Director Spring 09 Report
April 24, 2009**

Hello, I hope all is well with you. I want to thank each of you for taking the time to spend with Mac and I, and we hope that you found value in meeting with the Coach in Chiefs. I believe that we all learned a lot from each other. I will do my best to recap the joint meeting and then to recap our meeting.

CIC/ACE

Friday we heard the history from the historian, Mike MacMillan, USA Hockey Coach-in-Chief Minnesota District. Actually, he is not that old but has written a lot of history within USA Hockey. I believe that it was a good starting point for all of us to hear where we have been and where we are going. I gave a report on the ACE program and then we heard from Dave Margenau, Minnesota Hockey VP Maroon District/HEP Director about HEP and what a great job you all are doing. Dave talked about the delivery model and how that might help each association with education of parents, coaches and players. Next we listened to our Minnesota Hockey Coach-in-Chief, Hal Tearse, and talk about the program through his eyes, the DVD program, the Skill Development program and his vision for the future. We then had a presentation from Alyson Raines, of USA Hockey, about the IntraLearn system and how to set up a clinic. She spoke of how important it is to have very specific information within the extra info tab and how this should help correct the constant need from coaches for more information. We finished the joint meeting with an open forum of Q/A.

Saturday we opened with comments from Mac, who introduced Coach-in-Chief, Pat Westrom, and ACE Coordinator Mark Palmer. They presented on how to work together in the CEP clinics. Lots of great info was provided. I appreciate Mark's willingness to share. We next had a report from Dave and Mac on the AMD and how it will play in our seasons to come. After that Mac introduced Special Project Coordinator, Chris Bonnell, and he talked about the level 5 coaches' symposium. Chris spoke of the special cost if you would like to get your Masters of \$250 per person and all you have do is to give a little time. If you want to talk about this opportunity please give me a call. The last thing we talked about I felt was the most powerful, as we provided Mac with input on the CEP clinic and how we felt they could be improved. We talked about many things and I hope that Mac can bring our message to his team at USA Hockey. Hopefully, it will show that Minnesota is leading the way with an open mind to change.

ACE Meeting

I want to thank you all for spending time to talk openly about our season last year. I am so proud of each of you. I know that I have put the best players on the ice that I could have. As Herb Brooks said, "It is not about me but rather about the team, and that is you." I presented the attached power point to recap our season and how we did on our goals. If you want to present to your district please share the news. We took role call- D1 Dan Muccio (not able to attend) D2 John Peterson, D3 Gene Ferrel, D4 Greg Johnson, D5 Terry Dvorak, D6

Mark Palmer, D8 Steve Morse, D10 Donn Berkeland, D11 Pete Hill, D12 Scott Sarkela, D15 Andrew Shriver, and D16 Scott Riopelle. You all did a great job of supporting each other during the district reports. It made setting our goals very easy. We talked about setting goals that support MDM/ADM and we thought that it was not the best use of our time to do this as we do not have the direction from Minnesota Hockey. Donn stated that we did not completely finish our 2008-2009 goals so we would work on completing them first and then when we meet in the fall again we may add others. So our goals look as follows:

1 To support the Growth Model of Minnesota Hockey

a) Help CIC's look for Development Staff

District Skills Coach

District Goalie Coach

Assistant District ACE to help with training

2 To take over the Mite 8-U workshops

a) Look to do 4 clinics in 09-10 season

One in each of the four corners of the state. We would use Best Practices with the possibility of giving a Level One certification.

3) HEP Material Distribution and ACE training

a) I offered to host a meeting in every district to train every ACE coordinator. We decided not to make it mandatory but rather strongly encourage using the association president and the association ace coordinators.

Meeting at a central location within the District

ACE training

HEP material ordering

HEP material training

I would also like to give thanks to all the presenters for helping out!

If you have any questions please let me know!

Respectfully submitted

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High School Boys

Advanced 18 Program to give the player who is 18 the opportunity to participate in the program. This program is for the player who was in the Advanced 16's and 17's but ineligible because of their birth year to participate when they are 18.

Minnesota is looking at putting on a Chicago Showcase type of event and have contacted other parts of the country that they would like to attend. The event would cost less than going to Chicago and would mean the kids would miss less school. The girls' side of the program is also interested in pursuing this event, especially since the girls no longer participate in the Chicago Showcase.

A committee has been formed to address the questions and issues surrounding the USA Hockey ADM for development and the high school coaches will work closely with Minnesota Hockey on this issue.

The 25 games for the high school teams stayed intact this season. The Great 8 was a huge success again this year. March 26 – 28, 2010 will be the Great 8 next year at Wacota.

High School Girls**DIRECTOR, HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS****REPORT FOR MINNESOTA HOCKEY MTG. 4/26/09****1. SENIOR CLASSIC (see attached schedule and roster)**

The Senior Classic was held at the Schwan Super Rink in Blaine. This was the 11th year of this event. There were eight teams from combined Class A and AA sections. Online registration was used and was VERY successful in getting players and coaches registered with USA Hockey.

2. MGHCA Freshman/Sophomore Development Camp

Dates: Sunday night July 5th - Friday afternoon July 10th

Invitations: In the past, we have held tryouts for this camp, but have decided this year to make it an invitation only camp. Players were nominated by their high school coach based on who they thought could handle the level of play and rigor of our camp. There are 102 spots available (including 12 for goalies) and those spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Any player not previously nominated who wishes to attend will be invited to fill any open spots only via the recommendation of their high school coach.

Camp Goals: What we want to provide players with at our camp are tools that will help them help themselves become better hockey players. We will provide players with information, tools, training programs, ideas etc. that they can take with them and work on, on their own, during the off-season and throughout their regular season. Our camp will give players a taste of what it is like to train at the high, intense level that they will encounter if they choose to move on to the collegiate level or beyond. It will also give them a taste of what level of training will be required of them to get to that next level.

Schedule: Monday thru Thursday, we will train during the day from approximately 7:00am – 4:00pm. A minimum of 2 hours of which are on ice, the remainder is off-ice or classroom. We will scrimmage at night on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Friday, we will do some training in the morning, wrap up the week and then scrimmage in the afternoon.

3. JUNIOR FESTIVAL (see attached schedule of events)

- **Festival Dates:** Tuesday June 9th thru Friday June 12th, 2009.
- **Location:** All events will take place at Richfield Ice Arena. (636 66th St E Richfield, MN)
- **Registration:** Tuesday June 9th 11:15am
- **Mandatory Meeting** Tuesday June 9th 11:45am (Parents are welcome to attend, we will be talking about the recruiting process and what to expect)
- **Cost:** \$225.00 per Player. Make checks payable to the MGHCA
- **Refunds:** If after sending in your check and paperwork you are unable to participate in the Festival, refunds will be granted up to May 22nd, 2009.
- **USA Hockey:** All players must be members of USA Hockey and must be registered as a player, Referee cards do not count. If you are currently a member, please send us a photocopy of your current card. If you are not already a member, please fill out the USA Hockey's online registration form at usahockey.com, click on Registration. Online. (located in the upper right corner), select Ice Players & Coaches and make sure you register for the 2008-2009 Season. Once you have completed the registration, print the Confirmation Page and send me a copy of it.

4. There will be 8 teams/136 players participating.

5. FALL CLINIC & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Fall Clinic & General Membership meeting will be held on October 9-10, 2009 at the Schwan Center in Blaine, MN. More details will be available at the summer meeting and online at www.mghca.com.

6. ADVANCED SPRING FESTIVAL & FINAL 54 FESTIVAL

The Advanced Spring Festival and Final 54 Festival was held at the Plymouth Ice Center again in conjunction along with the boys festivals. The process again had some minor glitches but all in all the festivals were a tremendous success. There are still a few of the sections that have trouble getting the "required" 40 players at each section tryout. That issue is being discussed by the Advanced Program leaders and the girls hockey

coaches association's leaders. A brief synopsis was sent to the Advanced Girls Director with suggestions for saving money, tryout processes, evaluations, etc.

7. CHARLIE STRYKER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Nicole Neumann from Bloomington (Thomas Jefferson HS, Bloomington, MN) was selected as the recipient of the Charlie Stryker Scholarship recipient. She will be attending the University of St. Thomas next fall.

8. MGHCA SUMMER PLANNING MEETING

A summer planning meeting is scheduled for this summer to look at the overall development of the coaches association along with some of the topics listed below:

- Coach retention and training
- Administrative responsibilities
- Programs (MGHCA, MN Hockey, USA Hockey, etc.)
- Number of 14U teams vs. number of high school teams.
- Website development and stat program development

9. WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The MGHCA website will undergo re-development this summer. The MGHCA wants the website to be easier for coaches, players, parents, fans, etc to use for next season.

10. MGHCA CONTACT INFORMATION

Website – www.mghca.com

Email – info@mghca.com

The atmosphere with the boys and girls being together is a great plus for Minnesota.

Using online registration for the Senior Festival saved the team managers time and was a great tool. Tim encouraged all to use the process for registering players. The Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen camps will also be using online registration. (Tim getting me the dates and times)

Jerry DeMeo brought up the issue of taking girls away from the local associations to fill their high school teams. The high school league does not discuss or address this issue.

Off-Season Affiliate Agreement will be covered on Sunday

HEP Committee Report

HEP Material Distribution

Number of associations who have order materials

Season	Associations
2008-09	79
2007-08	33
2006-07	30
2005-06	71
2004-05	105

Fair Play – 2008-09

Fifth season using Fair Play

Collecting league scoresheets for database

Association Phone Survey

55 completed – report at Summer Meeting
U of M Grad students working on the data
Parent education, team meetings, skill testing

3M coach Recognition

10 coaches nominated 2008-09
Wild coaching session with last session nominees
This season jacket winners:
Nate Smith – Tartan
Pat Forte – Sartell
Mike Lovich – Andover
Todd Westlund – Alexandria

Essay Contest Winners

147 entries (120 last year)
Finalists – Abby Koep of Fergus falls, Chris Arneson of Armstrong/Cooper, and Bobby Tiedemann of Crookson. Bobby was the winner of the drawing.

HEP Newsletter

Two editions – fall and spring

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Respectfully submitted

Carol D. Carlson