

Minnesota Hockey, Inc  
Board of Directors Meeting  
USA Hockey Girls/Women Section Report  
January 30, 2011

A written report was presented by USA Hockey Minnesota District Girls/Womens Section Representative Tito Elumba

1. Girls/Women's Nationals (Detroit, MI) Final Declarations:
  - a. Girls 19U Tier1 (3 team playoffs March 4-5<sup>th</sup> @ Wakota Arena, South St. Paul)
  - b. Girls 16U Tier1 (Shattuck St. Mary)
  - c. Women's Senior A (Blue J's)
  - d. Women's Senior B (MN Blue J Hawks)
  
2. USA Hockey Girls/Women's Section Updates from USAH Winter Meeting
  - a. Women's 30 & Over Nationals
    - i. Given concerns regarding participation in Nationals, USA Hockey is looking to move Nationals under the Adult section. Doing so would eliminate the strict rostering/credentialing requirements currently required. This change has seen positive impacts on Nationals participation for the Women's 40 & 50 and over (has already moved under the adult section)
    - ii. I met with WHAM board prior to the USA Hockey Winter meeting regarding the 30 & over change. They expressed support for this move as long as it simplified the process for Nationals participation.
  - b. Womens Senior A/B/C
    - i. Input is being gathered to look at restructuring the current structure of these levels. Some of the reasons for this include:
      - Eliminating complications related to waivers to play down levels for individual players
      - Players being forced to play at levels they are no longer competitively able (e.g. former D1 player, after 30 years is still required to play at "A" level)
      - Increasing number of teams eligible for Nationals
      - Simplifying Nationals qualifications
    - ii. G/W Section has established a committee to focus establishing a restructuring proposal. I will be working with WHAM & Women's Director to provide input.
  - c. Marketing Committee
    - i. Working on producing various videos of varying lengths that promote participation/growth of girls and women's hockey.
    - ii. Videos would be made available to affiliates to use to help market, promote and grow female participation.
  
3. Advanced/National Development Program Update
  - a. Women's Under 18 wins 2011 World IIFH Gold Metal (Jan 1-8<sup>th</sup>, Stockholm , Sweden)
    - i. Swept all five games, winning the gold against Canada (5-2).
    - ii. Minnesota players included: Milica McMillen (St. Paul), Lee Stecklein (Roseville), Hannah Brandt (Vadnais Heights), Layla Marvin (Warroad), Abby Ness (Roseau), Karley Sylvester (Warroad)

- b. 2011 USAH NDP Camp Player Allocations for Minnesota :  
(does not include potential at-Large additions)
    - i. 17's (1994) - 5 Defense, 6 Forwards, tbd Goalie
    - ii. 16's (1995) - 5 Defense, 9 Forwards, tbd Goalie
    - iii. 15's (1996) - 6 Defense, 8 Forwards, 1 Goalie
    - iv. USAH will be sending a goalie evaluator and NDP rep to the final tryout phase for 16 & 17's. Evaluator would be in addition to MN Hockey goalie evaluation staff. See attachments regarding information on the NDP goalie evaluation process and evaluation form.
  - c. NDP Camp Intern coaching nominations being accepted.
    - i. Nominations will be passed on to USA Hockey NDP staff for consideration
    - ii. Each NDP camp team coaching staff will include a intern coach
4. 2011 Girls'/Women's Coaching Symposium – March 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>, Erie, PA
- a. Held in conjunction with NCAA Women's Frozen Four.
  - b. Clinic is open to all coaches, but will focus on those who coach female hockey players
  - c. Registration and more information can be found on [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)
- Attendees will receive next level coaching certification for 2011-12 season. Including receiving Level 4 CEP if you already have a Level