



Meeting Agenda

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Board of Directors Meeting

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Board of Director Updates

- **President – Corey McDonald**

As we move into the last months of this season the BOD has been busy planning for the upcoming season. Last month we had our annual Planning Meeting in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting so my update will include items from the December as well as January.

We would like to welcome Mike McIver who agreed to accept the appointment to our Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising

As you all may be aware, a change occurred at the 19AAA level during the Holiday break. After careful consideration and discussion, within and outside of our association, Rich Furia resigned as Head Coach of the U19AAA team. Rich realized that he was unable to develop and attract players necessary to compete at the U19AAA level. The end of 2014 saw us come into a situation with no good alternatives. It became clear that Rich was not interested in being part of future of this association. He was unable to build relationship

within the association and garner respect of the players on his team and others to effectively lead our most highly visible team and as such I accepted his resignation.

We appointed Kendall Hanley and Taylor Gross co-head coaches for the rest of the season. Taylor has done an incredible job with this team and is highly respected by the players. Myself, Kendall and Taylor worked over the holidays to keep this team together. We were successful in doing that and the first weekend back was a comprehensive team building weekend with the agenda exercises developed by Andy Lutz who has been recognized for his work in this area with. The team went into the first game weekend with new coaches and scored more goals than before including their first win

We having been busy conducting a search for a new U19AAA coach and this individual will also have assistant Director of Hockey responsibilities. The new individual will be the head Coach of the U19AAA team as well as assuming responsibilities at the U14-U19 levels. This way we are allowing our players the best opportunities to develop within our program and to allow our players the best chance to attain their varied goals. We are interviewing now and should be making an announcement soon.

Kendall continues to do a tremendous job. Her passion for this sport and the fact that she truly cares about the players in this organization is evident. She has tirelessly devoted her energies to ensuring this association will be successful for years to come. I am proud of how she exhibited professionalism and been a positive force for The Select. She has become a leader and trusted Advocate for Girls Hockey in Colorado. She has the ability to develop relationships outside of our organization. She has reached out to the Lady Roughriders and where I was unable to connect at an administrative level. Her initiative along with Michele Amidon from USA Hockey has resulted in us meeting with their DOH and VP and planning to work together to grow the Girl's Hockey together. We have two coaches from the LRR coaching the Colorado 14ers. Jennifer Tatnell Stauffer and Molly Blaine (former Select 14AA assistant coach)

This has been a very trying year for our Association as we went through many changes in the last 12 months. We continue to develop our programs and players and it is important that we learn from our mistakes and ensure we are utilizing resources we have to ensure the best decisions are made for this Association. With this in mind, I assembled an Advisory Committee, which Included Michele Amidon, Pierre Turgeon, Rich Smith, Dell Truax and Dan Minnick. I had discussions with these individuals they agreed to lend their expertise and experience to support and enhance our association.

At the last CAHA meeting on January 27 an item was brought up by Greg Johnson regarding the future of Tier 1 Girls Hockey the loss of talent out of state. A discussion after the meeting took place with Kendall Hanley, Gary Weber and Myself from the Select, Jennifer Marcus Scarafoni, Jennifer Tatnell Stauffer and Calvin Abila. USA Hockey was represented by Michele Amidon, Ken Martell and Ty Henes. Greg Johnson and Randy Kanai were present from CAHA. We discussed options and data presented from USA. At this time Colorado does not have enough tier 1 level players to allow more than 1 Teir 1 program. Randy Kanai President of CAHA wanted the girls programs to decide what was best for the development of Girls Hockey in Colorado. The Select along with USA Hockey presented that the Select had

the infrastructure and history to continue to be the Tier 1 association. We will continue to work with the LRR to develop and grow girl's hockey in Colorado. The meeting adjourned that we would keep the status as the Tier 1 Girls Hockey Association in Colorado.

Director of Hockey Kendall Hanley - DOH Report:

THFF is this coming weekend, Sunday, February 22nd . Andy Lutz is helping coordinate volunteers and logistics. Test Drive registration is up and running with a new logo. We had our first registration Friday. Gary, Andy and I met with Alec Hines of Edge Ice Arena to update the rink on our plans moving forward and discuss ice needs. Gary and I completed our first round of ADOH interviews late last week. We organized a few Game Nights for various age levels in the Friday ice slot, huge success! We held a Parent/Player Meeting to update our membership on Tier I for 2015-16.

- **Treasurer Glenn Kazminski** – Budget for 2015-2016 is complete and the financial committee will review.
- **Registrar – Stephanie Hodge-**
 - **Tier I and Tier II Books for Districts qualifications have been approved by CAHA Registrar**
 - District Handbook has been distributed to coaches and managers**
 - Email blast for Coach of the Year has been sent out; Andy will also get something on website**
 - Minnick Scholarship Application is up and email has been sent to all seniors**
 - We have received 1 Test Drive Registration**
 - **We FINALLY have everyone paid up on their season fees**
- **Director of Coaching- Mitch Watson –**
 - Coaching app is up.**
 - Waiting on U19AAA coaching decision on candidates to interview.**
 - Once U19AAA candidates are selected we can start to list next years coaching selections by team, the reason I am waiting is that Eric has applied for U19AAA position.**
 - Waiting for feedback from Kendall on lower age coaches.**
 - Working on coaching review.**
- **Director of Tier I Programs – Sandy Glatt**
 - Both 16 and 19 teams have completed their league play. 19s went 0-24 finishing last in the league in season play, 16s went 12 - 7 and finished 3rd out of 5 in season play. Due to the conflict with our District Championships; neither team will be participating in the League Championships and associated year-end events.**
 - Three Select 19AAA players participated in the JWHL All Star game during the Challenge Cup in Washington DC in mid-January. Congratulations to Caley Mueller, Elizabeth Dohner and Rebecca Brown.**
 - Both teams will be heading to Dallas the weekend of March 6th - 8th to participate in District Championships. Both teams have a single opponent, Dallas Stars. Each team**

will play best 2 of 3 to earn a berth the USA Hockey Girls Tier I Nationals in Green Bay, WI. The JWHL has been provided our District dates for next season, if they again schedule the Championships on those dates this will be an issue.

We have been engaged in both email communication as well as an in person meeting on 2/8 to keep the Tier I players apprised of what the Association is doing as it relates to the Tier I programs for 2015 - 2016. This communication has proven to be both well appreciated and extremely valuable in letting folks know that much work is currently underway, what some of the specific actions being taken are, and what can be expected. The meeting was very respectful and resulted in a very good exchange of information and feedback. We need to keep this up this is a group that needs a lot of care and feeding, and regular communication is critical!

Our intent at this time is for both 16/19 teams to return to the JWHL next season. Once a coach has been identified for the 14s we need to identify where we would want/expect the 14s to play. We want to make this decision if possible BEFORE the May tryout dates.

- **Director of Tier II programs - Mitch Cohen**
- **Director of Recreation Programs - Gary Weber**

8U - Have been playing a number of friendlies and are having fun. There has been good growth and development with all players. The 8U will have a jamboree at the beginning of March to cap off their season.

10U - Have been doing well in the C470 league and will finish their season in the C470 tournament the second week of March.

12U - C470 have been developing well and the effort they are showing in their games is outstanding. They will finish up the season playing in the CAHA state tournament last weekend in February and the C470 tournament second week in March.

12U - MSGHL team continues to have success in the MSGHL and will compete in the MSGHL tournament this weekend. The following weekend they will compete in the CAHA state tournament.

14U - The Select girls continue to build friendships with the Summit girls and are looking forward to competing in the MSGHL tournament this weekend.

19U - The team played hard and had lots of fun. They are done for the season.

- **12U/14U Age Division Director - Daroah Powell**

U14

The 14s are continuing to participate with the Summit team in the MSGHL. The regular season ends 2/15 and the MSGHL playoffs are this coming weekend. As of right now the team will be the 5th seed in the MSGHL tournament this coming weekend.

U12

The MSGHL team is still undefeated in MSGHL play. They will be the number 1 seed in the MSGHL playoffs this coming weekend. The playoffs are at the Edge. They will be participating in the CAHA tournament at the PeeWee B level.

The C470 team has been playing much better and been competitive in most of their recent games. However they are looking for an elusive second win in the 470 league. The last

league game will be the first weekend in March followed by playoffs the next week. The U12 girls division in the CAHA tournament never materialized.

14ers

The 14ers have incorporated as a separate entity with a separate bank account. While registration is run through the Select website the payments go directly to the 14ers account. As previously noted the 14ers will need loans from Select to cover ice, uniforms, possibly tournament registration. There are currently 9 registrants, 8 at the 12s, 1 at the 10s. The exciting part is that we have U12 players registered from Summit and Vail. While numbers may appear low, remember that we didn't even announce last year until 2/26.

- **16U/19U Age Division Director – John Dohner Tier I Meeting**

Kendall held her Tier I meeting to discuss our plans for next season. She stated that the association would be fielding Tier I teams at 14U, 16U & 19U. There was also a very strong message that CAHA wanted to keep Tier I hockey in the "girls world" and not push it off to the youth side. Parents did mention the possibility of a Thunderbirds AAA program, it was stated that to our knowledge there has been no such program formally present to or approved by CAHA for the 2015/2016 season.

The meeting went well and was heavily attended by returning Tier I and Tier II players/parents. All of the AAA coaches were also in attendance. The overarching message was that we are committed to fielding quality teams. We will be looking for kids to come into the association to play on these teams and we have already been contacted by several. A similar concern of, "we want good players but we don't want them at the expense of places on these teams for Select kids." We need to reiterate that the Tier I & Tier II teams are to be made up of the best players and that is why we have tryouts.

The topic of a new 19AAA coach was brought up and it stated that we should have someone in place by mid to late march. The membership is very interested in the results of the search. In my opinion, this needs to be a coach that has

We also discussed the earlier try-out period and the ramifications it would have on the season and summer tournaments such as Beantown. That said, I think we need to be prepared as an association for JWHL sanctions, and restrictions to certain tournaments and showcases such as Beantown and Rush.

In light of the season we have had and the release of the coach mid-season at 19AAA, A very strong focus needs to be placed on fielding not just teams, but much better teams next season.

16U AAA

Completed their JWHL season with a very respectable 7-5 record, tied for second in the standings with Boston Shamrocks behind NAHA

Over MLK Weekend, the team played in the JWHL Challenge Cup finishing with a 2-3 record

They just played in the Can/Am Madison, WI tournament finishing with a 3-1 record

Next up is the RMD Tournament in Dallas, TX over March 6-8

19U A

Completed their JWHL Season with a 2-10 record, currently sitting in 6th place in the standings

The team is still waiting to hear about the end of season. It is sounding like the CAHA State

Tournament will not be happening for this division.

It is looking like at this time the sits in the MSGHL rankings as the 6th place finisher, Not sure what that means for end of season play

19U AA

Over MLK Weekend, the team played in the Girls Irish Champion's Cup tournament in South Bend, IN finishing 0-1-3

The team is in Warwick, PA at the Lady Patriots President's Day Tournament. The team finished at 2-2

Next up is the RMD Tournament in Dallas, TX over March 6-8

19U AAA

Completed their JWHL season with a disappointing 0-24 record, finishing in last place

Over the MLK Weekend, the team played in the JWHL Challenge Cup finishing with a 1-4 record

They just played in the Can/Am Madison, WI tournament finishing with an 0-4 record

Next up is the RMD Tournament in Dallas, TX over March 6-8

- **Communications Coordinator _Andy Antencio**
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Old Business

New Business

- U14 Tier 1

Adjourn General Session

Executive Session