

New England District, Presidents and Directors Meeting  
 Friday June 27, 2014  
 Crowne Plaza, Nashua, NH

Attendees:

Cheri Bonawitz Director  
 Chris Washburn ME President  
 Tom Regan CT President  
 Bob Larence RI President  
 Tom Rogers NH President  
 Maurice Rosales VT President  
 Brian Evans-Mongeon NED Secretary  
 Keith Barrett Director  
 Mike Meakem Managing Director

Guests:

Jarry Rasmussen  
 Kevin Kavanagh

1:00 PM Meeting

1. Managing Director Meakem called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.
2. Introductions were offered for the guests.
3. Financial statement: MD Meakem presented the Balance Sheet and YTD 2014 Profit & Loss Statements and addressed any questions on the amounts. There were questions on the development camp revenues and expenses; as well as the festival expenses. MD Meakem presented the details on the District Block Grants. There was a discussion on the merits of the current process and whether or not the process should change. Chris Washburn made a motion to collect and distribute as a District; but the allocation will be made similar to the process set by USAH. Bob Larence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Elections: MD Meakem handed out a sheet documenting the NED Officer positions, terms, and last elected. There was a review of the positions and was suggested that this document should be posted in the OneDrive.
5. Risk Management: There was discussion on some instances of teams being invited to play in unsanctioned tournaments. It was suggested that the word be passed along to the associations in the individual states.
6. Festival Post Mortem: reviewed the minutes from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
7. Referee scheduling and pay change: Voted upon that all local USA Hockey Referee Associations must use the Arbitor system for scheduling and the RefPay system for the 2015-16 season. Chris Washburn made the motion to make this change. Tom Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Camp Designations: There was a discussion on the selection process for the NDT camps.
  - a. Camp Registrations: MD Meakem reported this year's camp numbers:

	Boys		Girls	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
13 yo	80	84	112	108
14 yo	80	82		
15 yo	86	87	94	104
16 yo	89	86		
17 yo	99	94		
Total	438	433	206	212

- b. There was discussion regarding the camp registration and designation process, including the at-large positions.
- c. Excused absence: there was discussion on whether or not certain events could allow a player to miss a portion of camp. DD Keith Barrett will ask the Camp directors to report such instances to the respective state affiliate to make sure the state is informed on the request and the response. Bob Larence made a motion to

- authorize NED to issue a refund to two players from Maine who missed camp. Tom Rogers seconded. Passed unanimously.
- d. MD Meakem passed along a statement that came from the Women's Director that the 2015 USAH camp would be structured regionally. The Presidents desired to get to more information on what and how this happen.
  - e. Festival Director Job description: Maurice Rosales had put this write up on the table for consideration. It was suggested that this could be put in place for the 2015 Festival.
    - i. Festival report: ME reported that all of the ice has been reserved. Hotel space has been made and space is available to all up to certain date. Participants are to make their own reservations.
9. NED Logo: the Presidents decided that the NED should look to create and set a new district logo.
10. Tournaments:
- a. Schedule and sites: The group reviewed the tournaments documents prepared for the meeting. Maurice Rosales moved the following changes to the District tournament schedule:
    - i. Moved the SQ and PW Tier 1 regionals to the weekend beginning March 27;
    - ii. Include Massachusetts in the following tournaments:
      1. SQ Tier 1 regional
      2. PW Tier 1 regional
      3. SQ Tier 2 regional
      4. PW Tier 2 regional
    - iii. Alter the regional title to "Super-Regional" except for the Bantam Tier 1
    - iv. Affiliate rotation selection
      1. PW Tier 1: RI
      2. Bantam Tier 1: CT
      3. ME opted not to select due to the other tournament and festival commitments
      4. SQ Tier 1: NH
      5. SQ Tier 2: VT
      6. PW Tier 2: MA
- Bob Larence seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. MD Meakem reported that the site for the All Boys Tier 1 tournament location will be Amherst, New York.
  - c. Hotels: Historically, reserving hotel rooms for the district tournaments has proved to become increasingly difficult. There was discussion on whether to alter the policy to follow the policy set for the district festival. Chris moved to change the policy to not require state affiliates to secure hotel bookings for other states. Tom Rogers seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - d. Trainer policy: There was discussion on whether the District would allow Trainers on the bench. USAH prohibits anyone not certified to be on the bench and therefore, the Presidents did not act on the proposal.
11. Massachusetts Activities: Kevin Kavanagh reported on what is going on within their district. He informed the group on the personnel changes within their organization. He also talked about what is happening at the Mite level there.
12. Future meeting dates:
- a. Fall Presidents Meeting (teleconferences) 10/6 and 10/27
  - b. 2015 NED Winter Meeting: January 30-31, 2015
  - c. 2015 NED Annual Meeting: May 8-9, 2015

## 7:00 PM General Meeting

Attendees: Brian Evans-Mongeon, Mike Meakem, Keith Barrett, Chris Washburn, Maurice Rosales, Cheri Bonawitz, Tom Rogers, Sarah Fraser, Mike McCullough, Kevin Kavanagh, Paul Comeau, Bob Larence, Dave Fontaine, Jarry Rasmussen, Tom Regan, Joe Dymarczyk, Bill Leidt, Scott Gardner, Ray Morgan, Charlie Fortier, Ryan Hardy, Amy Landino, Larry Rocha, Bobby Rodrigul, Ron DeGregorio, Ray St. Pierre, Debbie McQuilkin

1. MD Meakem called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Attendees introduced themselves.
3. MD Meakem presented honorariums to Ray Morgan from Rhode Island for 33 years of participation as the NED Festival Director and Robert Crawford from Connecticut as a NED Director for 10 years of service.
4. MD Meakem announced meeting dates for the coming year. See above dates.
5. Financial Report: Treasurer David Fontaine presented the District financial statements and MD Meakem provided additional highlights on the current financial status. MD Meakem talked about the District Block Grants.
6. Girls/Women's Section report: Reported by Bill Leidt that the NED is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> most populated district with girls' participation behind MA and MN. He also mentioned upcoming dates for girls' events. Joe Dymarczyk talked about the girls' development camps and what's going on with them. Bill reported that USAH was looking to redesign the camps to create a new approach for girls and them moving on.
7. Boys' Camp report: MD Meakem reported on the camp numbers. Overall, there is a lot of success within the camps. It was announced that the leadership was going to work with the camp directors on what may be extenuating circumstances for leaving camp.
8. Annual Congress reports:
  - a. Bill Leidt reported that the 2016 national tournaments sites have been recommended including the U12/U14 coming to Vermont.
  - b. There was discussion on Rule 411 and some proposed changes.
  - c. Charlie Fortier, Risk Manager, and Ron DeGregorio presented an issue relating to sanctioning and insurance coverage on unaffiliated tournaments.
  - d. Ron DeGregorio talked about what is going with ADM and sought input from the attendees at the meeting. If additional tools or resources are needed, Ron needs to know what such resources are beneficial and will help improve the delivery of the message.

Saturday, June 28, 2014 8:30 AM

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1. Coaching: Larry Rocha presented what is happening with the coaching program in the district. He indicated that there were 46 clinics in the last year. There were other design changes to the clinics that seem to be well received. He mentioned that there was 2 high performance clinics in Burlington and New Haven. He stated that SafeSport is mandatory for coaches this year. He indicated that he has created a Coach Checklist which will monitor and track a coach's progress. There was some discussion on whether affiliates should require SafeSport signoff prior to any roster being approved. Larry Rocha also advised that split season registration deadline is Oct 31, 2014 and regular season is Dec 31, 2014. Chris Washburn made a motion to require all coaches within the New England District to have completed the SafeSport training prior to participating in any on-ice activities. Bob Larence seconded. Passed unanimously. It was stressed that the NED initiate a comprehensive communication to get this message out to all involved.
2. Festival: MD Meakem reported on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Post Mortem meeting with Keith Barrett hitting on the highlights. There was discussion on the need for an additional 15 yo at-large team. It was decided that there is no ongoing need so it will be deferred to a future discussion. It was mentioned that NED is going to create a new logo design; which will also feed into a new logo for Festival and apparel needs. There was a question on the Festival fee and how it is dealt with within each affiliate. Tom Rogers talked about this year's Festival and Chris Washburn presented Maine's plans for next year's Festival. Ice and hotel arrangements have been secured.
3. Tournaments: MD Meakem and Sec Evans-Mongeon presented changes to the tournament schedule for the 2015 season. There was discussion on whether to have the mandatory meeting or having a mandatory conference call. In either case, the penalty for missing the meeting or conference call would be the same. It was decided that a conference call would be satisfactory. A question on credentialing and rosters was brought up. It was suggested that non-national bound tournaments don't need fully credentialing. State Registrars would still check the rosters but would not replicate the process maintained full national bound tournaments. The group thought this less strenuous check would be sufficient.
4. USAH Coach in Chief Mike McMillan stopped by the meeting and introduced himself. He talked about the national efforts and sought comments and suggestions from the group.
5. Youth Council: Keith Barrett passed along what is going on with this group. There were discussions on minimal garment requirements for dual gender teams, the "look-up line", and expanding roster sizes.
6. SafeSport update: Cheri Bonawitz informed the group that USAH would like to collect more information and lessons learned. Ray St. Pierre mentioned that locker room monitoring is critical and needs to be maintained.
7. Registrar update: Mike McCullough reported for DR Sue McCullough. He mentioned that CyberSport is being retired and there is a new online system coming. The startup week is scheduled for the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>.
8. Referee update: No one was present. MD Meakem reported that all state affiliates must use Arbitor for scheduling and ref pay going forward with the 2015-6 season. Keith Barrett highlighted some of the major topics from the recent referee activities.
9. Massachusetts update: Kevin Kavanagh thanked the group for allowing them come to the meeting and appreciated the efforts to integrate certain activities including the tournaments.
10. Junior update: Cheri Bonawitz mentioned that the Junior Council is looking to deal with fighting within their playing level.
11. Legal Council: Tom Regan reported on an anti-competitive lawsuit in Texas.

12. Other: Sarah Fraser and Keith Barrett passed some other miscellaneous information from Congress, including a discussion on the use of the four-man ref system for national tournaments.
13. Disabled Hockey update: Deb McQuilken mentioned the disabled festival was successful and reported the success of the USA team in the international hockey tournament by winning the gold medal.
14. Elections: Due to the absence of the Nominating Chair, MD Meakem reported on the nominating committee recommendations and presided over the election of Secretary and Nominating Chair. There were no other nominations for the Secretary position and Chris Washburn made a motion to elect Brian Evans-Mongeon as Secretary for the NED. The Presidents and Directors voted affirmatively.
  - a. With no other nominations from the floor for any of the positions up for election, the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for each of the following:
    - i. Mike Meakem, 1-year term, Managing Director
    - ii. Tom Regan, 3-year term, NED Director
    - iii. Cheri Bonawitz, 3-year term, NED Director
    - iv. Jim Nolin, 2-year term, Select Team Director
    - v. Ray St. Pierre, 2-year team, Festival Director
    - vi. Joe Dymarczyk, 2-year term, Girls Camp Director
15. MD Meakem adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Evans-Mongeon  
NED Secretary