



Annual League Meeting

El Segundo, California

February 9, 2007

- Minutes -

I. Introduction

- a. Meeting called to order at 9.50am
- b. Meeting agenda, ground rules, proxy submission.
 - i. Proxy: USC- Rich Dyer for Gabriel Valenzuela, Asst. Dir, Rec Sports; WSU- Chris Soriano for Carly Morse, Coordinator, Sport Clubs, Univ. Rec; Cal - Doug Fraleigh for Trineice Durst, Director, Cal Sport Clubs, Jason Kitay for Sandy Lindbeck, Coordinator, Club Sports

II. PAC 8 Year-in-Review

- a. Meeting minutes for 2006 unanimously approved.
- b. Recommendation by Associate Director for coaches to attend AHCA/ACHA events at conference in Naples, Florida. The conference has value as a learning and networking experience and the ACHA covers the cost of 1 coach.
- c. Active Team Reports:
 - i. Cal: Rough on-ice season with a small roster. New problem with the closure of the home rink, Berkeley Iceland. Currently in search of a new home venue. Off-ice, able to reduce a great amount of incurred debts. Dues: \$1,500/player; University Support: \$1,500.
 - ii. Oregon: Successful season for a rebuilding year going 22-3. The team received their second consecutive bid to regionals. The team has a new website and has received permission to sell alcohol at concessions. Upgrading strength of schedule next year. Dues: \$1570/player; University Support: \$10,000.
 - iii. ASU: Good season on ice and first year returning to PAC-8. Because of location, team must do lots of flying leading to a large budget. Administratively, difficulty in dealing with the DI team; trying to build a separate brand identity from the program. Dues: \$2100+\$300 cash call; University Support: \$0
 - iv. USC: Strong season on ice with a lighter schedule due to mid-season trip to Japan. Large tryout turnout leading to the formation of an ACHA DIII JV team. Continued strong financial support from family and friends via Circle of Champions (booster club). Dues: \$1375(Var)/975(JV); University Support: \$6000.
 - v. Stanford: Rebuilding year for the organization. The team was able to pickup several freshmen. Their home venue moved from Belmont Iceland to Ice Oasis. Attempting to create a team endowment. Dues: \$650/ea; University Support: \$7,000-10,000.
 - vi. Washington: This year the team was hurt by difficulty in recruitment and retention. As a result of player withdrawals, the team's income was reduced by \$10-15 thousand. This year they played against MSU, Bowling Green, and Wheaton. The team is in discussion with the Everett Silver Tips to schedule games in their venue. The team hopes to raise a large amount of fund with their golf tournament. Dues: \$2000 + hotels.
 - vii. UCLA: The team has had an interested year, but on ice injuries hampered the lineup. Financially difficult year though. Started the season in debt leading to reductions in the program such as practices. Raised money by gaining access to sales of jerseys in UCLA Student Store, hockey camps, flyering and odd jobs. The team is losing key seniors but looks for a solid recruiting class.

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However, the games v. USC @ Staples Center did happen again. Dues: \$1450; University Support: \$6,900.

- viii. Washington State: The team appreciates the support from the league members regarding the passing of Cameron Roets. Overall there was an improvement in the on-ice performance and in the fan attendance. The team had 30 players try out and attempted to play every league member. Internally, there was difficulty with the team leadership that led to a two week suspension from the university. One of two home venues, Planet Ice, is closing leading to possible scheduling difficulties for next season. Dues: \$750; University Support: \$3-4,000.
- d. Notes: Cox Broadcasting has begun airing games in LA. UW has a relationship with a local hockey shot and it has been suggested that the League should try to move on arranging for a discount on hockey equipment.

III. Financial Report

- a. Most teams have paid their dues. The only exception is Washington, whose check is in the mail.
- b. The League ran an operating surplus this fiscal year.
- c. Handouts were distributed breaking down the costs of the 2006 PAC-8 Tournament. It should be noted that for bookkeeping, the costs of the trophies and awards are being lumped into the tournament budget.
- d. The details of the budget and overall bottom line were discussed in detail and can be examined in the financial information sheets passed out by the Treasurer.

IV. Responsibilities

- a. The importance of the understanding and expectations of team responsibilities were stressed. It was suggested that a handbook that laid out the guidelines and deadline of operations be put out by the League.
- b. A reminder was issued by the Commissioner that it is important to submit complete and accurate score sheets. In particular, notes regarding suspensions and disqualifications should be clearly and legibly noted.

V. Eligibility

- a. This year the League tried to be more proactive, but in the process new problems were discovered.
- b. As a result, eligibility rules were reviewed and it was reminded that the PAC-8 uses a 12 unit minimum to ensure that League games are played by full-time students and that the League is held to a higher academic standard.
- c. A proposal was put forth to amend the eligibility rules in the bylaws. The issue was whether to switch to the lower ACHA 9-unit minimum requirement, or to stay with the 12-unit minimum currently in the bylaws. The majority felt that it was important to ensure that all players are full-time students. There will be cases that will cause problems such as study abroad. In the final vote, the 12-unit minimum was maintained by a vote. ASU abstained, remaining members voted yes.

VI. Executive Committee Proposal

- a. Award for PAC-8 Club of the Year Award. To improve compliance with League rules and operations, it was proposed that an award be granted to the team with the best compliance with League rules and deadlines. The suggested prize would be reduced League dues.

VII. Sharing Coordination of Team Off-Ice Activities and Planning

- a. It was proposed that the League leverage its weight when trying to deal with vendors. Considering the amount of money that the League spends on the whole, it maybe possible to broker better deals for member teams. A good first attempt would be to try to latch on to a large national corporation to provide a common basic service.



- b. The main promotion idea discussed was the golf tournament. It can be a lucrative event if you get a large sponsor to cover the costs; otherwise it could dramatically hurt the bottom line. To advertise your event, start from the ground (local hockey magazines and papers) up (USA Hockey magazine).

VIII. PAC-8 Online

- a. The website service has changed to Goalline Sports. The change has been met with lukewarm reception by members who have used Goalline before. Goalline will host the .org site for ACHA stats integration. The League will maintain the .com site for a different online interface that is less of a cookie cutter site.
- b. Reminder to all teams of League e-mail addresses, all@pac8hockey.com: execdir, treas, cal.coach, oregon.teamrep, etc.

IX. Officer Elections

- a. The League unanimously voted Roger Kulpa to another one year term as Treasurer.
- b. The League unanimously voted William Tsai to another one year term as Secretary.

X. Future PAC-8 Tournaments

- a. WSU, 2008 – The event will probably be held in Seattle, which would weaken the home team's ticket draw but make for a better event. Washington has volunteered to help take care of ticket sales.
- b. ASU, 2009 – The team is positive about and will begin the process.

XI. 2007-08 Season

- a. The League season will run from Friday, September 28, 2007 until Sunday, January 27, 2008.
- b. The PAC-8 Tournament will be February 8-9, 2008.

XII. 2006-07 Scheduling

- a. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm. Team representatives broke into scheduling mode for the 2007-08 season.