



Annual League Meeting

Eugene, Oregon

February 13, 2009

- Minutes -

I. Introduction

- a. Meeting called to order at 8:41am. Attendees were introduced.
- b. Equipment Presentation: Katie Tarlow, Harrow Hockey
 - i. They offer custom gear: gloves, pants, sticks, jersey's, etc
 - ii. Everything is 20% off retail up front. \$2-4K another 10% off. This is based on hard goods (i.e. sticks, pants, etc.). Expendable goods (tape, wax, etc.) are sold at a 10% discount.
 - iii. New jersey program. 6-8 week turn around time. Any jersey in catalog. \$85 total for each jersey; nameplates would be extra.
- c. Meeting agenda, ground rules, proxy submission.
- d. Meeting minutes for 2008 Annual Meeting unanimously approved.

II. Team Reports

- a. USC: Dues: \$1,675. Budget: \$74-110K. University contribution: \$2K. The highlight of the season was the team's trip to China. The economy downturn and injuries were the major challenges. Did manage to extensively fundraise. Trip to Eugene cost ~\$17K. All of next years' reserve funds were used to attend the tournament, made worse by the higher traveling costs due to travel on holiday weekend. Main sources of revenue are merchandise sales, tickets, etc. Can make up to \$6K on a good home game night. Everything included in dues.
- b. UW: Dues: \$2,500. Budget: \$60K, University contribution: \$3,000. Rough start to season with tough games. Good young prospect players (10 freshmen), but 4 seniors. The overall record not as good as last year. Airfare and ground transportation were the only travel costs included in the dues. The team is going to U.S. Open in the Spring and expects to make \$12/hour for several days, making up to \$1,300.
- c. Cal: Dues: \$1,500. Budget: \$55K. School support: \$1,300-1,500. Donations: \$3,000. The team had to cut ice time due to financial concerns. They expect a good influx of players next year. Travel is not included in the dues, which amount to approximately an extra \$1,000 per person.
- d. UCLA: Dues: anticipated \$1.7K. Now \$1.9K. Initial budget: \$60K. University support: \$3K. The year was challenging for the team, particularly the coaching situation. Weathered tough times this year, but they have a short bench due to injuries, time commitments, and money. The second half of the season was stronger and the team earned as many wins as last year. Faced suspension from club sports department and couldn't play last games of season. Big budget issues because of the club sports office and loss of players. Rink issues and game times led to decreased attendance. Considering a change in rinks next year. Team will be challenged by the loss of seniors with the addition of only one freshman this year, who eventually quit. Transfers have been saving grace. A few recruits applied to the school but haven't heard back yet. Core of team will be back so there will be a decent foundation.
- e. ASU: Dues: Initially \$2,800, but raised to \$3,500. University contribution: minimal. Team is in financial trouble with school. Administration of team is weak year after year. 100 kids showed up to D1 and D2 tryouts. This year, the team had a better relationship this year with the D1 team. Collaborated on player choices and moved players up/down. Slow start to season due to coaching change and a new system, but finished strong without some top players. No fund raising this year. The team has already started scheduling non-conference games. Good attendance, garnering more fans than D1 team. D1 and D2 teams will play in same rink next year to increase overall attendance.
- f. UO: Dues: \$1,600. Budget: \$70K. University support: \$12K. The team had 40 players at tryouts and a solid returning core. Some players returned mid-year. Struggled against ACHA West ranked teams, but maintained a good PAC-8

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record. Not many injuries. Club sports office very helpful. The team received over \$12K in donations, with \$5K from a single donor. The team also raised \$16K after merchandise payoff and hopes to raise \$2-3K more this weekend. The team is the second highest funded club sport at university. Average game attendance is 400-500 people.

- g. WSU: Dues: \$800. Budget: \$35-45K. The team faced challenges from the club sports office as well. The team received substantial fundraising from parents and alumni totaling \$3,500 and a \$1,500 fundraising matching from university. They also secured a lower cost ice at \$150 an hour through Eastern Washington University. The team picked up 7-8 incoming freshmen. Held a hockey camp for fundraising. The alumni network has strengthened. The team has had several improvements since last year in uniforms, rinks, etc. The team did have a coaching change during the year.
- h. Stanford: Improved a little bit over last year. Key players stepped in and supported program with added skill. Recruiting is biggest challenge. Financially did ok; good ice rates for midnight practices. Some interest in jersey sales at \$150-200 per jersey. Improved community visibility by doing community service. Not sure if returning core will be back. Dues: \$600. University support: \$9K. Budget: \$25K. Dues include everything.

III. PAC-8 Financial Report

- a. 2008 PAC-8 Tournament
 - i. The most expensive tournament for the league. The location and game times, combined with Washington's not qualifying, severely hurt attendance.
 - ii. Most of the 2008-2009 PAC-8 dues have been diverted to cover the costs of the 2008 tournament.
 - iii. However, the league remains in similar financial state as we have been in during the last 3 years.
 - iv. Executive Director Allen reiterated the need for to spread the tournament between the 3 league regions.
- b. Effect of economy downturn
 - i. All teams have seen decreased attendance and participation
 - ii. The more we can take advantage of deals, companies, etc., the more viable the league is.
 - iii. Proposal to schedule regular conference calls during season and pre-season. Free services exist or minimal charge. Proposed frequency: September, perhaps 2 more.

IV. Responsibilities for every team

- a. Registration and eligibility forms w/ PAC-8 and ACHA
 - i. Teams are advised to have forms at tryouts to expedite process
 - ii. Registrar information for eligibility comes in too late; need to get forms in ASAP to avoid eligibility issues.
- b. ACHA Online Score Entry
 - i. Teams are reminded the only team that can enter a the game is home team.
 - ii. It's the home team's responsibility to enter games afterwards, though the away team can enter the results as well.
 - iii. Dues need to be paid sooner in the year.
 - iv. Scoresheets: White copies need to promptly go to league for tracking of penalties, stats, etc. Teams were asked to remind score keepers to completely fill out score sheets.
 - v. Use handbook as a checklist for preseason tasks, forms, etc. to avoid missing PAC-8 or ACHA deadlines.

V. Officiating systems

- a. 3-man system, 4-man system
 - i. Cal: In L.A. and Washington, 4 officials were on ice.
 - ii. Washington was mandated by school that 4 officials must be there when band is there.
 - iii. The 4-man system is not mandated by the league; the ACHA uses the NCAA rulebook but PAC-8 has its own regulations.
 - iv. Proposed rule amendment: "A 2 referee system may be used. Any other exception, e.g. 4 man system, must be cleared in advance with the commissioner."
 - 1. Proposed by M. Wilbur. / 2. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

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VI. Rules and regulation

- a. Graduate students
 - i. Currently must carry 6 units in order to be eligible.
 - ii. Discussion of applying the senior year unit limits to include the final year of graduate study.
 - iii. Proposal to amend rules for graduate student requirements: "A player in their last term (semester or quarter) or final year who has declared their graduation year shall have the opportunity for review by the executive committee to receive exemption from unit requirements provided by the league." Intent of the rule is to allow full time students or students graduating to play in this league. (102 c) Submit a letter from that department as well.
 1. Motioned by M. Wilbur. /
 2. Unanimously approved
- b. Goaltending equipment rules.

Discussed adding a photograph to current form of the measuring goaltenders equipment.
Language will be added at first conference

VII. ASU's PAC-8 participation

- a. ASU did not pay league dues this season
- b. A disagreement with an ASU official disrupted PAC-8 participation
- c. ASU's players really want to be part of PAC-8.
- d. The league has requested letter signed by players saying they want to be in the PAC-8.
- e. Letter signed by the coaches and team representatives of the PAC-8 to be completed by the end of the weekend (tentative).

VIII. Season Dates

- a. Discussion of 4 vs. 6 team format
 - i. TBD later
- b. 2010 PAC-8 Tournament
 - i. 2010 PAC-8 Tournament awarded to USC.
 - ii. Exact format TBD later.
 - iii. The tournament will be held the weekend of February 19-21, 2010
 - iv. Regular season will begin Thursday, October 1, 2009, and end Sunday, February 7, 2010.
- c. Discussion of 2011 Tournament: Stanford is due to host. So is ASU. UW offered to host.

IX. Alaska Airline Contract

- a. League teams did make some use of the Alaska Airlines contract.
 - i. USC: LAX-PDX
 - ii. UW: SEA-SJ
 - iii. UCLA: LAX-SEA
 - iv. UO: PDX-LAX
 - v. ASU: PHX-PDX

X. Executives

- 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.
- c. Teams were reminded to submit contact information for league email addresses to the Commissioner.

XI. Closing Comments

- a. M. Wilbur: commissioner's office needs redefining
There needs to be more communication between the officers and teams in a clear manner for everyone to see

XII. 2009-10 Scheduling

- a. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.
Team representatives broke into scheduling mode for the 2009-10 season.

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