

IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

September 15, 2007

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Tom Power at 8:35 a.m. Those in attendance included: **Tom Power**, (President IAHA), **Dean Brandstetter**, (Vice President IAHA), **Tom Lampl** (Associate Registrar, USA Hockey, Idaho Initiation Program Coordinator, Idaho Coaching Education Director), **Bobby Noyes** (Supervisor of Officials), **Wally Morgus** (IAHA Treasurer), **Brad Andrews** (IAHA Risk Manager), **Wayne Lehto** (RMD Director), **Bev Hott**, (IFYHA), **Rob Hergesheimer** (IFYHA), **Brad Francis** (IFYHA), **Kathy Vernon** (IFYHA), **Bill Mason** (SVYH), **Bob Crosby** (SVYH), **Rich Evans** (SVYH), **Mike Hanley** (SVYH), **Britt Talbert** (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Colin Zulianello** (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Earl Kilian**, (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Jeremy Mylymok**, (BYANA), **Darlene Mylymok**, (BYANA), **Steve Walsh** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Kevin Creighton** (CDAHA), **Joe Okon**, (CDAHA), **Mark McGuire**, (Palouse), **Nicki Bowden** (Secretary IAHA).

(Names and addresses are included with minutes as Attachment 1.)

Tom Power introduced Bryan Irely from the Rocky Mountain District as a visitor to the meeting. Other introductions were conducted and votes counted. There was a quorum in attendance with 16 votes present. (Voting breakdown included with minutes as Attachment 2.)

Minutes of September 2006 Meeting: All members previously received copies of the May 2007 meeting minutes for review.

Dean Brandstetter made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Earl Kilian. No discussion. **Motion carried.** (Minutes included as Attachment 3.)

Association Reports:

Bev Hott (IFYHA): Bev reported that Idaho Falls had around 400 members last season. They have two new faces on their Board of Directors. They will be doing another 3 on 3 this season and will hopefully have more out of town teams participating. They are having a new roof installed on their rink and this construction will be starting on Monday (September 17). This construction will be funded by the City of Idaho Falls and IFYHA.

Steve Walsh (Salmon): Steve reported that they held 13 fund raising events and raised \$197/player in fund raising dollars. Their \$100 per player that was paid back if they volunteered didn't really pan out so they will be raising their fees from \$85/player to \$200/player next season. He thinks they may see their numbers decrease because of this. They are trying to use their IAHA Grant money to increase their girls program. They are trying to get a roof now so all fund raising will go to their "Raise a Roof" fund. They hope to be operational by Halloween. They also got another Zamboni this year.

Mark McGuire (Palouse): Mark reported that they are struggling with the City again and Monday night (September 17) they will know if their special use permit is approved. They are now competing with Lewiston for players as they have a ¾ sheet rink and have had ice since July. Palouse has lost 5 to 10% of their players that are now going back to Lewiston. They will be ready to go mid October if they are granted their permit. They will have their people at Monday's city counsel meeting in force to try to get the special use permit.

Earl Kilian (BYHA): Earl reported that they are now in their 9th year. They got \$150,000 from the City of Boise and they've done some major upgrades to their refrigeration system. They are looking at other renovations. They are also looking into leasing some ice from Qwest arena downtown. That still hasn't been approved but they are confident it will be.

Britt Talbert (BYHA Idaho Ice World): Britt reported that they are wrapping up the summer program. Everyone (Mites through Midgets and women) played 3 on 3 during the summer. It was a huge success. Fall registration is going well. So far they have 80 PeeWee's; 80 Squirts; 50 Mites; 50 to 60 Mighty Mites. Their women's hockey continues to grow and they are now very organized. They will have the same number of Midget (Varsity) teams they had last year but fewer JV teams and they now call their Bantam's the Jr. High Division.

Jeremy Mylymok (BYANA): Jeremy reported that some of their travel teams (Bantam A, Squirt A and PeeWee B) are playing with the city too. Hopefully that will help their numbers. They have 110 to 120 players this season. They have added to their fee structure so that they can pay coaches a \$1,200 stipend for the season. Last year they did a survey and had a 95% approval rating. (He indicated they used surveymonkey.com and described how associations could use the service free of charge.) They are playing in the South West League this season, except their Bantam team which is a tournament team and not playing in the SW League this season. They had tryouts this year in May and practiced once a week in the summer. Now they are practicing twice each week. The girls have split for the Jr. Steelheads and are now the Hurricanes. Jeremy also indicated they were given a presentation by a former NHL Player, Jamie Baker, on the "Stewbo Cup". It is a program where you are rewarded for good participation in practices. It is about leadership and accountability. It has a curriculum the coaches can follow and the parents seemed to love it. It rewards kids for practices rather than games and the curriculum is something you can just print out and hand to the coach. They split the team into two groups and the last 10 minutes of practice they compete against each other for certain rewards and awards. The kids really get into practice more. It makes practice interesting and the kids participate more. There is a new captain each practice and they learn to lead the team. It was created by Jamie Baker to honor a friend and player that never played the games but came to every practice for years and gave 110%. He died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Looks like it is going to be a great program. They are using it in a test program and it will probably be available publicly in the next year or two.

Mike Hanley (Sun Valley): Mike reported that they have new boards and new glass. The YMCA is funded and starting on their ice rink but it does not look like Hailey will get a rink. Their numbers are at 180 with 60 of those being Mites and Mini Mites. They are trying to keep fees down and trying to move more to house leagues. They have one competitive team per division. They are having a Goalie Clinic in Sun Valley on October 6 and 7th; it is a Performance Goalie Clinic.

Kevin Creighton (CADHA): Kevin reported that their numbers are down slightly. They had only 6 try out for the Squirt team. Last year they had 22, but one Squirt team has gone back to Spokane. The Association is buying "Starter Packs" so that all new players will have to purchase will be skates. They changed the lighting out in their rink and have new locker rooms. Also the dehumidifiers are now working and they have new bleachers. They are implementing an elementary school program, they will see how that works, hopefully it will bring new players as it does cut into their ice time somewhat.

Presidents Report: Tom Power reported that he attended the National Conference in June and he went over dates that had been set. (Included as Attachment 4).

Bryan Irely (RMD Director): Bryan explained that they (RMD Representatives) are attending State meetings and are here to support us. He indicated that they usually don't have any issues with Idaho but that we are lucky as there are real problems going on in Utah. He indicated that good leadership is very important and we are in good hands. He also indicated that when we discuss our issues they really are no different from the issues they have in Colorado.

He indicated that the RMD will hold monthly conference calls with people (areas) hosting district tournaments to help keep everything on track. Hopefully that will make it easier on the Association that is hosting the event. He also reminded us that there is a \$5,000 grant available to each Affiliate to help grow the game. It is a 5 to 1 grant and he encouraged us to take advantage of it. He also reiterated that Montana and Wyoming are no longer in our District.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Power discussed the Treasurer's Report in Wally's absence. Bobby Noise discussed the Referee's Instructors Seminars and the importance of our sending more Officials to this seminar. *Britt Talbert made a motion to set aside \$1,000 for Referee Instructors Seminar.* Motion was seconded by Dean Brandstetter. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.** Per Tom Power it is also noted that based on a motion made at the May 2007 meeting we need to have Wally distribute \$1,500 to Vince and KYRO for hosting last season's Player Development Camp. A reminder went out to everyone that the deadline for submitting grant requests is June 15. All grant monies were set aside to grow the game. Bill Mason will e-mail a form out to everyone. *Kevin Creighton made a motion to increase grant funds from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per Association.* Motion was seconded by Steve Walsh. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.**

Registrar's Report: Not a lot to report at this time. We are just getting started for the year. Last year Idaho had 70% on-line usage. We hope that will continue to increase, some states do have 100% usage.

Coaching Education Report: If you have clinic dates get them to Tom Lampl ASAP. The following dates are already set:

Oct 5 & 6	Boise	Level 1 and 2
Nov 3 & 4	Idaho Falls	Level 1 and 2
Nov 17	Sun Valley	Level 3
Dec 8, 9, & 15	Boise	Level 1, 2 and 3

End of Season Teams: Tom Power reported we had great experiences last year. Tom is looking for someone to help with that. If anyone is interested please contact Tom.

ACE Coordinator: Tom reported that Gary Barnes had to resign from this position. In order for us to stay in good standing we need to replace him in this position. Steve Walsh has thrown his name into the hat and is willing to get the program going again. *Kevin Creighton made a motion to elect Steve Walsh as our ACE Coordinator.* **Vote was taken, Steve Walsh was elected unanimously.** There was also a mandate that each association needs to name their ACE Coordinator and get that information to Steve Walsh within 4 weeks.

Referee/Officiating: Bobby Noyes reported. At this point we have 10 seminars scheduled.

Sept 22	Boise	Level 1 & 2	Contact: Jim Kimball
Sept 29	McCall	Level 1, 2 & 3	Contact: Kimberly Brendel
Sept 29	SLC	Level 4	
Oct 13	Moscow	Level 1 – 3	Contact: John O
Oct 20	Boise	Level 3	Contact: Jim Kimball
Oct 27	Idaho Falls	Level 2 & 3	Contact: Jack Johnson
Oct 27	Sun Valley	Level 1, 2 & 3	Contact: Bobby Noise
Oct 31	Idaho Falls	Level 1	Contact: Jack Johnson
Nov 17	Idaho Falls	Level 1	Contact: Jack Johnson
TBD	Salmon		

New Rules: This year high school hockey will allow tag up off sides. On the heels of that change, Tom Power indicated that USA Hockey would like to know if anyone would like to participate in a pilot study on the icing issue. He will send an e-mail regarding what needs to be kept track of and see if anyone is interested.

Risk Management: Brad Andrews reported that the website is up to date with who needs to be screened. If people have questions on insurance claims, the registrars have the forms. **Action item:** Wally was going to send a bill for coaches screened after our December 31, deadline, need to make sure that has been done.

Webmaster: Tom Power reported that the new platform being used for the USA Hockey site is not user friendly. If you have had issues please let Tom know so that it can be brought up at the national meeting.

State Tournaments: Presentations to host State tournament were made by Earl Killian, Vince Hughes and Tom Power (for Manchester Ice). Much discussion. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion that we hold the State Championships for A & B for Midget, Bantam, PeeWee and Girls at one venue for one weekend.* Motion was seconded by Steve Walsh. Much Discussion. **Motion Carried.** Committee was formed to look at having a rotation of hosting State Tournaments. Dean Brandstetter, Rich Evans, Vince Hughes and Kevin Creighton will look into this and present a plan.

Mark McGuire made a motion that the State HS Tournament would be held in Idaho Falls. Motion was seconded by Rich Evans. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.**

Bev Hott made a motion that State HS Tournament be held March 7 – 9, 2008. Motion was seconded by Mark McGuire. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.**

Bev Hott made a motion that Sun Valley hold Player Development camp in Sun Valley March 21-23, 2008. Motion was seconded by Vince Hughes. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.**

Girls house/rec tournament Kathy asked that each association have who ever is in charge of their women's association contact her at Kathy@vernonsteel.com. *Mark McGuire made a motion that Boise get the Girls Tournament (because we will need two sheets of ice) March 28-30, 2008.* Motion was seconded by Dean Brandstetter. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.**

Committee Formed: A committee to look at a better way of bracketing A and B at the State Tournament was formed. This committee includes Bob Crosby, Brad Francis, Jeremy Mylymok and Bobby Noyes.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 17, 2008, in Boise.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Bowden