

## IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Idaho Falls\*Sun Valley\*Salmon\*McCall\*Moscow\*Couer d'Alene\*Boise Amateur\*Boise Youth

### ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

May 13, 2006

Sun Valley, Idaho

**Call to Order and Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by Wayne Lehto at 9:07 a.m. at the Community Center in Sun Valley, Idaho. Those in attendance included: **Wayne Lehto**, (President IAHA), **Tom Power** (Vice President IAHA, MYHA), **Tom Lampl** (Associate Registrar, USA Hockey, Idaho Initiation Program Coordinator, Idaho Coaching Education Director), **Bobby Noyes** (Supervisor of Officials), **Jean Hersley** (IFYHA), **Mike Lehto** (IFYHA), **Dean Brandstetter** (President IFYHA), **Cody Claver** (IFYHA), **Kathy Vernon** (IFYHA Observer), **Bill Mason** (SVYH), **Barbara Amick** (SVYH), **Bob Crosby** (SVYH Observer), **Marty Verillo** (MISA- McCall Ice Skating Association), **Dave Costello** (BYAHA), **Tobin Bartholomew** (BYAHA), **Ronda Conger** (BYAHA), **Steve Walsh** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Earl Kilian** (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Britt Talbert** (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Nicki Bowden** (Secretary IAHA). (Names and addresses are included with minutes as Attachment 1.)

**Minutes of September 2005 Meeting:** All members previously received copies of the September 2005 meeting minutes for review.  
*Dean Brandstetter made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Bill Mason. No discussion. Motion carried.* (Minutes included as Attachment 2.)

#### Association Reports:

**Tom Power (MYHA):** Tom reported that MYHA was down to seven teams because of the recruiting practices of some Washington teams. The rink in Post Falls is now operational and will add a second sheet of ice at some point. They are considering changing their association name to Couer d'Alene Hockey Association. Their Girls U-19 team played in the West Kootenai League and won the division title. This was the first time a US team has won a division title in this league. They should see significant growth this year ('06 – '07).

**Marty Verillo (McCall):** Marty reported that they are experiencing a lot of growth. This past season they increased from about 40 to 150 adults and from about 43 to 60 youth players. The high school games are bringing kids in. They are putting more programs in place for kids. They still need more Ref's and Coaches and are working to get others in place. Gail Verschoor has resigned from her position in their association.

**Tobin Bartholomew (BYAHA):** Tobin reported that the Blades organization has elected new officers and hired a new Hockey Director, Jeremy Mylymok. They are working to get a very strong hockey program in place and feel that having Jeremy on board will help a great deal. He is helping to bring in many new players.

**Britt Talbert (BAHA):** Britt reported that participation was up was up about 10% during the past season overall. They are working on teaming up with Treasure Valley Youth Hockey. Their Mites and Squirts had extra, optional, practices this year and worked on a lot of hockey and skating skills. They took a Mite team to the Mite Weekend in Idaho Falls and the kids really enjoyed it. The RMD High School Tournament was in Boise this year and all the teams that came in were great. Boise had two teams that went 1 and 2 in pool play at the tournament. The High School program went very well. They only had one fighting suspension and they are in the process of establishing Fair Play Rules for all the kids and parents. They had a goal tending instructor that worked with all the house team goalies this season. The participation in the women's program is

increasing. At the last Hockey 101 session they had 34 participants. They also now have a camera system installed. With this system there are three cameras in each rink. This system is intended for security purposes only at this time.

**Steve Walsh (Salmon):** Steve reported that this was the second year Salmon Youth Hockey operated with refrigeration. The town has now awakened to the fact that the hockey program is bringing money into the community. The City of Salmon gave them trees on Arbor Day and they are now supporting the hockey program a lot more. Their facility is now called the "Hockey Park". Their numbers were about the same this year as last with about 136 players, 39 of them Mites. They also have a lot of Pee Wee and Bantam players that are getting excited about being Refs. The Rotary Club gave them a PA system that will be operational next season. The City is definitely behind them and they are excited for next season.

**Bill Mason (Sun Valley):** Bill reports that Sun Valley had a good season. They did have a few "gender issues" girls wanting to play on the boys teams. Their numbers are steady. Their Bantam's and Midget's both won the IAHA State Tournament. Sun Valley represented Idaho at the Regional Tournament in Denver. They did okay, but had many players ill; by the last game they only had 9 players. Overall the girls program is growing. They are working on having a Midget B or U-16 team because they have high numbers in the midget level. They are also working on IHL issues (will there be an IHL, who will be involved, etc.). Sun Valley sent 3 girls and 3 boys to the Regional Development Camp. There are no major changes coming for next season.

**Dean Brandstetter (IFYHA):** Dean reported that he had become the President of IFYHA during the past season. Last year was exciting for Idaho Falls as they were able to field 2 teams in each division (except the girls division) at the IAHA State Tournament. The Idaho Falls Girls and Bantam A teams both made it to the Championship Game. Idaho Falls hosted the High School State Championships this year and it went very well, there was great participation from around the state. Idaho Falls was also able to host the Player Development Camp. They are also still working on rink improvements. They should have a new roof or insulated roof by next season. Participation numbers remained about the same this year.

**Wayne Lehto (RMD functions overview):**

Wayne took a few minutes to review the functions of the RMD (as listed below).

- Coaching Education: Al Bloomer is in charge of coaching education in the Rocky Mountain District.
- Referee Education: Bob McMann is in charge of Referee Educations. Each affiliate has a Referee in Chief that trains refs and provides tournament refs.
- Registrar Services: Bruce Karinen. Each affiliate has one or more registrars.
- Risk Management: Kelley Grover. Each State has a risk manager. Mike Kelley is the Risk Manager for the State of Idaho and he has implemented our screening program.
- Ace Program: Mike Schwartz. Each affiliate has an ACE Coordinator. Our ACE Coordinator is Gary Barnes. They are in charge of the skills development program.

The RMD also provides services to help with the governance of USA Hockey. Wayne serves here as do Al Bloomer and others. The RMD also provides Regional Tournaments. The RMD holds two District meetings each year.

Tom Lampl added that the next district meeting will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 18 – 20, 2006. He feels it is a good idea to go (anyone can attend) so that we have more of an idea of what's going on in the Rocky Mountain District. He pointed out that there is always a risk of not getting all the information if we only have one person going and bringing back all the information.

Question was asked about possible redistricting in USA Hockey. Wayne reported that Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota want to form their own district, the "Northern Plains District". This did not happen (yet) as North Dakota voted against the Redistricting. (Tom Lampl gave a brief history of the redistricting and what it appears is really happening i.e.: The Dakota's want to join up with Minnesota.) (Outline included as Attachment 3)

**Treasurer's Report:** Wally Morgus was not present but provided copies of the Treasurer's Report for distribution to all present. *Bill Mason made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written and submitted.* Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion. No discussion. **Motion carried.** (Report included as Attachment 4)

**Grant Funds Report:** Discussion on Grant Funds, reminder that we put together a proposal saying monies from the Grant Fund should be used for things that stay with the affiliate not general expenses. Grants were \$1,500 and had to be matched by the affiliate. Grants will start again. Some associations did not submit receipts for Grant Funds but did have expenses. Discussion that for those who have not yet submitted expenses that were already paid, they would have until June 30, 2006 to submit those expenses. Also, BYHA and McCall were not able to use the \$1,500 previously set aside for half ice dividers and nets. *Mike Lehto made a motion to leave \$3,000 in the fund for McCall and BYHA to purchase half ice equipment and that all other monies in the fund be re-divided amongst all associations for next years grants.* Earl Kilian seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.** (Grant Funds Report included as Attachment 5)

**USA Hockey Grant Funds:** A letter from Wally Morgus to USA Hockey was reviewed. This letter proposes that money from this years block grant be used to train Coaching Instructors and Referee Instructors. *Tom Lampl made a motion to approve the recommendation that this years block grant funds from USA Hockey be used to train Coaching and Referee Instructors and that these funds be distributed as matching funds.* Earl Kilian seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Budget Discussion:** During discussion of final budget approval, Tom Lampl indicated that he will need his travel budget increased as USA Hockey no longer covers 100% of his travel costs to District Meetings. He indicated he would need approximately \$460 to cover these additional travel costs. *Earl Kilian made a motion to approve the budget with an increase of \$460 to the Registrar's Travel Budget.* Motion seconded by Jean Hersley. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

**IAHA Grant Money:** Discussion regarding IAHA Grant Money, led by Tom Lampl. He indicated we should come up with a directive so that everyone uses the money in the same manner and that it not be used for nebulous items. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion that \$10,800 in Grant Funds be used as matching funds for Coaching and Referee Training, Capital Rink Improvements, initiation program equipment and small ice equipment and that these funds be used within one year.* Ronda Conger seconded motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.** **Committee including Bill Mason (SVYH), Jean Hersley (IFYHA) and Ronda Conger (BYAHA) will review and approve allocations.**

*Tom Power makes motion to approve budget.* Bill Mason seconds motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Player Development Camp Financials:** Everyone had a copy of the PDC Financial report. No discussion. *Earl Kilian made a motion to approve PDC Financials.* Tom Power seconded motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Directors Travel Reimbursement:** Earl Killian brought forth a proposal to approve some type of stipend to pay for directors to attend these meetings.

Discussion indicated that each association handles that internally, with the exception of Ice World. Earl indicated it would be no problem to work that into their budget, however; their budget has to be approved 2 years in advance. *Tom Power made a motion that we supplement Ice World \$250 for non city employee's, (supported by receipts) for two meetings each year for the next two years.* Jean Hersley seconded motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Mileage Allowance:** Wally Morgus sent information regarding the IRS standard mileage allowance, indicating it has risen to 48.5 cents per mile and suggested we adopt this allowance and automatically adjust it as it changes in the future. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion to increase the mileage allowance to the new IRS standard of 48.5 cents per mile and adjust it automatically in the future.* Tom Power seconded the motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Registrar's Report:** Tom Lampl reported that overall in the state, registrations were up by 180 adults and down 182 youth players. Part of the youth loss was due to MAHA's loss of 60 players. 25% of all players registered on line. Tom explained the on-line registration process and recommends that each affiliate try to encourage their people to register on line. He also reiterated that everyone needs to be individually registered **and** registered on a team.

**Coaching Education Program:** Tom Lampl reported that if clinics are needed Tom will not be available to do any trainings after October 1, 2006. We only have 4 instructors in Idaho and we should have 6 or 7 new instructors. Tom needs to have the names of people that are interested in becoming instructors. Individuals who are interested need to commit to instruct for a few years, they need to be available to travel occasionally and they must buy into the USA hockey philosophy. This year there are two Level 4 Clinics in the Rocky Mountain District. Houston, TX, September 15 – 17, 2006 and Denver, CO, September 29 – October 1, 2006 (this clinic is nearly full). There will also be a level 4 clinic in Reno, NV, August 24 – 27, 2006. The cost of this clinic is \$355 and it will be held at the Peppermill. Tom also reminds everyone that we could get a level 4 clinic in Idaho Falls if we can get the commitment. If you have individuals who would be willing to attend a level 4 coaching clinic, please get the names to Tom.

**Rocky Mountain Player Development Camp:** Tom reported that two players from Idaho were selected to move on from the Rocky Mountain Player Development camp this year. In the girls 17 and 18 year old division, Susan Ostrow was selected to move on. Keenan Kelley was selected in the '91 category to move on to the National Select 15 camp. This year 123 players attended our Idaho Player Development camp (down 2 from last year). We only had games for two of the end of year teams, however; Tom has met with Wyoming, Montana, and Utah and has firm commitments for 2 "tournaments" next year, the first will be the second weekend of April (April 13, 14 and 15) at individual venues. The second would be at the SLC Oval and Accord Center with all age groups participating on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Dakota's may participate in the first weekend and New Mexico and the Dakota's may participate in the SLC Venue. This is very solid, "pretty much a done deal". We will be able to give everyone dates, costs and obligations by approximately November 2006.

**Girls Chicago Showcase Team:** This years Chicago Showcase team included 4 girls from Idaho. At this time, the Rocky Mountain District is reviewing the efficacy of the Chicago Showcase.

There will be a camp for boys/girls October 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> for those that did not participate in the Rocky Mountain District Camp (basically alternates). We will know our states allocation soon and will contact the kids that are eligible to go.

**Coaching Clinics:** Tom needs information regarding potential clinic dates ASAP. The sooner you get dates to Tom the better.

Level 1            Idaho Falls            November 4            8:00 a.m.            IF Activities Center

<b>Level 2</b>	Idaho Falls	November 5	8:00 a.m.	IF Activities Center
<b>Level 3</b>	Idaho Falls	November 12	8:00 a.m.	IF Activities Center

**State Registrar:** Tom Lampl indicated that as of Next May (2007) he **will be** the outgoing State Registrar. If any one is interested in that position, please let Tom know.

**Referee/Officiating:** Bobby Noyes reported that this year, they included officials in the Rocky Mountain District Player Development camp. Only one official from Idaho came. Bobby would like to see us better accommodate and coordinate with our officials so that we can continue to develop them. Tom, Bobby and Mike Lehto will work to coordinate this.

Bobby reported that after the Rocky Mountain High School Tournament, every official commented on the player respect and overall composure of the team from Jackson, Wyoming.

We sent two individuals to training this year and now have 9 Ref. Instructors in Idaho. Overall, we had 129 Officials in Idaho this year, down from approximately 137 the previous year. We really need to grow our official base, please encourage individuals in your associations to participate.

If you need Ref clinics, please let Bobby know what dates you need. Dates already established are as follows:

September 16	Sun Valley	Levels 1 – 3
September 19	Boise	

Yet to be determined are clinics in Idaho Falls, Moscow, Salmon and McCall.

There is typically a Level 4 Clinic in Salt Lake; this date is yet to be determined.

Bobby would also like to facilitate a survey of the various associations to see what fees are being paid to officials. At this time, each facility negotiates their own ref fees and they'd like to be able to give everyone an idea of what other groups are doing.

**Risk Management/Screening:** Mike Kelly was not present. Tom Lampl reminded everyone that there are now screening deadlines of December 31 with mandatory penalties (\$100) for screening requests made after this date. All screening information is on the web site. All coaches should be screened before they are allowed on ice with players. Also a reminder to the associations that all board members should be screened even if they are not a coach. The official policy is that anyone that has "any contact with people or players under 18" should be screened. There have been questions as to whether or not we screen enough. We (IAHA) say individuals need to be screened every three years. You can do it more often based on your associations' wishes/needs. Mike Kelly has stepped down as IAHA Risk Manager. This is a position appointed by USA Hockey, however; we need to make a recommendation to them. *Bill Mason made a motion that we approve that Bradley G. Andrews' name be submitted to USA Hockey for appointment to IAHA Risk Manager.* Britt Talbert seconded motion. No further discussion. **Motion carried.** (Bradley G. Andrews' bio included as Attachment 6)

**IAHA Website/Domain Name:** Discussion regarding our IAHA Website and the difficulty people have in finding it. *Tom Power made a motion that we adopt Idahoamatuerhockey.com, .org and .net as our official web addresses.* Earl Killian seconded motion. **Motion carried.** *Mike Lehto made a motion that we give George Cole (IAHA Webmaster) and additional \$30 to obtain for us other names as he sees fit.* Motion seconded by Dean Brandstetter. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Proposed by-law changes:** Several changes to the current BY-LAWS were proposed. **(These proposals are attached in their entirety. Attachment 7)**

**6. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** *Mike Lehto made a motion to reject the proposed change to #6 regarding "Quorum".* Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**7. (1) OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS.** *Dean Brandstetter made motion to reject this proposed change.* Motion seconded by Steve Walsh. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**7. (2) OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS.** *Dean Brandstetter made motion that we accept the proposed change with respect to electing officers and that we elect all officers this year with the Vice President and Treasurer serving for a one year term after todays election.* Cody Claver seconded this motion. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**7. (3) OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS.** *Dean Brandstetter made motion to adopt this language (he/she) throughout the BY-LAWS.* Seconded by Jean Hersely. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Proposed changes to POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: (These proposals are attached in their entirety. Attachment 7)** There were two proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures after discussion with regard to why these had been adopted, the proposed changes were withdrawn.

**Idaho in a Team-Name:** There was much discussion regarding the use of the name "Idaho Blades" by BYAHA. BYAHA has indicated they understand now that under our current polices they cannot use the name IDAHO BLADES, however they have gone to great expense, spending over \$17,000 on jerseys and socks just last season, etc. and they feel it would be very difficult to go back to the parents to have new jerseys made after only one season. *Mike Lehto made a motion to accept the following policy. "No team, association, league or any other entity under the purview of the IAHA shall be allowed to use Idaho in their name, logo, or on a uniform, etc. festival teams selected at the IAHA Player Development Camp are excepted. Also excepted are place names such as Idaho City, Idaho Falls, etc.* Cody Claver seconded motion. Discussion followed.

Tom Power requested a friendly amendment that BYAHA could use the existing jerseys for the '06-'07 season but could not register the teams using the name "Idaho Blades" and any new jerseys printed would not include "Idaho Blades". *Mike Lehto made motion to accept his previous motion including the proposed friendly amendment.* Seconded by Cody Claver. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**IAHA Policy and Ethics Codes:** Earl Killian wanted to make the board aware that State Law requires that they pay workers compensation insurance on their officials. Workers comp insurance is normally \$0.85 on the dollar but they were able to get it reduced to .005%. He wanted everyone to take under advisement that it is State Statute that you have workers compensation insurance. (Code of Ethics included as Attachment 8)

**Code of Ethics:** Wayne Lehto read this to the board **(copy attached)** he asked that everyone be aware of this code of ethics.

**Election of Officers:** *Dean Brandstetter nominated Nicki Bowden for the position of Secretary and Wally Morgus for the position of Treasurer.* Seconded by Bill Mason. *Bill Mason nominated Tom Power for President.* Seconded by Jean Hersley. *Bill Mason nominated Dean Brandstetter for Vice President.* Seconded by Cody Claver. Votes were taken, all were elected.

**Special Thanks:** Dean Brandstetter requested that the record show that the IAHA Board of Directors wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Wayne Lehto no only for his service as

President over the past three years, but in all his service to the IAHA over the years. The IAHA owes and unbelievable debt of gratitude to Wayne Lehto.

**New Business:** Tom Lampl indicated there is a new ruling from USA Hockey that allows youth females to register on women's teams as well as youth teams. We (IAHA) also have a policy that any adult that can be alone with a child must be screened. Based on these two factors, should we adopt a rule that we (IAHA) will only allow a minor female on the team if every woman on the team is screened since they have the ability to be alone with the youth player. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion that in the IAHA no youth be allowed to play on an adult team.* Seconded by Jean Hersley. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

Mike Lehto indicated that the winter games board would like to know what ice hockey venue would be appropriate for McCall. For many years Boise has done the adult games; squirts and above have been in Idaho Falls; and Mites have been in Salmon. Earl Killian suggested that the women might be sent to that venue. Mike will send Dave Christensen (from Winter Games board) to speak with Earl Killian.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Saturday, September 9, 2006 in Salmon.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Bowden