

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 7, 2012  
Crowne Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO,

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Kenney, Chris	District	Director/Chairman
Lewis, TC	District	Director
McKibbon, John	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
Lehto, Mike	District	Coach-in-Chief
	ID	Vice President
Grover, Kelly	District	High School Section
		Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Pashkowski, Geoff	AZ	Director at Large
Rogers, Jim	AZ	Vice President
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Kanai, Randy	CO	Vice President
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Ratkowski, Stephanie	CO	Registrar
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
Chapman, Alice	NM	Vice President
Bowden, Jalmar	NM	Coach-in-Chief
Bock, Bradley	NM	Head Coach
Hoskins, Mike	OK	President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Servaes, Mark	TX	Vice President
Graves, Bettepat	TX	Registrar
Thompson, Darla	TX	Registrar
Wilner, Fred	UT	President
Bratsos, Peter	UT	HS President
Radke, Derrick	UT	State Board
Urban, Bruce	USA Hockey	Director at Large
Mariconda, Joan	USA	
	Hockey	Director at Large
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Member Services
DiGiacomo, Paulette	USA Hockey	Member Services
	USA	
Doyle, Joe	Hockey	Administration

Absent: Sammi Owens, NM President; Tom Lampl, District Associate Coach-in-Chief

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 6:35 am. A quorum was present to conduct business. The USA Hockey staff was welcomed.

### **Heads Up Don't Duck**

Dr. Alan Ashare, Chairman of the Safety Committee, reminded us again about the "Heads Up, Don't Duck!" program. He would like to see the posters in every locker room at every rink. We need to get the brochures into every player's hand. There is a concussion brochure for coaches with a wallet card to carry. Order forms are available.

### **Safe Sport**

Rae Briggie wanted the new Rocky Mountain District volunteers to know that her department is always available to help and just a phone call away. The General Session topic of SAFE SPORT is a really important project. It is for all kids and not just hockey players. The development of the program is progressing rapidly. The off-ice portion will be presented today. It is important to get the concept of the program out there so we are ready when it goes live in a couple of years. Your volunteer registration number (free registration for volunteers) will be used to login to the Safe Sport training data base. Rae also reported that the minimum standards for background checks have been issued. Make sure affiliate policies are in compliance.

### **District Referee-in-Chief**

The District expressed its thanks to Bob McMann for his service as the District Referee-in-Chief. He is retiring. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to give the 12-year-old office equipment that the District purchased for his use to him. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Garry Pariseau from Texas has been appointed as the District Referee-in-Chief.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed. The Texas report on page 2 needs to be corrected to state "they are hosting the Tier II Girls' National Tournament and a Disabled Hockey Festival in April" and the motion on page 3 under Policies and Procedures should state "Phil Paolilli to head a committee to review the policies and procedures". Phil Paolilli made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as corrected. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Hot Button Issues**

TC Lewis reported on the hot button issues to be voted on in this session including mandatory cross ice for Mites, eliminating 16 year olds from the Junior program, and only having rule changes every four years.

### **District Tournament Reports**

The date of the Tier I Boys Tournament in Colorado was not very well accepted by coaches and teams. The date will be addressed in the Saturday meeting. Other than the date, Colorado put on a very well-run tournament. Kelly Grover and John McKibbin were at the Girls' Tournament and had no issues.

The National High School Tournament hosted by Utah High School Hockey was extremely successful. The volunteers and players really enjoyed it. Both Arizona teams made it to the semi-finals and Colorado won the Championship. Fred Wilner noted that the number of Utah High School Hockey players and teams has dropped 50% over last 7 years.

In March, Mike Hoskins took over for Anne Hetrick as the District Disabled Representative. He reported that the Disabled Hockey Tournament received complaints about the distance between the two rinks being used and that there was not enough accessibility for the disabled in the accommodations. Hotels are only required to have a certain percentage of handicapped units and that makes it very difficult for hosting the disabled. The mechanical bull was a hit and the volunteers made it a success. Bruce mentioned that the district needs to get involved in girls' disabled hockey.

The Girls' Tier II tournament was held in Texas. They had a costume contest for the teams and the participation was great. A Star Wars theme won the contest.

The Boys Tier II National Tournament had no complaints reported back to the affiliates.

There was much discussion on district tournaments being held in the same place for a period of time vs. moving every year between affiliates.

#### **ADM Vote**

Ron DeGregorio stopped by to take a straw poll on the issue of mandatory cross ice for the under 8 age group. The collective consensus is supportive. Arizona has an issue with non-USA Hockey mite programs offering full ice in competition to the cross-ice program.

Joe Doyle talked about ADM. After completing online registration for U8 and U10 players, parents will be directed to a video about the ADM program. There are age specific handouts for parents being presented during this congress. Joe asked that they be reviewed to see if they will help our programs succeed.

#### **District Player Development Camp**

The camp was very successful again this year under the direction of Tom Lample and Mary Davern. There were a lot fewer in attendance without the 14-year-old boys. The referee portion of the camp is getting national attention. There are 2 more years remaining on the Utah Olympic Oval contract. A Level 4 Coaching Clinic was also held in conjunction with the camp and was very successful with 127 attendees.

#### **Regional 14-year-old Boys Player Development Camp**

Bruce Urban reported on the plans for the joint camp with Pacific, Rocky Mountain, and Northern Plains Districts. It will be held in Colorado Springs and will be a very active week. There are 181 registered players to date.

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day  
RMD Secretary

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Saturday June 9, 2012  
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Lehto, Mike	ID	Vice President
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
Ballou, Patrick	District	Webmaster
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Pashkowski, Geoff	AZ	Director at Large
Rogers, Jim	AZ	Vice President
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Petrozzella, Joe	AZ	Director
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
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Absent: Sammi Owens, NM President; Tom Lampl, District Associate Coach-in-Chief

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct business.

**District Player Development Camp**

Al Bloomer joined the meeting to give background history on the Rocky Mountain District Player Development Camp. Many years ago, the players chosen to go the district camp and on to national camps were picked by a select few and not very equitably among the district. In the mid 1980's, Al Bloomer was appointed as the player

development camp director. He committed to transparency in management, and moving the camp around the affiliates in the district. It worked well for many years and the District has not needed to be hands on in the working of the camp. Special player development camps at the request of the affiliate were funded from the excess funds in the player development camp. The funds were also used to help district players attend other developmental camps. Recently, a request for reporting was made and has been perceived to be malicious. Also, the proposal of the new bylaws was misunderstood. The issues were discussed and clarified that the intention was for information and not malicious. To resolve this issue, a budget and report is expected each year in the January meeting.

### **Regional U14 Camp**

A regional U14 camp is being co-hosted by Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Northern Plains Districts. The six individuals trying to get this thing going are willing to answer any questions. Contact Bruce Urban with any questions you have on the camp. The camp will be in Colorado Springs. They need some extra help for transportation on Tues, June 26<sup>th</sup> and Sun. July 1<sup>st</sup>. Bruce Urban was requested to submit a proposed budget for the camp. (The proposed budget was emailed the next day and is attached to these minutes.)

### **Phone Conferences**

Phone call conferences will be held in August, and October.

### **Age Rule Change**

TC Lewis brought to the attention of the affiliates and associations that their rules need to address play up situations to deal with the age rule change passed by USA Hockey for the 2012-13 year. Texas and Colorado have rules in place that they will share. The new policy will be posted on USA Hockey's web page.

### **Mite Tournaments**

Bruce Karinen would like the District to restrict Mite Tournaments to cross ice jamborees with no championship. Arizona and New Mexico said it would be a hardship for them at this time due to commitments. By 2013-14 it will be mandated by USA Hockey and all affiliates need to be in compliance by then.

### **District Director and Affiliate President Written Reports**

Written reports were submitted by Chris Kenney, Kelly Grover, Bruce Karinen, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah. There was a letter from USA Hockey on the audit results, a coaching and webmaster report. The budget reports are also included. (The 2012-13 budget was approved by phone conference on August 14, 2012.)

### **High School Section**

Kelly Grover reported the High School National Tournament will be held in Coral Springs, FL March 20-24, 2013. Bruce Karinen requested to send a Rocky Mountain District Girls team to the Pittsburg American Showcase. The tournament was given a 6 team girls' allotment for the April 9-13, 2013 tournament. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to have a Rocky Mountain District Girls team. John McKibbon seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the age of players to be included since high school seniors have already applied to colleges by then and so being seen by scouts won't benefit them. After the discussion the motion passed unanimously. Donnalee was appointed as the contact person. A \$2,500 grant to start the team will be requested (and approved in the in August phone conference).

### **Junior Council**

Chris Kenney talked about the Youth/Junior Affiliated Player Policy (see handout) covering the ability to play up and down in the Junior division and the timing involved. (See the handout in the written reports.) The other draft policy discussed was the Dangerous Play Rule.

### **Disabled Hockey**

Mike Hoskins reported on some issues with rostering disabled players for festivals. There is an Administrative meeting Oct 12-14, 2012 in Orlando that he would like to attend. He will submit a budget for his attendance at that meeting.

### **Safe Sport**

Affiliates need to submit the name of the person they would like to be their Safe Sport representative to USA Hockey.

### **Coaching Education**

Mike Lehto submitted a written report. Level 4 was held in May in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the Player Development Camp. Two more will be held this year; Aug 24-26 in Dallas and Sep 7-9 in Phoenix @ \$175 per person. Registration is open online. The modules are set to launch again Sep 1 with fixes. Two sessions of instructor training are set. Affiliates are scheduling clinics. No coaching waivers were issued last season for age specific modules. The availability of the required training is adequate so there should not be a need for temporary cards. Temporary cards being issued are becoming fewer every year. Affiliate Presidents requested that Mike send them a list of temporary cards issued each year.

### **Webmaster**

Patrick Ballou is the new webmaster. Kelly will send a Thank You to George Cole for his long term service as the webmaster. Patrick had a chance to meet with the National IT department to help correct issues on the district web page. The Event Management System (EMS) is available to all affiliates. Patrick has redesigned the web site. Please make sure association and affiliate changes are given to him to change on the contact pages of the web. The calendar is on main page. Please submit items for posting. He believes that the EMS tool must be used at district tournaments. Patrick attended the High School National Tournament at his own cost. Dean Brandstetter made a **MOTION** to approve a \$567 reimbursement for his attendance. Fred Wilner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Rocky Mountain District Tournament Proposal**

Mike Holmes presented a proposal about filling the time between district and national tournaments with another district tournament. There was a lot of discussion about the benefit to each affiliate and their schedules. It was suggested to present it to Bruce Urban as a Regional tournament like the U14 player development camp.

### **District Grants**

Please make sure the request for grant proposals are being submitted in writing. Grant deadlines must be met and required paperwork must be submitted to Bruce Karinen. The deadline for proposals is July 15, 2012 for the 2012-13 budget year. Social Media use was suggested as a district grant, with Pay Per Click sponsors.

### **Budget Requests**

Kelly requested a grant of \$3000 to get the district logo on a pressed medallion (minimum order of 100) to be used on custom awards and trophies. Twenty per year would probably be used making it a 5 year investment. Dean Brandstetter made a **MOTION** to approve the request. John McKibbon second the motion and it passed unanimously

### **District Direction Election**

An election will be held to fill the term that ends June 2014 due to Tom Power's resignation. Nominations will be open June 7-July 6, 2012. Nominations and acceptance of nominations must be in writing.

### **Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the USA Hockey winter meeting in January 2013 in Orlando, FL. There will be a breakfast meeting in June 2013 during the USA Hockey Annual Meeting to be able to review hot topic items before the general meetings. New Mexico will host the 2013 RMD Annual meeting.

### **2013 Rocky Mountain District Tournaments**

The suggested date for the Tier I Boys Tournament is March 14-17, 2013. It is Utah's turn to host. The suggested date for the Girls Tournament is March 7-10, 2013. It is Arizona's turn to host. Please take these dates to your teams for discussion. Scouts were very present when the tournament was held in Colorado and that was a plus to the coaches and players. Discussion was held about pros and cons about moving the tournament each year or to do it every few years. It was suggested that the hosts create a marketing committee to fill the stands. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** for Utah to host the Tier I Boys Tournament. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** for Arizona to host the Girls Tournament. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Referee Expenses for Tournaments**

The reimbursement rate for room, transportation (air and/or vehicle), and food expenses of the on-ice officials need to be reviewed. A committee of Chris Kenney, TC Lewis, Jon Brooks, and Gary Pariseau, the new RMD Referee-In-Chief, will do this.

### **Other Business**

#### **Adult Tournaments**

Jon Brooks suggested sponsoring an Adult district tournament. Bruce Karinen felt it would be best to wait for more affiliate participation for a few years.

#### **Bylaw Changes**

Phil Paolilli talked about the concept of the bylaw change. Some suggested changes were the President only votes as a tie-breaker, creating a secretary-treasurer position, and filing as a 501c3 non-profit entity. The power structure or the ability of everyone to do the jobs they are doing now would not be affected. Fred Wilner talked about the procedure of how to get started by filing as a corporation and then file for 501c3 status. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to file as a Utah Corporation and as a 501c3 status. Jon Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed with opposing votes from Ted Skinner and Chris Kenney. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** for the affiliate name to be **Rocky Mountain District Hockey Association, Inc.** Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **RMD Apparel**

There have been many requests for RMD apparel. It will be done.

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Fred Wilner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day  
RMD Secretary