

**Rocky Mountain District Hockey
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
ZOOM**

In attendance:

Lewis, TC	District	Director
Servaes, Mark	District	Director
	TX	Vice President
Pashkowski, Geoff	District	Director
	AZ	Director at Large
Smith, Kathleen	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary/Treasurer
Thompson, Darla	District	Registrar
Reinhard, Ken	District	Referee-in-Chief
Reckell, Tim	District	High School Section
	AZ	President
Kanai, Randy	CO	President
Heinrich, John B	ID	President
Zeis, Michelle	TX	Vice President
Radke, Derrick	UT	President
Urban, Bruce	USA Hockey	Director at Large
Bonnett, Joe	USA Hockey	ADM Manager
Wright, Kristen	USA Hockey	ADM Manager

Absent:

Clarke, Cosmo	District	Coach-in-Chief
Bammert, Ralph	District	Risk Manager
Corona, Alfredo	District	Disabled Rep
Wenner, Rick	NM	President

TC Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm CST. A quorum was present to conduct business.

National Tournament Update

USA Hockey is talking to the National Tournament hosts about changing the date to 4/28-5/3/21. The directors want to hear from Affiliate Presidents if this date change will work for them. TC Lewis was recently given the National Tournament Director position.

San Jose has said they won't host in 2021. Anaheim has not backed out. Amherst is still hopeful. California and New York are experiencing high COVID outbreaks. Phoenix, Dallas, Denver, and Boulder have been suggested to replace San Jose. Question if the Exec committee needs to approve any changes made by the tournament committee and Youth Council. It is not thought so, but they would be informed.

Roster freezes will still be 12/31, but any request for waiver should go to Affiliate before going to the tournament committee.

Joe Bonnett said that all teams in the Rocky Mountain District were contacted about the change which would make the time between district and nationals 5-7 weeks. The teams in the district were unanimous about still participating. Moving the district tournament in Phoenix farther out will put it right into baseball spring training. Girls Tier 2 game count is down.

District Tournament Update

Mark Serveas and Geoff Pashkowski went through each affiliate to confirm team counts and hear affiliate updates.

Colorado – the Governor shut everything down at Thanksgiving with Feb 1st being the open-up date. They still want to participate in the district tournament. Game count is becoming a concern.

Arizona - No shut down, playing games, events are happening. Rinks have good protocol for entrance and use. All teams committed to attend. Rinks gave a 30-day instead of 45-day default time frame. Hotels have sanitation protocols in place.

Utah - Playing again now so there will probably not be an issue with game counts. County rinks are starting to open. Teams are still committed to go.

Idaho – There has been a setback in Boise with the shut down the 2-sheet facility until October of 2021. Everyone is still committed and hopefully game counts will get there. The 14U Boys are struggling for games.

Texas – The rinks are limiting spectators, all teams still committed, game counts are good.

Darla Thompson expressed concerns on travel permits. Colorado has shut down, but teams are allowed to travel. Eleven tournaments have cancelled in Colorado and a couple in Idaho. She said a team from the district traveled to Minnesota without a travel permit and incorrect rostering. The district tournament will require travel permits.

Ken Reinhard talked about official registration numbers. They are still trying to get returning officials to complete their registration. The Level 4 registration has increased because of no skating test this year. Officials are concerned about traveling to the district tournament and sharing rooms due to COVID. They are arranging to bring in food in for the officials instead of them having to find restaurants. The plan is to still have enough officials to use a 4-man system per game.

The affiliates must have team selections completed by Feb 18, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day, Secretary/Treasurer
Rocky Mountain District Hockey