

Idaho Amateur Hockey Association Fall Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: President, Dean Brandstetter, September 18, 2010, in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

ROLL was taken and the following associations were represented:

Boise Ice World	2	Jr. Steel Heads	2
Coeur d' Alene	1	McCall	1
Idaho Falls	4	Moscow	0
Sun Valley	2	Salmon	2
Lewiston	1	Chubbuck/Pocatello	1
Treasure Valley	1		

Being determined that a quorum was present, the meeting continued.

THE MINUTES of the previous meeting have been sent to everyone. It was moved by P. McMahon and seconded by Idaho Falls to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

- Sun Valley:** Bantam numbers are thin, but everything else is holding its numbers. They will be holding a Golf Tournament Fund Raiser.
- Jr. Steelheads:** Squirts through Bantams and U-18 will have a B-team. The girls team (the Hurricanes) are light this year.
- Boise Ice World:** Numbers are good at all lower ages but thin at the top. Struggling with Midget and High School team. Girls are playing in the rec. league at all levels.
- Lewiston:** They have ice from September to April. Things are looking good. Ref. Clinic will be held next week-end.
- McCall:** 70 skaters, with 40 in the Mites house program, Pee Wees and U-18 are low and looking to combine with another team. There are no Bantams. The U-12 girls' team is strong with 24 skaters. They will be going to cross ice practices for the younger players. A discussion followed on the benefits of cross ice practices. It is better for younger, weaker skater – builds strength and agility.
- Treasure Valley:** Their numbers are holding up, they will have a Squirt and Pee Wee team and 2 Bantams and 2 Midgets.
- Women/Girls:** Their website is up and running. They will be starting a mentoring program. Idaho Falls will take the lead in forming a Tier II State Team and will meet in Salt Lake in October to declare a U-19 team.
- Idaho Falls:** They will start October 18. The numbers look good, with a good turn out in the Pee Wees. Bantams and Midgets are low right now; expect to have U-16, U-18 and 3 High School teams. Check the web sight for tournament dates. The raised all the money needed for new facility, including bathrooms in all the new locker rooms.
- Cubbuck/Pocatello:** The numbers are slightly higher. Mites and 2 girl's teams, but are looking to combine with another team for Pee Wees and Bantams. They are building a second outdoor rink and have used boards from an NHL team back east. Natural ice for now, refrigeration is 2 years out.
- Salmon:** 100 kids this year with teams at all levels including girl's U-12 and U-19. Bantams are a little light. They will have ice November 7th and will have a ref. clinic November 13th. They replaced a portion of the board this summer and will have new light for the season.
- Coeur d'Alene:** 100 skaters with one team at each level and 2 at the Midget level. The numbers are low at the younger levels and the girls are skating in Spokane. The new ring was started in August with 1 sheet of ice and room or a second. They may be skating by the end of the season, until then they are buying ice in the area.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

Growth Goals: Over all drop in numbers is a big concern for USH Hockey. Idaho is one of the few areas that are showing any growth at the base level. IAHA's biggest growth has been in the Chubbuck/Pocatello area. We have 4 Grow the Game Bags to present.

J. DiSanza of Chubbuck moves that these be given to Coeur d'Alene. The motion was seconded by Idaho Falls. The motion passed with no discussion.

February 19: Hockey across America. Sun Valley has set up a "Try Hockey For Free" Day. Please let IAHA know what you have planned.

Locker room supervision of players: USA Hockey legal council has advised us that we will be in violation of our insurance policy if there is not adult supervision in the locker rooms. Because of some things that have been going on in locker rooms, USA Hockey is making it MANDATORY to have an adult in proximity to see what is going on. USA Hockey expects to have all the legalities worked out by next year. Let's use some common sense and be prepared to put it into our policy next year. Remember all our policy now states the NO adult will come in contact with skaters unless they are SCREAMED. Deadline for the year is 12/31, see the web sight.

Pee Wee National Championship: USA Hockey is moving away from high level competition at the Pee Wee level, therefore they will discontinue Pee Wee National Championships after the 2011 season. They believe that the decrease in competitive push at the lower age levels will help keep players in the game longer. Rocky Mt District is also going in this direction and moving to 3 on 3 competition and Pee Wee Festivals rather than championships. Do we want to follow suite. Discuss it with your association and we will decide at the Spring Meeting.

Idaho Falls brought up the idea of forming a state wide tier program (late spring and early fall) outside of our rec. hockey program. This may stop some of the conflicts between associations.

Rocky Mt District Coaching Representative: Mike Lehto has recently been appointed as Idaho's new Coaching Rep. to the Rocky Mt District.

Rocky Mt District Meeting: Idaho will be hosting the District meeting to be held in August, 2011. IAHA will be financially responsible to host the pre-function the day/evening before activities; dinner, drinks, an activity such as golf, rafting or a ball game. Think about where this could be held to best show off Idaho, and bring your proposals to the Spring Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: A Copy of the budget was distributed. Our current bank balance is \$30,348.03.

Grants: Bill Mason has resigned as Chairman. This is an appointed position and we need input from the entire state on this committee. Any one interested in the position please contact Dean Brandstetter.

Registrar's Report: Report was in written form and e-mail to everyone this morning.

CEP: Coaching Education Program: Mike Lehto presented the new program that will be implemented NEXT year. This will be the last year to take levels II & III in the same year. Beginning next year coaches will only be able to take 1 level per year. Additional on line training will be required in age specific modules. These modules will train coaches in age specific methods for their team. This is still under development so there are no specifics other than coaching levels will not be as important and the age specific modules.

Coaching Clinic dates are posted on line.

ACE Report: This is the first year that we have an ACE coordinator in all our associations. Nothing has been made official, but it appears as though the ACE Program will be absorbed into ADM Program in the near future. Don't eliminate your coordinators yet, when official, just move them to the ADM position. Steve Walsh announced he will be resigning as ACE Director next spring.

Referees and Officials: Currently have 55 referees registered in the state. USA Hockey is promoting on line training and has an "Ask the Officials" site on line that is a good source of information for everyone. On Ice Training has been scheduled and dates and places can be seen on the IAHA web site.

Discussion of the State Tournament Referee fees followed. The fees have not changed in 10 years. It was moved by P. McMahan, seconded by J DiSanza, and passed to go to a graduated rate schedule as follows:

Pee Wees & Girls	2 officials	\$80 / game
Bantams	3 officials	\$115 / game
Midgets	3 officials	\$125 / game

There are no rule changes this year.
Our emphasis this year is **FAIR PLAY & RESPECT.**

Risk Manager: No Report

Web Master: Site is up and running well. All adult screening is done one line. We would like to try and have IAHA Tournament fee paid on line. It is possible for association scores to be posted if association personnel post them to their web sites.

Associations please check your contact information and make sure it is correct. It was discussed that associations that have a web site and are in good standing with IAHA, be able to link through the IAHA web site. A motion to that effect was made by Idaho Falls, seconded by Beo Hott, and passed.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Policies & Procedures: Thanks to Steve Richardson for all the time and help in getting this put together. Pg 243 typo has been corrected. The new Policies and Procedures are ready for approval. It was moved and seconded to adopt the revised IAHA Policies and Procedures. The motion passed. It was then mentioned that our By-laws also need to be revised, which Dean Brandstatter offered to coordinate.

State Tournament Tie Breaker: Tom Taylor asked that we consider changing the state tournament rules for tie breaker by eliminating the "most scores made" section. This would stop stronger teams from "running-up" a score and humiliation a weaker team. The idea was discussed. It was decided that this is in the USA Hockey guidelines, and is standard procedure across the country; we will leave things as they are.

Tier II Players and State Tournament Eligibility: This is addressed in our Policies and Procedures. At the present a tiered player can play on a High School team unless he is billeted. Scheduling both Tier Games and High School games makes playing on both teams probative but it is not prohibited. There is movement to change this in 2012.

State Tournament and High School Tournament are two different things. Tiered players can play for their High School at the Tournament. Tiered Teams can play at the State Tournament. Tiered players can not play on two tiered teams.

Idaho Associations Tournament Scheduling & Conflicts: Steve Richardson presented the state-wide schedule. The only conflicts were between North Idaho and South Idaho and were deemed to be non-conflict situations. It was moved by John Schultz and seconded by J. DiSanza, to accept the schedule, noting that north/south conflict cause no problem. Motion passed.

Tier Declarations: Tier Declarations need to be made by Nov. 15, with payment by Dec. 31.

State Tournament deadline is Dec. 15, with payment by Dec.31. Tier Teams are

Midget – doubtful; Bantam – Steelheads; Pee Wee – maybe; Girls – 2 from Idaho Falls.

State Tournaments & Player Development Camp: US National High School Championship – March 22

State Association Championships: Boise Ice World, February 17 – 20

Boise Jr. Steelheads will be the hosting team. The host motel issue was discussed at length.

It was asked if the list could be posted on the web. It was moved and seconded to use

Boise’s list of host motels, however there will be no penalty if a team does not use a listed

motel. Motion passed. The list will be out soon.

State High School Championships: Idaho Falls, February 25 – 27

Both Idaho Falls and Sun Valley stated that they would like to host this year’s tournament.

Idaho Falls noted that they have a new facility that they would like to show-off. Sun Valley

stated that they would have another sheet of ice in Hailey in the near future. It was moved

by Kim Buer and seconded by Idaho Falls to hold the tournament in Idaho Falls. It was

moved by P. McMahon and seconded to hold the tournament in Sun Valley. Vote was in

favor of Idaho Falls this year with strong consideration for Sun Valley next year when they

have their new ice.

Player Development Camp: Idaho Falls, March 4 – 6

It was moved by J. DiSanza and seconded by Idaho Falls to hold the PDC in Idaho Falls as scheduled barring and scheduling conflicts in which case it would be held March 11-13.

Motion passed.

Next Meeting: **Spring Meeting - May 14th in Pocatello, location to be announced.**

Fall Meeting - September in McCall, date and location to be announced.

Coming to the end of business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Harkrader
Acting Secretary**