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IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with USA Hockey

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

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

September 10, 2005

Boise, Idaho

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Wayne Lehto at 9:45 a.m. at Idaho Ice World in Boise, Idaho. Those in attendance included: **Wayne Lehto**, (President IAHA), **Jean Hersley** (Registrar IFYHA), **Tom Power** (Vice President IAHA, MYHA), **Nino Randazzo** (MYHA), **Bill Mason** (SVYH), **Gail Verschoor** (MISA- McCall Ice Skating Association), **Dean Brandstetter** (Vice President IFYHA), **Dave Costello** (BYAHA), **Curtis Spalding** (Manchester Ice & Event Center), **Jim Bockelman** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Steve Walsh** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Katie Covey** (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Tom Lampl** (Associate Registrar, USA Hockey, Idaho Initiation Program Coordinator, Idaho Coaching Education Director), **Bobby Noyes** (Supervisor of Officials), **Mike Kelly** (Risk Manager), **Britt Talbert** (BAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Barbara Amick** (SVYH), **Neil Emerizy** (Treasure Valley Ice Hockey Assoc.), **Cody Claver** (IFYHA), **Nicki Bowden** (Secretary IAHA).

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

Minutes of May 2004 Meeting: All members previously received copies of the May 2005 meeting minutes for review.

Jean Hersley requested correction on Treasurer's Report, Change from mention of USA Hockey Fee to IAHA Affiliate fee. **Minutes amended.**

Dean Brandstetter made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Jean Hersley. No discussion. Motion carried. (Amended Minutes included as Attachment 2.)

Association Reports:

Tom Power (MYHA): Tom reported they will not have ice in Post Falls until at least the first of the year. They have run into permit issues. They just need to finish the Zamboni garage and get the compressors in doors. They will be moving back to Spokane for the beginning of the season.

Gail Verschoor (McCall): Gail reported that that their registration will happen September 29th. The season will start the end of October. Their high school team will be part of Treasure Valley League (playing in Boise). Also their PeeWee team will be part of Boise House program and the Squirts may do some exhibition games in Boise. They will have a modified 10 and under program with Mites and Squirts skating together on skills, with games at their own levels.

Britt Talbert (BAHA): Britt reported that Boise City is now somewhat at odds with B of A Center since they no longer have a common owner, so they may be losing some of their adult programs. They ran a 3 on 3 program over the summer, for Mites and Squirts combined and PeeWee Bantam combined. It went really well and was well received. They wanted to implement a heavy curriculum for the under 10 age group but the city wouldn't approve the extra budget items. Now that they understand the budgeting issues, they should have the funding in place for next fall. They are also installing a \$30,000 digital video system in both rinks. It will include 3 cameras in each rink, 2 at each end and one on the stands. This should help them police the rink more efficiently for better control at high school games. They are not sure if they

will utilize the copying of DVD's for coaches and/or fans. They have 10 Varsity teams and their Junior Varsity teams. They may split the league into divisions 5A and 4A.

Dave Costello (BYAHA): Dave reports they are on ice, they have 70 plus players. They have been on the ice for 3 weeks. They have 5 Tier II teams; they just need to get the rosters signed. They also have a girl's team coming on. They are in the South West League with all but their Bantam's; they need to pick up a couple more players for that Bantam team. They have a new Director, Marty Flickle. Also a new web site up and running at www.idahoblades.org. They will get their league contact information out to everyone.

Bill Mason (Sun Valley): Bill reports that Sun Valley is not on the ice yet. They are just getting organized. Registration packets will go out in the next 10 days. They are changing their Under 10 program to be more age bracketed. They have also implemented a serious drug policy. It may include random drug testing. The legal issues have been checked – it's all okay since the drug policy is in the rules and if you don't want to submit to the drug policy, you don't sign up for the association. The school system encourages these drug testing programs, they have modeled it after the ski team drug policy. They should have ice available by the end of October.

Curtis Spalding (Manchester Ice & Adult Program): Kurt reported that their ice rink is breaking even. They have 4 adult teams, 3 men's an A, B and C team and one women's team, and their may be enough to split the women into 2 teams. Curt also indicated he will soon be moving to Ogden, Utah, and he wanted to thank Tom Lampl and Wayne Lehto for all their hard work and the direction they give the IAHA.

Jim Bockelman (Salmon): Jim indicated they are putting a referee's room in behind the penalty boxes. They also want to build 2 more locker rooms next to the rink and girls changing rooms for use when mixed teams come in, everyone will have a place to change. They want to have more shade put in this year. With their fund raisers they did last year and coming in under budget on power, they still have \$15,000 to use for shade and set aside for future power expenses. They will have their first registration on September 17th. They should have teams in every division this year and should be skating by Thanksgiving.

Cody Claver (IFYHA): Cody reported that the city assures us that we will have the cooling tower installed and ice by the end of October. They will begin insulating the rink this year beginning with the ceiling. If the bids come in where they expect, they may be able to insulate the entire rink. This also includes a fan system to control condensation. They may have a U-16 team at the midget level this year.

Wayne Lehto (summary from RMD Meeting):

- There will be no USA Hockey National Program for screening. Each affiliate will be on its own for screening, but it is a required program.
- Regarding small area games, some affiliates are making small area games mandatory at the Squirt level and below. Almost all affiliates have adopted some form of small area games.
- Junior teams must be in good standing with the affiliate. Any 601 type violations should be handled by the affiliate. Discipline needs to come through the state affiliate. (we have two Jr. Teams, the Idaho Rattlers and the Kootenai Colts)
- There was talk of a level 4 coach's clinic in Idaho next year for Idaho/Montana/Wyoming area. So far we haven't had a good enough commitment to get a level 4 clinic in Idaho. A serious commitment would be about 25 coaches in attendance. We should be able to fill a clinic as we have over 100 level 3 coaches registered in Idaho. If you have people that will commit to attend, send note to Tom Lampl saying how many will come if the clinic is in Idaho.
- Rocky Mountain District events schedule
01/06–08/2006 RMD Winter Mtg., Houston, TX

01/19-22/2006 USAH Winter Mtg., Miami, FL
03/02-05/2006 RMD Tier I Playoffs, Peoria, AZ
03/09-12/2006 RMD Tier II Playoffs, Denver, CO
03/17-19/2006 RMD HS Tournament, Boise, ID
05/03-07/2006 RMD Player Development Camp, Salt Lake City, UT
06/08-11/2006 USAH Annual Meeting, Wyoming

- Since Boise hosts the RMD HS Tournament, they are entitled to a host team plus the winning team from Idaho HS Tournament. RMD Tournament teams will be placed by random draw, 4 teams in A bracket; 3 teams in B bracket; and 3 teams in C bracket.
- It is up to the affiliates to organize a girl's team in the Chicago Showcase. There are three boys Chicago Showcase teams for RMD; one each from Utah, Colorado, and Texas. The Chicago Showcase is set up for kids that are not playing Tier I hockey. Juniors and seniors can go to the Chicago Showcase to get exposure. The Utah team is run by Margo Nate; they pick the team at the end of the Great Western Showcase. Interested parties can get the Nate's contact information from Tom Lampl.
- Redistricting issues – every affiliate President had the opportunity to speak out on redistricting. Idaho indicated we wanted to be in the RMD based on our decision at the May Meeting in Idaho Falls. RMD was looking for a consensus regarding if Montana and Wyoming could/should leave the RMD. We (Idaho) indicated we didn't care what they did as long as it was the best decision for the players. USA Hockey, via Al Bloomer, indicated they would not approve a district with 4 small states. No consensus was developed.
- Wayne also had copies of the Rocky Mountain District Policy and Procedures and gave one to each association. (Policy and Procedure included as Attachment 3)

Player and Team Behavior – Committee Report: Tom Power reported for committee. The committee couldn't find other affiliates that had instituted more strict guidelines than had been set forth by USA Hockey. The committee would like to research the subject over this season and bring forward a proposal to the spring meeting. *Cody Claver made a motion to continue the research until the next meeting.* Second by Bill Mason. Discussion followed. Jim Bockleman recommended that penalties that result in injury to a player go before a committee to assess further penalty. His suggestion is that the offending player misses as much playing time as the injured player. Wayne Lehto indicated that he did not think it would be able to form a consensus to penalize a player further if they caused an injury to another player. **Motion Carried.**

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

Grant Funds – Committee Report: Bill Mason led discussion. The committee recommendations were reviewed. Tom Lampl indicated he would like to send it back for specific recommendations. There was much discussion regarding how we would best use the grant funds, either by having associations choose from a general list or whether the committee should give specific recommendations for associations to use the grant money for, as we did previously with the cross ice equipment. Decision was made that each association needs to come back to the committee with what they need. It was emphasized that items considered for funding should be those that are outside the existing association budgets. Bill will touch base with Wally regarding funds available per association. He will e-mail this information to everyone and they need to get their feedback to Bill by October 31, 2005. There was also a reminder that these were "matching funds".

Wayne indicated that RMD allocated \$750 to have an additional person from Idaho attend the last meeting. Tom Power attended with Wayne and Wayne recommended we cover Tom's extra expenses for travel, approximately \$200. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion that we appropriate \$231 to cover Tom's extra travel expenses.* Second by Jean Hersley. Discussion that Tom will send his expense report to Wally with a note that it was approved here. **Motion carried.**

Risk Management/Screening: Mike Kelly indicated he needs new members for the screening committee. Mike is willing to continue to chair the committee, but needs three members to sit with him. *Britt Talbert made a motion to nominate Gail Verschoor, Dean Brandstetter, and Wayne Lehto, with Mike Kelly as the chair.* Barbara Amick seconds the motion. All voted in favor. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Mike also reminded everyone that there are now mandatory penalties (\$100) for screening requests made after December 31st. All screening information is on the web site. All those screened in 2002 need to be re-screened this year. 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.

Registrar's Report: Tom Lampl reminded everyone that there are no team fees this year, but the USA Hockey fee went up to \$30, and the IAHA fee is \$6 (\$5 of this goes to the State and \$1 goes to RMD). To be fully registered, you must be individually and team registered. Registrars may send PDF team files to Tom since there is no team fee.

Coaching Education Report: Tom Lampl reported that at this time there are 5 coaching clinics set. He reminded everyone that coaching education must be registered and paid for on-line. If associations are paying, they will need to reimburse the coaches.

Boise:

Level 1 October 1, 2005
Level 2 October 2, 2005

Idaho Falls:

Level 1 November 5, 2005
Level 2 November 6, 2005
Level 3 November 12, 2005

Tentative:

Level 3 Boise, October 30, 2005

Level 4

Phoenix, AZ September 23-25, 2005 **** this clinic is full ****

Tom also indicated that the RMD is willing to have a Level 4 clinic in Idaho, but we need to make sure we have the commitment for them to come. He stated a commitment of at least 25 could bring the clinic to us next year. Please get commitments for Level 4 coaching clinic to Tom.

Referee/Officiating: Bobby Noyes reported on several scheduled clinics. It was announced that there was a level 4 referee clinic today (September 10th) in Boise. Upcoming Officiating Clinics are as follows:

- Sept. 24, 2004 Level 1,2 and 3 Boise
- Sept. 24, 2004 Level 4 Salt Lake City, UT

Other clinics will be announced on the web site as they are scheduled.

Last spring we sent 3 to Colorado for Instructors Training. Two from Northern Idaho and one from Salmon. We will be looking for others to send next spring. If you have anyone who would like to go and will commit to training others let Bobby know. (This is a three day seminar, Friday

– Sunday, travel is not covered, but once you are there, USA Hockey covers all costs.) There is no charge to attend a ref clinic, but there is a charge when you take the test and register to be an official. Bobby also indicated that Sara Henderson in Salt Lake City is the female coordinator for RMD for all female officials. She wants to work with female officiating. There is a potential for rapid advancement for females to officiate. They could do a National Tournament within 2 to 3 years. Rule changes for this year were minimal:

- Adult goalies can no longer wear form fitting masks.
- Erroneous icing calls face off will now go to the closest face off dot rather than center ice.
- See the IAHA website for all rule changes.

Bobby reported that at the RMD High School Tournament in Boise, they will pull officials from throughout the District rather than all local.

Bobby also reminded everyone that at the last meeting we had approved coverage of travel expenses for the level 4 instructor clinic for two people that traveled to Colorado. Since Bobby was not at that meeting, one individual was inadvertently left out. *Tom Power made a motion that we reimburse him for his actual travel expenses up to \$300.* Second by Dean Brandstetter. Discussion indicated Bobby would let Wally know this had been approved and forward to him the travel expenses. **Motion carried.**

Tournaments: *Dave Costello made a motion that State Tournament be held February 23 – 26, 2005 in Boise; State High School Tournament be held March 2 – 5, 2005; Player Development Camp held March 31 – April 2.* Second by Britt Talbert. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Dean Brandstetter made motion to hold the State High School Tournament in McCall, back up location will be Idaho Falls. Second by Bill Mason. Discussion was that Gail would have 10 days to confirm hotel availability. If hotels are not available, we will hold the tournament in Idaho Falls. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Jean Hersley made a motion that Player Development Camp be held in Idaho Falls. Second by Dean Brandstetter. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Team Idaho: Tom Lampl indicated he did not have complete details. He is still working to nail down Wyoming. All information will be distributed with Player Development Camp information.

IAHA Website: Based on difficulty people are having getting information posted on the IAHA Website in a timely manner, it was agreed we should seek a replacement web master. Wayne and Tom will seek a new webmaster. Wayne has obtained the pass words and access to post information in the interim. Special thanks to Greg for his efforts and service to the IAHA.

Clarification: Boise now has two associations:

- Boise Amateur Hockey – Ice World Program
- Boise Youth Amateur Hockey – Blades Program

Policy & Procedure Manual Possible Changes/Discussion: Discussion regarding IAHA Sanctioned Tournaments, specifically State Association Championship. Much discussion regarding adding A & B divisions as well as allowing Tier teams to participate in State Championships. *Tom Power made a motion to leave the Policy and Procedure as is.* Second by Dave Costello. **Motion Defeated.**

After much discussion, *Cody Claver made a motion that each IAHA Association be entitled to field one (1) team in each of the “A” Division Association Championships. Associations meeting the requirements of the “A” Division may also field one (1) team in the “B” division if they have a team represented in the “A” Division that year. Associations that must register in the “A” Division are Associations registering more than 150 players. Associations having less than 150 players, will be eligible to enter a team in the “B” Division without entering the “A” Division. “B” Division Associations may enter a team in the “A” Division if they so desire.* **AND Tier Teams are eligible**

to participate in the "A" Division of the Association Championships. Individual players associated with other Tier teams not participating in the Association playoffs are ineligible to participate in the tournament. If there are two or more Tier Teams, they can have a Tier Playoff the weekend before the Division Association Championships to determine which team moves on to the District Tournament. If these Tier Teams wish, they can also elect to enter the Division Association Championships in the "A" Division. All teams must declare their intentions by December 15. Second by Dean Brandstetter. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Regarding State High School Tournament, *Dean Brandstetter makes motion that if more than ten (10) eligible teams declare their intent to participate the Tournament Director shall establish a regional seeding based on head to head competition and invite the top five (5) teams from the West Division (Boise and McCall); the top two (2) teams from the North Division (Moscow, Couer D'Alene); and the top three (3) teams from the East Division (Idaho Falls, Salmon, Sun Valley). Unused slots from the respective regional divisions shall be awarded on a first come first served basis after a commitment is received in writing by the Tournament Director. All teams must declare their intent by December 15.* Second by Jean Hersley. Discussion regarding whether IAHA wants to ask for exceptions to the "non-pure" rule for sending teams to the District Tournament. If we do not want to ask for such waivers, do we allow these to play in the State Tournament or do we allow a team to play in State, then drop players to move on to the District Tournament? At this time, there are 4 "non-pure" teams: Woodriver, Hillcrest, McCall and Canyon County. It was agreed that we would request waiver on a case by case basis. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 13, 2005 in Sun Valley.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Bowden