

## IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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### ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

September 11, 2004

Idaho Falls, Idaho

**Call to Order and Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by Wayne Lehto at 9:05 a.m. at the Hampton Inn in Idaho Falls, 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), **Gary Barnes** (BYAHA, Idaho ACE Coordinator), **Marco Pietroniro** (BYAHA), **Dave Costello** (BYAHA), **Curtis Spalding** (Manchester Ice & Event Center), **Annie Pflueger** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Gayle McCampbell** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Katie Covey** (BYAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Lee Johnston** (IFYHA), **Tom Lampl** (Associate Registrar, USA Hockey, Idaho Initiation Program Coordinator, Idaho Coaching Education Director), **Mike Lehto** (IFYHA), **Cody Claver** (President IFYHA), **Lee Johnston** (IFYHA), **Kurt Spalding** (Manchester Ice & Events Center), **Steve Bush** (Palouse), **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 2004 meeting minutes for review.

Kurt Spalding requested change to state Manchester Mountaineers won the over 30 division in their association. **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:

**Mike Lehto (IFYHA):** Mike reported that Idaho Falls plans on business as usual. All divisions are currently planning on participating in the IHL. Cross ice program worked very well and they are considering moving it up to the Pee Wee level. They are also considering hosting a cross ice festival. They have been renting ice in Logan, UT and are planning on having try outs for Pee Wee travel at the end of September.

**Bill Mason (Sun Valley):** Bill reported that Sun Valley plans to continue with last years program and improve upon it. Cross ice program has been very successful. The program should be in good shape this year. He has spoken with Wade in the IHL and everything seems on track for IHL participation. Wally Morgus is the liaison to the IHL and the league is in very good shape. Sun Valley will have competitive teams in all divisions from Pee Wee up.

**Annie Pflueger (Salmon):** Annie reported that they are working on their refrigeration unit and are working toward a November 1 start up date. Registration is going on today and they will have another registration date in about a month. Salmon girls will participate in the IHL. They will have four divisions participating in the Montana league this season. They hope to double the season with guaranteed ice. They would like to host a Mite tournament in February.

**Marco Pietroniro (BYAHA):** Marco reported that the Blades will participate in the South West League and they will possibly have teams participate in the IHL as well. All "A" teams will participate in the South West League and the IHL. The "A" teams are not the tier teams. Blades girls will be tier II. There is a new Jr B team in Boise, the Idaho Rattlers, they are owned and operated by Marco. Kids came from as far away as Alaska for tryouts, they have 13 local (Idaho) kids on the team; 1 from Idaho Falls, 2 from Sun Valley and 10 from Boise. The Boise Mites have a cross ice program. There will also be full ice for the 8 and under program. The high school program has 10 varsity teams and 6 junior varsity. U-14 blades girls would like to participate with others in the state. They are trying to recruit more into the mighty mite program. Boise blades

would like to break off as their own association, so at some point in the future there may be a Blades Association and a Boise City Association.

**Gail Verschoor (McCall):** Gail reported that they have revamped their program and by-laws since our May meeting. The season will start in McCall on October 26, 2004. They will have house teams only this year. They are working with Manchester Ice to set up a mighty mites program. They are also setting up a program so that kids have the basic skills before entering the hockey program. They have several new coaches this year and have combined the ACE Coordinator position with their youth hockey head coach. They also have a Zamboni for sell if anyone is interested.

**Kurt Spaulding (Manchester Ice & Adult Program):** Kurt reported that Travis Turner is the new rink director. The rink made \$18,000 last year with an annual budget of \$300,000. They need to make \$1,000 per day to break even. This year in the adult league, they will have 2, possibly 3 men's teams and 1 or possibly 2 women's teams. Their ref program now has 11 level one officials.

**Steve Bush (Moscow):** Steve reported that the county/city had basically shut down their program by mandating that they could not have music or adult hockey after 8:00 p.m. They went back to the city and they reversed the decision. The city gave them one more year to operate but they have to have a building permit for an indoor rink. They can only operate their rink from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. They have had an increase of 10% in their youth program, with 40 new mites and 10 Pee Wee's. They have a challenge with a girls program, they have 9 girls at this point in various age groups including Pee Wee, Bantam and one midget. They do have a chiller that can run two rinks and a pretty strong program if they can keep going and add a new rink. The parents of the association earned enough money to buy new uniforms for all age groups.

**Tom Power (MYHA):** Tom reported they were having another season of challenges. They have lost their local rink so they are skating in Spokane. They are getting the program running and still working on getting a rink in Post Falls. They will have both "A" and "B" leagues this year. Their association is playing in the West Kooteni league out of British Columbia. This is a non checking league at all levels. There are 8 or 9 teams in the BCHL. They will be playing a 12 game schedule, with 6 away games and 6 at home. They will have a girls team, midgets, bantam, Pee Wee and possibly 2 squirt teams. It is getting to be pretty expensive for them to play right now as Spokane is charging \$225/hour for ice. They had to set their house registration fee at \$500/player.

**Note to all associations** from Tom Lampl, any teams participating in other leagues need to get a letter from the league with their schedule so that games won't be considered tournaments. This information needs to be forwarded to Tom ASAP.

District Meeting Summary: Summary of the district meeting was reviewed. Main change noted was a required change in D & O coverage. This is now **required** as of January 1, 2005.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wally Morgus was not present but provided copies of the Treasurer's Report for distribution to all present. Discussion lead by Wayne Lehto and Tom Lampl. The budget has been revised because USA Hockey now pays for the President to attend two meetings each year. Note that budget will also change based on D & O Coverage. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion to approve budget as revised.* Second by Tom Power. No discussion. **Motion carried.** (Report included as Attachment 3.)

**Risk Management/Screening:** Mike Kelly was not present. Wayne Lehto led a discussion regarding D & O Coverage and how to best cover this additional cost. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion to raise player fee to IAHA from \$4 per player to \$5 per player.* Second by Cody Claver. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Registrar's Report:** Tom Lampl indicated that USA Hockey is continuing its test for on-line registration. No one in Idaho is using the system at this time. He has indicated that in the future, you will be able to submit your associations fees and members will be able to register on line using a credit card, then monies will be forwarded to your association.

Also, a reminder that this year Tom will not be accepting team registrations unless coaches are listed and you have CEP Data listed on the registration form.

**Coaching Education Report:** Tom Lampl gave update on upcoming coaching clinics.

Boise:

Level 3 October 2, 2004

Idaho Falls:

Level 1 November 6, 2004

Level 2 November 7, 2004

Sun Valley:

Level 3 November 13, 2004

Nino indicated that they have tentatively scheduled level 2 and 3 clinics for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and need Vince to schedule a level 1 clinic.

If you need to renew your level three coaching card, you can do one of the following:

- Attend another level 3 clinic
- Attend a level 4 clinic
- Take a level 3 refresher on-line at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)

There is a level 4 clinic and instructor certification in Denver Colorado, the IAHA is sending 5 individuals to attend and become certified instructors.

USA Hockey has asked that we come up with an official policy on issuing temporary CEP cards. USA Hockey will only issue a temporary card one time and it should only be issued in a case of hardship. There is a \$50 fee for issuing a temporary card. Tom suggested there should be a hardship requirement and an approval requirement. Mike Lehto suggested the approval should come through the ACE Coordinator. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion that the policy for issuance of a temporary CEP card be a verifiable hardship and is to be approved by the ACE Coordinator if available. If ACE Coordinator is not available approval will then come from State Coach. Second by Cody Claver. No discussion. Motion carried.*

Coaching Education program has been in place for 6 years. Every association needs to get this going and make sure it is well worth the effort. This teaches how to coach. Tom recommends that associations also get their board members to attend these coaching education classes.

**Idaho ACE Program:** Gary Barnes reported on the Idaho ACE Program, he indicated that he has received ACE Coordinator information from all associations except Palouse and Immaculate Conception. He has an ACE Coordinator book that is very helpful, he just needs addresses so that he can send the book. He really wants to put a communication method in place, if this is done all associations will be able to deliver a better product to the client (the association). Gary reminded everyone that in appointing an ACE Coordinator it is very important to get someone in that position that has the right attitude and philosophy.

Mike Lehto suggested that there be a round table meeting with all ACE Coordinators on the Friday night of player development camp.

Gary also wants to find a way for the ACE Program to better utilize the IAHA web site.

**Referee/Officiating:** Bobby Noyes was not present at meeting. It was announced that there was a level 4 referee clinic today (September 11<sup>th</sup>) in Boise. Tom Lampl indicated that these clinics need to be better communicated.

Upcoming Officiating Clinics are as follows:

- Sept. 11, 2004 Level 1,2 and 3 Boise
- Sept. 11, 2004 Level 4 Boise
- Sept. 18, 2004 Level 1,2 and 3 Sun Valley

- Sept. 25, 2004 Level 2 and 3 Idaho Falls
- Sept. 25, 2004 Level 1,2 and 3 Boise
- Oct. 12 & 13 Level 2 and 3 Idaho Falls (must attend both sessions)
- Nov. 13, 2004 Level 1 Idaho Falls (also includes ice time for previous level 2 and 3 clinics)

We need to better utilize the State Referee Supervisor to provide referee's for state tournaments. It was discussed that we need to have representation from all associations present to ref games at the State Tournament and the High School Tournament. We also need, but do not have, an evaluation process for referee's. There was also discussion among all present regarding the lack of participation from our state Referee supervisor. It was discussed that this is a position appointed by USA Hockey and that if there is a complaint, it is our responsibility as the board to make that known to USA Hockey. Mike Lehto and Cody Claver will draft a letter regarding the situation for USA Hockey. They will send to Wayne Lehto for revision and then forward to the IAHA Referee-in-Cheif.

(Ref clinic information included as Attachment 4.)

**Revised Policy & Procedure Manual:** Discussion led by Wayne Lehto, question on the table is Do we allow Tier II teams and/or at large Tier II teams to participate in our State Tournament. After much discussion on this topic by all involved, Dean Brandstetter made the following motion to amend the Policy and Procedure. *Dean Brandstetter made a motion that the policy concerning the State Tournament be amended that tier II teams are not allowed at the State Tournament and that the Tier II team selected to represent Idaho be selected by playoff consisting of the best of three if 2 teams are involved or a round robin if three or more teams are involved. These games are to be played at the State Tournament or a venue agreed upon by all teams involved. If there is only one Tier II team participating, that team will be grandfathered to move on to the district tournament without a playoff.* Second by Cody Claver. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

Further, tournament format was discussed. *Tom Power made a motion to have Wayne revise P & P to adopt RMD tournament format for the State High School Tournament.* Second by Lee Johnston. No discussion. **Motion carried.** (RMD Tournament Declarations included as Attachment 5.)

Wayne Lehto will modify Policy and Procedure to incorporate the above motions.

**Winter Games/Tournaments:** *Marco Pietroniro made a motion that State Tournament be held February 11 – 13, 2005 in Boise Idaho.* Second by Jean Hersley. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Tom Power made a motion to have High School State Tournament in Idaho Falls. Second by Annie Pflueger. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

A full listing of tournament dates agreed upon follows:

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| • Mite Winter Games            | January 29 and 30, 2005    | Salmon      |
| • Adult Winter Games           | February 4, 5 & 6, 2005    | Boise       |
| • State High School Tournament | February 11, 12 & 13, 2005 | Idaho Falls |
| • IAHA State Tournament        | February 25, 26 & 27, 2005 | Boise       |
| • Player Development Camp      | March 25, 26 & 27, 2005    | Idaho Falls |

*Tom Power makes a motion that commitments be made to Wayne Lehto for District Tournament by November 15, 2004; State Tournament by December 15, 2004; and High School Tournament by December 15, 2004.* Second by Bill Mason. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Player Development Camp:** Tom Lampl reported that there have been many complaints that those who move on from Player Development Camp are pre-selected. He gave statistics that

show that typically 50% of those that made it in the previous year make it again in the current year, but 50% are new skaters that have not made it before. (Breakdown included as Attachment 6.)

**Membership Application:** Gail Verschoor discussed the membership application for McCall. She stated they have complied with IAHA rules by changing their by-laws as required. The by-laws will be changed to state that the teams will select the IAHA representative not the board. She also indicated they will need to delay the application until May 2005 meeting so that they will be in compliance with the player/team requirements. They will then re-apply for membership in May 2005. (Letter from Manchester Ice & Events Center included as Attachment 7.)

**Team Idaho:** Tom Power reported that the U19 Girls Team Idaho did not play this past spring. They were unable to find a summer tournament. Marco Pietroniro and Tom Power will revisit the roster to see who could still play and are looking for a tournament. They would like to take a U19 Girls team forward to districts.

Tom Lampl discussed this years Team Idaho Teams. There are plans for an '88/'89 team, a '90 team, a '91 team and a girls team. The plan for this year is to have all tournament information included with Player Development Camp information. There will be a defined venue, costs and tournament dates. It is expected that tournaments will be played in Salt Lake City as it is a fairly central location and teams included will be from Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and possibly Arizona, Montana and Wyoming.

**IAHA Website:** The IAHA Website is limited by the fact that no one is really inputting information. If you have suggestions or ideas for the website, send them to Wayne Lehto to be posted/considered. The site should include venue and tournament dates and announcements.

Wayne Lehto also recommended that we come up with a logo for the IAHA. Dave Costello and Tom Power agreed to send out a few ideas for review.

**Re-districting:** There is a movement afoot to redistrict within USA Hockey. After discussion, it was agreed that we like where we are now. Tom Lampl suggested we contact our directors and let them know we don't want to change the district. We need to be very vocal about this or risk being carried along with other states. We need to find out who is on the re-districting committee and let them know we have no conflict with where we are. We have as much of a vote as bigger states. There is a questioner concerning re-districting on the USA Hockey web site. Please fill out the questioner and have others do the same.

[http://www.usahockey.com/usa\\_hockey/membership/main/home/redistrict\\_survey///](http://www.usahockey.com/usa_hockey/membership/main/home/redistrict_survey///)

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be May 14, 2005 in Couer d'Alene.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Bowden