

RMD MEETING MINUTES 8-2000**Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20, 2000****Parkway Plaza, Casper, Wyoming**

In Attendance:

Name	Association	Position
Schloss, Larry	AZ	President
Irey, Bryan	CO	President
Sullivan, Dennis Registrar	CO	Associate
Bloomer, Al	District	Director
Bryant, Kathy	District	Director
Callaway, Charles	District	Director
DeLozier, Dave Chief	District	Coach-in-
Lampl, Tom Registrar	ID	Associate
TenEyck, Mike	ID	President
Bekkedahl, Bruce	MT	President
Wasson, Chris	MT	Director
Nolen, Bob	NM	President
Hetrick, Anne Registrar	OK	Associate
Chalmers, Curtis	TX	President
Benedetto, Joe Emeritus	USA Hockey	Director
Briggle, Rae Membership Services	USA Hockey	Dir.,
DiGiacomo, Paulette Specialist	USA Hockey	Regional
Holmes, Mike	UT	President
Bowman, Gail	WY	President
Dunbar, Mark CAHL	WY	Pres.,
Gaskill, Marie Registrar	WY	Associate
Henshaw, Vicki	WY	
Ryan, Bill Supervisor	WY	Referee

Thiessen, Peggy District Secretary

Absent: Bruce Karinen, District Registrar

 Kelly Grover, District Risk Manager

 Bob McMann, District Referee-in-Chief

 Craig McAlister , District IP Administrator

A quorum was present to conduct business. He welcomed USA Hockey Representatives, Joe Benedetto, Rae Briggie, and Paulette DiGiacomo. Introductions of new Affiliate Presidents, Gail Bowman, WY; Curtis Chalmers, TX; and Bryan Irey, CO, were made to the membership.

Minutes

Charles Callaway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as submitted. Bob Nolen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

District Registrar

Rae Briggie read Bruce Karinen's report. The Rocky Mountain District was the only district to add a new director. She noted that the rate of growth for the district was at 10.5%. She thanked all personnel and individuals who have helped to make this possible. The "USA Hockey 1999-2000 Registration Summary" was distributed. As the document was reviewed she stated that there has been a 400% growth in membership across the board in the last 12 years.

Charles Callaway made reference to the registration in the eastern regions. He noticed that even though there were more teams registered there were actually less player registration than in the Rocky Mountain District.

She displayed the 1999-2000 Registration Packet and stated that 93% of all of USA Hockey uses the program. This program is provided free of charge from USA Hockey. USA Hockey will provide any needed assistance.

"The Volunteer Administration Guide" is a tool available in notebook and disk formats from USA Hockey to assist any organization with their start up programs. Contact Rae Briggie for assistance.

Risk Manager

Mike TenEyck read Kelly Grover's report. A submitted copy of his report attached.

Rae Briggie added that sample rental contracts for ice by associations are available from USA Hockey. Joe Benedetto asked her for a clarification as to why the Insurance Manuals are first given to Associate Registrars. Rae Briggie explained that they are dropped shipped. She further added that the USA Hockey Guide would arrive soon and in the same way.

Brochures about the Director's and Officer's Insurance were made available by Rae Briggie.

Dennis Sullivan added that Insurance Handbooks could be obtained from USA Hockey.

Four Affiliates are in the process of setting up their screening policies, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

Dave Delozier urged coaches of travel teams to be prepared that they may be asked to produce their coach's card when traveling to tournaments. Charles Callaway added that these new requirements are an opportunity to better an organization and the coaches.

Dave Delozier indicated that a temporary coaching card could be available for \$50.00 with the intent that the coach will take the necessary course.

Larry Schloss stressed the importance of holding clinics in smaller communities. Dave Delozier commented that distance and the number of participants are factors when scheduling coaching clinics. Al Bloomer suggested that a competent coaching representative from a smaller community be trained and then in turn train his local coaches. Dave Delozier continued to explain that the advance clinics are very expensive to hold. Perhaps one may be scheduled in June, 2001. The advance level clinics must obtain prior approval from USA Hockey. Al Bloomer remarked that perhaps grants could be funded from District Funds to hold advance clinics.

Larry Schloss remarked that this is a staff development program and not just a way for a coach to have a card.

Referee-in-Chief

Bill Ryan read Bob McMann's report. Doug Royal has been selected as the Supervisor of Officials for Idaho. Liz Ridley has been added to the district staff. Liz currently holds the position as the "Project Manager" for the Ice Hockey with the Salt Lake Olympic Committee. She is very interested in helping the growth of women officials in our district. Nationally women have 23 officials for every 1000 female players.

Referee-in-Chief, cont'

Bob McMann extends a sincere thank you and congratulations to the Tournament Committee Volunteers of Salt Lake City and Houston. He, also, reminded those hosting the 2001 District Tournament and the National Midget Tournament to build into the budget process the "Officiating Program". He will provide as soon as possible the necessary "agreed upon" fee structure already in place for these tournaments.

He included in his report that someone not associated with a team had assaulted a game official during a late spring high school tournament in Dallas. This incident occurred near the players' bench area. Discussion followed. Mike TenEyck stressed that sensitivity and awareness of this type of problem is important.

IP Coordinator

Dave Delozier read Craig McAlister's report. A submitted copy of his report attached.

On file with the District Secretary is a listing of District Personnel and Clinics

as distributed by Graig McAlister.

Discussion followed as to how to promote USA Hockey programs verses the "Rink Based Programs". Larry Schloss inquired as to how a rink program can become a USA Hockey IP Program. Dave Deloizer indicated that programs need to be approved by the State IP Designee.

Affiliate Reports

AZ – Larry Schloss reported that Arizona continues to see an upward trend in growth. Rinks have increased to thirteen. Arizona is pleased to host the Senior Men Over 30 National 2001 Tournament. He thanked Al Bloomer and Charles Callaway for assistance with the Player Development Programs. The program has grown from 350 to 500 participants over the last 3 years. He added that their 501©(3) is still pending and taking an inordinate amount of time.

TX – Curtis Chalmers reported that Texas continues to experience growth as well. The Girls' Hockey program has increased from 3 teams to 8. High school teams and leagues continue to grow. Houston was host to a highly successful Midget Nationals Tournament in April.

NM – Bob Nolen reported that 2 new rinks have been built. One is an outside covered facility in Taos. Another is the Sante Fe Rink that is city owned. He added that problems have arisen from this facility being municipal and that it is not always open to accommodate needed ice time. There are 150 players in the Initiation Program and just not enough rink time available. The Albuquerque Outpost facility has been refurbished. New Mexico needs more coaching training and referee instruction. How to establish the Tier teams continues to be a point of discussion.

MT - Bruce Bekkedahl reported that growth has been small. Larger cities have actually seen a decline. It is a concern and this is currently being studied. He noted that there has been some controversy between parents and coaches. Education for all is continuing. Geographically it is a challenge to get around to all. One association was highly successful using a mediator. An outcome was that they will move forward and have a hockey program. He felt that much had been learned. New website can be found under Montana from the district site.

CO – Bryan Irely reported that Colorado had grown from 576 teams to 655. That indicates a participant increase from 10,421 to 11,500. Colorado sent 8 teams to National Tournaments. Current concerns facing the affiliate are demands on coaches, particularly the certification of coaches for the mountain communities. Bryan Irely plans to be very proactive with all growth issues. Ralph Bammert is distributing the Screening Policy information within the affiliate. Colorado has seen 5 new rinks built in recent years. Bryan Irely thanked Kathy Bryant and Dave Deloizer for an excellent camp. Previously there were 200 participants. The 2000 spring camp saw 331 participants. Bryan Irely also added that Julie Ernest had confessed to a class three felony and had been sentenced to 10 years in prison. Her legal counsel has requested the judge to hear a review of her sentencing in December 2000. The N.J. Devils selected David Hale, Colorado Springs, in the 1st round of the NHL Draft.

WY - Gail Bowman reported there are 114 teams registered. 1999-2000 season was the first year for a B program Wyoming League. Consideration is being given to hire a coaching program director. Two new rinks, one in Cody and one in Cheyenne, have been built. Casper was host to a successful development camp. Current concern surrounds the future of playing teams in and from Colorado. Larry Schloss offered Wyoming the knowledge and support gained from Arizona's formation of their Wild West League four years ago. Gillette, Laramie, and Jackson Hole each have girls' hockey teams.

ID - Mike TenEyck reported that all adult or senior teams are registered with USA Hockey. Idaho has 6 rinks, 170 card-carrying coaches, 200 registered teams, and 90 officials. Idaho Falls was host to the first Player Development Program. The Screening Program has been put together and hopefully will be in place in September. Current project of the state is to encourage the northern teams to engage in play against the rest of the state. For the first

time there will be a Girl's State Playoff due to the increased growth. An important element in Idaho's Strategic Plan is, "How is the state helping associations?" Goals will be presented in the fall.

UT- Mike Holmes reported that the Olympic Committee is creating a new facility as part of the forthcoming Winter Olympics. Mike Holmes deferred to Joe Benedetto. Currently Utah and USA Hockey are working on issues and progress is being made.

District Player Development – Al Bloomer reported that the Rocky Mountain District Player Development Curriculum has been so successful that others are reviewing it for use. The camp was held May 3-7, 2000, in Westminster, CO. Al reported that the approved budget was \$59,960, but the actual expense was \$66,678. The increase in expenses was due to the facility being new and this was the first time it had been used for such an event. The attendance included 423 players and 44 staff members. Al distributed a report containing budget items for the spring Player Development Camp and the Festival Teams. Al Bloomer noted that Bruce Karinen, who oversees the operation of funds for the District Player Development Program, wants between \$15,000-\$20,000 as seed money in this operating account. The 2001 District Development Camp will be held in Westminster, Colorado, May 2-6. Al discussed tracking identified outstanding players at the 2001 Camp for possible advancement. Al was pleased to announce that the Rocky Mountain District now has 2 players who were scouted at the Festivals as part of the Ann Arbor program. Rooms that are blocked off for the Development Camp and Festivals and not used are billed to the District. Cooperation is needed from the affiliates and their players to use the host hotels and to continue improving communication concerning lodging of those attending. Kathy Bryant is creating a database of players for the District as requested by Ann Arbor. The 2001 Camp will see the addition of a strength and conditioning specialist and an off-ice specialist. After January 2001 a packet with suggestions for the players as they prepare for the camp will be available to the affiliates. An outcome of the spring camp was that referees want to participate more during the camp. All games in the last two days of the 2001 camp will have referees both men and women from within the district.

The 15, 16, and 17 Festival Teams made a very positive showing. The 16 team lost in the crossover during the final stages of competition. One player from the team advanced to the Ann Arbor program and one advance to a European experience. The Festival 15 Team received many compliments for the players and coaches. Two players ended up at the top of the scouting report.

The High Performance Camp comprised of 14 yr. old players mirrored a festival atmosphere. The 2000 camp was held at Littleton, CO, August 8-13, 2000. The camp saw a total of 68 participants, 34 boys and 34 girls. Sessions were held on and off the ice. Administrators were very impressed with the high speed and quality shown. Dave Deloizer thanked Kathy Bryant for her efforts and highly organized skills in setting up this camp. Dave also noted that not only were players developed, also coaches gained skills. He also thanked the referees of the CAHA for donating their time. Future goals include a continued increase in the competition levels and possibly securing women college coaches for the program. Mike Holmes inquired as to whether the district's available \$2500 grant had been used and Dave Deloizer responded that the camp was self-funding. Kathy Bryant reviewed the break down of the camp expenses. She reported a noted gain of \$5,055.65.

Al Bloomer discussed the budget prepared by John Seymour for the Festival 15 Team. A shortfall was noted as \$1500 was budgeted, but Al reported that \$2600 would be needed from the Player Development funds to cover expenses. Al also shared the expense report for the Festival 16 Team as prepared by Dennis Marietti. The report stated a proposed budget of \$7000 and an actual expense of \$6,515.28. A check in the amount of \$484.72 was returned to the District.

Charles Callaway reported the expenses for the Festival 17 Team. Charles

remarked that \$7,017 had been budgeted and actual expenses totaled \$6110.96 indicating a difference of \$1,266.04.

of 1999-2000 District Grants

Al Bloomer reported that the Women's/Girls Dynamics Clinic was not held and, therefore, the \$2500 was not used. Availability of ice time, costs, inability to coordinate Bob O'Connor's schedule, and a general lack of interest among many associations were reasons stated for the nonuse of the funds. Al Bloomer also reported on the Senior Teams 2000 Grant. Two teams applied for the Grant and both were awarded \$500 Grants. A Women's Sr. B team from Colorado used the Grant monies to go to the Women's National Championships in Troy, Michigan. The Grant monies were used to help pay motel costs for the team. A Men's no-check over 35 team from Utah traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, for the National Championship in their age division. Once again the grant monies were used to help to pay motel costs for the team.

Review of 1999-2000 Budget vs. Actual

The report was prepared by Bruce Karinen and read by Al Bloomer.

Copy of submitted report attached.

Presentation for Approval the 2000-2001 District Budget

Al Bloomer distributed the budget that was prepared by Bruce Karinen to the membership. Total income was stated as \$21,500.00. Necessary changes were made to the budget that included an increase to \$570.00 for the Girls League. The small Affiliate Grant was changed to \$1500.00. Team Building presented by Mike TenEyck was an added item of \$2000.00. The total expenses in the budget were listed as \$18,070.00. Budget surplus became \$3,430.00. Kathy Bryant presented a proposal for the \$3000.00 for the District Adult Men's Tournament. Bryan Irey commented that CO would be interested in hosting this tournament.

Larry Schloss made a **MOTION** to grant the request for a District Adult Men's Tournament. Al Bloomer seconded. Larry Schloss accepted a friendly amendment that the tournament can take place in an affiliate that is also hosting a National tournament. The motioned carried. Larry Schloss made a **MOTION** and Al Bloomer seconded to approve the District Budget as amended.

Motion passed. Charles Callaway offered to reformat the budget presentation for the winter meeting. A copy of the amended and approved budget follows the minutes on page 26.

Review and Approve/Disapprove 2001 Requests for District Grants

Note under 2000-2001 District Budget heading the approved grant for the District Adult Men's Tournament.

Women's/Girls Coach/Player Development – Al Bloomer requested a grant for a Skills Workshop in the amount of \$5000.00 from Player Development District Funds. A women's skills grant in the amount of \$2500.00 from District Funds was approved. This is to be administered by the Directors and Dave Delozier. The objective is to educate and instruct district coaches in teaching specific skills. A **MOTION** was made by Bryan Irey to accept the proposal as presented. Bob Nolan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

District Website

Duane Bolander is the Webmaster. His email address is:
21juniora@home.com

Selection of Girls/Women 2001 Rocky Mountain District Playoffs

Declaration of teams – U19 total 9 teams. U15 total 4 teams. U12 total 0. Women's Senior B a total of 1 team. Texas affiliate endorsed the proposal from Houston for hosting the Girls/Women's 2001 Rocky Mountain Playoff. Montana's proposal was noted as being out of order. The proposal was not processed through their affiliate. Bob Nolen made a **MOTION** to accept the Houston proposal to host the tournament. Bryan Irej seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Dates – March 7-11, 2001.

Selection and Dates for Youth Rocky Mountain District 2001 Playoffs

Curtis Chalmers made a **MOTION** that the Peewee, Bantam, and Midget Tier II District Tournament will be held March 14-18, 2001, in Billings, Montana. Gail Bowman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Declaration of TIER I and TIER II Teams by Affiliate for District Tournament participation- TIER I Peewee –0; Tier I Bantam, CO-1; TIER I Midget, CO-2, TX-1. TIER II – all Affiliates sending one team at each age division.

Bob Nolen made a **MOTION** that the TIER I Midget District Tournament be held in Dallas, Texas. Curtis Chalmers seconded the motion. Motion passed with two opposing votes, BryanIrej,CO, and Al Bloomer, District Director.

MOTION was made by Curtis Chalmers to hold the District TIER I Midget Tournament March 7-11, 2001, in Dallas, Texas. Larry Schloss seconded the motion and the motion passed.

MOTION was made by Bryan Irej and seconded by Curtis Chalmers to hold the Adult Men District Tournament April 27-29, 2001. Motion passed.

MOTION was made by Larry Schloss for the Adult Men District Tournament to be held in Colorado with a participation fee of \$500. Charles Callaway seconded the motion and it passed.

Site to be determined.

Utah Status Report

Al Bloomer announced that Utah is currently under suspension. All youth programs and services will continue. A USA Hockey committee will meet to review a probation report. On August 24, 2000, or sooner Utah will be notified of the Terms of the Probation.

USA Hockey Block Grant Program

Al Bloomer reported that all affiliates except Utah have filed. Jim Smith, USA Hockey, distributed a document in April that includes the criteria and materials Affiliates need for the application process. Ideally, Jim Smith wants to distribute the funds by the time of the Annual USA Hockey Meeting in June.

Waive College Club District and Affiliate Fees

Rae Briggie made a presentation to the membership stating a one-year pilot program with the intent to increase College Club Team registrations with USA Hockey. The ACHA has agreed to work with USA Hockey and put together a package for registration that includes team and individual for a per team fee of \$500. States will receive a declaration of teams count from USA

Hockey. Mike Holmes made a **MOTION** to waive the District registration fee of \$5.00. Bryan Irey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Waive District fees for SLEDGE and HANDICAP Teams

Mike TenEyck made the presentation for Bruce Karinen. Mike Holmes made a **MOTION**

to waive the district fees and Bob Nolen seconded. Motion passed.

Team Building by Tony Calabrese

This item was approved in the budget. This is a six-hour session that will occur in January, 2001, at the Arizona mid-winter meeting.

Affiliate Application for Oklahoma

Al Bloomer made a **MOTION** to endorse Oklahoma as an affiliate. Larry Schloss seconded. Motion Passed. The 1999-2000 registration included 97 teams; 18 adult, 24 H.S., and 55 youth.

Select Date For District Mid-Winter Meeting

Bob Nolen made a **MOTION** to hold the Rocky Mountain District meeting January 5-7, 2001, in Arizona. Curtis Chalmers seconded. Motion passed.

Establishment of Long and Short Term Goals for Rocky Mountain District

Discussion by the membership attached

Secretary for Rocky Mountain District

Mike TenEyck discussed the how and why of having a district secretary. Larry Schloss made a **MOTION** for the district to have a recording secretary at the meetings. Al Bloomer seconded

the motion. Al Bloomer made a friendly amendment that the secretary should have reimbursement of expenses inclusive of lodging, travel and meals connected to attendance at meetings. Mike Holmes seconded. Motion passed. Mike Holmes made a **MOTION**

to appoint Peggy Thiessen as the District Recording Secretary. Curtis Chalmers seconded. Motion passed.

Hosting 2001 High School District Playoffs

Larry Schloss presented a formal proposal requesting that Arizona host the 2001 High School Rocky Mountain District Playoffs. Included at this time was a tentative declaration of H. S. teams by Affiliate. AZ-2, CO-2, ID-1, NM-2, MT-1, TX-2, UT-2, WY-2, OK-2. The proposal indicated that the tournament would have a 16-team format. This would include 8 Pure H.S.Teams and 8 Regional H.S.Teams in separate brackets. Discussion was tabled and scheduled to continue on Sunday morning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 20, 2000

Mike TenEyck reconvened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Mike announced the establishment of a committee to review the format and criteria for the District's TIER Levels. Kathy Bryant, Dennis Sullivan, and Bob Nolen will serve on this committee. Al Bloomer suggested that a coach be placed on this committee due to a coach's perspective. Charles Callaway suggested that Curtis Chalmers be added to this committee. Mike TenEyck agreed that Curtis Chalmers should be added to this committee.

Mike TenEyck revisited Bob McMann's letter and grant request. Due to Bob's absence and proper respect to his grant request this item has been tabled to the January, 2001, meeting.

Hosting 2001 High School District , continued

Arizona's bid to host the 2001 H.S. District Playoffs was revisited. It was noted that Utah had expressed interest in hosting this tournament, but had not submitted a formal bid. Bryan Irej made a **MOTION** to accept Arizona's proposal to host the tournament. Al Bloomer seconded. A friendly amendment was accepted to knowledge that dates were to be determined. Motion passed. Charles Callaway referenced the District Policies and Procedures Section 19 as the H. S. District Tournament format as set by USA Hockey.

MOTION was made by Bob Nolen and seconded by Larry Schloss to change Section 19, Article 1, Item D to read "minimum 12 sanctioned H.S. Games." Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Charles Callaway and seconded by Larry Schloss to add to the District Policies and Procedures, Section 19, Article 1.E, "For a Pure Team.....". Also added was Article 1.F. "For a Regional Team must be comprised solely of participants from a single Affiliate and attending high school." Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Bryan Irej and Kathy Bryant seconded to hold the H.S. District Tournament April 20-22, 2001. Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Charles Callaway to establish the tournament fee not to exceed \$600.00. Motion was seconded by Larry Schloss. Motion carried.

Charles Callaway recommended that next year the H. S. District Tournament be scheduled prior to Youth Nationals.

MOTION was made by Charles Callaway that the classification of all teams in the tournament should be House Teams per the coaching requirements of intermediate level. Larry Schloss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

the District Directors Load

Kathy Bryant shared that the District Directors would like to divide duties and visit meetings of the Affiliates. Kathy initiated a form for the Affiliates to indicate their regular meetings. All three District Directors will continue to attend the Player Development Camps.

District Logo

Charles Callaway stated that he has had difficulty using the USA Hockey Logos. Discussion followed. Expressed permission to use these logos must come from USA Hockey. Charles Callaway referenced a letter he had received. The letter indicated that authorized programs where items are given away USA Hockey Logos can be used. Must get expressed permission for the sale of merchandise with Logos. The District Logo is currently acceptable and this no longer needs to be an agenda item.

Incorporation of District

Mike TenEyck stated that Bruce Karinen will report on the incorporation status in January. Al Bloomer questioned as to why this was being pursued. Bruce Bekkedahl commented that continuity and with incorporation the democratic process will go forward.

District Guide Book

Due to the fact that Affiliates can submit information to the District's website this item was "killed" and will no longer be placed on the agenda.

Policy and Procedure Manual Changes

Mike TenEyck shared a revision of Section 17, Election of District Directors that was prepared by Bruce Karinen. Bob Nolen made a motion to accept the amendments as written. Charles Callaway seconded. Motion Passed.

Larry Schloss discussed the policy for making contributions. He recommended that Affiliates handle each situation directly. This would not mean that the District could not act accordingly. Reference was made to the District Policies and Procedures Section 13.

Other Business

It was noted that the atmosphere was conducive for conducting a very productive meeting.

Visitors were made to feel welcome.

Rae Briggie stated that USA Hockey Invitational Tournaments are now posted on the USA Hockey Website. For future reference the term "Adult" is now used in place of the term "Senior." Affiliates can issue travel permits. Contact USA Hockey for Parent Education materials including brochures and videos. For NHL Assist Grant information contact Rae Briggie. She encouraged the Affiliates to help their local associations to apply. All "Regional" tournaments are now called "District" tournaments.

Election of Chairperson, Council of Presidents

Mike TenEyck was nominated and elected Chairperson. Bob Nolen was elected 1st Vice President. Bryan Irely was elected 2nd Vice President.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

- Ø Action Items:
- Ø Affiliate reports as to long and short term goals

- Ø Updated form of District Policies and Procedures to be placed on Website
- Ø Al Bloomer will construct list of coaches and staff from last Player Dev. Camp
- Ø Charles Callaway will contact Bruce Karinen – updating of financial format
- Ø Directors to work on creating potential projects for Dis. funds
- Ø Kathy Bryant will prepare a District Calendar of Events
- Ø Directors will work on the 501© 3 status
- Ø Directors shall prepare a District Player Development Budget

(This includes Beginning Balance, Skills Workshop Grant, and the District and High Performance Camps.)

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