

SEPTEMBER 2001**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT****ANNUAL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 8-9 2001

GOLDEN, COLORADO

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
<u>Position</u>	
Bryant, Kathy Director	District
Callaway, Charles Director	District
Delozier, Dave Coach-in-Chief	District
Grover, Kelly Risk Manager	District
Karinen, Bruce Registrar	District
Thiessen, Peggy Secretary	District
Schloss, Larry President	AZ
Irey, Bryan President	CO
Bammert, Ralph J. Assoc. Risk Manager	CO
Sullivan, Dennis Associate Registrar	CO
TenEyck, Mike ID	President
Bekkadahl, Bruce President	MT
Holmes, Mike President	UT
Bowman, Gail WY	President
Jerome, Donnalee Assoc. Registrar	AZ

Absent:

Al Bloomer, District Director

Graig McAlister, District IP Administrator

Curtis Chalmers, TX President

Bob McMann, District Referee-in-Chief

Bob Nolen, NM President

Mike TenEyck called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. Introductions were made to all those present. New Mexico's representative in Bob Nolen's absence was Richard deHaas. Scott Wenning was Texas' representative due to Curtis Chalmer's absence.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Jim Gweyn, Wyoming USAH member.

MOTION – Charles Callaway made the motion to accept minutes from the mid-winter meeting. Bryan Irely, second. Motion passed

REPORTS

District Directors' Reports: Due to Al Bloomer's absence, Charles Callaway delivered the report. Communication between the affiliates needs to be improved. Many of the current issues are happening because of the lack of communication.

Charles also added that everyone should be supportive of USAH's new age change rule.

USAH's coaching program will address "angling and puck protection."

Charles further commented that the RMD Development Camp takes 10 months of preparation.

Charles encouraged affiliates to offer Parent Awareness Seminars. Rae Briggle shared that Parent Education Curriculum materials are available from USA Hockey.

Registrars Report:

Bruce Karinen thanked all the volunteers. He noted that the growth rate is 175 teams per year.

Risk Manager:

Kelly Grover distributed report of current risk management issues. Also this is year 3 of a 3-year insurance contract. All Associations are encouraged to carry D&O Insurance. At no cost to the affiliate USA Hockey needs to be added as an additional insurer. Screening Policies must be in place and used by associations/affiliates. All adults on the ice are encouraged to use helmets.

Dave Delozier added that as part of the Coaching Education Program all coaches at the Associate Level should have helmets. Kelly also expressed a concern about ice rink contracts. He is the recipient of signed contracts and he believes people are signing without really reading them. Be aware of "higher elevated fees" and always request a copy of the "Certificate of Insurance."

Coach-in-Chief:

Dave Delozier said that his report would encompass Graig McAlister's report as well. The Initiation Program is now included with the Coaching Program. Dave thanked and praised all the efforts that Graig has done to make the IP in the RMD a success. Dave wants instructors from affiliates within 6 mos. to meet face to face. He noted that to cover the cost of the hotel and meeting space he requests \$2400 to cover these expenses. He added that using the web site to announce clinics was a positive communication tool. The intent of temporary coaching cards was to give coaches that could not make it to a clinic coaching status. As of the meeting he had already received two requests. Skills clinics will be posted on the web site.

Motion: Charles Callaway made motion to accept Dave Delozier's proposal to hold a high performance defenseman/goal tender camp. The request is for a \$3500 grant to facilitate this program. Mike Holmes seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Holmes asked that Dave Delozier prepare and submit a budget. Dave indicated this would be accomplished by the third week in November 2001.

Referee-in-Chief:

Bob McMann was absent. No report.

Affiliate Reports:

AZ – Larry Schloss Arizona has experienced strong growth over the 2000-2001 season. Unfortunately, Arizona has lost two sheets of ice in the Phoenix area. Arizona will host the TIER II District Tournament in March 2002 and the Player Development Camp in May 2002 and May 2003.

Texas – Scott Wenning Positive growth. In the Dallas area two rinks have been lost. There is more demand than supply. Other cities in Texas will experience a 20% growth within a year that will affect sheet capacity. The high school program has three existing leagues. Some would like to move outside of USA Hockey. The affiliate is working to encourage those teams to

register with USA Hockey.

Idaho – Mike TenEyck One adult team from Sun Valley did not register with USA Hockey for the 2000-2001 season. The girls program experienced their first State Playoffs. Screening policy is in place. Two officials refused to be screened and did not officiate Idaho games for the 2000-2001.

Colorado – Bryan Irej Affiliate does not feel there will be as much growth as experienced in the past. Western slope will, however, see the construction of two rinks, one in Glenwood Springs and another in Grand Junction.

Montana – Bruce Bekkadahl There has been a loss of registration at the lower age levels. Some players are joining Canadian teams. A Tier II League has been formed to attract those players who are considering joining a Canadian team. The Montana Player Development Program will produce players to participate in a summer tournament.

New Mexico – Richard deHaas The rink in Santa Fe is a municipal facility. There will not be a Jr. B team in New Mexico for the 2001-2002 season. Registration may be down for the current season. New Mexico is experiencing a "Crisis with Officials" partially due to low number of registered officials within affiliate.

Utah – Mike Holmes Since the facilities that will be used for the Olympics are funded by the Olympic organization they have complete control over the facilities. In mid-December all amateur hockey will stop due to the Olympics. The only area showing growth has been in the High School Program.

Wyoming - Gail Bowman Registration will increase for the 2001-2002 season. Also, Laramie has a new ice rink.

Sled Hockey program - Haley Miller Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah have sled hockey teams, youth and adult programs. Ms. Miller discussed the need for funding and volunteers to assist this program.

District Player Development Program - The 2001 camp had an attendance of 417 players. High Performance Girls camp was a success. Thank you to Marnie Hill, Cindy Delozier, and Ken Fiska. Twenty girls were selected to participate as a team at the Chicago Showcase. This is the first time girls' teams have been invited.

District Tournaments: Girls & Women - March 6-10, 2002 **Motion** made by Bryan Irej to host the tournament in Colorado. Bruce Bekkadahl seconded. Motion passed.

Action Item - Bruce Karinen will create a procedure and proposal for hosting District Tournaments and will present this in January at the RMD Winter Meeting.

Declarations -

Youth TIER I

PW - 1 CO

Bantam - 2 CO

Midget - 3 CO, 1 Texas

Motion - Location: Midget Tier I made by Bryan Irey to host in CO March 6-10, 2002. Mike Holmes seconded. Passed

TIER II - Affiliates declaring teams

	CO	Texas	WY	Utah	AZ	ID	NM	MT
PW	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Bantam	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Midget	yes	yes	yes(1)	yes	yes	yes	no	yes

Girls 12

1 team ?

Girls 15

2 teams 1 team

Girls 19

2 teams 1 team - - ? - - 1

As stated in the Policies and procedures Manual, Arizona will host 2002 TIER II RMD Tournament.

Motion: Mike Holmes made a motion that the dates for the TIER II Tournament all divisions be March 13-17, 2002. Seconded by Bryan Irey. Passed

Motion: Mike Holmes made a motion to grant a wavier to Arizona in respect to hosting a national tournament and a district tournament. Kathy Bryant seconded. Passed

It was proposed and accepted that the **2002 RMD Winter Meeting** be held January 5-6 in Sante Fe, New Mexico.

District Director Election: Bruce Karinen wants profiles sent only to him. Nominations will be accepted beginning in February 2002. Ballots are then due the end of April 2002. The elected candidate will be announced at the 2002 USA Hockey Annual Congress. The term begins at the end of the congress. Al Bloomer is the incumbent.

Discussion on allowing only one director per state (affiliate). - Charles stated that it is no longer a USA Hockey rule restricting more that more director from an affiliate.

Adjourned for lunch**District Player Development Camp**

2002 Camp will be held May 2-6 in Arizona per the Policies and Procedures Manual. Dave Delozier introduced Ken Ficketts, Central District, who explained why his district went to a central location.

Motion: Larry Schloss made a motion to uphold and affirm the RMD Policy that states Arizona is to host the 2002 RMD Development Camp. Texas, seconded. Motion passed - 5 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions.

Tier III - Kathy Bryant deferred to Charles Callaway. Defining Tier III will be difficult. Discussion followed.

Charles distributed a proposal from Al Bloomer that described the bracketing for the RMD Tier II District Tournament. Charles Callaway made the **Motion** and Mike Holmes seconded. This motion would place Texas, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona in one bracket. Motion carried.

Motion - Charles Callaway made a motion to include Oklahoma in the lower bracket with the other remaining affiliates. Mike Holmes seconded. Motion carried.

District High School Tournament - Do we want all pure or should it be a pure and regional teams format? New Mexico would like to see the H.S. tournament be comprised of pure teams. Texas stated support for holding a pure tournament.

Motion - Bryan Irej made a motion to hold the RMD H.S. Tournament March 21-24, 2002. Location: Utah. Mike Holmes seconded. Motion carried.

RMD Event Criteria - Mike Holmes made a **Motion** to place the "Guidelines" [criteria] in the Manual under District Tournaments. Motion carried.

Motion - Mike Holmes made a motion to set the entry fee for the RMD H.S. Tournament at \$600. Charles Callaway seconded. Motion carried.

Motion - Mike Holmes made motion to accept Shelly Pottorf as WGAL Commissioner. Bryan Irej seconded. Motion carried.

Action Item - Bruce Karinen will locate a women/girls web site that was referenced and give to RMD Webmaster.

Structure of Tier II Tournaments so all Affiliates can host - Charles

Callaway encouraged Affiliates to think about setting dates as soon as possible. Discussion followed.

District Tournament - Affiliate's responsibility when committing a team's participation. Charles feels it is the Affiliates responsibility to make sure a team is ready to participate. Discussion followed regarding discipline problems.

Meeting adjourned.

Sunday, September 9, 2001

Mike TenEyck called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Motion - Larry Schloss made motion to hold the Development Camp either May 2-6 or May 9-12, 2002. This change will accommodate Al Bloomer's schedule. Kathy Bryant seconded. Motion passed

Additional registration information - Tier teams forms have been updated. This will help to track registration. Transfer form- Foreign born players , Will be used at RMD Credentials. Must have signed transfer form to show.

Non USA Hockey teams - Salt Lake County, Utah has teams that are not registered with USA Hockey and Texas may have a team, also. Play these teams at your own risk.

May 31- September 1 of each year USA Hockey does not cover Insurance for American teams going to Canada.

Invitational Tournaments - Bruce will not sign off on application unless the information includes: Team fee, Credential committee, only USA Hockey Registered teams participating, and any additional rules.

September 28, 2001 USA Hockey will list sanctioned tournaments on their web site.

NHL Grant - Rae Briggie presented Laramine, Wy with a \$5,000 grant for their hockey program. Rae encourages associations to apply and development programs have a better chance of receiving the award.

Declaration by Affiliates indicating where or not they will have a representative at the RMD H.S. Tournament - AZ yes, NM yes, CO yes, ID maybe, WY no, MT maybe, TX maybe, UT yes, OK yes. **Motion** - Mike Holmes made a motion to allocate a slot at the District Tournament to Oklahoma. Scott Manning seconded. Motion passed.

Tier I and Tier II criteria - Kathy Bryant said no definition has been successfully composed. This item will not appear on agenda for the next

meeting.

Manual change - Charles Callaway made motion to amend Section 17. Larry Schloss seconded. This section should now read to the second line ending with the word Affiliate and then removal of remaining verbiage. Motion passed.

Discipline across state lines - The discussion involved non - registered players attempting to play at tournaments held in other affiliates. Dennis Sullivan has registration concerns. He often receives calls at the last minute in reference to rostering a player. Discussion followed.

Review of action items from winter meeting - Mike TenEyck noted that all items had been addressed.

Report of last year's District Grants : Bruce Karinen stated that no money was used for the Women and Girls Coach and Player development programs. He stated that this should just roll over, (\$2500) Bruce also requested the continued grant of \$500 for the WGAL. Kathy Bryant stated that the loss of the Men's Dist. Tournament was a disappointment to the District. Kathy also indicated that there probably would not be a men's tournament in 2002. Bruce Karinen reported that 20% of teams registered are adult teams. Discussion followed concerning fees for registering men's teams.

Motion - Bruce Bekkadahl made a proposal to accept the Grants requested for the Girls and Women's programs. Bryan Irey seconded. Motion carried. Bruce Karinen answered questions about the needs of the G/W's programs.

Motion - Mike Holmes made a proposal to create an Affiliate Grant of \$2000 that would assist the presidents only of the following affiliates; NM, ID, MT, WY, to travel to RMD meetings. Bryan Irey seconded. Motion carried.

Motion - Mike Holmes made a motion to create an Assist Affiliate Grant of \$1000 to aid NM, ID, MT, WY, for representation of selected individual that is needed to attend the District Meetings. Bryan Irey seconded. Motion carried.

Motion - Mike Holmes made a motion to grant \$2400 to come from District Funds to aid Affiliate's Coaches-in-Chiefs as they attend District Meetings per Dave Delozier. Larry Schloss seconded. Motion passed.

A **Motion** was also passed granting \$1500 to Haley Miller and the Sledge Hockey program.

Manual Change - Bruce Karinen - Section 5 Paragraph 7 of the RMD Policies and Procedures Manual. The proposed change will affect CO and

AZ this season and in the future any affiliate that is also hosting a National Tournament. **Motion** - Mike Holmes made a motion that beginning with the 2002-2003 season "Any team entering a National Tournament as the Host Team may **Not** participate in the RMD Tournament." Gail Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

Girls Chicago Showcase - Spirited discussion surrounding usage of district funds, representation, and selection process followed. Bruce Karinen felt strongly that Player Development Funds not be used to support any Girls Team whose participation is from the RMD to the Chicago Showcase Tournament. He believes that the District Development Camp provides adequate exposure for the Girls. Bruce also voiced disapproval about the selection process used. Girls for this team were selected from the Girls RMD Hi-Performance Camp. Kathy Bryant and Dave Delozier reviewed the process to the attendees.

Motion - Mike Holmes made a motion of a one time funding of \$1600 to support a girl's team if team qualifies to attend Chicago Showcase Tournament. Larry Schloss seconded. Motion passed.

District Web Site - Peggy Thiessen reviewed the productivity of the current site. She noted that the areas receiving the most usage were the RMD Development Camp's page, and Coaches' Clinics page. USA Hockey will hold a workshop in November for Affiliates to learn the new USA Hockey site and how to set up their Affiliate's site. The current RMD site has been a successful communication tool. The current server is Earthlink. This change occurred in early August.

District Financial Report - Bruce Karinen presented his budget statement. Mike Holmes made motion to approve budget and Larry Schloss seconded. Motion passed

Peggy Thiessen questioned the budgeted line item of \$800 as entered by Bruce Karinen. Bruce explained that this was the amount for the Secretary to attend required District functions. For the record this is the only separate entry for a staff member of the RMD. Spirited discussion by attendees followed. Bruce strongly announced that no funds were indicated for the secretary to attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress. Larry Schloss then interrogated the secretary as to the purpose of her attendance at said function. All questions were answered. Mike Holmes made a **Motion to add an additional \$300 to the budget for the secretary to attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress with the stipulation that a report of knowledge gained be shared with the membership at each RMD Annual Meeting.** Larry Schloss seconded. **Motion passed.** This must be done year to year.

Motion - Chair of the Council of Presidents - Larry Schloss nominated Bob Nolen. Mike Holmes seconded. Motion passed. Larry Schloss 1st Vice-Chairperson. Bruce Bekkadahl 2nd Vice - Chairperson.

Kelly Grover's Ode was read to all.

11:15 A.M. Meeting Adjourned

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