

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Saturday & Sunday, August 19-20, 2006
Double Tree Hotel, Denver, CO

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Callaway, Charles	District	Director
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Lehto, Wayne	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
Davern, Paul	District	Coach-in-Chief
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
	District	Asst Coach-in Chief
Lewis, TC	TX	President
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Nolen, Bob (Absent)	District	Webmaster
	District	ACE Administrator
Schwarz, Michael	NM	ACE Administrator
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Cole, John	CO	Vice President
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Power, Tom	ID	President
		Registrar
Lampl, Tom	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Bekkedahl, Bruce	MT	President
Pope, Bob	NM	President
Pimm, David	OK	Treasurer
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Worden, Darin	UT	President
Lundquist, Jim	WY	President
DeGregorio, Ron	USA Hockey	President
Klasnick, Dave	USA Hockey	Vice President
Ogrean, Dave	USA Hockey	Vice President
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Membership
Aldrich, Scott	USA Hockey	Adult Hockey
Erlenbach, Kevin	USA Hockey	Adult Hockey
Slizewski, Susan	USA Hockey	Membership
DiGraw, Paulette	USA Hockey	Membership

Bryan Irey, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in Denver, CO. He welcomed the staff members from USA Hockey. A quorum was present to conduct business. Apologies were issued to Wyoming for moving the meeting from their affiliate.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with the correction of the spelling of Karen Lundgren's name in the women's section. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Written Reports

Any written reports not submitted before the meeting need to be emailed to Jill Day at jillv8@comcast.net to be included in the minutes. Reports were received from Charles Callaway, Phil Paolilli, Bruce Karinen, Jon Brooks, Ann Hetrick, and Darin Worden.

USA Hockey Committee and Council Reports

Ron DeGregorio, President of USA Hockey, reported on the new proposed extended play program. He also discussed the commitment USA Hockey has with the new regulation for helmets for coaches. The Michigan affiliate has had this requirement in effect internally. The enforcement system they have used is being looked at as a template for USA Hockey. Enforcement starts with the leaders.

Dave Klasnick, Vice President of USA Hockey, commented on the redistricting of Rocky Mountain affiliates. He was very impressed with Bryan Irey's comment of continuing to help each other during and after the change. His message to the group was to be committed to Ron DeGregorio's vision of growing USA Hockey. RMD has been instrumental in work on changing the tie-breaker rule for national tournaments. Norm Speigle will be the Chairman of National Tournaments.

Dave Ogreaan noted that people are relocating to states in the RMD. Growth in hockey in the RMD should be possible. He also mentioned that the structure of the new district needs to be worked on now. If anyone knows of people who would be good in these new roles, please forward the information to USA Hockey.

Online Registration

Rae Briggie noted that everything is going very smoothly; over 2,500 registrations are being received per day. Please be aware that there are two seasons available on line. Please make sure when you are verifying registrations that they are for the correct season. Money transfers are being executed efficiently.

RMD Webmaster

Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** for George Cole from Idaho Falls, who has volunteered, to be the RMD Webmaster. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. His email address is georgecole@cablone.net. Bruce Karinen mentioned that the tournaments needed to be posted immediately to take advantage of the discount. Charles Callaway made a **MOTION** to have a letter of appreciation sent to Bob Nolan. Bruce Bekkedahl seconded the motion. A friendly amendment was added to include a plaque. The motion passed unanimously. Bob Pope will prepare and present the plaque to Bob Nolan and submit the cost to Bruce Karinen for reimbursement.

2007 District Tournaments

Tier I Texas 1-4 March, 2007

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to award the Tier I Youth district tournament to Texas. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Phil Paolilli made a **MOTION** to move the Tier I date to 8-11 March, 2007. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion. Discussion followed with concerns of time out of school and referee availability. Input from Bob McMann noted that quality and availability of officials is a real concern with the number of games. Also, cost of bringing in more officials will add to the budget. Motion was tabled. Charles Callaway made a **MOTION** to hold the Tier I district tournament 1-4 March, 2007. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Future rotation is Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Texas.

Tier II Texas 8-11 March, 2007

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to award the Tier II Youth district tournament to Texas. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Charles Callaway made a **MOTION** to hold the Tier II Youth tournament 8-11 March, 2007. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Future rotation is Oklahoma, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Arizona, Colorado.

High School Utah 16-18 March, 2007

Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to award the High School district tournament to Utah. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to hold the High School district tournament 16-18 March, 2007. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Future rotation is Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Idaho.

Girls/Women Texas 1-4 March, 2007

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to award the Girls/Womens district tournament to Texas. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the Girls/Womens district tournament 1-4 March 2007 Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Future rotation is Idaho (not hosted) or Oklahoma (not hosted), New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Colorado.

Concerns were expressed about awarding tournaments to associations with known behavioral problems.

Future District Tournament Hosting Rotation

	<u>HS</u>	<u>Tier I</u>	<u>Tier II</u>	<u>Girls/Women</u>
2006-07	UT	TX	TX	TX
	TX	CO	OK	ID (NH)
	AZ	UT	NM	OK (NH)
	NM	AZ	UT	NM
	CO	TX	ID	UT
	OK		AZ	AZ
	ID		CO	CO
	UT		TX	TX

Tournament Declarations

Tournament declarations were submitted in writing to Bryan Irey. He will email the results to the group.

2006 District Tournament Overview

The only negative feedback was the officiating of the Girls/Women Tournament. The officials were local referees, even in the championship games. There were several games with only two officials. The key to a successful tournament is preparation. It is crucial to make sure every participant has accurate schedules and travel information.

Idaho Presentation

Tom Power, Idaho President, presented Wayne Lehto with a token of appreciation for his 40 years of service to amateur hockey in Idaho.

Review of Tournament Format

Wayne Lehto was not successful in getting input from affiliate presidents on the tournament guide books. He will make a few revisions and have them posted on the web page.

Ace Coordinator

Michael Schwarz reported that all affiliates have a representative for the program. The objectives for this season are delivery of parent awareness, coaching level certification, gender policy compliance, player development identification of accomplishments, coaching development identification of accomplishments, helmets for coaches, and a communication network.

June District Meeting

The meeting held this year was successful. Bob Pope made a **MOTION** to continue with an official meeting every year in conjunction with USA Hockey congress. Tom Power seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting needs to focus on input from affiliates on how votes should be cast by the district directors.

Player Development Camp

Charles Callaway reported that the skill development camp scheduled in Oklahoma City was cancelled due to lack of participants. He feels that the lack of formalized agenda and objectives was a large part of the failure. Further evaluation is needed for the future of this program. The Oklahoma affiliate was completely prepared and set to host the event. All registration fees were refunded. Affiliates need to find out if there is further financial loss for the participants and submit that information to Charles Callaway immediately. The district will be in a negative cash situation for this. It was suggested to have information available to affiliates during their district camp tryouts to help promote it.

The 2006 player development camp in Salt Lake City was flawless. The experience of the operation team makes a successful event. Kelly Grover initiated an exit poll for input on the event. It has been evaluated and the comments will be implemented into future camps.

The 2007 camp will be held in Salt Lake City May 2-6, 2007.

Girls Chicago Showcase report was given by Darin Worden. Diane Marietti, 2006 team manager, doesn't feel that it should be continued as a district team. The tournament is not as beneficial to the girls as it used to be. Arizona and New Mexico would still be in favor of continuing with any other affiliate interested. Jon Brooks will keep in touch with the other affiliates for 2007.

Girls Tier II District Tournament

Bruce Karinen presented the revised rules and procedures for a proposed Tier II Girls/Women tournament. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to host a house recreational tournament in 2007 for all age divisions. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for New Mexico to host the first tournament. T. C. Lewis seconded the motion. After discussion the motion and second was withdrawn. Affiliates will go to their associations and determine interest and participation. A conference call will be held September 6, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. MDT to determine the age interest, venue and the date. The tentative dates are President's weekend, Martin Luther Weekend, or the same weekend as the Girls/Women's district tournament.

District Grants

Bruce Karinen requested a grant of \$2500 for the 2006-07 season to organize a RMD Girls/Women Committee. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the grant as presented. Jon Brooks seconded the motion. Chris Kenney made a **MOTION** to increase the grant to \$3500. Wayne Lehto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The motion for the committee and amended grant amount passed unanimously. Affiliate Presidents must submit a name to be their representative to Bruce Karinen by September 10, 2006.

Kelly Grover requested a grant of \$2500 to assist associate risk managers to attend the 2007 USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the grant as presented. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kelly Grover requested a grant of \$5000 to provide district championship rink banners, team trophies and individual awards for the 2006-07 season. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to approve the grant adding \$1500 for 1st place banners. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kelly Grover reported on his 2005-06 grant for RMD Tournament medals, plaques, pucks, and banners. Jon Brooks said he received several complaints of teams not getting trophies and suggested an increased budget for next year.

Tom Lample reported on the 2005-06 \$5000 Coaching Education Program grant. It was used to train more instructors in the district. Al Bloomer created a training manual that was printed. A clinic was held in Salt Lake City and funds were used for travel. \$3385.32 has been spent to date. More manuals need to be distributed. The balance of the grant will be used this year.

Bruce Karinen reported on the 2005-06 early tournament incentive \$2500 grant. The cost was \$2925.

Next Meetings

The winter meeting is suggested to be in Arizona Jan 12-14, 2007, too many problems, in conjunction with Orlando meeting. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the winter meeting in Orlando, Florida on Friday, January 19, 2007 from 3-10 pm. Tom Power seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to hold the Annual Meeting Aug 17-19, 2007 in Salt Lake City. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The presence of USA Hockey in the meeting this weekend started discussion of holding the summer meeting in Denver every year for the availability of USA Hockey staff to be in attendance. It was noted that it is also important to get more local people involved by rotating the meeting to all affiliates. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to change the 2007 summer meeting to Colorado. Jon Brooks seconded the motion. After more discussion the motion was defeated.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:00 p.m.

Bryan Irey reconvened the meeting Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. Charles Callaway and Bruce Bekkedahl were not in attendance.

2005-2006 Financial Report

Bruce Karinen presented the income and expenses for the 2005-06 season.

2006-2007 Proposed Budget

Bruce Karinen presented the proposed budget for 2006-07. He noted that he had included Wyoming and Montana in the expenses, but did not include them in the income. This would give them some up front money to get the new district started. There was for and against discussion on this concept. The following items were adjusted in the proposed budget: increase the budget for the June meeting in Colorado Springs to \$1000, change grants as approved, change the secretary travel line to \$3500 and include the webmaster, and \$1000 to create a growth committee (the suggestion of an adult tournament in conjunction with LaBatt's was made). Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to accept the budget as amended. Tom Power seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Procedures – Section 15

Wayne Lehto discussed the wording of Section 15 regarding election of district directors. With focus shifting from team count to player count, this section should change to that focus. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to adopt the proposed wording for section 5 and delete section 7 in the policy and procedure manual (see attachment). Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Coaching Certification

Paul Davern reported that a level 4 coaching clinic will be held Sept 16, 2007 in Houston, TX.

Referee-in-Chief

Bob McMann reported that the new rule book has been very successful. Registration has remained level. The biggest complaint creating lack of retention of officials is lack of games to work for younger, inexperienced officials.

Elections

Wayne Lehto nominated **Bryan Irey as Chairman, TC Lewis as 1st Vice Chairman and Jon Brooks as 2nd Vice Chairman**. Chris Kenney seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to create a growth committee with a minimum of one representative from each affiliate, with Chris Kenney as Chairman of the committee. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There is information on the USA Hockey web site for work done in other areas.

Disabled Council Representative

Kelly Grover, as representative to the disabled council, has requested to be replaced. It needs much more time commitment. Ann Hetrick expressed interest in the position.

Ode

Kelly Grover read his ode to the annual meeting.

Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob McMann played a new training video for officiating at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Action Items

Girls Tier II District Tournament
Growth Committee

Girls/Women Committee
Disabled Council Representative

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
DENVER, COLORADO
August 18-20, 2006

District Director's Report

Since our last meeting in January, I have done the following tasks:

January 19-22 - missed the USAH Winter Meeting in Miami

March 2-5 - served as Tournament Director for the RMD Girls/Womens Tournament in Denver

March 18-19 - served as Tournament Director for the RMD Tier I Tournament in Dallas

March 28 - April 2 - served as Tournament Director for the USAH Tier II 18&U National Tournament in Pittsburgh

May 3-7 - served as the registrar for the RMD Player Development Camp

May 19-20 - attended the USAH National camp directors meeting

June 7-10 - attended the USAH Annual Meeting in COS

June 22-30 - served as the Camp Director for the USAH Select 16 Player Development Camp

Also during this time I have attended numerous conference calls for the RMD Player Development Committee, District Tournaments, District Camp, National Tournaments and National Select Camps, plus answered a few emails and phone calls.

Respectfully Submitted by: Charles Callaway
RMD Director

Rocky Mountain District Annual Meeting
District Director Report

Since January 2006:

1. Attended USAH Winter Meeting in Miami.
2. Served as Tournament Director for Tier II Peewee district tournament in Denver.
3. Served as Tournament Director for the High School district tournament in Boise.
4. Served as Team Leader for 17-year-olds at the district player development camp.
5. Attended USAH Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs.
6. Served as Team Leader at Select 16 Festival Camp in Rochester, NY.
7. Reappointed to the USAH Legal Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Lehto
District Director

2006 Rocky Mountain District
Colorado Affiliate Annual Report

2006 was somewhat of a watershed year for amateur hockey in Colorado. The Executive Committee has been fortunate to have had continuity in its leadership and its committee members. President Bryan Irely was one of the key elements in our Board becoming more proactive this year. Additionally, the Executive Committee members had become more confident in their positions and their responsibilities.

At our State annual meeting this past January, Bryan Irely announced that we would be managing the Tier 1 program to a far greater degree than had been done in the past. . Any organizations wishing to field Tier 1 programs now have to meet specific standards developed by the Tier 1 Committee. They must then submit their application for approval by the entire Executive Committee. This action was taken in an effort to improve the quality of the Tier programs being offered in our state.

We have also embarked in some new partnerships with the local professional hockey organizations, namely the Avalanche (who we will have just met with prior to the RMD meeting) and with the Rage, the new minor league club. Both clubs seem to have a new founded attitude in working with us and helping to develop new youth hockey players.

Our Officiating and Coaching programs have also made great strides in their relations with the committee. Newly appointed Coach-in-Chief Paul Davern did an outstanding job in recruiting new coaching instructors this fall. These new instructors were instrumental in getting the associations to "buy into" the CAP program and helped to get our coaches certified to the levels required by the National Office.

As we move into the new season, we will be organizing a task force to look at the situation in the U8 group and see how we might better market our sport. This is a serious issue that needs to be dealt with sooner than later. We will also be monitoring the Tier programs to see how our new standards have impacted the quality of play.

Philip Paolilli
President, Colorado Amateur Hockey Association

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma is working towards growth in both the Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas.

Tulsa – After hosting the 2005 District High School tournament, the privately owned Tulsa Ice Arena closed its doors and was sold, and is now being used as a church warehouse. Tulsa was left with only one smaller sized facility but has very limited use of the Convention Center, downtown, and the Pavilion (originally renovated for a USHL team).

The Oilers' Ice Center has approved plans to begin a renovation, adding a second sheet and stands. This facility will be the home for a new Junior B team starting this season. Players have been recruited from around the country and we hope that with strong marketing, it will be a success. The new facility should be completed by early spring.

Oklahoma City – The University of Oklahoma Div. I Club team is looking forward to a new home on the OU campus in Norman (Larry Donovan, head coach). Currently they play at a facility approximately 15 minutes off campus, however, plans are in the works to renovate the Fieldhouse located adjacent to Owen Field (football stadium) centrally located on campus. This will not only allow for additional students without transportation, to attend games, but will add a new facility in Norman, (south of Oklahoma City) giving that community's youth access to the sport.

A new Club team has also emerged at the University of Central Oklahoma, with Craig McAllister as the head coach. They will be based out of Edmond, OK at the Artic Edge facility. Renovations are currently under way at that facility adding a new locker room and additional seating. The addition of a local competitor with the OU team (starting its fourth season) also hopes to rekindle interest in the sport in north side of the city.

As you can see, Oklahoma is making a tremendous effort to grow the sport. After completion of several rink expansions, we hope to be in a position to bid for and host future District events.

Oklahoma had a strong representation again this year at District and National Camps. We hope that in the future, the attempted follow up District Development Camp that was planned for early August in Oklahoma City, may become a reality with more lead-time and advertising. Anne Hetrick was a team leader at the National Girls 15-16 camp in Rochester, NY and was grateful for the opportunity and experience.

All Oklahoma Ice participants are registering electronically. Oklahoma is finalizing the vendor choice for the Coach Background Check process and will again channel all checks through Texas. We also hope to gain the men's Leagues registration this year.

Our state meeting is planned for Sept. 30, 2006.



AGENDA
RMD Annual Meeting
TAHA Affiliate Report
August 19, 2006
Denver, Colorado

- I. New Associations – El Paso and Wichita Falls have been added as new associations. The Dallas Stars are also now a part of USA Hockey and will be registering all adult and youth programs. We are hoping for roughly 1,500 new members through the Dallas Stars.
- II. Level 4 Coaching Clinic – Preparations are ongoing for the Level 4 Coaching Clinic in Houston, which will be held September 15-17th. Many thanks to Al Bloomer and Tom Lampl for all their efforts to make this happen.
- III. Girls/Women – This summer, TAHA had two “Grow the Game” events: one in Austin and one in Houston. All girls in those cities and surrounding areas were invited to attend at no charge. The girls were given the opportunity to skate with and to learn how to shoot with two female Olympian players. The events were well received and successful.
- IV. Bylaws – TAHA’s Board voted to change the basis for calculating member votes from one vote per registered team to one vote per registered player, per USA Hockey preferences.
- V. National Success – TAHA had a team (PeeWees) win a National Championship for the first time and it was at the Tier I level! Congratulations to the Ice Jets, out of Dallas.
- VI. My Team Cares – TAHA’s Board heard a presentation on the My Team Cares Program and discussed its possible implementation by TAHA. It was agreed that Board members would review existing web site programs and thereafter the Board would conduct an email vote on whether to adopt such a program for TAHA.
- VII. Annual Meeting – TAHA held its Annual Meeting on June 24, 2006. The election of the Board positions up for election this year was conducted. Incumbent members Scott Wenning (Vice President), Christine Burns (Secretary), Ted Skinner (Travel Section President) and Shelley Pottorff (Girls’/Womens’ Section President) were nominated prior to the meeting per the Bylaws. Additional nominations for each position were sought from the floor. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to close the

nominations, which passed by voice vote. A motion was made and seconded to elect the nominated individuals by acclamation.

- VIII. Treasurer's Report – TAHA is in fine financial shape and will be having an Affiliate Review in September or October.
- IX. Background Checks – TAHA initiated a program whereas TAHA paid for background checks for all coaches in TAHA. The program was only mildly successful and is currently being reviewed for changes.
- X. Website – Effort has been made to upgrade TAHA's website in order for it to be easier to maintain and more user friendly.
- XI. Annual Guide – TAHA is working on an annual guide as we have never had one of any value in the past.

Utah Amateur Hockey Report
August 19, 2006

Utah Hockey continues to grow despite continued internal strife. Marketing efforts employed during last season are expected to generate between 900 and 1000 new registered players. Utah Hockey has secured the 2006-07 USA Hockey block grant to continue this marketing effort. Our goal is to exceed 4,000 registered players by the 2007-08 season, which would equate to more than a doubling of registered players in the past two years. This would also equate to the highest number of registered players ever in Utah. Utah Hockey will continue growth efforts through the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin Worden, President

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT TEAMS

PAID COACHES/PLAYERS

Year

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TRANS NO.	AZ	CO	ID	MT	NM	TX/OK	UT	WY	TRANS TE/ DIST CUM	DATE
2003-04	3488	11857	2614	2384	1242	5963 569	3169	1668	32954	
CUM										
2004-05	3765	12518	2655	2766	1170	6595 565	3192	1787	35013	
CUM										
* 2005-06	399A	11128	2375	2295	1029	5206 463	2928	1377	31395	
CUM	+229	-1390	-280	-471	-147	-789 -102	-264	-410	-3618	
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2006-2007 USAH Guide Voting Provisions

Affiliate Agreement Section III

C. Voting

Each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote in the process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors. The process adopted by Affiliate for the election of its Board of Directors shall be based upon the premise that each Registered Participant Member of Affiliate shall be entitled to one vote. The manner of any voting by proxy, shall be stated in writing and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of USA Hockey.

By-Laws Section 1. Membership in USAH

B. Voting Rights

Registered Participant Members and certain Allied Members shall have certain voting rights in USA Hockey relating to the election of directors as provided in Bylaw 4; provided, however, that Registered Participant Members and Allied Members shall have no other voting rights in USA Hockey. Registered Participant Members voting rights for Directors shall be exercised by an authorized representative of their local association/member program. Proxy voting, if any, shall be described in writing and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. All other registered Participant Member voting rights shall be governed by written Affiliate rules and regulations for a democratic election process subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. District and Association Jurisdiction

** Nothing contained herein is intended to abrogate the right of a Registered Participant Member to cast his/her vote through a representative, nor is this provision intended to grant to a League, Local Association or Affiliate the right to cast votes in behalf of Registered Participant Members without providing notice of an election and a reasonable and good faith opportunity to vote for the Director of its choice.*

By-Law 4.

B. Election of Directors

(1) District Directors

Each District Director will be elected by the Registered Participant Members of that District, for a term not to exceed three (3) years, subject to adjustments in District representation as may result from a

membership audit provided for in paragraph A(1) of this Bylaw 4. The director's election shall be in a representative democratic election process, which election process and any changes thereto shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of USA Hockey. For the purpose of electing a District Director, each Registered Participant Member within such District shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A Registered Participant Member within a local association/member program shall cast his/her ballot through an authorized member of that local association/member program. However, no representative may cast ballots for more than one (1) local association/member program.

RMD P&P Section 15

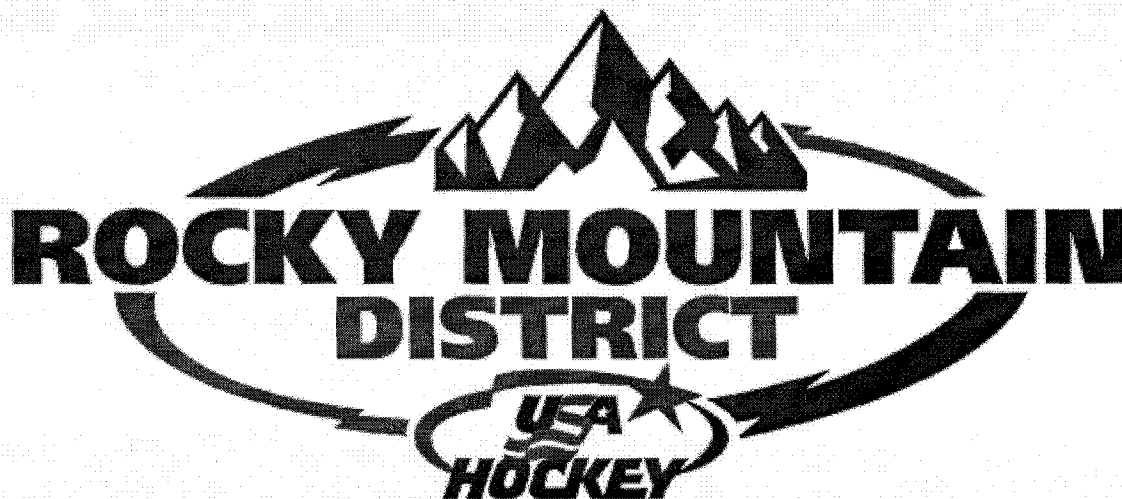
~~5. Voting—The Affiliate President shall cast one vote for each registered team within his/her Affiliate as of the date set forth by USA Hockey on the basis of a "one team— one vote" within the Affiliate. The Affiliate President may split his/her vote between candidates. It is recommended that each affiliate president poll the respective member teams in order to cast their vote in accordance with the team's wishes.~~

Recommendation—Delete Section 5 and replace with:

5. Voting – The Affiliate President shall cast one vote for each Registered Participant Member within his/her Affiliate as of the date set forth by USA Hockey on the basis of a "one vote for each Member" within the Affiliate in accordance to the Member's wishes. Voting procedures within the Affiliate shall be established according to the current USAH Annual Guide

Delete Section 7.

~~7. Proxy Voting—Proxy voting is specifically prohibited. Votes by an Official Designee shall not be considered proxy votes.~~



RMD Tournaments Medals, Plaques, Pucks, and Banners Report

The District provided a District Tournament site banner (4'x5' vinyl) for each tournament site. Each division winning team received a "District Champions" banner (4'x5' vinyl) in lieu of a trophy. Second place teams received a 2nd place plaque. First place team members each received a gold medal with the Division and age group on it. Second place team members received the same style medal in silver. Each venue received enough District logo pucks to begin the first period of each game with a new puck. Total spent on the above items and shipping was \$4,654.46.



2006-07 Risk Management Grant Proposal

It is proposed that the District allocate \$2,500.00 to be used to defray the expenses of having the Affiliate Risk Managers attend the 2007 USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs. The meeting registration fee for each properly appointed and recognized affiliate Risk Manager (1 per Affiliate) will be paid by the district. The remaining funds may be requested by each affiliate (with a maximum of \$400.00 additional per affiliate) to help defray the travel and lodging cost of having their Affiliate Risk Manager attend the meeting. All other costs of attending this meeting will be the responsibility of the individual Affiliate. Attending Risk Managers must commit to a minimum attendance of 2 days and attend the scheduled Risk Management meetings.

2006-07 Tournament Banners, Team Trophies and Individual Award Grant Proposal

It is proposed that the District allocate \$5,000.00 to provide District Championship rink banners for all designated sites, 1st and 2nd place team trophies and 1st and 2nd place individual awards for all District Championship Tournaments to be held at the conclusion of the 2006-07 season.

4 August 2006

Rev. 2

Rocky Mountain District Girls/Women's Committee

1. A Rocky Mountain District Girls/Women's committee shall be established to promote communications within the district, encourage the growth of girls/women's hockey in each Affiliate and work with the coaches and other sections to improve player skills.
2. The committee shall be composed of one representative of each Affiliate and the District Girls/Women's section representative. Each Affiliate President will appoint one person to represent their Affiliate on this committee. That person may be appointed for up to a three year term. The term of office shall start 1 September of each hockey season.
3. The committee shall hold the majority of its meeting via conference calls.
4. The District Registrar will establish a budget for this committee which must be approved by the District Council each August.
5. The committee shall elect a chairman and secretary from their members to serve a one year term.
6. The committee will submit a written report to the Chairman of the District Council on or before 1 August of each year.

District Grant

A District Grant of \$2500 is requested for the 2006/07 hockey season. The monies will be used for one meeting to be held in Salt Lake in October in order to get the committee organized. Conference calls will be used for the remainder of the season.

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Rocky Mountain District

2005/06 Invitational Tournaments

As an incentive for Rocky Mountain District affiliates and associations to submit for sanctioning and posting on the USA Hockey net site for their 2005/06 Invitational Tournaments in a timely manor the following rules will apply:

1. The District will pay up to \$25 per tournament.
2. The tournaments must be submitted between 15 July and 15 October 2005.
3. The tournaments must be submitted on USA Hockey form 3-T with tournament rules and procedures that include a committee to review all team and players credentials to insure registration of players and teams with USA Hockey.
4. Excluded from this offer are For Profit Invitational and International tournaments.
5. Tournaments should be submitted thru the normal Association/Affiliate procedure.
- 6 Tournaments forms and rules must be received by the Rocky Mountain District Registrar by 15 October 2005 to be eligible for the "early tournament incentive."

Final Report

One hundred sixteen (117) tournaments were granted the "early tournament incentive". Cost to the Rocky Mountain District was \$2925 which was a cost over run of <\$425>. The estimate budget was \$2500. The incentive was a success from the District standpoint but problems at USA Hockey posting the tournament on the net sight made the final results disappointing. Recommend the District discontinue this program for the 2006/07 hockey season. The District voted on January 2006 to continue the program for the 2006/07 hockey season.

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District Budget

INCOME

8500 Adult players @ \$0.50/player =	\$ 4250.00	
19000 Youth players @ \$1.00/player =	\$19000.00	
TOTAL		\$23250.00

EXPENSES

District Meeting CO - 2006	\$2000.00	
Mid-Winter Meeting 2007	\$3000.00	
Tournament Incentive	\$3000.00	
Dist. Mini Meeting June 2007	\$1000.00	
Dist Annual Meet 2007 (long lead)	\$1500.00	
Sec't/Web master	\$3500.00	
Affiliate Travel Grant OK, WY, NM, MT, ID	\$4000.00	
Flowers etc.	\$ 700.00	
Travel H.S. Tourn.	\$ 900.00	
District Coaching Grant 07	\$2000.00	
Affiliate Risk Managers Travel Grant	\$2500.00	
Volunteer Award	\$1100.00	
Tournament Trophies, Banners Etc.	\$6500.00	
District Coaching Grant 06	\$5000.00	
Registrars Travel Grant 06	\$ 500.00	
Girls Tier 11 Tourn. Grant	\$2000.00	
Girls/Women Committee Grant	\$3500.00	
Player Growth Committee	\$1000.00	
TOTAL		\$43700.00

BUDGET SURPLUS / DEFICIT

<\$20450.00>

This budget was reviewed and adopted by the Affiliate Presidents of the Rocky Mountain District 20 August 2006 in Denver, Colorado

* Does NOT include income from MT & WY affiliates