

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19, 2007
Crystal Inn, Salt Lake City, UT

In attendance:

Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Lehto, Wayne	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
Lewis, TC	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
	District	High School Section
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Schwarz, Michael	District	ACE Administrator
	NM	ACE Director
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
VanFleet, Rick	AZ	Vice President
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Lampl, Tom	ID	Registrar
	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Peterson, Melissa	NM	President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Heikkila, Chad	OK	Visitor
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Lewis, TC	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Curtis, Sandy	UT	Assoc Registrar
Taylor, Kristi	UT	Visitor
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Member Services

Absent:

Davern, Paul	District	Coach-in-Chief
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
Power, Tom	ID	President

(Proxy held by Tom Lampl)

Bryan Irey, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting were reviewed. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with two position corrections in the attendance section. Wayne Lehto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Director Reports (see written reports)

TC Lewis has been named to the Youth Council.

Chris Kenney sits on the Nominating Committee and will attend Junior Council meetings for information

Wayne Lehto sits on the Legal Council and advises everyone to look at dispute resolution information in National Bylaw 10 (see attachment). This information needs to be distributed to each association.

Bryan Irey sits on the Legal Council and Playing Rules Committee

Other Council Assignments

Adult Council – Bruce Karinen
Girls/Women Section – Bruce Karinen
High School Section – Kelly Grover
Risk Management Council – Kelly Grover

Online Registration

Ray Briggie gave a recap of the 2006-07 online registration (see handout). The Rocky Mountain District was second highest in online registrations. Notice of affiliate money transfers haven't been emailed to everyone. Please ask Rae if you want to receive those emails.

District Web Master

George Cole was absent and Wayne Lehto made his presentation. Written requirements for district tournament website administration have been produced (see handout). The Tournament tool on USA Hockey website will be the official site for RMD tournaments. Concern was noted that the spring timeframe for USA Hockey tool to be available might not be ready in time for our tournament. A backup program will be in place if it is not available in time.

Affiliate President Reports-Growing the Sport (see written reports also)

AZ Jon Brooks Arizona allocated funds for the One Goal program. They funded \$10,000 for advertising in Arizona children's magazines. They need more ice to grow the sport.

CO Phil Paolilli Colorado has put a growth committee together. They have had major growth in adult hockey, and girl's high school, but not enough ice to grow youth hockey.

ID Tom Lamp Growth was a major topic of discussion in Idaho's annual meeting. They have offered a 50/50 grant to associations who can document efforts made to grow the sport.

NM Melissa Peterson New Mexico held a ½ day session discussing growth needs. They must grow their coaching base first.

OK Chad Heikkila Oklahoma has started a kid's first program with the local CHL team. They have developed about 200 kids from age 5 to 10 and have retained about 100 of them.

TX Ted Skinner The NHL team has given the youth program a lot of support. Texas has a resource center for new players. Logistics is a big challenge.

UT Geoff Fisher A new Learn to Skate program in Provo has added about 100 new players.

Coaching Education

Michael Schwarz handed out a survey that was sent to the affiliates. The response wasn't as big as he had hoped. A disk of a parent awareness seminar was distributed. The ACE program is a resource to coaches. We still need representative in some affiliates.

Policy & Procedures

Wayne Lehto has made some revisions for discussion. He has added and consolidated tournament info into one section. There was discussion on deleting the 10-team tournament format and some high school tournament issues. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to approve the changes as written with the exception of the 10-team format and the high school issues. Ann Hetrick seconded the motion. After discussion, the **MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN** as well as the second. Changes made at this meeting will be effective January 1, 2008.

Page 10 item #6 change the last sentence in blue to "The assignment of the host location within the state shall be at the option of the District Council and shall be declared at the Annual Meeting prior to the host year." This replaces the president of the hosting affiliate making the choice.

Page 10 item #11 change State to Association in "Any association hosting a National Tournament shall not be eligible to host a District Tournament in that same year."

Page 12 first line in winter meeting date, change arrangements to assignments "The RMD **TS** shall finalize all tournament assignments."

Page 17 item #2 "The format of the tournament shall be a random draw with 4 & 4 team brackets with 2 teams from each going to semi-finals with the first place A bracket team playing the second place B bracket team and the first place B bracket team playing the second place A bracket team." This replaces "two teams from each going to the final".

Page 18 item #3 replace ...tie games and tie breakers with "all games tied after regulation standings will be dealt with.... and change Registration fee is set at \$750/team from \$600/team.

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to approve the above changes. TC Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed with negative votes from Wayne Lehto, Phil Paolilli, and Tom Lampl and an abstention from Bryan Irey. The negative votes were due to the deletion of the 10 team format.

Page 18 item #5 replaced with "Eligible teams for the tournament are formal high school and prep school teams or non-varsity teams consisting of full-time students attending the same high school or prep school or full-time students that are eligible to play sanctioned varsity high school sports at that school. Players must be in grade 9-12. If a player attends a High School with a hockey team, they must play for that team."

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to approve this change. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tom Lampl made a **MOTION** to delete "camp" in the title of section 15 (should be 16 when renumbered). It should be Rocky Mountain District Player Development. TC seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RMD Grant for Recruitment and Player Retention (see handout)

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to assist in the recruiting and retention of players in each state of the District. Chris Kenney made a MOTION to approve the grant as written with the requirement that submission of grants be at the mid-winter meeting. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Player Development (see written reports)

Tom Lampl reported on the transition with Al Bloomer not participating in the camp this year. Mary Davern was a great asset in the transition, as well as the Utah representatives. The committee wants to mandate online registration for next year's camp. There were no major issues this year. At last night's meeting, TC Lewis was named the committee chairman and the other members are Al Bloomer, Bruce Karinen, Kelly Grover, Tom Lampl, Paul Davern, and the 1st Vice Chairman of the council to be elected today. If anyone else wants to participate, they can talk to TC Lewis. The committee is looking for coaches, intern coaches, and volunteers to participate in the national camps. Please let Tom know by January if you have recommendations. The number of camp participants will be the same, with Montana and Wyoming allocations being redistributed. Camp fact sheets will be distributed to attendees and parents. Venue will stay in Salt Lake City, UT.

Coach-in-Chief (see written reports)

Paul Davern was absent and Tom Lampl reported. The Level 4 Coaching Clinic held in Salt Lake City did not have the attendance it needed. The only reason it didn't lose money, was because it piggybacked with the district camp. The Committee now wants proposals of hosting level 4 clinic based on printed requirements (see hand out). TC wants it considered to have a level 4 clinic in TX, CO, and AZ within the next 2 years – holding them in the large states at least every other year. Rae Briggie suggested that we advertise nationally for participants. She can send emails to all level three officials, making them aware of the clinics. The requested \$3000 district grant will be used to distribute the Smalls Game Book and CD to each CEP instructor and state ACE Coordinator. They are recommending that temporary coaching card requests made after Dec 31st include a surcharge of \$100, with the exception of a coach of a new team starting after Dec 31st.

2008 District Tournaments

Tier I 13-16 March 2008. Colorado recommends the Thunderbirds to host. Ted Skinner made a **MOTION** to accept the bid as proposed at the Family Sports Center in Littleton, CO. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council representatives will be TC Lewis and Bryan Irey. Credentials will be handled by Susan Cardasis and Kurt Peoples.

Girls/Women 5-9 March 2008 Arizona recommends VOSHA to host at the Alltel Arena in Scottsdale, AZ. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to accept the bid. Wayne Lehto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council representatives will be Bruce Karinen and Chris Kenney. Credentials will be handled by Donnalee Jerome.

Tier II 13-16 March 2008 Oklahoma presented the Tier II 14U and 18U proposal at Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Oklahoma City, OK. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to accept the bid. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council representatives will be Wayne Lehto and Chris Kenney. Credentials will be handled by Anne Hetrick.

Tier II 13-16 March 2008 Utah presented the Tier II 12U and 16U proposal from the Northwest Regulators to be held at Murray, Steiner and Acord arenas. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to accept the proposal with the stipulation that the RMD Website will be used for the tournament website, and that a two-rink facility try to be obtained with the use of TWO facilities as a maximum and not three facilities as in the proposal. Melissa Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council representatives will be Kelly Grover and Bruce Karinen. Credentials will be handled by Cathy Anderson and Bruce Karinen.

High School 28-30 March 2008 Texas presented bids from Dallas at the Dr Pepper Center and Austin at the Chaparral Ice Center. Melissa Peterson made a **MOTION** to award the bid to Dallas. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council representatives will be Kelly Grover and TC Lewis. Credentials will be handled by Debra Lewis.

Girls/Women Rec 28-30 March 2008 New Mexico presented the bid from Santa Fe. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to award the bid Santa Fe. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council representatives will be Bryan Irey and Bruce Karinen. Credentials will be handled by Karen Martinez.

Bryan Irey will forward the stated participation declarations to the affiliates. The final participation list will be finalized in January. Please send contact information for tournament personnel to Bryan Irey immediately.

Invitational Tournament Grant (see handout)

Bruce Karinen reported on the success of the Invitational Tournament Grant for last year. He recommended that it be continued. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to accept the grant as written. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Girls Women Committee (see handout)

Bruce Karinen reported that he needs more help with the Girls/Women's program and recommends a committee be created with affiliate representatives for each girls and women's. A grant of \$3,500 has been requested. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to accept the grant as written. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Tournament Awards Grant (see handout)

Kelley Grover requested \$6,000.00 for banners, trophies and medals for the 2007-08 district tournaments. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the grant. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Tournament Grant (see handout)

Kelly Grover suggested standardizing district tournament logos for web pages and merchandising. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to grant \$800 to standardize a webpage template and standardize the tournament logo. The host association will be able to add their logo if they want with tournament committee approval. Tom Lampl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Disabled Hockey

Anne Hetrick passed on a request from the Disabled Committee for affiliates to earmark 5% of block grant funds to grow disabled hockey in their affiliates. If there is equipment available somewhere, please let Ann know.

Budget Report and Proposal

Bruce Karinen reported that the 2006-07 budget produced a deficit of \$1,706.94. The 2007-08 proposed budget was presented. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the budget as presented. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jon Brooks suggested charging the adults \$1 instead of 50 cents to help offset the budget deficit. It was noted that there is still a surplus in the account and raising fees is not necessary. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to eliminate a required deposit for district tournament commitments. Ted Skinner seconded the motion. The motion passed with negative votes from Chris Kenney and Jon Brooks.

Conference Calls

Conference calls will now be the responsibility of each affiliate. A schedule of calls was distributed (see handout). The agenda will be distributed and minutes of each call will be kept by the hosting affiliate.

Referee Official Fees for District Tournament

Bob McMann presented a fee schedule for district tournaments. After discussion, TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the following fee schedule:

Peewee \$130.00

Bantam \$145.00

Midget \$190.00

Girls U12 \$90.00

Girls U14 \$100.00

Girls U16 \$110.00

Girls U19 \$125.00

Women \$125.00

High School \$150.00

Per Diem of \$20 per day per non-local referee up to \$460 (4 officials for 6 days), and hotel accommodations for 2 officials per room up to 3 rooms.

Wayne Lehto seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Back up Goal Tenders at District Tournaments

The RMD Council very strongly suggests that teams bring back up goal tenders to district tournaments. Hosts will not provide backup goal tenders.

Elections

Wayne Lehto nominated **Chris Kenney as Chairman of the Council of Presidents**. Bryan Irey seconded the nomination and it passed with a negative vote from Chris Kenney. TC Lewis nominated **Jon Brooks as 1st Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents**. Bryan Irey seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

Bryan Irey nominated **TC Lewis as 2nd Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents**. Chris Kenney seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

Next Meetings

There was discussion of the benefits of having USA Hockey personnel at our district meetings by holding meetings in Colorado and in conjunction with the winter meeting in Orlando. It was also mentioned that there is a benefit to giving the affiliate personnel exposure to the district operations by rotating the meetings through the affiliates. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the district winter meeting in conjunction with the USA Hockey winter meeting in Orlando on Friday, January 11, 2008 starting at 11:00 am. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to hold the annual meeting in Denver, CO August 22-24, 2008. Ted Skinner seconded the motion passed unanimously.

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 4:30 pm. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Action Items