

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Friday, January 15, 2010
Orlando, FL

In attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assoc.</u>	<u>Position</u>
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
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Lewis, TC	District	Coach-in Chief
Power, Tom	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Rogers, Jim	AZ	Coaching
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
Lehto, Mike	ID	Vice President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Servaes, Mark	TX	Vice President
Andresen, Keith	TX	High School Section
Stohlman, TK	TX	
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President
Urban, Bruce	USA Hockey	Pacific Director
Bloomer, Al	USA Hockey	National Coach in Chief

Absent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assoc.</u>	<u>Position</u>
McMann, Bob (Absent)	District	Referee-in-Chief
Cole, George (Absent)	District	Webmaster
	District	ACE Administrator
Schwarz, Michael (Absent)	NM	ACE Director
		Registrar
Lampl, Tom (Absent)	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Peterson, Melissa (Absent)	NM	President
Donovan, Larry (Absent)	OK	President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the District Council, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Geoff Fisher made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District and Affiliate Reports

Chris Kenney and Tom Power submitted written District Director reports. There are written reports from the District ACE and Webmaster representatives. Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas submitted written reports.

AZ – Jon Brooks reported that the Phoenix Coyotes and Fox Sports have been very supportive of youth hockey. They are still struggling with large numbers of unclaimed registrations. Some rinks are now looking into becoming registered with USA Hockey which would increase the number of registrations for the state. AZ is buying equipment to expand the one goal program to goalies. Tucson is bidding on a new rink, hopefully to open in 2012.

ID - Dean Brandstetter reported that ID has been really quiet and registration is up. A new association in Pocatello is bringing in new members. The board was favorable to the PDM program, but when presented to the associations, it was not accepted at the lower divisions. High School is growing. Nine teams will play in the state tournament, but only 3 of those teams have declared to go on to the National Tournament.

OK – Anne Hetrick reported that some of the associations have new presidents and hope that the programs will improve. First year skaters are coming out, but retention is only about 50%.

UT - Geoff Fisher reported that they had their first adult state tournament and it was very successful.

District Director Elections

Bruce Karinen reported that TC Lewis' 3-year term is expiring. Bruce presented the procedure for the elections. Nominations are open until March 15, 2010 and Bruce would like them in writing along with an acceptance letter by the nominated person. Ballots will be mailed to affiliates in April and due back in mid May. Votes are based on last year's player count.

District Registration

Bruce reported the registrations to date (see handout). It looks like the numbers will be about the same as last year. In today's economy, that is good.

2010 District Volunteer Award

Chris Kenney Announced that he will ask for nominations in late February. He would like to get at least one nomination from each affiliate.

Review of District Policy & Procedure Manual

Melissa Peterson was absent so this was tabled.

Disabled Hockey Update

Anne Hetrick submitted a written report. The 6th Annual Disabled Hockey Festival will be held at the Gardens Ice House in Laurel, Maryland April 8-11, 2010. All four disciplines of Disabled hockey (Sled, Special, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Standing Amputee) will be represented. USA Hockey has purchased 25 new sleds and sticks to be used as loners, free of charge, to further expose the sport. USA Hockey is now the governing body of the US National Sled team Paralympics. The Special Goals Program is designed to help in funding of disabled programs through the help of USA Hockey membership.

RMD Player Development Camp

TC Lewis presented the allocations. If you really need a slot not allocated to you, send your request to the committee, and they will do whatever they can to get you the spot. Tom Lampl has sent out invitations to the coaches he wants back. Tom needs contact information now.

Coaching Education

TC Lewis reported the Rocky Mountain District has certified over 2000 coaches, making us 5th in the nation. The Level 4 coaching clinic is scheduled for September 10-12, 2010 in Dallas at Dr Pepper Center. Jon Brooks suggested some kind of financial incentive for participation. He will write up a proposal for the next meeting. Please do whatever you can to stop waiver and temporary coaching card requests. Please encourage online registration.

RMD Grants for Recruitment and Player Development

Chris Kenney reported that Texas is the only affiliate to submit grants for Grow the Game and Adult Tournaments. Other affiliates are planning to submit shortly.

2010 District Tournaments

Team commitment was reviewed. There were still some confirmations to be done. Bryan Irely will complete the formats and distribute ASAP.

Risk Management

Kelly Grover gave an update. He told everyone that claim forms must be obtained from the local program registrar. They feel this will help avoid fraud, because the local personnel should know the individual requesting forms and about any incidents to be reported.

Other Business

Joe Doyle has been working with Colorado with a pilot cross ice program for mites and squirts in conjunction with the USA Hockey ADM program. The local associations were told to manage the programs with help from the state, but it had to be bought into from the bottom. USA Hockey wants to help those associations that want to follow the ADM program with reversible jerseys, borders, etc. Information on this is in the written reports.

Next Meetings

The next meeting is the short meeting in conjunction with the National meeting in June 2010 in Colorado Springs. The Annual meeting will be in August 20-22, 2010 in Colorado Springs.

Geoff Fisher made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Minutes were approved June 11, 2010