

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Friday June 11, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
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Lewis, TC	District	Coach-in Chief
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Stewart, Mary	AZ	Vice President
Pashkowski, Geoff	AZ	Director at Large
Rogers, Jim	AZ	Coaching
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Dohner, John	CO	VP Girls/Women
Elwood, Rob	CO	Registrar
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
Lehto, Mike	ID	Vice President
Owens, Sammi	NM	President
Peterson, Melissa	NM	Immediate Past- President
McCatheri, Jack	NM	Director at Large
Martinez, Karen	NM	Registrar
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Schmidt, Sarah	OK	OKC Registrar
McEwen, Mike	OK	OKC Youth Coach
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Servaes, Mark	TX	Vice President
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Cepeda, Cesar	TX	House President
Graves, Bettipat	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President
Curtis, Sandy	UT	Secretary
Urban, Bruce	Pacific District	Director
Anderson, Debbie	USA Hockey	Member Services
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Member Services
DiGiacomo, Paulette	USA Hockey	Member Services
Doyle, Joe	USA Hockey	Administration
Welch, Courtney	USA Hockey	Program Services

Absent:

Tom Power, District Director, Michael Schwarz, District ACE Administrator, Larry Donovan, OK President.

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made. There were many visitors. Chris Kenney expressed thanks for all the USA Hockey staff members in attendance.

Dr. Alan Ashare reported that the "Heads Up, Don't Duck!" program information is still available and there is a new brochure at the CDC website, www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/. Concussions are still a big problem. The player will not be allowed back on the ice after a possible concussion. It is the coach's responsibility to keep the player of the ice, not the referee's.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes with one correction on risk management - forms must be obtained from the local registrar. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rocky Mountain District Volunteer Award

Chris Kenney presented the 2010 Volunteer Award to Mike McEwen from the Oklahoma Affiliate. Born in Canada, he has been a Stanley Cup Champion three times. He has coached a district national team. He works at the grass roots level to grow the game in Oklahoma City.

District Player Development Camp

TC Lewis reported on the success of the event in Salt Lake City. There is a great volunteer base there. Next year's camp will be May 4-8, 2011 in Salt Lake City, UT. The Rocky Mountain District has earned a reputation with the national camp for sending qualified players. Thanks to Mark Servaes and Dreyer's Ice Cream for the successful ice cream social. There is an additional 3 year contract with the Utah Olympic Oval for the camp. The Long Track Speed Skating organization that practices at the Oval has offered to provide some training services for the camp.

2010 District and National Tournament Reports

Girls/Women Tier 1 District - Bruce Karinen said the Girls/Women tournament in Texas was a great success. There was one broken arm, but no other injuries. Thanks to Ted and Mark and the Alliance team.

Tier I Youth District - Bryan Irey said the Tier I Tournament in Phoenix was a success thanks to Cathy Smith of PF Chang's as tournament supervisor. The play for U16 was incredible. The Colorado Thunderbirds won the district and went on to win the National tournament as well.

High School National - Kelly Grover reported that the pilot High School Tournament in Chicago, IL earned a 98% approval rating on surveys taken. The National Committee will vote on whether to make it a permanent national tournament. A concern was expressed about Junior teams recruiting Midgets. It isn't known if their objective is creating income for camps or if they are really interested in the player.

Tier II Youth National Tournament - Ted Skinner said he felt it was well received but there was concern about states not participating and pulling out at the last minute. The Rocky Mountain District was able to fill some of these spots. Dean Brandstetter said Idaho (performance bond \$1500) sent two Midget teams. The kids said they would go again. He said the web page was a little difficult to use to keep informed on the tournament. The web site needs to be addressed at the National level. Geoff Fisher attended the Bantam tournament in New Jersey. It was great for the kids from a small state to have the experience. New Mexico sent a U18 Midget team to Rochester, NY. They were supposed to play other small states but they dropped out. They ended up playing a California team first. They still were able to keep all games within 2 points. TC Lewis said the Youth Council had the same feelings. They will continue the tournament, even though 25 teams backed out. The format will be revised a little bit. Dean Brandstetter suggested that a non-refundable performance bond (\$1500) be collected from teams to ensure their commitment. Rae Briggie said National is pleased and that there are many ideas to help smooth things out for next year. Norm Spiegel, Tier II Tournament Director, reported that no hearings were requested on game misconducts.

Girls Tier II National Tournament - This first time tournament had Tier I vs. Tier II definition issues. These definitions will be corrected in the next publication of the National Guide. Concern was expressed about late Sunday championship games causing travel problems for teams. National is going to issue game schedules for the tournaments instead of the host association to help resolve this issue and allow for a more consistent tournament. Bidding associations will need to acquire ice time accordingly.

2011 District Tournaments

Bryan Irey will submit proposed dates for 2011 tournaments by email next week. Bids need to be presented at the August meeting. It was noted that national's have been moved up a week.

Tier I Youth - xxx March 2011 - TX

Girls/Women Tier I - xxx March 2011 – AZ

It was noted that National has set the High School Tournament for 23-27 March 2011. There were many complaints about the date, but the committee said the date was the least of the other issues presented.

Grow the Game

Courtney, USA Hockey reported that district numbers are up. We have grown 2%. Affiliate Presidents will receive reports at their meeting. They are also on the national web site. Courtney is putting on workshops for any affiliate interested. USA Hockey has some one goal sets available for purchase.

Rocky Mountain District Grants

Bruce Karinen requested that affiliates get their grant requests for Growing the Game and Adult Tournaments submitted immediately. They need to be paid out before fiscal year end June 30th. Only 5 affiliates have been paid for Growing the Game grants and only 3 affiliates have been paid for Adult Tournament grants.

Screening

Because some affiliates have agreements for free screening, National will not mandate a specific program. National is working on a discounted option that will be presented by the screening committee when it is ready. Jon Brooks will bring it up in the affiliate president's meeting this morning.

Coaching Clinics

A Level 4 clinic has been confirmed for 10-12 Sept 2010 in Dallas, TX and will be posted online next week. The fee is \$275.

Adult Tournaments

Texas reported that their state adult tournament was not successful. The timing was just a week different from a LaBatt adult tournament, so they only had four teams. They will try again this fall.

Arizona reported that their second state adult championship is next weekend. The tournament grew from 9 teams last year to 22 teams this year. They dropped the tournament fee from \$499 to \$299 and subsidized the tournament from the district grant.

Utah held a tournament with 6 teams, but there were some problems.

New Mexico is struggling to get a tournament going because rinks aren't being supportive (afraid of competition).

Ashley Bevan continues to work on getting adult players registered with USA Hockey to help resolve this issue.

ADM Program

Joe Doyle discussed the ADM program. For the first year, many areas in the district were supportive. The CCYHL cross ice program is very successful. Many affiliates and associations are working on the program on paper. Many areas are adopting the kids stay local motto.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is 20-22 August 2010 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, CO.

Geoff Fischer made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:15 am. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
Rocky Mountain District Secretary