

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES**

Saturday, August 27, 2011  
Grove Hotel, Boise, ID

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
Lewis, TC	District	Director
Power, Tom	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
	District	Coach-in-Chief
Lehto, Mike	ID	Vice President
		High School Section Risk Manager
Grover, Kelly	District	Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
		Women's Officiating Coordinator
Henderson, Sarah	District	Coordinator
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
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
		Registrar
Lampl, Tom	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Mylymok, Jeremy	ID	Hockey Director
Shaw, Rich	ID	President
DiSanza, Jim	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Carpenter, Nancy	ID	IDFalls PW Director
Dumas, Rob	ID	Hockey Director
Prekeges, Pete	ID	Hockey Director
Jones, Andy	ID	BYAHA President
Noyes, Bobby	ID	Referee-in-Chief
Owens, Sammi	NM	President
Martinez, Karen	NM	Registrar
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Graves, Bettepat	TX	Registrar
Thompson, Darla	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President

Anderson, Cathy	UT	Registrar
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Member Services Membership
Kavanagh, Kevin	USA Hockey	Develop

Absent:

Bryan Irely (resigned), Mike Hoskins, OK President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made. Welcome to all the Idaho personnel.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the June 9, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Geoff Fisher made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Affiliate President Reports**

Written affiliate reports were turned in by Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

**AZ Jon Brooks** – Registration is about even. The biggest growth is in “unclaimed”. NHL Coyote team uncertainty causes affiliate issues also. Working on Tier I and Tier II definitions. Sonora Youth Hockey has disbanded. A new group is organizing in Tucson. Player Development Camp is growing and being very successful. Adult state championship is growing. A new state website is in place. The three referee associations are now communicating.

**CO Phil Paolilli** – Written Report – concern about for profit rinks, lost a rink in Grand Junction due to environmental issues.

**ID Dean Brandstetter** – Written report. A new association was created this year.

**NM Sammi Owens** – Written report. Membership is constant with 1200 members including adults. Renegades Youth Association disbanded. Santa Fe rink will register adults this year. Grow the Game grant is being used to try several things. We are still looking for the best avenue. Coaches are required to complete an online concussion training session.

**OK Mike Hoskins** - Absent

**TX Ted Skinner** – Written report. Texas will be hosting the National Girls Tier II Tournament in March 2012. Registration is showing growth in females and Mites. Some rinks have closed due to financial reasons.

**UT Geoff Fisher** – Utah is hosting the high school national tournament in March 2012. An awards dinner has been initiated to help bring the state associations together in a positive setting. Utah has adopted a concussion policy for the state, due to state legislation. Our registration process now requires a registrar’s signature on the team roster before registration is complete. Registration is at 4,200 this year.

**ACTION ITEM** - Phil Paolilli wants a poll of all affiliates on their screening policies, the company they use and the price they pay.

### **District Reports**

Chris Kenney

Bryan Irely

T C Lewis

Tom Power – Tom hasn’t been assigned to any committees yet. He had nothing to report.

### **District Risk Manager**

Kelly Grover reported that the player accident deductible is increasing from \$1,000 to \$3,500 for those without primary coverage. Claim forms will be distributed by local registrars and not the risk manager.

### **Youth Council Report**

TC Lewis reported that the Youth/Junior issue is a high priority issue. The ADM program and the change in body contact rules are high priorities for the Youth Council and checking. The decision of whether to have a U14 National Select Tournament is still not resolved. If there won’t be a national tournament, the Rocky Mountain District is looking at joining the Pacific District to put on a U14 regional tournament. TC now serves on the Executive Committee.

### Jr Council

Chris Kenney reported that there isn't much new. Age change discussions are ongoing. Pacific Northwest has split in to two leagues. Western States League is leaving USA Hockey and joining the AAU. These teams will operate independently from the affiliate and the affiliate has no jurisdiction over these Junior teams.

### High School Council

2012 National Tournament is in Salt Lake City. There is still a major issue with guidelines of pure vs not-pure teams. Kelly Grover has decided to let them struggle with the definition because he is tired of telling them why it won't work!

### USA Hockey Online Registration

Rae Briggie – The ADM and Red White & Blue programs are high priorities along with issues created by the peewee rule changes. Date of birth verification can be done through the USA Hockey data base. There will be no need to carry birth certificates to tournaments any more. USA citizenship can also be verified through the database. Online registration is now more user friendly. They will be adding a facebook widget so you can “like” USA Hockey.

### USA Hockey Membership Development

Kevin Kavanagh presented a membership history report. They are still pushing the 2 and 2 retention program. Nationally for 2010-11 membership reached over 105,000. Welcome Back Week is September 12-18, 2011, Try Hockey for Free Day is November 5, 2011 and Hockey Weekend Across America is February 18, 2012. We must fulfill 3 promises to all youth hockey families: promise of fun, promise of guidance and instruction, promise of achievement. Body contact clinics are being held in the affiliates to make the parents and players aware of the new rule changes. There are videos and written material on the website to help educate.

### District Coach-in-Chief

Mike Lehto reported that each affiliate has a CEP (Coaching Education Program) Instructor. He handed out the coaching education program requirements for the 2011-12 season and beyond as well as FAQ's. Age specific training modules must be completed in addition to the level certifications. Certifications will be tracked in the USA Hockey data base.

### District Referee-in-Chief

Bob McMann reported on a couple of this year's rule changes. Affiliates and associations need to make sure the rule changes are communicated to all involved. If a coach is suspended or ejected during a game, the replacement coach must be an adult, registered USA Hockey member to sit on the bench for a game to continue. Removing your own or an opponents' helmet during an altercation will result in a match penalty. If the helmet is not being worn properly and comes off during an altercation, it is a game misconduct. Helmet being improperly worn can receive a ten-minute misconduct penalty. Game misconducts need be managed at the administrative level. The officials will not track them. Peewees now have automatic offsides and body contact. Please be proactive in getting the rule changes communicated.

Sarah Henderson, Rocky Mountain District Women's Officiating Coordinator, shared a presentation. She noted the opportunities for female officials, and the successful Rocky Mountain District female officials. Sarah recruits, mentors, and develops female officials. Registration of female officials declined in 2011. Sarah needs contact information from the affiliates to help increase the registration.

### District Web Master

George Cole reported that there is supposed to be new software for the website. There will be webinar training for the new software. Please let George know of anyone interested in managing affiliate or association websites. As of Sept 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a content freeze to migrate to the new platform. George is constantly looking for input to put on our website.

### 2012 District Tournaments

Tier 1 Youth – Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the district tournament **March 1-4, 2012** in Colorado. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Colorado Thunderbirds, Pikes Peak Miners, and the Colorado Rampage submitted proposals to host the tournament. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to accept the **Colorado Thunderbirds'** proposal to host the tournament in Denver, CO. The proposal is conditionally approved

upon submission of a revised tournament schedule that the Rocky Mountain District must approve. Big Bear must not be the primary sheet. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tier II Girls/Women - Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the district tournament **March 1-4, 2012**. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for Arizona, who is next in line to host, to defer hosting until 2013 to rebuild their program. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for Colorado to host the 2012 tournament. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was tentatively proposed to have the Colorado Selects host the Tier II girls tournament pending Phil's follow up.

### **District Player Development Camp**

Tom Lampl reported that the camp was successful again this year. It came in over budget this year, but the participant fee will not go up next year. The 2012 camp will again be at the Kearns Olympic Oval in Utah May 2-6. This year they are going to create slots for peewee and bantam local coaches who are non-parent long term coaches. Send names to Tom of anyone you feel fits this position. The referee camp that is help in conjunction with the player development continues to be successful. If the national U14 camp is cancelled, the Rocky Mountain District is looking at joining the Pacific district to put on an advanced camp for U14 to replace the national camp.

### **Pacific/Rocky Mountain District Combined Camp for Girls**

Bruce Karinen reported that the Rocky Mountain District is looking at joining the Pacific district to put on an advanced camp for girls if the national camp is eliminated.

### **2012 National Tournaments to be held in the Rocky Mountain District**

National Girls Tier II Tournament will be held in Dallas, Texas. Preparations are under way.

National High School Tournament will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Preparations are under way. There was discussion at national congress about not creating Tier II travel teams to participate in this tournament. A U19 Arizona female player has arranged to play on a Texas team and is afraid this might make national unhappy, especially since the Texas team will host the National tournament in 2012. A U19 girls team has since been formed in Arizona. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to allow the Arizona female player to participate on the Texas U19 girls team. Geoff Fisher seconded the motion but it did not carry with only two positive votes.

### **District Director Election**

Bryan Irely has resigned his District Director position and needs to be replaced. Nominations will close on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. There is currently only one nomination. There is a possible second nomination coming in by Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. If so, there will have to be an election that will be done by Bruce Karinen and Rae Briggie.

### **District Grants**

Bruce Karinen is proposing a \$1500 per affiliate matching district grant for goalie equipment for U10 players for the 2011-12 season. It is included in the proposed budget and if the budget is approved, this grant would be approved.

Kelly Grover reported on last year's grant for banners and trophies. His written report shows a total of \$3,439.43 spent for 2010-11. Kelly requested \$3,800.00 to provide banners and awards for the 2011-12 tournaments. It is part of the proposed budget.

### **2011-12 Budget Proposal**

Bruce Karinen submitted the report on income and expense for 2010-11. There was less than \$1,000 deficit of expense over income. The proposed budget for 2011-12 was presented. Jon Brooks recommended adding a \$5,000 Adult Tournament Grant for 2011-12. TC Lewis discussed the line item for District Tournament Support. TC Lewis recommended increasing the budget to \$5000 for this year only and he will write the criteria for its use. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to accept the budget with the recommended changes. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Next Meetings**

The winter meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida on Friday, January 13, 2012 in conjunction with the National meeting. There will be a breakfast meeting one day at the National meeting in Colorado Springs June 6-9, 2012. We will continue to have the District Annual Meeting in August every other year in Colorado Springs. Dean

Brandstetter made a **MOTION** to hold the Annual meeting in Colorado Springs in August, 2012. Geoff Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It will be Aug 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> 2012. Colorado requested \$2500 to help with holding the meeting every other year. New Mexico requested to have their spot reinstated for the 2013 August meeting.

### **New Business**

Anne Hetrick's husband is very ill. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jon Brooks made of **MOTION** to spend \$100 for a Thank You plaque for Bryan Irey. TC Lewis seconded motion and it passed unanimously.

Three items need to be added to our policies and procedure manual; a whistle blower policy, a conflict of interest clause, and a retention policy. Chris Kenney will get a committee together to take care of this.

### **Ode**

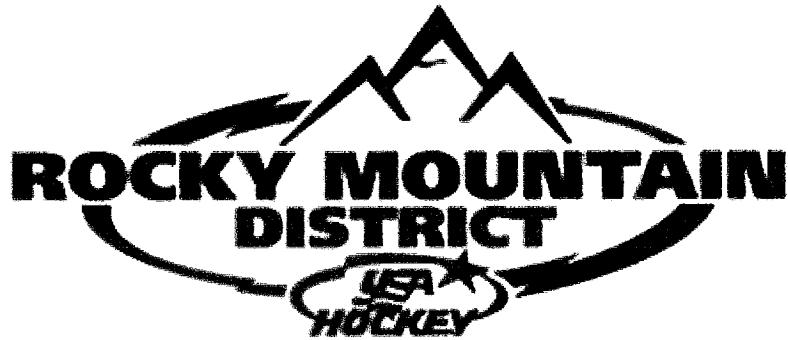
Kelly Grover read his Ode to the Annual Meeting.

Chris Kenney made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day  
RMD Secretary

### **Action Items**



ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING

Boise, ID  
August 27, 2011

Written Reports



## **Colorado Amateur Hockey Association**

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9 August 2011

### **State of Hockey in Colorado**

The overall numbers in Colorado are holding steady, but were it not for the adult and girls, we would be looking at weaker numbers in youth. Most, if not all of our youth programs are feeling the effects of the economy and while many of them have managed to hold onto their numbers the days of waiting lists to join a youth team are long gone. USAH has obviously been doing the best they can at marketing our sport, but until the mood of the country turns positive, we are probably looking at a situation that is not going to go away anytime soon.

We have been making strides in the ADM program with almost all of our associations adopting it either in whole or in part. In keeping with the philosophy of the program, we no longer sponsor any state recreation championships.

Our relationship with the Avalanche Hockey Club remains strong and has been strongly supported by our members. This is evidenced by the growth in our ticket sales program.

Our sole Junior program has maintained their numbers and has had little significant impact in our Tier I division. This is mainly due to the fact that up to this point in time the only program in Colorado is Tier III and has not really drawn any of our talented players. It remains to be seen if we will see any new junior programs in the state. I hear rumors all the time, but so far nothing has surfaced.

The big issue that we will be facing as fall approaches looks to be the PeeWee "no check" implementation. We have planned a number of coaching clinics and are working on having our officials attend the CEP classes so that our coaches and referees can hopefully appreciate the challenges that each of them are facing as we enter the playing season.

Last, but not least we have instituted new Affiliate agreements for non-profits as well as for-profit & public entities. We consulted with USAH legal prior implementing the new agreements.

Philip Paolilli  
President, Colorado Amateur Hockey Association



RMD Annual Meeting  
**TAHA Affiliate Report**  
August 27, 2011  
Boise, ID

TAHA had much success this past season on the ice and off in growing membership. Some highlights are noted below:

- Alliance 19U Girls team won 2011 Tier II Nationals (follows 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2010)
- Southlake Carroll High School finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nationals after losing to the 2-time Champs
- A total of 21 Boys/3 Girls (33% of total) advanced from RMD to National Select Festivals
- Four players from Texas were named to the Men's National Sled Team after July tryouts in NY.
- Texas (Alliance) awarded 2012 Girls Tier II Nationals host bid in Dallas (March 28-April 1)
- Texas (Stars) awarded 2012 Disabled Hockey Festival host bid in Dallas (April 13-15)
- Registration topped 15,200 members for the 2010-11 season (all-time record, 100% online, 1800 unclaimed)
- A total of 1650 persons with approved background screenings are posted on the TAHA website (555 expire 9/1)
- Female registration reached 741 members this past season (+154 or +26%)
- Adult registration reached 6,650 members in 2011-12 (+625 or +10%)
- 8U Mite registration for 2010-11 was 676 players vs. 646 from last year (+30 or +5%)
- TAHA's OneGoal order of 200 sets and 400 sticks is staged in 2 locations (Houston & Dallas) ready for distribution
- TAHA adopted the 8U Mite ADM Policy for the 2011-12 season (amended 3x before finalized)
- Tier I Committee amended its Tier I Rules for 2011-12 season effective 4/1/11
- Tier I tryouts in June were disrupted because of legal action taken by one parent (issued TRO night before)
- Arbitration filed with USAH regarding the decision of the TAHA Board to limit Tier I to two organizations
- Active member associations for the 2011-12 season is 39 from TX and 4 from OK (total of 45 last season)
- PSA and 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet at NYTEX in Dallas and 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet at Northwoods in San Antonio closed this past season
- Ice rates continue to increase with a range of \$250-\$375 for rural Texas and \$395-\$435 for DFW area
- Registrars for 2011-12 include Darla Thompson (DFW), Bettepat Graves (non-DFW), & Deb Lewis (sled)
- Plans are in place to verify birth certificates and citizenship for players on 130 teams in the NTXHL leveling tournament
- Match penalties for last season totaled 35 (vs. 42 last season), which excludes four 601g1 matches called in Aug.
- Match hearing protocol has come into question following a recent appeal decision from USAH on a 601g1 match penalty
- TAHA is now custodian of an affiliate-wide, not-in-good-standing (NIGS) list of its member associations
- Judge recently ruled that a signed player contract is not binding if no commitment fee is collected (kid played all season)
- Thanks to RIC Ken Reinhard, a "points of emphasis" and USAH's 2011-13 Rules Changes have been sent to all associations
- Texas has 4 Tier III Junior teams in the WSHL, 3 of which are located in an 8-mi radius in Dallas
- USAH has scheduled a financial and policy audit of TAHA in Sept. or Oct.

The planned event schedule for the 2011-12 season is provided below.

- Sept 9-11 Level 4 Coaching cert clinic (Col Spgs)
- Nov 5 **Try Hockey-for-Free Day**
- Jan 28 TAHA Winter Meeting (Dallas)
- Feb 10-12 States Tier I & Tier II (TAHA Host in Dallas)
- Feb 17-19 **USA Hockey Weekend Across America**
- Mar 1-4 Districts Tier I (CO)
- Mar 2-4 Districts Girls/Women (AZ?)
- Mar 5-7 Texas Cup Gold HS Champs (Dallas)
- Mar 16-18 TAC Boys/Girls (TBD)
- Mar 21-25 Nationals High School (SLC)
- Mar 23-25 Texas Cup Silver HS Champs (TBD)
- Mar 28-Apr 1 Nationals Tier II Girls (Dallas)
- Mar 28-Apr 1 Nationals Tier 1 & II Youth (sites vary)
- Mar 30-Apr 1 Nationals Women A/B/C (site TBD)
- Apr 6-10 Nationals Tier I Girls (site TBD)
- Apr 13-15 National Disabled Hockey Festival (Dallas)
- Apr 13-17 Americas HS Showcase (Pittsburgh)
- Apr 27-29 State Adult Tournament (site TBD)
- May 2-6 RMD PDC (SLC)

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Submitted by Kelly Grover

### **RMD Tournaments Medals, Plaques, and Banners Report 2011**

The District provided a District Tournament site banner (4'x5' vinyl) for each tournament site for Youth Tier I and Girls/Women's Tier I and Tier II Tournaments. Each 1<sup>st</sup> place team received a "District Champions" banner (4'x5' vinyl) and a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> place team members each received a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal. 2<sup>nd</sup> place team members received the same style medal with 2<sup>nd</sup>. Total spent on the above items and shipping was \$3,439.43

October 12, 2010  
Rocky Mountain District  
Conference Call

Good afternoon, the following are the items that we will cover on our monthly call. I may be a few minutes late to the call as I am traveling, so I would ask that someone start the call agenda. Thanks for your help.

**October - Agenda Items:**

- Grow the game – looking for volunteers in each Affiliate and Association to coordinate the growth – Courtney
- ADM update - Joe Doyle
- Level 4 Coaches Clinic recap – Mike Lehto & TC
- Recap of the Girls/Women Committee Meeting at Crystal Inn in SLC – by Bruce
- Review the waiver request for New Mexico girls wanting to playing on Tier teams in Colorado - 4 girls to play (U14/U16) on the MSGHL Tier teams.
- Any District or Affiliate issues that need to address as we head into the new season – Chris
- Junior Hockey within the RMD – Chris
- Registration numbers – Chris
- Open items

When: Tuesday October 12, 2010

Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

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Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything, Thanks Chris

**Christopher Kenney**

Office 480.317.1513

I had something come up for Tuesday but wanted to send you a quick Membership Development Update

**Growth Coordinators**

- After a great discussion at youth council a couple weeks ago, it was suggested to have growth coordinators at the Affiliate level in addition to the local association level. This person can help coordinate and make sure information is being distributed to the right person.
- I have sent an email out to the Affiliate Presidents looking for a growth coordinator for each affiliate. **Please send me your designated growth coordinator contact information at the affiliate level.** Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Hockey Day in Texas**

- We are in great shape as we prepare for the first-ever Hockey Day in Texas on Saturday, Oct. 30. Thank you to Ted Skinner and Cesar Cepeda for your help with distributing information and encouraging rinks to participate.
- 15 sites throughout the state are set to participate
- A Media buy including print and a cable buy have been purchased through OneGoal
- I'll have an update of participation for the November call.

### **Hockey Weekend Across America**

- Rocky Mountain District has a total of 13 rinks signed up to host a Try Hockey for Free clinic on Saturday, Feb. 19.
- It would be great to get at least one rink from each of the affiliates. Right now, Arizona and Idaho do not have a rink committed to hosting a clinic as of yet.

### **Two Resources to Use Now**

- [Come Play Youth Hockey Toolkit](#)
- Halloween Cards: [Ghosts](#) & [Witch](#) – I can help you customize these or they can be downloaded from the Program Services site and you can customize them!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- I will be heading to New Mexico on Oct. 22-24 for a Growth Workshop in Albuquerque.
- I will be in the Dallas area Oct. 28-31 for Hockey Day in Texas.

If you have any questions, need help with a program or would like to set up a growth workshop in your area, please do not hesitate to give me a call!

Thanks!

Courtney

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Good evening, the following are the items that we will cover on our monthly call. I am sorry that I have been out of contact the last 45 days as I fell of the map with work, but things are starting to calm down. Thanks for your help.

**October - Agenda Items:**

- RMD tournaments – Girls / Women – TC and Bryan
- Open items

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**Christopher Kenney**

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I will be on the call tonight – just wanted to send a few notes prior to calling in:

**Growth Coordinators**

- I have been told contacts for Arizona, Idaho, Colorado and Texas. I would like to confirm a contact for Utah and New Mexico.

**Hockey Day in Texas**

- This was a great event. A **Big thank you and congratulations** to all of those that participated. We had 374 kids participate on Saturday, Oct. 30.
- A lot of photos were posted on the Come Play Youth Hockey Facebook page and we will have a write-up with photos in Texas Ice Times Magazine.
- Cesar Cepeda will continue these efforts and will be reaching out to those that participated.

**Hockey Weekend Across America**

- Rocky Mountain District has a total of 14 rinks signed up to host a Try Hockey for Free clinic on Saturday, Feb. 19.  
We are still looking for at least one rink in Arizona and Idaho to host a clinic in order to get full representation of the Rocky Mountain District.

**Resources to Use Now**

Holiday Cards: - Snowman or Tree

I can help you customize these or they can be downloaded from the Program Services sites and you can customize them

If you have any questions, need a help with a program or would like to set up a growth workshop in your area, please do not hesitate to give me a call!

Thanks,  
Courtney

December 14, 2010  
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Conference Call

Good evening, the following are the items that we will cover on our monthly call on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>

**October - Agenda Items:**

- USA Hockey Mid – Winter meeting agenda
- OneGoal Orders
- Hockey Weekend Across America Try Hockey for Free
- USA Hockey – Rocky Mountain – winter meeting agenda  
Bruce is working on the agenda, if you have any items that you would like to add please forward the information to both Bruce and Chris
- Open items

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**Christopher Kenney**  
Office 480.317.1513

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**Hockey Weekend Across America**

- We are 35 host sites from our goal of 200 rinks hosting a Try Hockey for Free clinic. Still looking for a rink/association from Arizona to host a Try Hockey for Free clinic to get full Rocky Mountain District participation.
- Below is an email regarding an incentive program for Hockey Weekend Across America Try Hockey for Free! This is a great program especially looking towards your acquisition for the 2011-12 season!

**Resources to Use Now**

Valentine's Day cards will be up shortly on [www.usahockey.com/programservices](http://www.usahockey.com/programservices). We will also have these available on Digital Ink to make it easier for you to get a professionally done print and customize in less than 5

minutes. For those participating in Hockey Weekend Across America, we will provide a code for you to get \$50 off your Valentine's Day Card order!

**OneGoal Orders – Due Feb. 1**

Starter equipment sets and stick orders are currently being taken until Feb. 1 – don't miss out on this opportunity. Click here for [equipment set order forms](#) & [stick order forms](#).

If you have any questions, need a help with a program or would like to set up a growth workshop in your area, please do not hesitate to give me a call!

Thanks,  
Courtney

**May 10, 2011  
Rocky Mountain District  
Conference Call**

Good evening, I know we have not had a call since February but I thought that we should connect in May prior to our meeting in Colorado Springs. The following are the items that we will need to cover on our call prior to going to Colorado Springs for the Annual Meeting. Thanks for your help.

**May Agenda Items:**

- 2011 National Tournaments – what was the feedback from your state associations about their experience at the National Tournament - each Affiliate President
  - Tier I –
  - Girls –
  - Tier II –
  - High School Tournament –
  - Review as a District are there any issues
- Player Development Camp recap – Tom Lampl
- District Volunteer 2011 award – Still need to receive some nomination's - Chris Kenney
- Review key items that will be on the agenda during the Annual Congress
- RMD Meeting on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am to 8:30am – please forward to Bruce any items you would like to add to the agenda
- Open items

When: Tuesday May 10, 2011

Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

Call: **1 - 888 - 387 - 8686 Room number 9635661 and press #**

Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything, Thanks Chris

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## **Arizona Affiliate Written Report for Rocky Mountain District Annual Meeting August 2011**

Registration looks to be even or down from last year, although it is really tough to measure. We continue to struggle with unclaimed registered players and we are working with the local associations to claim and would be interested if other affiliates are also having the same issue with unclaimed players.

The uncertain status of the Phoenix Coyotes is a concern to many hockey families in Arizona and the possible impact to youth and adult hockey if the team exits the market. The Coyotes will play in Arizona for this season but their future remains uncertain. We now have two new potential owners for the team but that continues to change from month to month.

Arizona continues to have teams and players advance to Nationals as the development of players in the state continues to excel. Phoenix associations continue to grow their programs with the additions of several new programs. This year, we had our DYHA Firebirds Tier 1 combine with Team Arizona and get accepted to the NAHL Prospects league. We are looking at adopting new polices that would better define Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs and we are using Texas and Colorado as a basis for these changes.

The Coyotes Kids First program continues strong with over 1500 youth participating in the "learn to skate – learn to play hockey program." We are looking at how we can expand this program and how we can get these players to continue their hockey career after they attend this program. Our ADM program is going strong with several associations and we are putting in plans to get a state-wide initiative approved

The Sonoran Youth Hockey League will not be operating this season so we have an issue with giving A and B teams having a viable league to schedule their games this season. Teams are scheduling their own games as we explore other league options. The state is considering scheduling a State Championships in the A and B divisions this year.

Our state player development camp continue to have great attendance and the level of play and quality of the players that advance to the district player development camp and national player development camps continue to improve. We are having problems attracting our older players to attend our camp and the District camp as they are opting to go to Junior Camps instead. We are looking to change our camp this year to a combination of a development camp for the first few days, followed by a player cut to a smaller group that would scrimmage in a selection camp for a few days.

The Alltel Ice Den in Scottsdale is currently under construction for a new third rink that is scheduled to open in late November. The Jay Lively Arena in Flagstaff reopened last season and is fully operational after their roof collapse.

There is talk about a new CHL team that is looking for a facility to play in Arizona starting in the 2012 season as well as several potential new rinks that are being explored.

The state has placed an emphasis on developing new girl's hockey programs with two teams playing this season, one at the U16 and one at U19 with several more potential teams at the younger age groups under consideration.

A new youth organization is being formed in Tucson with hopes to grow Tucson hockey programs again. There is some discussion of a new rink in Tucson with an investor willing to build a facility if the City provides the land to build. Right now, the Tucson Convention Center which is a multi use facility is being used for hockey.

The High School program has recovered from their Embezzlement from last year and is financially healthy again with high school registration up around 15% over last year. The former high school treasurer is now serving a 3 and a half year sentence in Maricopa County Jail.

The state has implemented a new Concussion Program which is mandatory for high school coaches and players in conjunction with the Mayo Clinic. This mandates that any organization using public facilities must have a concussion program in place. DYHA and the High School have implemented mandatory concussion baseline testing for players in conjunction with the Mayo Clinic and concussion training for coaches and managers in conjunction with the NFHS. This will continue to be a major emphasis with hockey programs across the country.

The second Arizona Adult state championships were very successful this past year. 20 teams participated with plans for next year to grow the number of teams.

Oceanside is registering their Adult players under DYHA which added around 300 players to USA Hockey. The Polar Facilities intend to register their select teams with USA Hockey this year which should add an additional 100 to 200 youth player with USA Hockey.

We changed providers on our Background Screening from Axiom to Protect Youth Sports at a considerable savings and they appear to be working well which is mandatory for all coaches, managers, board members and officials in the state. We post coaches and officials who pass screening to the state website.

Our State Website also changed to a new interactive site and is providing more information.

Our referees are now working together with the new flexibility so any referee to work at any facility with better cooperation across all associations. Several organizations are moving to a 4 man system including high school and we are anxiously awaiting training materials from USA Hockey.



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### Membership

Overall in 2011 LOEAHA's registrations stayed fairly constant. We did achieve growth and retention in the target U8 range sufficient to earn several OneGoal sets from the USAH program.

The fledging Renegades Youth Association folded -an unfortunate and painful experience when the State Board had high hopes for that to be our sustainable Tier 2 program. New Mexico is back to the original five local youth associations. There are still 2 Junior teams as the NAHL New Mexico Mustangs Junior team is returning and a new owner bought the WSHL Renegades Junior team.

A positive note for 2012 in the potential for adult growth is that the Santa Fe rink has decided to register its adult league in USAH.

### Grow the Game

Each local Association had grants from USAH to develop and grow girls' hockey. Girls-only practices and try hockey for free sessions were held and we hope to see some growth in the numbers of girls registered in 2012.

The support of Colorado Amateur Hockey Association in allowing NM girls teams to play in the Mountain States Girls Hockey League is key to our maintaining and growing our girls program. We have three girls' teams playing in the MSGHL this year and thank CAHA for providing us with that opportunity.

Effective advertising seems to continue to be a problem for NM as participation in clinics and practices is not as high as planners hope. Email announcements as currently handled do not work well and LOEAHA is purchasing League Athletics software to help improve statewide communication and improve our email list management capabilities. We are searching for more effective ways of advertising that work with the isolated New Mexico communities but word of mouth is still our main successful advertising method.

A concerted effort at improving and coordinating schedules for practices and games has been made to address the issue with conflicts between Bantam and Midget level teams and overlap with the High School/JV programs.

LOEAHA has formed a state subcommittee to develop and sustain Tier 2 hockey in NM. Diana Santiago was voted as the head of this subcommittee and her committee members

helped run a summer player skills development camp. They held tryouts in early August for Tier 2 teams but lack the numbers or skill levels to field teams at every age level. There were insufficient interest or skills this year to field girls tier 2 teams and a bantam team and the numbers for Midget U18 are borderline. They are proceeding with formation of U18, U16 and PeeWee Tier 2 teams.

#### Concussion Management

We sponsored a High School Administrator Athletic Trainer to attend the Mayo Clinic on Concussion in Sports. A great report was provided back to our board and resulted in us requiring all coaches to complete on-line concussion management training supporting the “When in Doubt, Sit them Out” philosophy. This is planned to be a repeated requirement every year.

#### National Tournaments

In 2011 NM only participated in the High School National Tournament in Chicago. The Los Alamos High School team as State Runner-up attended after the State Champion Taos HS team declined to attend. The tournament was a fantastic experience for the kids and coaches and they send their thanks and congratulations to the Chicago organizers for putting on a great event.

As stated earlier, the state subcommittee on Tier 2 Team Development has plans to field 3 youth teams for national tournaments in 2012 and has started an aggressive fundraising campaign to support it. NM is working very hard to develop and send Tier 2 teams and would appreciate the opportunity to continue participation in the National Tournaments.

#### Feedback for National USAH

We like and support the free volunteer/parent registration process. We would request that USAH attach the Zero Tolerance training to these registrations to free up the local associations from developing and presenting their own sessions each year. This would provide more consistent training earlier in the season and provide easy “retraining” when parents need remediation during the season.

Thank you to everyone in the District for your dedication and great volunteer spirit! We look forward to 2012 and working with you.

Sammi Owens  
President LOEAHA

## UAHA Affiliate Report

August 27, 2011

### State of Hockey in Utah

The overall numbers for the Utah Amateur Hockey association have increased to over 4200 members. The use of OneGoal and the implementation of the ADM has helped fuel our growth.

Due to an Appeal that went to USA hockey over Adult Registration, we have altered our registration process to include a required signature by the State Registrar to complete the registration process.

We have adopted a head injury/Concussion policy due to a bill that was passed by the Utah State Legislature.

Our Women's C team won the National Championship.

Don Korth was nominated for and won the USA Hockey National Volunteer of the Year award and was honored at the June Meeting.

We began to honor volunteers in Utah with an Annual Awards Banquet that has helped bring our State together.

We added two Junior Teams that then withdrew from USA Hockey as part of the Western States League that joined the AAU.

We are hosting the USA Hockey National High School Tournament March 21-25, 2012 at the Steiner facility in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Geoff Fisher

UAHA President