

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16, 2009
Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
	District	Director
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
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Elwood, Rob	CO	Registrar
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
		Registrar
Lampl, Tom	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Peterson, Melissa	NM	President
Newall, Roger	NM	Treasurer
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Fawks, Gary	TX	Vice President
Servaes, Mark	TX	Vice President
Shost, Nancy	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President
Anderson, Cathy	UT	Registrar
	USA	
Bevan, Ashley	Hockey	Adult Hockey
	USA	Membership
Briggle, Rae	Hockey	Services
	USA	
Doyle, Joe	Hockey	ADM
	USA	
Welch, Courtney	Hockey	Program Services

Absent:

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

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made. USA Hockey and the Arizona affiliate were thanked for the great event at the Diamondback baseball game last night.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Reports

Chris Kenney, Bryan Irey, and Tom Power submitted written District Director reports. Chris Kenney serves on the Finance, Investment and Audit Committee and the Junior Council. Bryan Irey serves on the Playing Rules Committee and the Legal Council. T.C. Lewis serves on the Youth Council and the Coaches Section. Tom Power will serve on the Marketing Council and the Nominating Committee. Paul Davern has resigned as the District Coach-in-Chief. T.C. Lewis will be filling the position until a permanent replacement is found.

Affiliate President Reports

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

AZ Jon Brooks - Written

CO Phil Paolilli – Written

ID Dean Brandstetter – Dean just took office in June. There is a potential for 2 or 3 new associations. There was good attendance at camps and tournaments.

NM Melissa Peterson – Written

OK Larry Donovan - Anne reported for Larry saying that Tulsa is struggling but they are working with them to help bring them in line. Development in the area will help growth.

TX Ted Skinner – Written

UT Geoff Fisher – Written

USA Hockey Online Registration

Rae Briggie said she was very impressed with the district conference calls and encourages us to continue them and keep them fresh and motivational. Rocky Mountain District is a leader in online registration. After five years of online registration, 81% of the country registered online last year. It is now time to renew the online contract with the provider. They are looking at the option of “virtual” servers to replace the existing hardware. Membership cards will not be mailed out this year. An email will be sent confirming registration when it has been accepted by a local association. A national screening program is being developed to work in conjunction with online registration.

Arizona registered a complaint with the season date change.

Not in Good Standing Policy

It was suggested to add to our procedures how to deal with delinquent players in one affiliate transferring to another affiliate. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for affiliates to share lists of players not in good standing and that each affiliate honors these lists. Also, that a committee headed by Melissa Peterson create a policy for dealing with individuals not in good standing changing affiliates to include in the district manual. Geoff Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Web Master

George Cole talked about a link on the USA Hockey webpage which allows an association to create a registration data base for their group and it uses Pay Pal. George will walk any association through the set up if they are interested. It's not limited to a specific season, so it can be used for tournament registration also.

District tournament scores are required to be put online in a timely manner. Make sure bidding associations have this covered. Any info you want on the website can be added by link, just let George know. It was suggested that links to each affiliate in the district be added to the district web page.

Grow the Game

Courtney Welch from USA Hockey shared a power point presentation on Acquiring and Retaining Youth Hockey Players. Over the last 10 years in the 4-8 year old category, more than half didn't make it to Squirts and 30% only play one season. The three main reasons are high cost, high time commitment, and lack of fun. Program

Services receives input about successful programs and shares with everyone. Please visit their website, www.usahockey.com/programservices, and send any feedback to Courtney. Also see comeplayyouthhockey.com for information. The Two and Two Challenge for each association is to acquire two new players and retain two more players than last year.

Adult Hockey

Ashley Bevan from USA Hockey Adult Section reported that LaBatt Blue has renewed their sponsorship with USA Hockey. He said that USA Hockey will be presenting more opportunities for women's hockey this year. Learn to Play Adult clinics will continue. A pilot program with the Boston Bruins will start in March.

ADM

Joe Doyle from USA Hockey American Development Model Program presented the per age group curriculum which is being recommended for a successful program. **More** kids, **staying** longer, **better** accomplishments. This addresses the cost and commitment issues and also encourages participation in other sports.

New Registration Year-Budgeting/Accounting

Melissa Peterson reported that with the change in registration year, it made for a very long budget year. They had their budget set up to correspond with registration so they had income from registrations at the beginning of the fiscal year. The IRS is changing the regulations for Form 990 filing for 501(c) (3) non profit associations. She suggests that each affiliate and association start to take an interest in their financial responsibilities because governance and procedural responsibilities are increasing with the IRS. More information can be obtained at www.stayexempt.org.

District Long Range Plans and Goals

Chris Kenney - This will be a discussion in the upcoming conference calls and participants need to be prepared for it. Please take the time to come up with some ideas. National changes will affect the district and we should be ready for it.

2010 District Tournaments

Kelly Grover wanted a clarification of the name of the district tournament and championship trophy. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for the tournament to be known as the Rocky Mountain District Tournament and the championship trophy to be known as the Wayne K. Lehto Memorial Trophy. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tier I 12-14 March 2010 – AZ

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to accept the bid for Boys Tier I from the Coyotes Amateur Hockey Association & PF Chang's Hockey Association with The Ice Den as host of the event. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was noted that even though the tournament was awarded to this group, the proposal as written was not approved.

Girls/Women 12-14 March 2010 – TX

Bruce Karinen said that the date of the Women's National Tournament is only 10 days after the district tournament and suggested the District Women's tournament be moved to 5-7 March 2010. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to move the District Women's Tournament to 5-7 March, 2010. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to accept the bid from Alliance Youth Hockey Association for Girls Tier I and Women. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Verbal declarations of affiliate participation were submitted.

Level 4 Coaching Clinic

The Level 4 Coaching Clinic scheduled for 11-13 September 2009 in Denver only has 134 participants registered at this time. They need at least 200 to be successful. Please encourage your coaches to register. The next Level 4 will potentially be in Dallas in 2010.

District Player Development Camp

Tom Lampl reported on the 2009 camp in a conference call. He said he only had a few calls from unhappy parents. The district was given an extra 5 allotments this year. Tom believes that this is USA Hockey's way of

rewarding us for doing things the right way. Allotments were turned in by affiliates if they were not going to be used. He felt there were only 2 players participating in this year's camp that weren't qualified to be there.

The 2010 camp is scheduled for 5-9 May, 2010 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Oval in Salt Lake has offered another 3 year contract for only a \$15/hour ice price increase. Anne Hetrick made a **MOTION** to approve holding the player development camp for the next three years at the Oval in Salt Lake City. Melissa Peterson seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The following changes to next year's program were noted. It has been a struggle to fill the girl's allotments, so the girl's 16 and 17 age groups will be combined next year. The District was not given any national allocations for girl's goal tenders, but when we requested them, they were given to us. The Boy's U14 national camp may be discontinued. If that happens we would joint venture with Pacific and Northern Plains districts for a regional camp to advance to from player development.

Three intern coaches were sent to the national camp. One ended up being a coach. The district camp has a few spots for local associate coaches and team leaders. Let Tom know if you have people to participate.

District Referee-in-Chief

Bob McMann reported that USA Hockey has told the officials' groups that they can no longer charge a "clinic fee" at the door for USA Hockey Official Clinics. A new procedure needs to be developed by the official associations to collect these fees. It was noted that some districts have added the clinic fee to the USA online registration and then the fees can be forwarded to the Affiliate. The affiliate would then pay clinic expenses from those fees for the officials. This has become necessary due to IRS regulations for non-profit groups.

District Grants

Officials recording equipment - Bob McMann requested \$5,000 to purchase 3 sets of new video recording equipment. The current VHS system is outdated. Bruce suggested that the district pay half of the actual cost and the other half come from Bob's national budget. Tom Lampl said there is a portion that the player development budget would be willing to contribute to the grant and suggested putting a cap on the request of \$5,000 and only pay for actual costs with the balance being returned to the district. Kelly Grover said he thought the needed equipment could be obtained at a much lower cost. It was proposed that Kelly help Bob get an exact list and cost for what he needs. If he can not get national to contribute we will split 50/50. This can be authorized through a conference call and email vote.

Grow the Game Grant (changed to Two and Two)

Jon Brooks presented a Grow the Game matching \$1,000.00 grant, Grow Girl's and Women's Hockey matching \$1,000.00 grant, and Goaltender Growth and Development matching \$1,000.00 grant. It was suggested that each affiliate pick one of the three, creating a \$7,000.00 budget amount.

Adult State Tournament Grant

This is a matching grant of up to \$2,000 to each state to be used as seed money to initiate an Adult State Tournament in the 2009-10 season.

District Tournament Awards and National High School Tournament Travel Grants

Kelly Grover reported on last year's grant for banners and trophies. Kelly requested \$6,000.00 to provide banners and awards for the 2009-10 tournaments. (This was reduced to \$4,500 in the budget approval). He also requested \$1,500.00 to attend the inaugural High School National Tournament.

Disabled Hockey Grant

Anne Hetrick requested a \$1,500.00 grant for purchasing disabled hockey equipment for a program in southern Texas.

2010 - Budget Proposal

Bruce Karinen submitted the report on income and expense for 2008-09. We ran at a <\$17,500.00> deficit intentionally to help deplete the district surplus. The proposed budget for 2010 was presented. Melissa Peterson made a **MOTION** to accept budget as proposed. Geoff Fisher seconded the motion. After much discussion, the **MOTION WAS AMENDED** by Melissa Peterson and seconded by Geoff Fisher to change the following budget items:

1. Flowers etc be reduced from \$1,500.00 to \$500.00
2. Tournament Trophies, Banners, etc be reduced from \$6,000.00 to \$4,500.00
3. Add \$7,000.00 for the Grow the Game grant

An additional **AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION** was made by Melissa Peterson and seconded by Geoff Fisher to change the Grow the Game grant to the Two and Two grant based on the program services presentation this morning and would require a matching grant up to \$1,000 per state, with each state presenting a written request for the grant detailing an estimate of expenses and followed up by a written report of the results and accounting of the project. The District Directors will approve the grant requests. With these amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meetings

Chris Kenney made a **MOTION** to hold the winter meeting in Florida in conjunction with the National meeting January 15-17, 2010. (The exact time and date is to be determined.) TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to hold the Annual meeting on the tentative date of August 20-22, 2010 in Colorado Springs. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for the Rocky Mountain District to apply for non-profit 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Melissa Peterson noted that existing entities switching to 501(c)(3) status have a lot more paperwork and hoops to jump through for the IRS.

Ode

Kelly Grover read his Ode to the Annual Meeting.

Chris Kenney made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Rocky Mountain District Grow the Game Grant Proposals

Grow the Game

It is proposed that a matching grant of up to \$1,000 per state be used to support grow the game initiatives to include the purchase of ice, equipment and advertising. The money needs to be spent during the 2009-2010 hockey season and the grant total would be \$7,000 for the district if all states participate.

A brief written report needs to be provided to the RMD District Directors and Affiliate Presidents describing how the money was spent and the results of the programs.

Grow Girl's and Women's Hockey

It is proposed that a matching grant of up to \$1,000 per state be used to support the growth of girl's and women's hockey to include the purchase of ice, equipment and advertising. This money can also be used to offset the costs of hosting a tournament for girl's and women's hockey. The money needs to be spent during the 2009-2010 hockey season and the grant total would be \$7,000 for the district if all states participate.

A brief written report needs to be provided to the RMD District Directors and Affiliate Presidents describing how the money was spent and the results of the programs.

Goaltender Growth and Development

It is proposed that a matching grant of up to \$1,000 per state be used to support the growth and development of goaltenders. This money can be used to support the purchase of goaltender equipment to be used by the rinks or associations to encourage players to become goaltenders. It can also be used to support costs associated with hosting a Dave Peterson Goaltender Development program for coaches. The money needs to be spent during the 2009-2010 hockey season and the grant total would be \$7,000 for the district if all states participate.

A brief written report needs to be provided to the RMD District Directors and Affiliate Presidents describing how the money was spent and the results of the programs.

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Rocky Mountain District Adult State Tournament Grant

Scope: This is a matching Grant of up to \$2,000 to each State is to be used as seed monies to initiate an Adult State Tournament in each state in the Rocky Mountain District. The monies are to be spent during the 2009/2010 hockey season. Grant total is \$14,000.

Rules and Restrictions:

1. The monies from the District Grant are to be used **only** for ice and referee costs.
2. Age and group classifications for the Tournament/s are to be decided by the Affiliate/State.
3. All teams and players playing the Tournament/s **must** be registered with USA hockey prior to playing in the Tournament/s.
4. All teams/players must be registered in the host Affiliate/state where the tournament is held.
5. Date/s and location/s and host/s are to be decided by the Affiliate/state.
6. A brief written report must be written about the successes and problems encountered and submitted to the District Directors and Affiliate Presidents prior the District June meeting.

2008/2009 Grant

Only \$2000 of this Grant was used Arizona held a very successful Adult Tournament.



2009-10 Tournament Banners, Team Trophies and Individual Award Grant Proposal

It is proposed that the District allocate \$6,000.00 to provide customized District Championship rink banners for all designated sites, 1st and 2nd place team trophies, 1st and 2nd place individual awards and game pucks for all District Championship Tournaments to be held at the conclusion of the 2009-10 season.

2010 National High School Tournament Travel Grant Proposal

It is proposed that the District allocate up to \$1,500.00 for Kelly Grover, the RMD High School Section representative, to attend the inaugural USA Hockey National High School Tournament to be held in Chicago, Illinois, April 14-18, 2010. Grant to be used only if USA Hockey National does not provide travel.

Rocky Mountain District Disabled Veteran Grant Request

This request for funds is to be used to purchase equipment for the purpose of introducing, developing, and growing Disabled Veteran Sled Hockey Programs in southern Texas.

The amount requested is \$1500.00

Restrictions:

- 1. The monies are to be used for purchasing equipment, including sticks at approximately \$120 pr.**
- 2. The monies are not to be used to purchase ice time.**
- 3. Participants should be registered with USAH.**
- 4. Participants should be registered with an affiliate association of the TAHA.**
- 5. A brief written report should be submitted to RMD explaining the use of funds.**

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INCOME

District Player Fees	
Adult	4670.00
Youth	<u>19010.00</u>
INCOME TOTAL	23680.00

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EXPENSES

District Sled Hockey Grant	3000.00
Dist. Meeting Colo. Springs 07/08	1128.58
Winter Meeting, FLA	833.18
08 Dist. Summer Meeting (CO)	1733.50
Dist. Volunteer Award 08	1297.80
Check Fee	0.80
09 Summer Meet (AZ) long lead time	1500.00
Misc. – Approved by vote	117.68
Wayne Lehto Grants	1291.54
Conference Calls.	1270.98
Affiliate/State Player Grant	15500.00
District Banners/Trophies	7123.95
District H. S. Tourn. Travel	526.90
District Sec't & Web Master Travel	4125.30
Girl's / Women's Committee	<u>1730.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	41180.71

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NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

<17500.71>

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	80831.33
<u>NET SURPLUS <DEFICIT ></u>	<17500.71>
<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	63330.62

NOTE: This statement is from 30 June 2008 thru 30 June 2009

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District Budget vs Actuals

	BUDGET	ACTUALS	VARIANCE
<u>INCOME</u>			
TOTAL	\$25000.00	\$23680.00	<\$ 1320.00>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Girls/Women Comm	\$ 2500.00	\$ 1730.50	\$ 769.50
District Meeting CO	\$ 3000.00	\$ 1733.50	\$ 1266.50
Mid-Winter FLA	\$ 3000.00	\$ 833.18	\$ 2166.82
Meeting CO/Sprs	\$ 2000.00	\$ 1128.58	\$ 871.42
09 Meet Long lead	\$ 2000.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 500.00
Volunteer Award	\$ 1100.00	\$ 1297.80	<\$ 197.80>
Bank Fee	\$ *	\$.80	<\$.80>
Coaching Grant	\$ 3000.00	\$ 0	\$ 3000.00
Misc.	\$ *	\$ 117.68	<\$ 117.68>
Sec't /Web Master	\$ 3500.00	\$ 4125.30	<\$ 625.30>
Sled Hockey Grant	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3000.00	\$ 0
H.S. Tourn. Travel	\$ 1500.00	\$ 526.90	\$ 973.10
Adult Tourn. Grant	\$14000.00	\$ 0	\$14000.00
Banners/Trophies	\$ 7500.00	\$ 7123.95	\$ 376.05
Player Grant	\$17000.00	\$15500.00	\$ 1500.00
Conference Calls	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1270.98	<\$ 70.98>
Flowers etc.	<u>\$ 1500.00</u>	<u>\$ 1291.54</u>	<u>\$ 208.46</u>
TOTAL	\$65800.00	\$41180.71	\$24619.29

* Items not budgeted – Approved by the Affiliate Presidents

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District Budget

INCOME

10000 Adult players @ \$0.50/player =	\$ 5000.00	
20000 Youth players @ \$1.00/player =	\$20000.00	
TOTAL		\$25000.00

EXPENSES

District Meeting AZ - Aug 09	\$ 3000.00	
Mid-Winter Meeting 2010	\$ 2000.00	
Dist. Summer Meet CO/Sprs - 09/10	\$ 1500.00	
Dist Annual Meet 2010 (long lead)	\$ 2000.00	
Sec't / Web Master Travel	\$ 4000.00	
Flowers etc.	\$ 1500.00 500.00	
Travel H.S National Tournament	\$ 1500.00	
District Conference Calls	\$ 1400.00	
Adult Tournament Grant	\$16000.00	
Volunteer Award	\$ 1200.00	
Tournament Trophies, Banners Etc.	\$ 6000.00 4500.00	
Affiliate /State Player Grant	\$ 500.00	
Girls/Women Committee Grant	\$ 2900.00	
Sled Hockey Grant	\$ 1500.00	
Add \$7000 for Growth Game		
TOTAL		\$45000.00

BUDGET SURPLUS / DEFICIT

<\$20000.00>

This budget was reviewed and XXXXX by the Affiliate Presidents of the Rocky Mountain District 15 August 2009 in Tempe, Arizona

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