

IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

May 14, 2005

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Wayne Lehto at 9:05 a.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Those in attendance included: **Wayne Lehto**, (President IAHA), **Jean Hersley** (IFYHA), **Tom Power** (Vice President IAHA, MYHA), **Nino Randazzo** (MYHA), **Bill Mason** (SVYH), **Gail Verschoor** (MISA- McCall Ice Skating Association), **Dean Brandstetter** (Vice President IFYHA), **Dave Costello** (BYAHA), **Jim Bockelman** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Steve Walsh** (Salmon Hockey Association), **Tom Lampl** (Associate Registrar, USA Hockey, Idaho Initiation Program Coordinator, Idaho Coaching Education Director), **Mike Lehto** (IFYHA), **Harry Lee** (Palouse), **Barbara Amick** (SVYH), **Wally Morgus** (IAHA Treasurer), **Mike Kelly** (Risk Manager), **Britt Talbert** (BYAHA, Idaho Ice World), **Nicki Bowden** (Secretary IAHA).

(Names and addresses are included with minutes as Attachment 1.)

Voting for District Director (3 year term) – Wayne Lehto was dismissed from meeting temporarily during voting. Clerk of the vote – Wally Morgus.

Association Name	Wayne Lehto	Mike TenEyk
Boise Adult	84	0
Boise Youth	661	0
Boise Mens	238	0
Idaho Falls Adult	124	0
Idaho Falls Youth	388	0
Kooteni/Imaculate	92	0
Manchester	61	0
McCall Ice	59	0
MYHA	138	0
Paluse Adult	124	0
Paluse Youth	84	0
Salmon	138	0
Sun Valley Adult	219	0
Sun Valley Youth	137	0
Treasure Valley Adult	138	0
Total Votes	2685	0

Wally Morgus will submit IAHA Vote to the Rocky Mountain District.

Membership Application: The membership application for McCall Ice was brought forward for approval. *Jim Bockelman made a motion to accept McCall Ice for membership in the IAHA.* Second by Jean Hersley. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of September 2004 Meeting: All members previously received copies of the September 2004 meeting minutes for review.

Gail Verschoor requested a correction to the McCall Association report. The ACE Coordinator position is a part of the Co-directors position rather than the head coach position. **Minutes amended.**

Nino Randazzo made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Bill Mason. No discussion. Motion carried. (Amended Minutes included as Attachment 1.)

Association Reports:

Tom Power (MYHA): Tom reported they had 150 registered players and 4 teams in the West Kooteni league in British Columbia (Girls, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget). The biggest issue they faced was the rule difference. The BC association also wants to use only BCHA certified referees. They will be meeting with the league to see if they will be fully received into the league. This year they played there in the house league and were very competitive. Some players had a hard time as they were playing in a non-check league. Tom also gave an update on the Jr. B Team, the Kootenai Colts, they will resume skating and playing out of the newly re-opened KYRO rink in Post Falls. There is also talk of them changing their name to the Coeur d'Alene Colts.

Harry Lee (Moscow): Harry reported that their numbers were down some. Their biggest issue is that they are non-covered and have noise issues. They are only allowed to play 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. so there was some trouble with practices. All their divisions had some wins, they do have some problems with Bantam's and Midget's because of the ¾ sized rink. Lewiston is trying to get a rink in the old Best Building in Port Lewiston. This would be a nearly full sized rink.

Gail Verschoor (McCall): Gail reported that they are now members of IAHA. They had 3 registered teams. Their high school team participated in the High School State Championships in Idaho Falls and had one win. Their high school team may be joining the High School League at Idaho Ice World. They have improved their communication with their coaches. She does a job share with Marty Varillo. Their current challenges are a need to increase numbers in Mites, Squirts and Bantams and they also face challenges in recruitment of coaches and referees.

Britt Talbert (BYAHA): Britt expressed thanks to all for helping to pull Boise City into the program. He reported that they had 50 to 55 kids in the Mite level, with 296 total players Mite through Bantam. They had 8 Mite teams this year up from 4 last year. Boise had 17 high school teams, with Meridian winning the championship at both Varsity and Jr. Varsity levels. They had a stand out player, Devin Hartigan who is now playing AAA hockey in Marquette. He also reported that the Jr. B team, under the direction of Marco Pietroniro had a great first year and they are looking at adding a AAA Midget team to their program. Boise is trying to implement a developmental program like Idaho Falls and Sun Valley has. This may be a difficult change for some of the parents, but in the long run they feel it will build their program for the future.

Dave Costello (Blades): Dave reported that the Blades participated in the South West League again and their growth showed they were much more competitive. The Squirts were 2nd in the South West League, the Pee Wee's went from losing all games last year to upsetting the 3rd and 4th seeds in the South West Tournament. He also announced the Blades will become its own association, separate from Ice World. They will have A, AA and house all star teams. Teams playing in state will come from BAYHA for now. They are looking at 9 to 11 teams from Squirt to Midget Minor. Midget Major will be under Marco's director under Prospect Hockey.

Bill Mason (Sun Valley): Bill reported that Sun Valley had a pretty good year. Their travel program was very successful. Their High School won the High School Championship in Idaho Falls and went on to play in Tulsa, Oklahoma where they were pretty competitive. Their Pee Wee's won State and Bantam's took second. They took the travel aspect out of their under 10 program, they wont be going IHL with those players, but are opening the door to some limited travel. This past year them moved out of age bracketing and went to skating levels (1, 2, 3). After a year this way they feel they need to more closely align with ages as some kids tend to drop out if they don't get to skate with their friends. They are working on creating a workable drug policy for their association. There is approval for a new rink in Sun Valley (YMCA). They will be breaking ground soon and it will be an ice rink and convention center.

Jim Bockelman (Salmon): Jim reported that they have come a long way, this past season they had artificially frozen ice. They came in under budget on electricity, and they had

lines on the ice this year. Their numbers were up to 37 in the Mite level. Darby Montana is getting started and wants to come to Salmon, they are also a small town and they may be able to combine to have enough to play in High School, etc. Darby is approximately 40 miles from Salmon. Their fund raising was very fruitful this year. They also have grant requests out to get money for a shade system. The Girls won State. They want to get back into State Hockey for all the divisions. They feel with the ability to have ice longer their teams can be more competitive. The Montana league they have played in looks like they will not allow Idaho teams in anymore as they have enough participation from their own state. They have always hosted the Mite winter games and would like to bring it into the squirt level as well. They would like to expand to have State Games and other tournaments.

Dean Brandstetter (IFYHA): Dean reported that Idaho Falls maintained status quo this year. They had two state champion teams, Bantam and Midget. They hosted a good tournament in Idaho Falls for the High School division, competition was high end. They should have had player development in IF, but lost their ice due to chiller problems. They will be back in business next year; the city just gave approval to install a dry system rather than a wet system. A new rink committee has been formed, but is not being run by IFYHA, it is an independent committee.

Treasurer's Report: Wally Morgus reported they had a good year in the treasurers office... We hit budget on player registration. Wally went over the financial reports and budget. During discussion on current budget, question was raised regarding USA Hockey Fee of \$4 vs. \$5. Tom Lampl feels we should keep the \$5 as it does not serve us well to go backwards.

Mike Lehto moves to keep the \$5 USA Hockey Fee. Dean Brandstetter seconds. Discussion – Wally will re-write budget to include \$5 player fee.

Dean Brandstetter made a motion to approve the budget. Second by Jim Bockelman. No discussion. **Budget approved.** (Budget included as Attachment 2.)

Wally went over this years grant summary. During discussion, Wayne Lehto questioned the need for tax return. Mike Lehto will check to see if we need to file this tax return and let the necessary parties know what he finds out. (Grant Summary report included as Attachment 3).

Grant proposal for grant funds for 2005 -2006 season was reviewed. Discussion was that it would be used as matching grant to be used for cross ice equipment and funds need to be split between all 8 associations. Tom Lampl indicated we can have associations apply for grant money so that everyone gets what they need instead of everyone just getting an equal amount, but it does need to be a match. Discussion is that associations that have a need should submit a proposal for approval at the September 2005 meeting. At this time, budget will show 3 teams x \$1750, half of money from USA Hockey and half from treasury.

Bill Mason makes a motion to dispose of grant money with associations that show a need. Dean Brandstetter seconds. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.** (Grant Proposal included as Attachment 4).

Player Development Camp budget was reviewed with no further discussion. (Player Development Camp Budget included as Attachment 5).

New Budget Business: Wayne Lehto reports that two referee's went to Denver to a clinic and would like to have their expenses paid. (This was not in the budget originally). *Mike Lehto made a motion to approve this expense.* Second by Jean Hersley. Discussion – in the future we need to try to budget these things before they happen. Wayne Lehto will speak with Bobby Noyes about this. **Motion Carried.**

Wayne also indicated that Idaho is hosting the Rocky Mountain District Meeting in Idaho Falls. This is an open meeting and everyone can attend. It is a very good idea for Registrars to attend. It will be held August 19 – 21st, 2005 at the Red Lion in Idaho Falls. We need to host a reception on the evening of the 19th and Wayne would like to have \$600 budgeted for the reception.

Dean Brandstetter made a motion that we add a line item to the budget giving \$600 for the reception. Second by Barbara Amick. No discussion. **Motion Carried.**

Note: Attendance at this Rocky Mountain District Meeting is a great opportunity to meet others from our district, see how they are doing things and make important contacts.

Registrar's Report: Tom Lampl indicated that USA Hockey is moving forward with on-line registration. If you opt to use this system, it will collect all fees **EXCEPT** your local fees. The

more we can push toward using this system, the more accurate information (i.e.: e-mail addresses, etc.) we will be able to capture. Also, if individuals are dual registering (i.e.: girls/high school, etc.) it will only collect their USA Hockey fee's one time. (Registrar's Report included as Attachment 6)

Coaching Education Report: Tom Lampl gave update; we now have 6 people who can teach coaching education classes. Please get potential clinic dates to Tom ASAP. You need to have at least 12 attendees to have a clinic at your location.

There will be a Level 4 clinic September 23 – 25, 2005 in Phoenix.

Level 3 recertification can be done on-line or with a continuing education class such as First Aid, etc. These continuing education courses need to be made available to everyone and pre-approved by Tom Lampl.

Tom has new coaching books that need to be distributed, discussion on how to distribute.

Mike Lehto made motion to send books to each association based on numbers of registered youth teams. Second by Jim Bockelman. No Discussion. **Motion Carried.** (Coaching Education Report included as Attachment 7)

Player Development Camp: Tom Lampl reported that 2005 numbers were down 19 (if looking at actual numbers we were up 3, but 22 were 13 year old boys whom we have not brought in previously so without them we were down). Part of the problem with attendance was the weekend it was held (Easter). We will communicate the date and time earlier and more often and see if that helps in the future. (Player Development report included as Attachment #8)

Team Idaho: Tom Lampl discussed the concept of Team Idaho. Its primary benefit is to get these players and parents together and build familiarity and sportsmanship which should, in turn, decrease problems at venues throughout the year. The point of Team Idaho is not to just continue the season with more competitive hockey.

Tom inquired as to the viability of Team Idaho, and do we want to continue with Team Idaho in the future? If so, we need to select coaches and team managers earlier. There is commitment at this point from Wyoming, Montana, Utah and Idaho. Tom proposes we eliminate the practice weekend and attend the SLC Festival and one other tournament (give up the practice weekend in favor of a second tournament). Tom feels everything can be tied down (dates, venues, etc) within the next two weeks. Also up for consideration is under what guidelines do we want them to play. This year they were participation teams (everyone plays). Tom wanted to get an understanding and commitment regarding the premise we want the teams to play under. Do we want to play to win or do we want everyone to play. (If we change our focus so that we play to win, i.e.: shorten benches early in game, take smaller teams, etc. Tom does not want to be in charge).

After discussion with group, decision was made to continue with Team Idaho as participation teams, this will be communicated with all parents and players to avoid confusion later. Wally Morgus committed to help get together business managers for each team. Teams will have full roster (15 players, 2 goalies) whenever possible and will attend two tournaments without a practice weekend, again, where possible.

District Camp: Tom Lampl reported that Idaho had 5 on staff at the Rocky Mountain District camp, 3 coaches and 2 staff members. This was good participation from Idaho, if you have individuals from your organization who would like to participate in the future, notify Tom Lampl. They would like to incorporate more non-career coaches into the program.

Idaho ACE Program: Gary Barnes was not present. No report given.

Referee/Officiating: Bobby Noyes was not present at meeting. 2005 Idaho State Supervisor of Officials Annual Report was handed out. (Supervisor Report included as Attachment 9)

Risk Management/Screening: Mike Kelly reported that we now do background checks in 48 states rather than just Idaho. Next year the background checks will cost \$1.50 each. The new

screening form will be on the web site and it is now a one page form. Mike indicated we needed to discuss and approve a submission deadline. Each association is responsible for all screening. If a coach shows up to a game and is not screened, they cannot go on the ice at all. Once names are submitted and screened, they are on the web site within one week. *Mike Lehto made a motion that the screening cut off date will be December 31 and that any requested after that date will have to pay a \$100 penalty regardless of whether or not the screening is actually completed. If a coach comes on board after December 31 they will have 30 days to be screened before the penalty will go into effect.* Second by Dave Costello. **Motion carried.** (Summaries and forms included as Attachment 10)

Events: Britt reported that he had been approached by someone with the Winter Games asking that they be able to sponsor the High School State Tournament. He will get more information and come back to us in September with more detail (what they will do for us). Everyone needs to bring forward their bids for hosting 2005-2006 events in September.

- State Tournament
- High School State Tournament
- Player Development Camp
- Winter Games

Policy and Procedure Manual – Discussion, revisions, etc.

Player and Team Behavior: USA Hockey (National) is considering changing rules so that coaches miss a game after 12 penalties rather than 15 and individual players miss a game after 4 penalties rather than 5. We can make our rules even stricter than the national rules, but we cannot make them less strict. We need to come up with a policy that applies to any event held in Idaho. **Committee to discuss new policy formed by Britt Talbert, Dean Brandstetter and Tom Power. They will come back with proposal at September meeting.**

This past season we had a 601 (g) 3 violation with a Boise adult player where he hit a referee and spit at another referee. We, through our affiliate agreement are responsible for hearings into these types of violations (we have had 3 hearings in the past 5 years). This hearing cost approximately \$700 (with travel, etc.). Discussion held to determine if we should require the association to pay this expense. After discussion and based on low numbers of required hearings in the past, the decision was made not to require the Boise adult association to pay this expense.

Tier teams in State Tournament: Wally Morgus lead discussion, stating that changes adopted at September meeting (wherein decision was made not to allow Tier teams to compete in State Tournament) really went against what they had been trying to accomplish originally. Sun Valley (and possibly others) does not want to be prevented from attending State Tournament if they choose to declare themselves as a Tier team. After much discussion, decision was made to form a committee to bring forward a new proposal on this issue. **Committee formed with Mike Lehto as the chair and including Wally Morgus, Nino Randazzo, and Marco Pietroniro. They will present proposal at September meeting.**

State High School Tournament: Discussion regarding game requirement for players and teams to be eligible for play in State High School Tournament. Discussion revolved around freezing roster so that players could not come back just to play in this tournament and game requirement 5 and 10 or 7 and 10. *Jean Hersley made motion that we freeze rosters by December 31 and that there be a 7 and 10 game requirement. Also that there be an appeals process in case someone moves to the school, etc. after December 31.* Second by Dean Brandstetter. **Motion carried.**

Status of Association By-Laws: Discussion lead by Wayne indicating we should modify P & P to not require by-laws, but to replace that requirement with the stated requirement that the Board of each association be elected by the teams within the association and that they supply documentation of this to the state board.

D & O Insurance: There is a new D & O Insurance policy through USA Hockey which will be effective January 1, 2006. Until that time we are covered and the premium has already been paid.

Boise Blades Program: Discussion lead by Wayne Lehto on behalf of Marco Pietroniro requesting that we grant IAHA membership to the Boise Blades. Wayne proposed that we grant membership contingent on their registering 3 teams and having 40 players this fall. Once these teams and players are registered, proposal is that they be automatically accepted. *Mike Lehto made a motion that we grant membership to BYAHA (name may change) contingent upon their registering 3 teams and 40 players by October 15, 2005.* Second by Jean Hersley. **Motion Carried.**

Distribution of Grant Funds: Tom Lampl proposed a committee be formed to discuss the distribution of Block Grant dollars (what they could be spent on if not getting cross ice equipment). **Committee formed with Bill Mason as chair and including Jean Hersley and Harry Lee. They will bring forward proposal to September meeting.**

IAHA Logo: Tom Power brought forward several proposed logos. *Tom Power made motion that we accept official logo in red white and blue with USA Hockey at the bottom.* Second by Dean Brandstetter. **Motion Carried.** (Logo will be included as attachment 11) (Tom will send out .jpeg of logo.)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 10, 2005 in Sun Valley.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicki Bowden