

# IDAHO AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with USA Hockey

Fall Meeting

September 13, 2003

Salmon, Idaho

## MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Salmon City Hall and was called to order by Wayne Lehto at 9:00 AM

**Attendance:** The following representatives were in attendance: Wayne Lehto (President); Annie Pflueger (Salmon); Pepper Reese and Marco Pietroniro (Boise); Tom Lampl (Registrar); Ed Fance and Wally Morgus (Treasurer) (Sun Valley); Curt Spaulding (McCall); Lee Johnston, Jean Hersley, Mike Lehto, and Dean Brandstetter (Idaho Falls); Chris Storhok (Moscow); Tom Power (Vice President) and Nino Randazzo (MYHA) participated via teleconference; Greg Baker (IAHA Web Master)

**Establishment of a quorum:** Tom Lampl summarized the directorships available and present:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Number of Directors Present / Available</u>	<u>Directors Present</u>
Idaho Falls Youth	4/4	Jean Hersley, Dean Brandstetter Lee Johnston, Mike Lehto
Idaho Ice World Youth	2/4	Marco Pietroniro, Pepper Reese
Mountain Youth	2/2	Tom Power, Nino Randazzo
Sun Valley Jr. Hockey	2/2	Wally Morgus, Ed Fance
Salmon Youth	1/1	Annie Pflueger
Palouse Youth	1/1	Chris Storhok
Immaculate Conception	0/1	none
Idaho Jr. Steelheads	0/0	none
IMHA	0/0	Tom Lampl
McCall	0/0	Curt Spaulding
PAL	0/0	none
State President	1/1	Wayne Lehto
TOTAL	13/16	

Quorum established - 13 members accounted for, see sign up list.

### Adults

Boise Adult	0/4	none
Boise Woman's	0/1	none
Idaho Falls Sr.	0/2	none
Idaho Falls Woman's	0/1	none
McCall	0/1	none
PIRA	0/1	none
Sun Valley Adult	0/2	none
Sun Valley Woman's	0/1	none
Sun Valley Suns	0/0	none
Sun Valley Adult	0/1	none
TOTAL ADULT	0/14	

**Election of new secretary:**

*Motion by Wally Morgus to nominate Chris Storhok. Second by Mike Lehto. No Discussion.  
Motion carried unanimously.*

**Minutes of May 17, 2003:**

*Motion by Dean Brandstetter to approve minutes of 5/17/2003 as written.  
Second by Lee Johnston. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously*

**Association Reports:**

**Mountain Youth Hockey Association:** Tom Power reported that MYHA will have 14 to 17 teams - They will have full time Rep B teams at squirt, peewee, bantam levels. They purchased the cross ice border and will adopt a cross ice program. MYHA purchased the blue pucks for all mites. They are having troubles forming girls teams since a lot of the girls want to play with boys. The Rep. B teams are the elite travel teams.

**Palouse Ice Rink Association:** Chris Storhok reported that PYHA should have a team at each level; the association has spent the summer in a fundraising mode to pay for repairs to the chiller. They bought enough blue pucks for both the mites and the squirts. He does not know if their will be a girls team this year. The adult leagues continue to grow and leagues will be divided into three levels for more fair play.

**McCall Ice:** Curt Spaulding (volunteer) reported the rink open good summer with lots of adult users; they had hockey 101 classes for adults women and kids. They held 1 tournament at the rink with 4 teams participating and plan a fall tournament for women's tournament. The Dallas Stars may use rink for summer 2004. The youth program has not committed yet to 2 nights a week.

Tom Lampl: The adult tournament was not a sanctioned event – will you sanction in the future? Curt Spaulding – Mike Prior, rink manager is the contact.

**Boise:** Marco Pietroniro reported cross ice will be held at the mighty mite level. The cross ice program is very popular with over 200 + kids. There are a lot of pee wees registered. Ice World will have a U14 and U19 teams for girls; U19 will play in IHL. The JV program is growing and they want to play games up in McCall. Ice World will have 5 teams in the Southwest League; all are tier 2 except for squirts. Girls will play in the Washington league or a Rocky Mountain Girls league if it exists. 29 girls came out for U14.

Mike Lehto- Idaho Falls is on the edge of making a U 19 team;

Tom Power- MYHA might be able to do it as well;

Wally Morgus - Sun Valley might have a U 14 girls team too.

Marco Pietroniro- Boise will travel to play these teams if possible.

**Sun Valley:** Wally Morgus reported that Sun Valley restructured the program and have committed to a U-14 team, but will not know until late October if they have the numbers. At the 11 to 18 year level they want to form a true house program and would like traveling kids to play on a house teams. Sun Valley will use the blue puck for 10 and

under. They bought the cross ice dividers and are ready to go with the U 10 development program. House program for 11-18 year olds teams want to join a JV league in Boise and will travel, Sun Valley will have around 170 kids total

There is a renegade team in Sun Valley – nothing to do with Sun Valley Jr. Hockey; if you play on this other team during the season, you are not welcomed to play for Sun Valley Jr. Hockey, the team starts October 27.

Wayne Lehto– I noticed the Sun Valley is a guest team in the southwest league this year – Will they register as a tier 2 team? Have they declared?

Tom Lampl, - It may not be a viable team this year.

Wayne Lehto– Do they have the credentials?

Tom L. - If a tier II team, then no.

**Salmon:** Annie Pflueger reported that Salmon is still trying to get refrigeration; they are pouring the concrete slab for the cooling towers today; the ground work is complete, they won't dig up the rink this year. Registration was this past week; have good mite, squirt, and pee wee numbers; however low numbers above. Squirts want to skate in Idaho but are considering Montana; Peewees played well in Montana last season

Marco Pietroniro – Will there be an IHL?

Tom Lampl. – There seems to be interest; however, there is still not a league.

Mike Lehto – Idaho Falls does not feel that the Salmon peewees and bantams do not want to play in Idaho; Idaho Falls had offered to pay for the ice and give them an hour of ice time. Idaho Falls was disappointed that they wanted to go to Montana instead of Idaho Falls. There is a subset of kids who only wanted to play the one weekend – one home on home travel date.

Annie Plueger also reported that Andy Klemeck, the head of Salmon referees and Bobby Noyes, held a clinic in which 20 participated, 15 signed up to become referees, 9 were first year refs and each will call age appropriate games

Salmon is also featured in this months' Northwest Hockey news.

**Idaho Falls:** Mike Lehto reported that Idaho Falls will register 400 to 450 kids which is at the normal historical levels. There is a challenge with what to do with the squirts, Idaho Falls is using the blue puck and cross ice format along issue of travel for squirts. Can Idaho Falls pitch home and home games? Idaho Falls supports the Sun Valley cross ice program. Is there enough support for an IHL program at the squirt level?

Wayne Lehto - Associations have gotten away from the home on home arrangement; substituting the IHL for the home on home. We should keep the home on home arrangements going. Sun Valley wants to work with Idaho Falls and Boise for the cross ice squirt program as well as the cross ice festivals with music.

Wayne Lehto: (In-state play question to Tom Power) How can we enhance north-south play in Idaho? What are your thoughts?

Tom Power: The biggest obstacle is scheduling games, who is the contact person for southern organizations? Could we coordinate this at the scheduling meeting for games in Tri-Cities or Montana serving as a central location?

Tom Lampl stated that he sent emails to all associations which has contact information for everyone.

**Approval of Revised and Restated By-Laws from May 2003 meeting:**

Wayne Lehto expressed that there was tentative approval of the revised bylaws at last meeting with approval based on corrections that are identified in the emailed copies. The one major change is to the language in Item 3.3 B that financial statements from profit organizations as deemed appropriate by the organization.

Pepper Reese – the language is fine.

Wayne asked the group to please read 5.3

Tom P. stated that this is more of an electoral college vote instead of a democratic process.

Wayne stated that Peter Limberg directed us to make these changes

Tom L. stated if you do it democratic or if you do it through the teams as long as it consistent and everyone has a voice. Mite and midget teams should have the same voice in your structure. For example Sun Valley may have only 25 total pee wee players yet have them signed up for 6 teams to play through different organizations. As long as everyone in the association has a chance to participate then it meets the spirit.

Tom L. stated that IMHA has been lost in this document; if there a specific exemption it has been lost.

Wayne stated that under 7.1C Officers do not have a board vote

Tom L. stated that officers are the more knowledgeable people and they should have a vote. The President should have a vote. For the last 10 years we have had a President not representing a board or specific organization. If someone is willing to work, he should come as a bull “steer” not a gelding.

Wayne stated we could propose that the President has a vote in case of a tie, and the vice president, treasure and secretary can vote only if they represent an organization.

Tom L. stated the President should have a vote, he expresses his view point through a vote.

Dean stated that the president of this association and any officer shall have a vote in this meeting.

*Dean Brandstetter moved that 7.1 C “The president shall have a vote at any board meeting, a vote all the time”. Second by Wally Morgus. Motion carried unanimously.*

Wayne asked the group to look at section 12. Is 75% okay? The group responded that it is fine.

Wayne asked to approve the bylaws with one change for voting privilege for the president.

**Member Organizations vote to adopt the by laws:**

*Pepper Reese moved to adopt the bylaws.*

Discussion Tom Lampl. IMHA still counts as a member, we have 8 member organizations, Boise, Idaho Falls, Immaculate Conception, MYHA, PYHA, Salmon, Sun Valley and we need 6 positive votes to pass.

*Second by Jean Hersley*

Discussion

Tom L. IMHA has a vote under the old rules, IMHA cast their vote to approve.

*Motion carried unanimously*

**Directors vote to adopt the by laws:**

*Wally Morgus moved to adopt the new bylaws with approved changes*

*Second by Mike Lehto.  
Motion carried unanimously*

*Tom Lampl proposed that we buy Tom Progas a gift certificate to a restaurant in Sun Valley  
Mike Lehto moved to authorize Tom to buy a \$100 gift certificate for a restaurant. Second by  
Pepper,  
Motion carried unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:**-- Wally Morgus presented the IAHA Treasurer's report and wanted the group to note on page 3, IAHA matching grants are in the expenses and the related use of grant funds, cross ice equipment requests and costs. Wally ran down the list of matching grants; Boise, 1750\$ for dividers; Idaho Falls \$1750 for dividers plus the mini goals; IC \$1750 match for dividers plus mini goals; MYHA \$1750 match for dividers plus six goals; Palouse \$1015 for dividers; Sun Valley \$1750 for cross ice dividers plus goals; Expenditures already approved. Salmon is requesting \$1750 for refrigeration (in lieu of cross ice equipment).

*Motion by Mike Lehto to grant Salmon \$1750 for refrigeration.  
Second by Pepper Reese.*

Discussion: Tom Lampl- they have continuing expenses and this will accelerate the process toward completion.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Wally stated that travel expenses can be emailed. Wayne noted that Directors and Officers liability renewal, which was \$575 last year, went up to \$800 this year. For \$500 we could purchase \$1 million of coverage. For an extra \$200 we could get crime insurance which covers criminal acts of board members.

Pepper Reese – Recommend we get the 2 million policy; the crime insurance is not worth it due to small amount of money in association.

Mike Lehto – IFYHA took the \$800 and passed on the crime.

Wayne Lehto – If this is the consensus let's go with the \$2 million, and not purchase the crime policy. The group agreed to this.

**Registrar's Report:** Tom Lampl stated that for organization insurance, USA Hockey is working on an initiative that if you register your players you can dramatically reduced your internal insurance costs.

Some points of emphasis:

- 1) the season starts Sept 1, there is not a registered player, or coach in the state.
- 2) registration is not complete until the players are on a team. There is as time lag between skating and placement on a team, reasonable time to formulate teams.
- 3) we must complete registration of tournaments or get together. Tom reviewed the USA Hockey definition of a tournament:
- 4) The tournament applications are in the software now \$25 fees, \$35 for Canada
- 5) Our teams should not leave the state until the organization can produce the tournament number.
- 6) Fees are 25\$ for individual or coach; see registration packet.

- 7) Software tutorial will show you how to use the software
- 8) The waivers must be kept for 2 years in your files. Code of Conduct form is in the packet, note the Canadian waiver. You have to get a transfer from the Canadian Association if the child or player is a Canadian Citizen regardless if they have played in Canada or not.
- 9) Travel permits to Canada, need to let Tom L. know.

**Coaching Education Program**--Tom Lampl discussed the scheduled clinics. The level 4 clinic in Salt Lake City had only 3 registered from Idaho, this will hurt if we have a midget tier team, the midget tier must be level 4. All 3000 level 3 coaches in Rocky Mountain District got a letter, 110 coaches signed in at Salt Lake City.

Al Bloomer will come and do specialized clinic like the girls coaching, offensive concepts, defensive concepts, and should cost \$25 a person. These clinics can be held Friday night through Saturday. Take advantage of it next year; we need a commitment from an organization want to do it for a group of associations

Tom Lampl also covered Coach Instructor Trainers stating that we need more instructors, they must come from within the organization, and we need new voices. Associations should put forward people. The criteria for these instructors are: 1) they must believe the USA Hockey criteria; 2) we need a couple of year commitment; 3) they must be able to do it for more than their own association and travel in the state. Please email Tom if interested

**Idaho ACE Program**- Wayne Lehto stated that Gary Barnes will contact every association for a ACE coordinator, and there are lots of benefits if we all cooperate. We might see a state-wide meeting for all ACE coordinators and will want to participate. Wayne will send out all the information

**Referee/Officiating:** Wayne Lehto stated the Bobby Noyes has scheduled clinics and the location of clinics are out and set and are in Boise Sept. 20; level 4 in Salt Lake City October 25 Idaho Falls Sept. 27; and Sun Valley on September 27. There is off ice officials training DVD available and Wayne asked if someone could burn one for each association. Tom L. said he would burn the DVDs at home for each association.

**Risk Management Issues:** Wayne Lehto stated that Mike Kelly has the screening information and the list of screened personnel on the IAHA

### **Events Calendar**

**Winter Games:** Wayne stated that the Winter Games dates are set for Idaho Falls for Feb 20-22. Marco stated that we could count Boise out of blacking out their weekend for the Winter Games. Marco stated that the Adult Winter Games in Boise are very popular

### **State Championships for Pee Wee, Bantam, Midgets, and Girls**

Mike stated that the tournament fit in the Feb 27, 28, 29 time slot.

*Motion by Marco to hold the state championship Feb 27, 28, 29. Second by Mike Lehto.  
Motion passed unanimously.*

Mike L. Proposed to rotate IAHA events around the state. Tom P. stated that Planet Ice could host the events. Tom L asked how can IAHA take over the entire Planet Ice schedule? Tom P. stated that he can. Pepper discussed venue selection, he felt strongly that we should have our games in the state of Idaho, holding these games in Washington is not appropriate, he would rather have them in Moscow than in Spokane. Chris stated that Moscow would not be appropriate since the facility is too small, however in fairness to the proposed rotation process we must consider Spokane.

Wayne than began the discussion of who will commit to the State Championships; Tom L. stated that Sun Valley will commit to all 4 levels; Mike committed Idaho Falls to all 4 levels; Tom P. committed MYHA to all 4; Marco committed Boise to all 4; Annie committed Salmon all 4; Chris could not commit Moscow.

Tom L. stated that there will 4 games per team and in a 5 team round robin we will need 36 game slot in 2 days figured at 1.5 hours per game for a total of 60 hours of ice in 2 days.

*Walley moved that the state championships are held in one two-sheet of ice venue. Second by Dean Brandstetter. Motion carried unanimously*

Wayne asked the two locations that qualify how much it will cost. Marco stated that Boise will cost \$650 per team (same as last year). Tom. P. stated that Spokane will run in \$700 level. Pepper stated his opposition to holding the games out of the state.

*Marco moved to host the games in Boise for 2004. Second by Lee J.*

Discussion:

Mike L. stated for the record he will vote no to the motion due to trying to bridge the north-south gap. Walley stated that he would try to push the teams north as well.

Tom L. expressed concerns about why IC and Moscow will not participate if in Boise. Chris stated that the PYHA parents group is opposed to sending a team that is not up to the level of play of championships, although he personally wants to takes teams.

*The motion carried with Mike and Wally voting against it. Boise will host the games on the 27 ,28 ,29 of February.*

### **State High School Tournament**

Mike L. would like to have the High School Championship Feb 20, 21, 22, chosen over March 5, 6, 7. Wally stated that Sun Valley would like to host the high school tournament. Marco state that Boise would like to host as well. Sun Valley is conditional on obtaining ice time. Idaho Falls declines. Northern Idaho declines.

*Motion by Wally to have the state high school tournament in Sun Valley on February 20, 21, and 22 conditional on ice time availability. Second by Mike, with the amendment that if Sun Valley declines by September 27, it then goes to Boise on the same weekend.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Player Development Camp.** March 26-28, 2004.

Tom L. stated that one sheet is plenty. Boise, Northern Idaho, Idaho Falls, Sun Valley and others are candidates. Total ice time is about 5.5 hours per group, total 25 hours over three days. This depends on location. Tom P. stated the Northern Idaho can't compete, Mike stated that Idaho Falls is not in race this year.

*Dean moved that Boise should host the Camp. Second by Jean. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mike Lehto moved that IAHA state championship will be in Boise Feb. 27/28/29, 2004; the , High School championships in Sun Valley Feb. 20, 21, 22 2004,; and the Player Development Camp in Boise March 26, 27,28, 2004. Second by Jean. Motion carried unanimously.*

**District Playoffs,** Marco stated that Boise will host the Rocky Mountain District Playoffs March 10-14 2004 and he wants to have the IAHA play a major role in the tournament. Boise needs penalty box workers, score keepers etc, this tournament is an Idaho state event. Mike L asked if you could send us emails? Marco replied yes. Pepper stated that the various associations could put up banners and/or displays at the tournament.

Wayne asked what could you offer corporate sponsors for the event.

Pepper stated that he has dash boards, Zamboni signs, patches, Radio/TV sister stations (NBC), and they are looking for \$25,000 in sponsorships and the Boise Chamber of Commerce is working with it as well.

Marco stated that Boise has a guaranteed promised one spot, Dean stated that Idaho Falls will register a Tier II team and compete against Boise.

### **Association Agenda Items**

**State House Team Competition-**Chris referred to an email he sent out about the state possibly looking into holding a "House league" state championship. Mike explained to Chris that Idaho Falls house teams generally travel once a year and that something like this would may not go over with house team parents. Wayne suggested that IAHA take it into consideration at the next meeting, Tom P., Curt and Chris will work on it.

**IAHA Player Fees-IFYHA** Mike proposed to lower player fees to \$3.00. Mike looked at the reserves of \$20,000 which had been taken down using this years grant's for half ice programs. He stated that for example: a Utah law allows only an 18% reserve for all non-profits. The operating expenses will be \$10,000 positive this year (basically a whole year of reserves in the bank) and IAHA should either:

1. Reduce the player fee from \$4 to \$3 or,
2. Purchase ½ ice drill books for each coach \$11.00 each – buy 100 of them now and distribute to associate level coaches clinic

*Motion by Mike to have IAHA purchase 100 ½ Ice Drill books or limit at \$1,500 total, and pass out to coaches who are at the Associate level. Second by Jean.*

### **Discussion:**

Tom P. stated that we could use the money to pay for the background checks for all volunteers for the associations.

Mike stated that IF builds the costs for background checks in the registration fees.

Wayne asked Tom L. how many coaches are there?

Tom L. stated that there are 128 youth teams so around 200-250 youth coaches and he stated that there are two choices 1. through coaching education, 2. association distribution.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

Tom L. reminded the session that 1/2 (Wally corrected this figure to 35%) of our budget is from adult players and they do not get a return from IAHA.

Mike suggested that we hold the reserve at 50% and then credit it to the organization later.

Tom L. stated that changing the fee now is bad timing

Wayne stated that next May (2004) we should look at our budget and reimburse each organization based on numbers.

Wally stated that \$19,000 now plus \$10,000 in fees this year, minus cross ice, and travel leaves us \$10,000 in the bank at the end of the year. May 2004 would be the right time to do it and address the issue then. Wayne stated that we should leave on the agenda for May 2004.

**Squirt State Championships-** Mike asked who is interested in putting a squirt team into the state playoffs? He then added at the last meeting in Salmon years ago, the state to continue to have a championship in the Squirt division.

Wayne stated that USA Hockey does not have a regional or national championship for squirt rep.teams.

*Marco moved to not have a state squirt championship in Idaho. Second by Mike Lehto.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**IAHA Governance-Meeting Restructuring** Wayne asked if there is any interest in changing the structure of meetings.

Salmon, no change; Idaho Falls- no; McCall – no; Moscow – no change needed; Sun Valley- no, Tom L. stated that we should leave it as is; Pepper stated that Idaho Ice world will only send Pepper and Marco anyway, not opposed to changes or leaving it as is; Tom P. stated we should include people and don't try to exclude and so we should leave as is.

Wayne stated we should leave it as is.

**Boise Blades, IMHA, Team Idaho Concept**–Marco stated that the Boise Blades is committed to the SW league. He would like to advance a team Idaho concept since fewer teams are committing to regionals. We place a team Idaho together from interested kids to put a stronger team together which would result in better competition for a higher level of play in the state.

Tom L. stated that Team Montana, Team Wyoming etc. do not live within the spirit of the USA Hockey Tier II structure; Tier II should be out of your individual league. Below the midget age group a 'Team Idaho' should not be created. Tom encouraged Marco to develop the Boise Blades Tier I Midget team

### **Blue pucks and off sides.**

Offside: Tom L. stated that there will now be a automatic blown whistle with offs ides; the rule was changed because the call was not consistent with each referee.

Blue Pucks: Tom L. stated that "In June I was thrilled, last week I was disappointed" They (USA Hockey) felt they moved too quickly. Rule now reads mandatory for mites, optional for squirts. It can be changed with the rule book change in two years.

Wally asked if we want to adopt the blue puck statewide?

Mike stated that we fought this for 3 months; can we adopt in our in-state that we use the blue pucks? If we play any squirt game in the state of Idaho can we use the blue puck?

*Tom L. moved that for all non-tier intrastate Idaho play at the squirt level we use the blue puck. Second by Mike Lehto. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **New Business**

**Web pages** Greg Baker, the state web master stated that USA Hockey has a web site service for free, and will provide contact links; they also have a great tournament site

Wayne asked to have the new by-laws placed on the site, as well as a reworked policy and procedures. Wally indicated that he has a WORD copy of the P&P.

Tom L. asked to have a resource list placed on the state web for all Idaho hockey contacts on the web site, sub menu entries for each association.

**Winner of last years state high school tournament could not advance:** Lee Johnson remarked that the Idaho Falls team won the state tournament at high school level and could not advance due to the fact they were not registered correctly, the registration fell through the cracks.

Marco stated that no team was qualified to go last year.

Wayne reserved a slot at the high school tournament..

**Rocky Mountain District Volunteer Award:** Wayne asked for nominations.

**Next Meeting:** *Motion by Tom L. to have next meeting in Boise, May 15, 2004; seconded by Marco. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Adjourn:** *Motion by Mike. Second by Jean. Motion carried unanimously at 2:30pm.*