

RMD MEETING MINUTES 1-2001**Rocky Mountain District Winter Meeting****Phoenix, Arizona**

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Saturday and Sunday, January 6-7, 2001

Radison Inn, Phoenix, Arizona

In Attendance:

<u>Name</u> <u>Position</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Bloomer, Al Director	District
Bryant, Kathy Director	District
Callaway, Charles Director	District
Delozier, Dave Coach-in-Chief	District
Grover, Kelly Risk Manager	District
Karinen, Bruce Registrar	District
McMann, Bob Referee-in-Chief	District
Thiessen, Peggy Secretary	District
Schloss, Larry President	AZ
Irey, Bryan President	CO
Sullivan, Dennis Associate Registrar	CO
TenEyck, Mike President	ID
Bekkadah, Bruce President	MT
Nolen, Bob President	NM

Shepherd, Mark Treasurer	TX	
Sneyd, Greg V.President	UT	
Jerome, Donnalee Assoc. Registrar	AZ	
Beyer, Jim V.President	AZ	
Mewhirter, David Secretary	AZ	
Blase, Keith Coaching/Player Development	AZ	Dir.
Olson, Jarrod Chandler General Manager	AZ	Polar Ice
Stone, Tom Travel Chairman	AZ	Hockey Assoc.
Baska, Gene Supervisor of Officials	AZ	State

Absent: Graig McAlister, District IP Administrator

Curtis Chalmers, TX President

Mike Holmes, UT President

Gail Bowman, WY President

Mike TenEyck, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Radison Inn, Phoenix, Arizona. A quorum was present to conduct business. Mike TenEyck introduced Tony Calabrese, Team Building Instructor. Tony led the attendees in various activities designed to build greater communication and team understanding skills. Mr. Calabrese can be reached by email at: shawnhil@intrnet.net Copies of his handouts are attached following the minutes; *Ethical Development Systems*, *Who is Responsible*, *Psycho Geometry*.

The team building activities continued after the lunch break until 2:30 p.m. At which time Mike Ten Eyck, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the business section of the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Inadvertently, the approval of minutes from the August 2000 RMD Annual meeting was overlooked.

District Tournaments

Tier I Dallas, Texas March 7-11, March 2001 – Charles Callaway

District Director Callaway reported that at the time of the meeting he was uncertain about Vail and Colorado Springs teams' participation in the tournament. Charles informed the membership to seek information directly

from him.

Tier II Westminster, Colorado March 14-18, 2001 – Al Bloomer

Format will consist of 8 teams at each of the levels, Midget, Bantam, and Pee wee from 8 affiliates. District Director Bloomer announced that the Host would not have a slot. If a team drops out Al will replace that team. All communication and seeding will be sent to the Affiliate Presidents this will include the packet containing, hotel, rental car, shuttle schedule and credentials information. Per USA Hockey mandate, page 182, in the *USA Annual Guide* all participating teams must stay at the host hotel, Westminster, which is adjacent to the Sun Microsystems Ice Arena. Local contact- Bryan Irey. It was noted that a credential check of Coaches' Cards would occur.

Girls U-19, U-15, Women's Sr. B, March 7-11, 2001 Houston, Texas – Bruce Karinen

District Registrar Karinen stated that participating at the U-19 division there would be teams from Houston, Aspen, Colorado Springs, Dallas and a team from Montana. Teams from Houston, Dallas, and 2 Colorado teams will compete at the U-15 division. Senior Women's B – The Women's team from Houston will advance to Nationals – no play-offs.

National Midget Tier II – Charles Callaway

Charles announced that Bruce Urban, Pacific District Director, would preside at the tournament as the Senior Tournament Director. Junior Tournament Director will be Charles Callaway. The Apex facility will be viewed in February in preparation for the tournament April 5-8.

Charles deferred members to Colorado personnel for further information.

Rocky Mountain District High School Invitational Tournament - Larry Schloss

Tournament is scheduled for April 20-22, 2001 and will consist of two brackets, pure and regional. Larry requested a verbal commitment from Affiliates as he hopes there will be sixteen teams participating.

MOTION – Bob Nolan, second by Charles Callaway – All monies and commitments for RMD H.S. Tournament due by Jan. 31. Friendly amendment - Larry Schloss, second Charles Callaway – Monies and commitments for all tournaments due Jan. 31. Accepted

Men's Adult Rocky Mountain District Tournament April 27-29, 2001 – Kathy Bryant

Kathy announced that there will be two divisions, five teams format, round robin with cross over games. Kathy distributed the proposed budget.

MOTION – Charles Callaway, second Larry Schloss – A motion was made and accepted to state that by Jan. 31 each team must send \$650 to Bruce Karinen, registrar.

District Director Election – Bruce Karinen

Charles Callaway's term will end following the close of the Annual Congress in June, 2001. Bruce stated that it is the responsibility of the Affiliate Presidents to announce to their membership the availability of this position. Ballots will be distributed April 1, 2001, to Affiliate Presidents. The ballot will have place for write in candidate.

Rocky Mountain District Referee-in-Chief – Bob McMann

Bob McMann commented that there are six RMD events where officials and the RMD R-I-C will be needed. Bob asked for input as to which tournaments the members of the meeting felt he must attend. Charles Callaway indicated that the R-I-C will not need to appear at the District H.S. or the Adult Tournaments. Al Bloomer asked, What is the financial responsibility of bringing in officials? Bob's answer noted that rooms for officials are provided by the Host and official's travel expenses are not the Host's responsibility.

Discussion followed involving officials for the TIER I Te tournament in Texas. Bob wants at least one official to come from outside of Texas.

Al Bloomer requested that Bob attend the tournament where there is the largest number of teams competing.

Affiliate Reports –

Mike Ten Eyck requested that affiliate reports be sent to Peggy Thiessen, secretary.

Mike shared that Idaho's Associate Registrar discovered that a team played without proper registration. A check in the amount of \$300 from the offending association was delivered to Bruce Karinen, District Registrar. Bruce Bekkadahl asked Mike if any disciplinary actions against the association had occurred. The association has been put on report. Mike added that the association was complacent; knew the rule, but did not comply. Section 20 of the RMD Manual covers this issue.

Criteria for Hosting District Tournaments and Camps – Kathy Bryant

Larry Schloss discussed that if only 3 sheet facilities are used for the RMD Development Camp then 6 affiliates would be excluded from hosting.

Al Bloomer replied that he has seen a growth in the camp from 200 to 480 participants.

Larry Schloss added as part of the discussion that he encourages the District to set dates of events as early as possible.

Larry also introduced those in attendance from Arizona.

Tim Ross, New Mexico – distributed summary of the progress within the Western Girls League. His report made note of the increased activity of the Girls Program within the Rocky Mountain District.

Meeting Adjourned 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 7 – 8:30 A.M. Mike TenEyck called the meeting to order. Mike solicited feedback about the team building activities on Saturday.

Player Development Programs – Al Bloomer

Al reviewed his handout and the accompanying cover letter that explained many reasons why players within the RMD should attend the camp; it is for them. He also announced that 3 players from Arizona advanced to the National Player Development Program in Ann Arbor. The proposed budget was reviewed as part of his handout. He encouraged those players selected from Affiliate Camps immediately following their camps to make reservations at the host hotels; Westminster Westin and the Doubletree.

Question was raised by Bruce Bekkadahl as to how the selection of alternates for the camp will be handled? Al replied that the alternates should be prioritized (1,2,3) and submitted to him. Camp packets should not be given to alternates.

Kathy Bryant explained Colorado's procedure for alternate selections. Kathy takes on the responsibility of tracking who is or is not going. Players selected have 48 hours to decide whether they will participate in the RMD camp.

Charles Callaway stated that monies are collected and forms are filled out at the close of the Texas Evaluation Camp. Bruce Karinen added that checks

should be made out to USA Hockey or the RMD.

AI encouraged affiliates to send only those players that can compete at a TIER II level or above.

He continued to explain that a player's permanent residency dictates which affiliate he comes from. Ex. A Prep School player from the East has parents residing within a RMD affiliate. The player is the responsibility of that affiliate. All Affiliate Evaluation Camps should be completed by April 20, 2001. Per RMD policy, if there are no shows at the District Camp the Affiliates of those players are responsible for the fees.

AI encouraged Affiliates to submit names of outstanding coaches to him as he wants to increase staff members for Festival Teams. At – large team slots for Festivals if not used should be given back to the Youth Council. If this does not occur the District will lose that slot for the following year.

Bruce Karinen explained that the Player Development Programs have a separate account from District funds.

MOTION – Bryan Irey, Colorado made motion to accept the budget and staff for the RMD Camp. Second-Larry Schloss, Arizona. Motion passed.

USA Hockey Mentor Coach Program – Charles Callaway and Dave Delozier

The requirements for admittance to this program is:

?Must have Intermediate Coach certification.

?Coaching experience of minimum 3 yrs.

Bruce Karinen announced that 6 Women coaches will attend the Lake Placid program.

Dave Delozier - Under 18 players cannot be coaches. They can help, but must wear gear on the ice and a helmet on the bench.

Affiliate Referee Clinics – Bob Nolan

Bob McMann, RMD R-I-C indicated that 2 Referee Instructors from the District will go to Chicago. Knowledge gained will then be shared among the officials in the District. Bob explained that a grant would be needed to support those officials going to Instructor Seminars.

Most Instructors are located in TX, CO, and AZ.

Bruce Karinen suggested that Bob submit by August 2001 a budget and list of needs of Officials.

Action Item: Larry Schloss requested more information about the Referee Advanced Instruction Program for the August 2001 Annual Meeting.

Site Location – Mike TenEyck

Annual Meeting 2001

MOTION – Charles Callaway made motion to have Colorado host this meeting. Kathy Bryant second. Motion passed.

MOTION – Charles Callaway made a motion that the dates be September 8-9, 2001. Bruce Bekkadahl second. Motion passed

District Mini-Meeting Thursday, June 7, 2001 will be a luncheon during the USA Hockey Annual Congress.

Tier III District Tournament – Bob Nolan

Bob commented that even trying to form teams at the AA level is a struggle

for New Mexico. Discussion followed - What is the definition of the TIERS?

Definition of Tier I and II – Kathy Bryant

Committee report: Definition of Tier II ... Team must be member of Affiliate and Association and has an IP Program in place. Discussion by membership followed. Kathy Bryant suggested that Al Bloomer be added to the committee. Current members include Dennis Sullivan, Bob Nolan and Curtis Chalmers. Bryan Irey offered his help as well. Kathy requested that all suggestions discussed be taken back to the committee.

Bruce Karinen noted that USA Hockey has 11 different definitions of Tier II.

Action Item: Logo is to be sent to all when received from Kelly Grover. Also District letterhead needs to be created.

District Web Site – Peggy Thiessen

Since she assumed duties as webmaster in October 2000, there have been over 1,200 hits to the site. She shared using an overhead the recent updates and changes to the site. Peggy asked those present for any suggestions as to improving the site. Technical and capability questions pertaining to the site followed.

Other Business –

Charles Callaway polled the Affiliate Presidents to learn when the term of their President ends.

Charles also requested that the date for the 2002 H.S. District be set for the 3rd week in March.

MOTION – Charles Callaway made this motion and it received a second by Bryan Irey to hold tournament March 22-24, 2002. Passed

Dave Delozier announced that advanced coaching clinics will be held in two locations, June 1-3 Phoenix, AZ and August 24-26 in Jackson Hole WY.

Master level clinic is held every other year . Next clinic is scheduled for June 2001. Check RMD website for additional information. 49 Temporary Coaches Cards have been issued.

Dave thanked Craig McAlister for bringing structure to the IP Program.

Action Item: Mike TenEyck suggested that Kathy Bryant add attending the H.S. District tournament to her schedule.

Bryan Irey discussed a Colorado H.S. issue in reference to 4 players that were not registered by December 31. The team was registered, but these four players were not. Bryan requested a wavier.

MOTION – Bob Nolan made a motion to accept request for wavier. Bruce Bekkadahl second.

The motion passed.

Kelly Grover requested items for the "District Doings" section of the *USA Hockey Magazine*.

Kelly's artistic Ode was shared and received a rousing applause from the audience.

Al Bloomer shared that at the USA Hockey Mid-Winter Meeting in Tampa North Dakota President wants meeting with USA Hockey's personnel in reference to forming a new District.

Al asked from RMD members their perspective on this issue. Discussion followed.

Charles Callaway made Motion to end meeting at 12:10. Larry Schloss second.

Meeting Adjourned.

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