

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Friday, January 19, 2007
Hilton Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL

In attendance:

Callaway, Charles	District	Director
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Lehto, Wayne	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
Davern, Paul	District	Coach-in-Chief
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
	District	Asst Coach-in Chief
Lewis, TC	TX	President
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
		Registrar
Lampl, Tom	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Bekkedahl, Bruce	MT	President
Pope, Bob	NM	President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Pimm, David	OK	Treasurer
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Shepherd, Mark	TX	Treasurer
Worden, Darin	UT	President
Lundquist, Jim	WY	President

Absent: Kelly Grover, Michael Schwarz, and Tom Power (proxy given to Tom Lampl).

Bryan Irey, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 19-20, 2006 meeting were reviewed. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was noted that the next meeting in Salt Lake is in 2007 and not 2006 as written in the minutes.

District Director Reports

Chris Kenney – Support of the Affiliates It is proposed that each director be assigned three affiliates in addition to their home affiliate. This would give each affiliate two directors working to build a strong relationship. The affiliates all felt that this was a positive move and would support it. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to adopt the handout as part of the district policy and procedure manual. Darin Worden seconded the motion. The motion and second were withdrawn. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to adopt the handout as a recommendation of operations for the district directors. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tuesday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m. will be the first conference call for this new procedure and then the third Tuesday of each month there after.

Wayne Lehto-RMD Tournament Administration The handout outlines responsibilities and a suggested timeline for tournaments. It was suggested to add to the timeline an estimated budget be due at the winter meeting. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to adopt the handout as our recommended procedures and for it to be updated and revised each year at the district annual meeting. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to have the tournament host submit an income and expense report at the district annual meeting. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Webmaster

George Cole made a presentation of the district webpage. He reviewed each of the areas of the webpage and asked for input in how to update or delete areas. It was noted that the district tournaments need to use this webpage instead of creating their own, according USA Hockey rules. Please send affiliate webmaster email addresses to George at RMDWebmaster@cableone.net as soon as possible.

Volunteer Award

Bruce Karinen said the continuation of the award administration needs to be taken on by a District Director or Affiliate President. It was felt that the winner of the award must be given a lot of attention and recognition. Bob Pope will take on the project.

District Referee-in-Chief

Bob McMann requested information from the affiliates regarding fees charged to official associations. Arizona was the only affiliate that had fees.

2007 District Tournaments

Tier I 1-4 March 2007 Dallas, TX

Midget Major 1 AZ team, 2 CO teams, 1 plus host TX teams, and 1 UT team.

Midget Minor 1 AZ team, 1 CO team, and 1 plus host TX teams

Bantam 1 AZ team, 1 CO team, and 1 plus host TX teams

Peewee 1 CO team, 1 plus host TX teams

There was discussion about letting all Tier I teams into the district tournament. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to increase the Tier I Major Minor to a 6 team tournament with 2 each from AZ, CO and TX. Chris Kenney seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was defeated.

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** for a three member committee to make a recommendation to the board of the extra teams for the Tier II tournament. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The committee will be Jon Brooks, TC Lewis and Bryan Irey. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to mirror the national tournament rules for the point system and tie breaker process for the district. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The committee made its recommendations later in the meeting. Bryan Irey made a **MOTION** to give CO the additional Midget Major and Peewee spots, and to give AZ the additional Midget Minor and Bantam spots. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the tournament fee. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to request from the national committee that the district tournament fee for this year be set at \$750 for all divisions except house/recreation. Phil Paolili seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Girls/Women 1-4 March 2007 Houston, TX

A – None

B – None

C – AZ, TX, and UT 1 each

U19 – 1 CO team, 1 TX team

U16 - 1 AZ team, 1 CO team, 1 MT team

U14 - 1 AZ team, 1 CO team, 1 MT team

U12 - 1 AZ team, 1 CO team, and 1 plus host TX teams

Tier II 8-11 March 2007 Dallas, TX

Midget Major – All affiliates except MT 1 team each, with TX host

Midget Minor - 1 AZ team, 1 CO team, 1 ID team, 1 MT team, 1 plus host TX teams, and 1 UT team

Bantam – All affiliates except ID 1 team each, with TX host

Peewee - All affiliates except WY 1 team each, with TX host

High School 16-18 March 2007 Utah

1 AZ team, 1 CO team, 1 ID team, 1 NM team, 1 TX team, 1 plus host UT teams, and 1 WY team

Girls House/Rec 30 March-Apr 1 2007 Denver, CO

U19 – 1 plus host CO teams, 1 ID team, 1 NM team, 1 UT team, 1 WY team

U14 – 1 plus host CO teams, 1 NM team, 1 TX team

Bruce Karinen and Wayne Lehto will administer the Girls/Women tournament with credentials by Debbie Lewis
Wayne Lehto, Chris Kenney and Bryan Irey will administer the Tier II tournament with credentials by Donnalee Jerome and Tom.

Tier I Bryan Irey and Al Bloomer will administer the Tier II tournament with credentials by Susan Cardasis.

HS Kelly Grover will administer the High School tournament with credentials by Cathy Anderson.

Elections

Nominations for District Director close March 15, 2007. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to pay travel expenses to the USA Hockey annual congress for new incoming district directors. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Girls Chicago Showcase

Jon Brooks reported that there will be a team from RMD affiliates in the 2007 Chicago Showcase. He recommended the allocation of players be the same as last year of 2 players per affiliate. There was discussion about which two RMD female coaches should be assigned to the team. Jon will get more information on the coaches. Donnalee Jerome is the tentative manager. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to set the affiliate fee of \$250 per player that includes an Easter tournament warm up for the Showcase. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Girls/Women Program

Bruce Karinen reported that he is still working on it but there are no new developments.

Rule Change Discussion

Some of the proposed rule changes were discussed so directors would know how the affiliates would like them to vote.

Player Development Camp

Tom Lampl has asked several times for information from affiliates on their player development camps. Only four have supplied the information. Please provide this information ASAP. The proposed camp fee, which hasn't changed in the last five years, creates a deficit in the camp budget. To break even, the fee would need to be raised to \$250. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to set the camp fee at \$260. Darin Worden seconded the motion. The motion and second were withdrawn. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to set the camp fee at \$275. Darin Worden seconded the motion and it passed with opposition from TC Lewis. Affiliates need to make commendations for team leaders by the end of January.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 2007 at the USA Hockey annual congress in Colorado Springs, CO. The annual meeting is scheduled for August 17-19, 2007 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Bryan Irey made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Action Items