

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 7, 2007
Sheraton Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

In attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assoc.</u>	<u>Position</u>
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
	District	ACE Administrator
Schwarz, Michael	NM	ACE Director
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Power, Tom	ID	President
Bekkedahl, Bruce	MT	President
Peterson, Melissa	NM	President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Lundquist, Jim	WY	President
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	
DiGraw, Paulette	USA Hockey	

Absent: Kelly Grover, District Risk Manager; George Cole, District Webmaster; Brigette Bertagnolli, Acting Utah President.

Jim Smith with USA Hockey presented Charles Callaway with an award for his dedicated service as Camp Director for the Player Development program.

Chris Kenney also presented Charles a service award for his dedicated hours to the Rocky Mountain District and as a district director. Al Bloomer continued with a touching remembrance of the last several years. Charles is the definition of leadership. Charles said it has been a wonderful experience as a whole. He encouraged us to continue to do what is right for USA Hockey. Thanks to Al for having confidence in him, his mentors-Bruce Karinen and Rae Briggle, and John Dotte for guidance.

Bryan Irey, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Wayne Lehto made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rocky Mountain District Volunteer Award

Chris Kenney announced the winner of the Volunteer Award. She grows the game at many levels. Brenda Rawal is from Colorado.

2007 District Tournaments

The District Directors would like to get the tournaments back to being hosted by associations and out of the "big cities" affiliates hosting. It was suggested to hold Tier I & II tournaments the same weekend and later in March,

and to split the Tier II to two locations (see attached information). Affiliate presidents are to bring proposals from associations for hosting to the August meeting. Also, be aware of the availability of officials in the area at tournament time. The following are the proposed dates and locations:

Tier I 14-16 March 2008 in CO
Girls/Women 6-9 March 2008 in ID
Tier II 14-16 March 2008 in OK and/or NM
High School 28-30 March 2008 in TX
Girls House/Rec TBD

Girls House/Rec Tournament Report

Bruce Karinen reported on the success of the house tournament. Arvada, CO won the U14 age division and Utah won the U19 age division. It is suggested to increase the number of age groups next year.

Girls Chicago Showcase Report

Donnalee Jerome reported on the events of the Showcase. She says the caliber of play of the RMD is becoming competitive. There were transportation problems with the Showcase buses. The team lost 4-1 to ND in the quarter finals. The Coaches worked great together and there were no discipline problems. With the donations from the affiliates, there was enough in the budget to cover expenses and have \$2,500 left over. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to leave the \$2,500 in the budget for use by next year's team. Chris Kenney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

When is it too much?

Al Bloomer, Youth Council member, reported on survey results noting that the main concerns are that hockey is too expensive, it takes too much time away from family, the drop out level is too high, and a lack of commitment and communication. How many games are too many? Each affiliate should be polled to see if there is any consistency. CO has now limited the number of Tier I teams and out of state players to get back to a committed team. 65% of registered families in USA Hockey have over a \$100,000 annual income. How would a model program presentation be received?

Hot Topics for Congress Voting

There was not enough time to go over this topic. It was decided that the members would meet at 6:45 tonight before the expo and have breakfast Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. to let the district directors know how you would like them to vote on the issues.

Other Business

Tom Power sent a request for reimbursement of \$922.00 for his representative to attend a USA Hockey meeting. It was declined by USA Hockey, stating only Presidents' travel is reimbursed. Bruce Karinen requested an additional \$335 to cover airfare for Stephanie Edwards to attend girl's camp at Lake Placid. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to cover both expenses from district funds. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is in Salt Lake City, UT August 17-19, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Action Items

Tournament proposals

Bid Considerations for RMD Tournaments

RMD TOURNAMENT BID INFORMATION To be supplied by the Host Local Association

For Tier I, Tier II, Girls/Women, High School

- Divisions Requested
- Tentative Tournament Chairman and contact information
- Name of Host Association with contact person and contact information
- Verify contact with RMD Webmaster to post all tournament information/scores etc. on the RMD website
- Name of Host Team
- Host Facility Rink(s) and proximity to each other
- Locker Rooms & Officials Room
- Skate Sharpening/ Pro Shop
- Host Hotels – rates & proximity to rink(s)
- Local Amenities (food, etc.)
- Preliminary budget and team fee estimate
- Available dates (actual date to be determined at the RMD August Mtg.)
- Mock Schedule

Due at the August 2007 RMD Annual Meeting

GAME REQUIREMENTS FOR DIFFERENT TEAM FORMATS

<u>Number Teams</u>	<u>Thur.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Total</u>
2	0	1	1	1	3
3	1	1	1	1	4
4	2	2	2	1	7
5	3	4	3	1	11
6	3	3	5	1	12
8	4	4	6	1	15
10	5	5	7	1	18

Use the following hours per game as a minimum for these classifications:

Youth 12U	-	1.5 hrs/game
Youth 14U	-	1.75 hrs/game
Youth 16U	-	2.0 hrs/game
Youth 18U	-	2.0 hrs/game
Girls 12U	-	1.25 hrs/game
Girls 14U	-	1.5 hrs/game
Girls 16U	-	1.5 hrs/game
Girls 19U	-	1.5 hrs/game
Women	-	1.5 hrs/game
High School	-	1.5 hrs/game

Refer to the USAH Guide for Overtime and Tie Breaker Rules.