

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday June 4, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
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Lewis, TC	District	Asst Coach-in Chief
Power, Tom	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School
	District	Section Risk
Grover, Kelly	District	Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Stewart, Mary	AZ	Vice President
Pashkowski, Geoff	AZ	Director
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Rawal, Brenda	CO	Vice President
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Elwood, Rob	CO	Registrar
Vanover, Greg	CO	Coach
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Calhoun, Sandy	OK	Secretary/Treasurer
Servaes, Mark	TX	Vice President
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President
Anderson, Cathy	UT	Registrar
Ogrean, Dave	USA Hockey	
Anderson, Debbie	USA Hockey	
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	
DiGiacomo, Paulette	USA Hockey	
Welch, Courtney	USA Hockey	

Absent:

Davern, Paul	District	Coach-in-Chief
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
	District	ACE Administrator
Schwarz, Michael	NM	ACE Director
		Registrar
Lampl, Tom	ID	Coach-in-Chief
Peterson, Melissa	NM	President
Donovan, Larry	OK	President
Skinner, Ted	TX	President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 6:55 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made. There were many visitors. Chris Kenney expressed thanks for all the USA Hockey staff members in attendance.

Dr. Alan Ashare reported that the "Heads Up, Don't Duck!" program information is still available and there is a new brochure at the CDC website, www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. TC Lewis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rocky Mountain District Volunteer Award

Chris Kenney presented the 2009 Volunteer Award to Geoff Pashkowski from Arizona. He sees "the big picture" of youth hockey and works to grow the game. He serves in several capacities including girls/women and player development.

District Player Development Camp

Tom Lampl couldn't be here so TC Lewis reported on the success of the event in Salt Lake City. They did have a championship game with the group of kids and the winners were given a "really cool" hat. Paul and Mary Davern were instrumental in making this a successful camp. Next year's camp will be May 5-9, 2010 in Salt Lake City, UT.

2009 District Tournament Reports

Bryan Irey gave a short report on each of the tournaments. There were some problems in getting some of the tournaments organized, but they operated well. There were great volunteers and associations working the tournaments. There are still a few financial issues that are being dealt with.

2010 District Tournaments

The following is the proposed rotation and dates for 2010. Bids need to be presented at the August meeting.

Tier I 11-14 March 2010 - AZ

Tier II 2010 No more district tournaments – just national

High School 2010 No more district tournaments – just national - It was noted that Kelly Grover has been the driving force behind the high school tournament being implemented.

Girls/Women Tier I and II 12-14 March 2010 – TX

There was a discussion about having a hefty fine or required deposit for an affiliate that commits to attending and then backs out.

Susan Cardasis said she would like input in updating the credentials handbook.

Girls House/Rec Tournament for 2010

The consensus of the Affiliates was not to continue the Girls/Rec District Tournament. It was suggested that teams interested in this put on an invitational tournament. Another suggestion was to add on to the Girls/Women Tier tournament. There should be a least four affiliates at each level wanting to participate.

Hot Button Issues

Changes in short handed icing and off sides rules are still active. The change to fiscal year May 1 to April 30 was discussed.

Coaching Clinics

A level 5 coaching clinic is scheduled in Minnesota 12-15 August, 2010. A level 4 coaching clinic is scheduled 11-13 September, 2010 in Denver. Online registration is now available. There is also a women's coaching clinic 21-23 August, 2010 in Minneapolis.

Adult Tournament

Mary Stewart reported on the adult tournament held in Arizona. Nine teams played and each team committed to play in the regular season under USA Hockey.

Bruce Karinen suggested that a District Grant be implemented for other affiliate adult tournaments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is 14-16 August 2010 at the Tempe Mission Palms in Arizona.

Anne Hetrick made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:20 am. Geoff Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary