

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 15, 2015
Renaissance Sea World, Orlando, Florida

In attendance:

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| Kenney, Chris | District | Director/Chairman |
| Lewis, TC | District | Director |
| Day, Jill | District | Secretary/Treasurer |
| Reinhard, Ken | District | Referee-in-Chief |
| Emerizy, Neil | District | Webmaster |
| Pashkowski, Geoff | AZ | Director at Large |
| Rogers, Jim | AZ | Vice President |
| Gibson, Larry | AZ | CEP |
| Dennee, Sarah | AZ | Sec/Lady Coyotes |
| Haley, Herb | AZ | Safe Sport |
| Bammert, Ralph | CO | VP/High School |
| Heinrich, John B | ID | President |
| Newall, Roger | NM | Treasurer |
| Hall, Reggie | TX | President |
| Servaes, Mark | TX | Vice President |
| Smith, Kathleen | UT | President |
| Urban, Bruce | USA Hockey | Director at Large |
| Hennes, TY | USA Hockey | ADM Member |
| Lukken, Mike | USA Hockey | Development |
| McMillen, Mike | USA Hockey | Coach-in-Chief |

Absent:

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| Brandstetter, Dean | District | Director |
| McKibbon, John | District | Director |
| | District | Coach-in-Chief |
| Lehto, Mike | ID | Vice President |
| | | High School Section |
| Grover, Kelly | District | Risk Manager |
| Shaw, Brendan | AZ | President |
| Kanai, Randy | CO | President |
| Thompson, Steve | NM | President |
| Hoskins, Mike | OK | President |

Chris Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 5 and 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Kathleen Smith made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of June 5, 2014. John Heinrich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kathleen Smith made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of June 7, 2014. John Heinrich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Director Elections

Bruce Karinen reported that the 3-year term of John McKibbin is expiring. Bruce's handout presented the procedure for the elections. Nominations are open now until March 15, 2015 and Bruce would like them in writing along with an acceptance by the nominated person. Ballots will be mailed to affiliate Presidents in April and are due back in mid-May, 2015. Votes are based on last year's player count.

2015 District Tournaments

Tier I 5-8 March 2015 Dallas, TX

| | AZ | CO | ID | NM | OK | TX | UT | HOST | Total | Team | Format |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|------|--------|
| Midget Major 18U | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | 8 |
| Midget Minor 16U | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | 8 |
| Bantam 14U | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | 6 |

Girls Tier I 5-8 March 2015 Dallas, TX

| | AZ | CO | ID | NM | OK | TX | UT | HOST | Total | Team | Format |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|------|-----------------|
| 19U | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | Best 2 out of 3 |
| 16U | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | Best 2 out of 3 |
| 14U | | | | | | 1 | | | | | Auto |

Girls Tier II/Women 5-8 March 2015 Dallas, TX

| | AZ | CO | ID | NM | OK | TX | UT | HOST | Total | Team | Format |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|------|----------------|
| 19U | 1 | 2 | | | | | 0 | 1 | | | 4 Team Bracket |
| 16U | 0 | 1 | | | | | 0 | 0 | | | Auto |
| 14U | 0 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 0 | | | 2 Team Bracket |

High School National

| | AZ | CO | ID | NM | OK | TX | UT |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Pure | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Combined | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

The \$800 team fees must be paid to the tournament host by the affiliates by February 15, 2015.

Coach in Chief

Mike McMillan, USA Hockey Coach in Chief, sent surveys to affiliate presidents looking for input to the program.

National Tournaments in RMD

Texas Plano Farmers Branch Rinks will be hosting the Tier II 16 U. The Utah Olympic Oval and Steiner Rinks in Salt Lake City will host the Tier II 14U. No real major concerns from either group. They need to get team verification on teams qualified as participants as soon as available.

Girls Showcase Tournament

Geoff Pashkowski reported that the Rocky Mountain District team is officially in. They are still waiting for confirmation of enough teams to hold the showcase.

RMD Grants

The \$2,000.00 matching grant to each of the seven states is available again this year. Requests must be submitted to Jill Day in writing including a report of the use of the grant and the success or failure of the use as well as the receipts for the expense. They will then be presented at the June meeting for review and approval. Arizona was approved for a grant in June 2014, but never submitted their paperwork.

Player Development Camp Fund

When USA Hockey performed their audit of the Rocky Mountain District in August 2014, they issued one recommendation. *"The RMD Player Development Camp bank account is not reported on the financial statements of the District. Controls over this account are unknown, which potentially represents a significant deficiency in internal control of*

the District. We recommend the District immediately investigates the purpose and function of this account operating outside the District's accounting records and internal controls; and, if necessary encompasses the account within its controls to ensure appropriate accountability for cash disbursements from this account." The following response was sent by Chris Kenney. We appreciate the recommendations regarding the Player Development Camp, to further explain this account it was developed to serve now two purposes, the Player Development Camp as well as the U14 Camp, that we host for multiple Districts (Rocky Mountain, High Plains, and Pacific), which has caused us not to have it within the Districts accounts. We will develop a solution to this at our mid-winter meeting in Florida that is in keeping with the overall recommendations, to have more oversight and involvement with the accounts. Please let me know if you have any questions.

ADM Report

Mike Ludkin with USA Hockey would like to go to affiliate meetings and get as grass roots as possible. The National Try Hockey For Free event is a great place to start. There have been about 35 events with 1200 kids in the district. CCM is donating lots of equipment to hosting associations.

RMD Player Development Camp

T.C. Lewis reported on the 2014 camp and noted that there seemed to be a little more flexibility since the girls were not part of the camp (going to the Regional camp). Mark Serveas is now running the program since Tom Lampl has retired. Off ice will be removed this year to create more time for seminar attendance. The dates for this year's camp are May 7-11, 2015 in Salt Lake City, UT. Official participation in the camp will also be changing focusing on level 3 officials between the ages of 18-24. They would to get more female officials for the girls' camp. It was suggested for the district to contribute to get the female officials there. T C Lewis made a **MOTION** to contribute \$300 per female official to attend the camp split 50/50 between the affiliate and district. Kathleen Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Referee-in-Chief

There was a lot of discussion about official retention and helping all officials and not just the female officials

Camp for 14-year-olds

T.C. Lewis reported that this year's camp is June 20-25, 2015 at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO. After 2 years the camp has a positive bottom line of \$2,000.00. Girl's program at the Regional Camp is not received well by USA Hockey, but we are going to continue with it. With the dorms at this camp, it is really a cost savings for families not having to attend the camp, just send the player with 24/7 supervision.

Review of District Bylaws

The Bylaws were approved on a conference call. Dean Brandstetter has started the paperwork on the 501c3 registered through Colorado instead of trying to get the expired Utah paperwork going again. Chris Kenney will get Dean Brandstetter to send an email update since he was absent from this meeting.

Legislative Proposals

T C Lewis talked about the date extension of completing the coaching modules.

Web Site

Neil Emerzy really needs the affiliates to send him information to put on the district web site. Anything that is important enough to go on your affiliate web site is probably good information to also have on the district web site. Please send your info to him

Next Meetings

The next meeting is the lunch meeting Thursday, June 4, 2015 in Colorado Springs. The Annual meeting will be Saturday, June 6, 2015 in Colorado Spring.

TC made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Kathleen Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary