

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
 MINUTES
 Saturday, August 12, 2017, Park City, UT

In attendance:

Lewis, TC	District	Director
Servaes, Mark	District TX	Director Vice President
Pashkowski, Geoff	District AZ	Director Director at Large
Smith, Kathleen	District UT	Director President
Day, Jill	District	Secretary/Treasurer
Grover, Kelly	District	High School Section Risk Manager
Thompson, Darla	District	Registrar
Reckell, Tim	AZ	President
Craven, Anda	CO	Registrar
Heinrich, John B	ID	President
Lehto, Shelly	ID	Registrar
Hall, Reggie	TX	President
Anderson, Cathy	UT	Registrar
Urban, Bruce	USA Hockey	Director at Large

Absent:

Lehto, Mike	District	Coach-in-Chief
Reinhard, Ken	District	Referee-in-Chief
Kanai, Randy	CO	President
Thompson, Steve	NM	President

TC Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:55 am. Introductions were made. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting in Colorado Springs were reviewed. Reggie Hall made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Kathleen Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Director Elections

Geoff Pashkowski's District Director term expires in June 2018. He has expressed a desire to continue as a Director. Darla Thompson will send out election materials in the spring.

District and Affiliate Reports

Mark Serveas - District Director, reported that the Texas concussion program is in place and there were about a dozen events where the protocol was used very successfully. The District Tournament was very successful. He was an assistant director in the 16 National Camp in Buffalo, NY.

TC Lewis - District Director, reported on the 16 National Camp in Buffalo, NY. He said it would probably continue there without any foreseen changes in the near future. He is participating on a sub-committee dealing with USPHL and youth players getting back under USAH. Tier III Junior are under USAH.

Utah - Kathleen Smith reported that Utah has completely rewritten their policy and procedure manual. They were allowed two Tier II teams but don't have the player base for it. Associations must apply for Tier status every year. Tier I players are not allowed to play high school to try to level the playing field. Same applies for youth travel players not playing recreation. All match penalties will be heard by the State and not the affiliates. Utah's development camp will be the same weekend as Colorado's.

Idaho - John Heinrich reported that their state development camp is in March (see written report). Registration numbers are about even. They have one Tier I organization that plays in Canada. They have too many international players to participate in the state tournament. Idaho submitted a bid for Boise to host District Player Development Camp in 2019.

Geoff Pashkowski - District Director, reported on the Boys National Tournaments held in Arizona. They used different rinks to manage Arizona politics. It had mixed issues. He was director of the girls' camp at Colorado College. It was a full camp. He reminded everyone of rule changes regarding participation on girls teams that are national tournament bound. Tier I girls will have quarter finals reinstated in the national tournament as soon as Youth Council approval is received. The upper management is against quarter finals because they are trying to cut costs and time out of school by shortening the length of tournaments.

Colorado - Randy Kanai was absent so Anda Craven reported on the conflict with the girls' teams wanting tier status to be national tournament bound. NHL Avalanche will support the girls Tier I team.

Darla Thompson, District Registrar reported on a few changes from the National office. She welcomed Shelly Lehto as the new registrar for Idaho. The code of conduct and consent to treat forms are being updated. Youth, girls, and High School coaches cannot be added on the roster until Safe Sport and age specific modules are completed. US Center for Safe Sport will change its platform between Sep 18 and Oct 2, 2017. A refresher course will not be available after that time. The full session will have to be taken. Credentials in Arizona went smoothly.

Kelly Grover, District Risk Manager and High School Committee reported not much happening with risk management changes. The district falls under USAH just like any association. There isn't any legal coverage. The High School national tournament will be March 22-26, 2018 in Plymouth MN.

Texas - Reggie Hall reported (see written report) that the Dallas Stars have requested TAHA support with the NHL draft next year. Texas is requiring all associations to resign their member agreements in 2017 so all agreements are consistent. The Texas Officials' Associations will become members of TAHA with signed agreements but won't be on the TAHA board. Affiliate concussion procedures were changed to make the process simpler and it is all on their website.

There was a discussion on how the Showcase Tournament was moved from Pittsburgh to St Louis. Texas gave notice that they were willing to host the tournament when Pittsburgh discontinued it. But no one seems to know who or how the decision was made to have St Louis be the new host. It was announced at Annual Congress. TC and Reggie were very upset about the way the decision was made, not even considering Texas.

Arizona -Tim Reckell reported on Arizona and their concussion procedure in the recreation program. Brain posters are to be displayed in rinks. They have formed an Adult Hockey Committee. Arizona is struggling to "give back" to the adults and get more involved adults. They would appreciate any input from other affiliates on how to help the adult program. There are a few rinks offering learn to skate for adults.

Arizona requires baseline testing of all high school teams and youth 11 and above. Banner Health manages it in Arizona. School sanctioned sport in AZ and ID is a law. Idaho has it available on their website. Texas mandates it in high school hockey.

Coach-in-Chief – Mike Lehto is running a level 4 clinic in Colorado so he is not here. There were 82 coaches for the level 4 clinic in Arizona. Utah would like a level 4 held there next year. Level 5 hasn't been set yet.

Referee-in-Chief - Ken Reinhard was absent, but submitted a written report. Survey monkey has not been completed on why officials don't return.

District Website – The question was asked if an app should be created. Since the website seems to work from smart phones, an app won't be needed at this time. Please keep giving Neil updates to keep the website current. Kathleen will get with Neil to help make sure he gets what he needs. He will be looking at upgrading to a responsive website. Arizona and Utah have upgraded to SportsEngine responsive websites.

Disabled Rep - Alfredo Corona has replaced Mike Hoskins as the District representative for Disabled. Contact him for any needs. He is very involved in Texas and got the Stars to install disabled boards and synthetic ice in a rink for their use.

District Tournaments

Timing of arrival and missed school was discussed for the Tier I Boys and Tier I and Tier II Girls tournaments in Dallas, TX March 15-18, 2018. There will be games Thursday night for 18U and 16 Boys Tier 1 with a coaches meeting just before the first game. There was a review of the affiliates' teams in each Boys Tier I division. The groups that didn't have a working number of teams were discussed to determine how extra teams would be selected. Determination of teams going to District Tournaments need to be completed three weeks prior to the end of the District Tournament.

Mark Serveas made a **MOTION** that should an additional spot open at the District Tournament Tier I Boys, the affiliate's state tournament must be completed three weeks prior to the last day of the District Tournament to be eligible for that spot. Additional teams will be determined by rankings on My Hockey Rankings within 24 hours of such date. Geoff Pashkowski seconded the motion. There was discussion of whether this motion will really be followed. The second best team could be sent instead of the best team. The motion passed unanimously.

Geoff Pashkowski made a **MOTION** that if there are only two affiliates in a Tier I Boys division, the tournament will be a best 2 out of 3 games for those two teams. Kathleen Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a review of the affiliate's teams in each Girls Tier 1 and Tier II divisions. Issues were identified and discussed.

Colorado is scheduled to host in 2019. Dallas District Tournament details for 2018 should be submitted to the board by October 1st. If more than one bid is received from any affiliate, the affiliate is responsible to make the choice. There needs to be a January agenda item to determine District Tournament host if Colorado is not hosting.

National Tournaments

Texas has submitted for Tier II Boys 16 for 2019. Other affiliates are encouraged to submit bids for National Tournaments. It may be that Hosts are not guaranteed a spot in the National Tournament in the near future. This discourages associations from bidding. Disappointment was expressed about the lack of support from the USAH media department. There was no television coverage and not even one item was retweeted from the National Tournaments hosted in the Rocky Mountain District.

Tournaments within the District

Please make sure all tournaments held in your affiliates are being registered through USA Hockey. Applications need to be submitted to the District Registrar, Darla Thompson.

District Grants

Due to budget constrictions, the District will not be able to fund grants. Utah increased their fees to cover the loss of the district grant.

Girls Showcase Tournament

The showcase has been moved from Pittsburgh to St Louis. The last four years that Geoff Pashkowski was involved, it was a real struggle to get enough girls from the District to participate. Geoff is not interested in doing it again. The application date is in January. Originally, team spots were allocated by affiliate player count, but ended up taking anyone who would go. Someone else would need to be found to take on the event. Due to budget constrictions, the District will not be able to fund a girls' showcase team.

Player Development Camps

The multi-district 14 camp (10 teams) (since 2012 beginning) and girls' camp are now operating at positive financial outcomes. District camp is down about \$3000. Girls don't want to continue in Colorado because of the number of participants. Need to get a three year written commitment from the other districts for their participation before making any commitments on the next camp arrangements. Financial reports on the camps should be available in the January meeting. Camp Directors were encouraged to create a memorandum of understanding between the districts about the financial commitments of each district. A 2012 14 camp attendee was selected in the first round of the NHL draft Kaylar Yamamoto by Houston Oilers. Change of venue to Dallas for 15, 16, and 17 district camps with suggested changes from USAH ADM program focusing on evaluation and games instead of development. Change name to Evaluation Camp from Development Camp. Looking to make a few changes next year based on what was learned in this camp, especially regarding goal tenders. There were no complaints of missing too much school with the new camp format.

Annual Budget Review and Approval

A Budget committee of Jill Day, Darla Thompson, Kathleen Smith, Tim Reckell, and Bruce Urban was requested to review the numbers that are being billed to the affiliates. Player numbers billed don't match numbers presented at Annual Congress. It will take another seven years at approximately \$10K per year to get to \$100K legal reserve.

It was decided to have the District annual meeting every year in conjunction with USAH Annual Congress in Colorado Springs in June and do away with a summer meeting. There won't be affiliate or district reports in the Thursday morning meeting so discussion of hot button issues and legislative issues can be heard. Mark Serveas volunteered to prepare location for the June meeting. The District Registrar budget will cover two affiliate registrars to attend the annual meeting. Affiliates would need to cover their registrars if they are not the two in rotation. District Directors travel expenses to District Tournaments will be covered @ \$1000 each, two from the district budget and two from the registrar budget. With these changes, expenses for the District budget will go down. TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the 2017-18 budget as revised. Mark Serveas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jill noted that the current meeting in Park City will need to be covered in this budget. Mark Serveas made a friendly amendment to the above **MOTION** to add \$2000 to the budget for this summer meeting in Park City. Reggie Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. From now on, there will only be two meetings per year.

Ode to Summer Meeting

Kelly Grover presented his very entertaining ode.

Kathleen Smith made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 4:10 pm. Reggie Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day, Secretary/Treasurer

Rocky Mountain District

Rocky Mountain District Hockey, Inc.
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
July 2017 through June 2018

	<u>Jul '17 - Jun 18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Income	20,000.00
Total Income	20,000.00
Expense	
Business Registration Fees	10.00
District Meeting-June CO Spgs	3,000.00
District Meeting-Summer	2,000.00
District Meeting-Winter Orlando	2,000.00
Donations	500.00
Grants Girls Showcase	0.00
Grants to Affiliates	0.00
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	50.00
Printing and Copying	100.00
Supplies	200.00
Total Operations	350.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Gifts and Apparel	1,000.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,000.00
Travel-Affiliate Play Off	2,000.00
Travel-Disabled Hockey	1,500.00
Travel-District Secretary	2,000.00
Travel-District Web Master	1,500.00
Travel-Other	1,000.00
Travel-Tournament	2,000.00
Trophies and Banners	
Appreciation Awards	500.00
Trophies and Banners - Other	4,000.00
Total Trophies and Banners	4,500.00
Total Expense	23,360.00
Net Ordinary Income	-3,360.00
Net Income	<u><u>-3,360.00</u></u>