

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES**  
Thursday June 5, 2008  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

In attendance:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assoc.</b>	<b>Position</b>
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
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Lewis, TC	District	Asst Coach-in Chief
Davern, Paul	District	Coach-in-Chief
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Pashkowski, Geoff	AZ	Director at Large
Powell, Rob	AZ	Director at Large
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Stewart, Mary	AZ	Secretary/Treasurer
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Elwood, Rob	CO	Registrar
Peterson, Melissa	NM	President
Mcatheri, Jack	NM	Director at Large
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Calhoun, Sandy	OK	Secretary/Treasurer
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Lehtola, Jouni	TX	CEP
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Anderson, Cathy	UT	Registrar
Stoleman, TK	TX	
Bloomer, Al	USA Hockey	National Coach in Chief
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Member Services
Anderson, Debbie	USA Hockey	Member Services
DiGraw, Paulette	USA Hockey	Member Services
<u>Slizewski, Susan</u>		
	USA Hockey	Member Services

Absent:

Lehto, Wayne	District	Director
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
	District	ACE Administrator
Schwarz, Michael	NM	ACE Director
Power, Tom	ID	President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made. There were many visitors.

Dr. Alan Ashare talked about the "Heads Up, Don't Duck!" program. The US CDC has a program on concussions in youth and high school sports. Information packets including posters are available free of charge at the CDC website, [www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/](http://www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/)

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the January 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Melissa Peterson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Rocky Mountain District Volunteer Award**

Chris Kenney presented the 2008 Volunteer Award to Jouni Lehtola. He is called the "Father of Hockey" in Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex Hockey. He was instrumental in starting the grass roots program in 1993. He currently is the CEP for Texas.

### **2008 District Tournament Reports**

Each director reported on their tournament. Bruce Karinen and the registrars were incredible. Susan Cardasis is putting together a credentials hand book to avoid problems in the future.

Tier I 13-16 March 2008 Littleton, Colorado Bryan Irey reported that the rink and the host association were wonderful and the quality of play was unbelievable.

Girls/Women 6-9 March 2008 Scottsdale, Arizona Bruce Karinen said all went well. The Women's C champion went on to win Nationals. The 14U championship went to three overtimes, and the rink worked to meet the need for the extra ice.

Tier II 13-16 March 2008 Provo, Utah TC Lewis said other than a mix-up with the rink schedule, it went well.

Tier II 13-16 March 2008 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Chris Kenney reported that the rink and officiating were good. They worked well dealing with the many overtime games that caused scheduling problems.

High School 28-30 March 2008 Dallas, Texas Kelly Grover reported that there were a few problems with the High School tournament, but overall the tournament went very well.

Girls/Women House/Rec 28-30 March 2008 Boise, Idaho Bruce Karinen said the rink was good and Wayne Lehto made sure things went well.

### **District Tournament Procedures**

Wayne Lehto sent a proposal for procedure changes. Please review the material and be prepared to go over it at the August meeting when we hope Wayne will be healthy enough to be with us. He is battling throat cancer. The big state/small state pool information is incorrect in policy manual. It will need to be corrected in August.

### **2009 District Tournaments**

The following is the proposed rotation and dates for 2009.

Tier I 12-15 March 2009 - UT

Tier II 12-15 March 2009 - NM or AZ and ID

High School 19-22 March 2009 - AZ

Girls/Women 3-5 March 2009 - CO

Girls Rec 19-22 March 2009 - NM or UT

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold Tier I and II tournaments 12-15 March 2009, Girls/Women Tier tournament 3-5 March 2009, and High School and Girls Rec tournaments 19-22 March 2009. Bryan Irey seconded the motion and it passed with a negative vote from Ted Skinner.

Associations wanting to host tournaments must prepare bids for the August meeting. Bryan will send an email with bid requirements including schedule, budget, personnel, and facilities.

It was suggested that a fee increase be presented to the Youth Council.

### **District Grant for Affiliate Adult Tournaments**

Bruce Karinen presented the idea of a matching grant of up to \$2,000 to each state to be used as seed money to initiate an adult state tournament in each state in the Rocky Mountain District. The monies are to be spent during the 2008-09 hockey season.

Rules and restrictions:

1. The monies from the District Grant are to be used only for ice and referee costs.
2. Age and group classifications for the tournaments are to be decided by the affiliate/state.
3. All teams and players playing the tournaments MUST be registered with USA Hockey prior to playing in the tournaments.
4. All teams/players must be registered in the host affiliate/state where the tournament is held.
5. Dates and locations and hosts are to be decided by the affiliate/state.
6. A brief written report must be written about the success and problems encountered to the district directors and affiliate presidents prior to the District June meeting.

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to approve the grant as presented. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Hot Button Issues**

Al Bloomer talked about a few of the issues being voted on this year. The Women's section becoming a council will be a close vote. Bylaw 10 affects player discipline. Please make sure all are aware if passed. There will be a first pass at defining Tier I youth. Changes are being presented to tighten the criteria for coaching certificates. The issue of not allowing girls to play on women's teams is big. The discussion around the table reflected a consensus to separate girls from women. The issue of screening comes into play when youth play with adults, risk and liability must be addressed. Rules on men's programs have not been implemented on the women's side. Affiliate presidents need to let the directors know their feelings before the vote this week.

**Rae Briggie**

Rae Briggie complemented the Rocky Mountain District monthly phone conferences. She says it keeps communication open and active. She encouraged attendance at the town meeting to share what works and what doesn't work in our district. She also expressed a desire for the District to continue to work on getting a representative on the Executive Committee.

**Level 4 Coaching Clinic**

The Level 4 coaching clinic scheduled in Phoenix 12-14 Sept 2008 only has 59 registrations. There must be at least 150 to make the clinic viable.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is 15-17 August 2008 in Denver, CO.

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:35 am. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day  
RMD Secretary