

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES**
Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, 2010
Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs, CO

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Irey, Bryan	District	Director
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
Power, Tom	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
	District	Coach-in-Chief Vice
Lehto, Mike	ID	President
		High School Section
Grover, Kelly	District	Risk Manager
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Stewart, Mary	AZ	Vice President
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Smith, Rich	CO	Director at Large
Dohner, John	CO	VP Girls/Women
Cardasis, Susan	CO	Registrar
Elwood, Rob	CO	Registrar
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
		Registrar Coach-in-
Lampl, Tom	ID	Chief
Owens, Sammi	NM	President
Olson, Peter	NM	Coach-in-Chief
Newall, Roger	NM	Treasurer
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Servaes, Mark	TX	Vice President
Lewis, Debra	TX	Registrar
Graves, Bettipat	TX	Registrar
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President
Anderson, Cathy	UT	Registrar
Urban, Bruce	USA Hockey	Director at Large
Anderson, Debbie	USA Hockey	Member Services
Briggle, Rae	USA Hockey	Member Services
DiGiacomo, Paulette	USA Hockey	Member Services
Welch, Courtney	USA Hockey	Program Services
Aldrich, Scott	USA Hockey	Adult Hockey Manager
Bevan, Ashley	USA Hockey	Adult Hockey Director
Williams, Tanner	USA Hockey	Adult Hockey Coordinator

Erlenbach, Kevin	USA Hockey	Program Services Manager
Hunt, Susan	USA Hockey	Member Services
Fenlon, Helen	USA Hockey	Officials Registration Coaching Education
Tabrum, Mark	USA Hockey	Director
Kavanagh, Kevin	USA Hockey	Membership Development

Absent:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Lewis, TC	District	Director
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
Martinez, Karen	NM	Registrar
Donovan, Larry	OK	President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made. Thanks to all of the USA Hockey staff members in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Dean Brandstetter made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Reports

Chris Kenney submitted a written District Director report. He is serving on the Junior Council. Tom Power is serving on the Marketing and Nominating Committees. He will get more involved with the new season approaching. Bryan Irey is serving on the Rules Committee and it is a rule change year so it will be active now. TC Lewis was absent.

District Risk Manager

Kelly Grover – See written report – The issue has come up about claims filed by members who have not been claimed by an association. Technically, a person must be claimed to be covered by the USA Hockey insurance. If a claim is filed, the membership status will be verified, but it is important to get your unclaimed registrations claimed.

District Web Master

George Cole - See written report

ACE Program

Michael Schwarz - See written report

Affiliate President Reports

Written affiliate reports were turned in by Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah.

AZ Jon Brooks – Uncertainty of the NHL Coyotes staying in the state affects the program because they have been very involved with the youth hockey program. The State adult tournament is getting better every year. Oceanside Ice Arena will be registered with USA Hockey this year bringing the total to 3 rinks with adult programs registered with USA Hockey. Arizona hosted the Tier I Tournament and it was very successful. The PF Chang association has merged in with the Coyote association. The Flagstaff rink should be back on line by October after the ceiling collapsed last winter. High School program has had a large amount of funds embezzled by the treasurer over the last 7 years, but is trying to stay afloat and get all liabilities taken care of. The new program of using commitment letters seems to be working. Background screening program is working.

CO Phil Paolilli – See written report - One new association and one new rink.

ID Dean Brandstetter – See written report

NM Sammi Owens – See written report – One new association and a Junior Team.

OK Larry Donovan - Anne Hetrick reported that their Kids First program is their main focus. An Oklahoma team did win one of the Small States National Tournaments.

TX Ted Skinner – See written report - New program with the Avalanche to create scholarships for players. Tier I committee created to assign Tier I status to teams through team application.

UT Geoff Fisher – See written report.

Player Development Camp Report

Tom Lampl reported that there was a problem filling the girls' younger age groups. The Rocky Mountain District did get extra slots for both boys and girls at the National level. The district is known for returning slots if they can't be filled by quality players. This creates credibility with National. The camp survey showed the biggest problem was having affiliate camps held too late for participants to make affordable travel arrangements. Last year Mid-Am held a camp for girl goalies to expand the national experience to those who don't get selected to the national camp. The venue for the 2011 camp is again The Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City, UT May 4-8.

Level 4 coaching clinic has 110 registered and need 175 to break even.

Coach-in-Chief Report

Mike Lehto is now the District Coach-in-Chief. Mike has been working with TC Lewis on the transition. TC will stay on as an assistant Coach-in-Chief.

Coaching Education

Mark Tabrum, USA Hockey Coaching Education Director, presented upcoming changes in the coaching program. Five different 4 ½ - 5 hr online training modules are being created directed to specific playing levels, including girls. This will hopefully be in place by the 2011-12 season. This is in addition to the required coaching certification levels. Timing changes of clinic attendance will also change. Coaches will only be allowed to certify one coaching level per year.

USA Hockey Online Registration and Member Services

Rae Briggie reported that the 2009-10 membership report is available online or you can request what you want from her. 38% of the membership is already registered for this year. Every segment registration is up over this time last year. Thank you to every affiliate in the Rocky Mountain District for supporting online registration. The updated web site will be online in the next couple of months. Rae passed around a copy of the E-card membership cards that started being used last year. Use of E-cards has saved over \$700,000 a year. Affiliate fees are being transferred every two weeks. Retention emails are scheduled to go out to those who haven't registered yet. The new annual guide is on the web site, but hard copies are still being printed. Policies and Procedure Manuals will be sent by email with a PDF attachment to affiliates. Invitational tournaments must check for USA Hockey registered team rosters, but not individual birth certificates. Non USA resident members have requirements to complete to be registered. For clarification please be aware that when you use the phrase U19 you are excluding 19 year olds. Use the phrase 19 and under or 19U instead.

Membership Development Report

Courtney Welch reported that they have been to many affiliates to help with acquisition and retention. They are also working on a webinar. There is a Tape to Tape newsletter on the web site with helpful information. They have 11 Try Hockey for Free events scheduled, but they would like to get 15-20 scheduled. Ninety rinks have already signed up for Hockey Weekend Across America Feb 18-20, 2011. Nine of those are from our District. Two and Two Challenge forms need to be signed and returned as soon as possible. Check out the Come Play Youth Hockey page on Facebook.

Adult Hockey Report

Ashley Bevan reported that two new adult program rinks have become USA Hockey registered. Arizona's state adult tournament is more successful each year. Texas is still struggling with their adult tournament but working on making their state championship better. Thanks to the district for offering an adult tournament grant to help grow the program.

Disabled Hockey

Anne Hetrick did not attend the camp this summer, but reports are that it went well. The tournament this year will be in Minnesota. If you know of disabled teams, please let Anne know about them.

Junior Hockey

Ron White, Commissioner of the Western States Hockey League, and Mark Frankenfeld, Commissioner of the North American Hockey League, shared presentations on Junior Hockey to help improve communication and relationships between Junior and Youth programs.

USA Hockey Magazine

Harry Thompson, Editor of the USA Hockey Magazine, was at the meeting. He is always interested in any story ideas, or people experiences to share in the magazine. If they aren't used in the magazine, there are other areas of the web site that can use them.

Girls Tier II in Colorado

Mountain States Girls Hockey League in Colorado is planning to create a competitive team for Tier II girls from smaller mountain communities in the league. Colorado has approved this program. Comments and suggestions were requested and expressed. "Recruiting in Tier II" and having a dominating team damaging growth of tier teams were concerns that were expressed. It was suggested to give the program a time frame and then review the results.

2011 District Tournaments

Bryan Irey took a tentative count of teams for the 2011 tournaments.

Tier I Youth xxxx March 2011 – Texas presented two proposals from hosts in Dallas, Alliance Youth Hockey Association and Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club.

Bryan Irey made a **MOTION** to accept the bid for Boys Tier I from the Dallas Stars Elite Hockey Club. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Girls/Women Tier II xxxx March 2011 – Utah Lady Thunder and Lady Grizzlies presented a joint proposal.

Bryan Irey made a **MOTION** to accept the bid for Girls Tier II and Women from Utah. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Girls Tier I - Currently, there is only one declared team in each Girls Tier I division, all from Colorado, creating an automatic berth to Nationals. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for Colorado to host Girls Tier I Tournament if another team comes forward. Sammi Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tournament Performance Bond

There was much discussion about incentive and punishment for teams committing to tournaments. Ted Skinner made a **MOTION** that each Affiliate implements a monetary fee or performance bond for teams committing to attend a district or national tournament. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This requirement is to be determined and monitored by each Affiliate.

Affiliate Issues

Limiting the number of Tier I teams in an Affiliate – Alaska has had a rule like this in place for 20 years. Colorado has just implemented a rule. Rae Briggie suggested looking at the Carolinas for their work on this issue because they are comparable to the Rocky Mountain District.

Training on 501.3c nonprofit rules - This needs to be addressed by each individual Affiliate because of state law variations.

Control email distribution lists – Email distribution can be controlled so "reply to all" cannot be used. This training needs to be distributed to teams and individuals.

Volunteer Recruiting and Retention

Chris Kenney asked for help in how to increase input on the volunteer of the year award.

Invitational Tournament Fees

Bruce Karinen requested adding a special affiliate fee for tournaments hosted by entities that are not USA Hockey associations. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to approve the Rocky Mountain District Tournament Fees proposal as written (see attached proposal). Ted Skinner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

District Grants

Adult Tournament Grant - Bruce Karinen reported that Colorado, Texas, Arizona and Utah received funds from this grant for the 2009-10 season. He proposed the same grant for the 2010-11 season. Jon Brookes suggested increasing the grant to \$2000. The proposed budget only has \$1000. No motion was made for the increase.

Girls/Women Committee - Bruce Karinen reported that only \$1700 of the \$2900 grant was used last year. He requested \$2400 for the committee for the 2010-11 season. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to approve the grant. Geoff Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2010-11 Budget Proposal

Bruce Karinen submitted the report on income and expense for 2009-10. There was a deficit of \$2,766.60 for the season. The proposed budget for 2010-11 was presented. Ted Skinner made a **MOTION** to accept budget as proposed. Geoff Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council of Presidents Elections

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to reinstate the existing officers for another year, **Chris Kenny as Chairman of the Council of Presidents, TC Lewis as 1st Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents, and Jon Brooks as 2nd Vice Chairman of the Council of Presidents.** Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next Meetings

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the winter meeting in Florida on Friday, January 21st from 11am-3pm in conjunction with the National meeting. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to hold the annual meeting August 26-27, 2011 in Idaho. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Ode

Kelly Grover read his Ode to the Annual Meeting.

Chris Kenney made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Phil Paolilli seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day
RMD Secretary

Action Items



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
Broomfield, Colorado
August 16, 2008**

Written Reports

Colorado Amateur Hockey Association



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13 August 2008

Player numbers

We are preparing for a 5% increase in total player numbers. High School is still showing strong growth along with all elements in the girls program, rec, Tier I, & now Tier II.

One Goal

We hosted a very successful One Goal event and had excellent participation from various members of the hockey community- Denver University, the Colorado Avalanche organization, and all of the youth hockey associations in the Denver metro and outlying areas.

Officiating:

Our state officials have embarked on a mission to organize their members under one state-wide umbrella-similar to MI & MN. This is not a simple task and will take input from the various official's chapters along with representatives from the youth leagues and the state Affiliate BOD. It is expected to take the better part of the next season to implement.

Pointstreak

We have entered into a long term website advertising contract with a major sports equipment vendor with the intention offsetting our Pointstreak expenses.

Phil Paolilli

President, Colorado Amateur Hockey Association

IAHA Report
August 2008

Registration numbers for Season 07-08 showed double digit growth overall through the state. Cumulative numbers by age group are as follows:

All Players		06-07	07-08
20+	24.62%	1,470	1,950
19	85.19%	27	50
17-18	0.00%	205	205
15-16	11.60%	293	327
13-14	19.71%	274	328
11-12	-12.19%	320	281
9-10	30.07%	276	359
7-8	-3.19%	251	243
6 & Under	25.00%	152	190
Total	20.35%	3,268	3,933

We also experienced good growth in the female division, which we tracked as follows:

Female Players		06-07	07-08
20+	37.66%	239	329
19	125.00%	4	9
17-18	33.33%	18	24
15-16	32.50%	40	53
13-14	-4.00%	50	48
11-12	-2.27%	44	43
9-10	-16.22%	37	31
7-8	53.57%	28	43
6 & Under	16.67%	30	35
Total	25.51%	490	615

It is interesting to note that the majority of the overall growth is happening at the older levels, and some of the younger levels are showing a reduction in players. Based on this, IAHA has been aggressively promoting the Growth of the Game through the development of Grass Roots, non-travel recreational programs. In 2008, we allocated over \$15,000 in state funds as Matching grant monies back to the local associations, resulting in over \$30,000 of total funds going back to growing the game. Local associations have used the monies in some of the following manners:

- **Sponsored two “Try Hockey” events (one for women only), supplying gear from volunteers so that no one had to buy any equipment. They ran a 20 minute “How to Play” session, and then allowed the participants to scrimmage. From the 2 sessions, they had 28 female participants show up, from which 7 signed up to play. From the youth session, they had 30 participants with 8 players sign up to play; (Moscow PYRA)**
- **Another association purchased 41 “One Goal” sets, along with miscellaneous helmets, gloves and skates to supplement their LTP program. In all, they had over 80 participants in the LTP program; (KYRO)**
- **An association in Southern Idaho is hosting free clinics; specifically targeting Squirt aged players on Saturdays, to allow them to skate with the more advanced coaches. They are also sponsoring open ice clinics for all players on Sundays and have had tremendous success with both programs. (BAHA Boise)**

One common area of frustration for several associations has been with Marketing. Most of us run associations or such, but are not professional marketers. I had contacted USA Hockey on behalf of several associations seeking marketing assistance, and there seems to be little in the way that they can offer local associations, other than the large national initiatives they run. Perhaps USA Hockey should offer more marketing assistance to the affiliates and locals to help with the marketing of hockey in an effort to help Grow the Game.

Tom Power

Land of Enchantment Amateur Hockey Association
Report to the RMD Annual Meeting
August 16, 2008

Membership

This year we saw growth in Adult programs due to the resumption of a dormant Adult League in Santa Fe and increased capacity due to the addition of a 2nd sheet of ice at the Outpost Arena in Albuquerque. Youth was fairly steady, but participation at the Bantam level was down due to the overlap with the High School/JV programs. The two largest associations in the state continue to be the NMICE in Albuquerque and Los Alamos Youth Hockey which utilizes a seasonal outdoor rink (with refrigeration, but no roof). LOEAHA sponsored two teams this past season with the intent on uniting competitive players under the LOEAHA umbrella to improve competitiveness of our teams at the RMD tournaments. For the first time, the NM Peewee team won its pool at the RMD tournament before being defeated at the semi-final level.

Grow the Game Meeting

LOEAHA held a forum at a hotel for all those interested in growing the game of hockey. Two themes were common: Lower Cost to Play (both fees and equipment) and Improve Coaching. Marketing was discussed, but due to the rural nature of New Mexico, it was concluded that marketing had to be done at the Association level and the best marketing was word-of-mouth from satisfied parents and players.

Referees

LOEAHA voted to approve a single referee association for all but House-league games to solve a long-running problem of in-fighting amongst referee factions. In the first full year, the system worked. Twenty-four new referees were added and mentoring and evaluation was improved. There were only a small number of referees who refused to join the association and be scheduled for games.

NMAHA

As a result of a call for a special election at NMAHA in Rio Rancho by a group of members, LOEAHA stepped in and administered an election for the entire board of NMAHA as a result of invalid elections over the past 2 years (no quorum). There was a large turn-out and a new slate of directors was approved with the exception of Dorothy Elza, the NMAHA registrar and long-time board member. The election was heated and involved a slate of candidates who submitted their information prior to the election and a slate of write-in candidates who did not submit information. NMAHA is slowly recovering from this election process and the new board members though inexperienced are very dedicated.

Discipline

LOEAHA instituted a Bylaw 10 action against an individual who failed to account (after months of reminders, requests, demands) for LOEAHA funds that were incorrectly applied for his personal benefit. Due to the high profile nature of the individual, LOEAHA heard the matter as a full-board, rather than by a hearing committee. The decision of the LOEAHA to suspend this individual from handling funds or incurring expenses for 12 months and to account for certain tournaments was appealed by the individual to the USAH Executive Committee. After sorting through the volumes of appeal and response, the Executive Committee affirmed the LOEAHA decision.

Melissa Peterson
President



RMD Annual Meeting
TAHA Affiliate Report
August 16, 2008
Denver, Colorado

- I. **Member Association Agreement** – After several drafts, a new member association agreement was rolled out 5/17, discussed at the 6/21 annual meeting, and finalized 7/25 with the assistance of Peter Lindberg from USA Hockey. As of 8/12, a total of 15 of the 33 active associations have executed the agreement with much of the pushback so far centered on justification, financial disclosure, player release fee, and change in control.
- II. **Associations** – No new associations have been added since last summer. Efforts continue to bring other Dallas rinks under USA Hockey for their youth and adult programs. ITC will register its one youth team with USA Hockey under another program, but its 40 adult teams have secured other insurance through June 2009 because of lower cost (\$18 vs. \$36), albeit many of the players are already USA Hockey members because they play in other leagues. TAHA is also working towards better compliance with its 3-team and 50-player minimum, especially in large metro areas like Dallas and Houston.
- III. **Registrars** – Beginning with the 2008-09 season, Texas will have two Registrars, **Nancy Shost** who will cover all Dallas area teams except high school and sled hockey, and **Debra Lewis** who will cover all other teams, tournament sanctions, patches, etc. A Registrars Workshop was held in Dallas on 8/2 for all TAHA Registrars (19 TX and 2 OK associations represented vs. 33 active) to review changes and improvements to Cyber Sport, all required forms, and address the many questions from at least 8 new association registrars. Travel costs were covered 100% by TAHA.
- IV. **Association Grants** – TAHA will re-issue a call for grants to be submitted by local associations as an incentive to foster new growth of members, youth to adult, across Texas and Oklahoma. Grants from \$500-\$2000 will be used by associations to implement new ideas for this season.
- V. **Adult Tournament Grants** – A grant form was distributed to help support rinks who host adult tournaments during the season. Each grant amount is \$500, which can be used to purchase T-shirts, food, or beverages to help support adult hockey growth. An Adult State Tournament is also planned for 2009.
- VI. **Annual Meeting** – Our Annual Meeting was held 6/21 in Dallas with 43 attendees representing 25 associations. Our Bylaws were amended to include two new sections, Disabled Hockey and Adult Hockey. Elections were held for the positions of Vice President and Secretary, as well as Section Presidents for Travel, Women's, Disabled Hockey, and Adult. Other agenda items included match penalties, background screenings, 2008-09 event dates, and new business.
- VII. **Nationals** – Alliance Youth Hockey Association continues preparations to host 2009 Nationals at the U14 Bantam division for both Tier I and Tier II. The DPSC Frisco has begun renovation, and may not be done by April, so several good options are being evaluated as the most viable.
- VIII. **Officials Shortage** – The number and experience of on-ice officials is being challenged by an increasing number of games, most of which are in Dallas on holiday and special tournament weekends. Early communication, a managed schedule, and incentives to attend new officials' certification classes are the key to overcome this "supply vs. demand" challenge.

- IX. **Sled Hockey** – Sled hockey teams currently exist in Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio, with efforts underway to create a 4th team in Houston as part of a new Texas Sled Hockey League. A community outreach event was held 8/2 in Houston with 2 exhibition games played between Dallas and San Antonio. Further activities are planned to make this vision a reality. As an aside, two Texas players (Lonnie Hannah from San Antonio & Taylor Lipsett from Dallas) were just named to the US National Sled Hockey Team.
- X. **Background Screenings** – Updated background screening guidelines were distributed. The process entails each association president sending TAHA a list of any **new** individuals successfully screened by the four service providers of USA Hockey (plus 1-2 others). The individual's name, association, screening date, and expiration date are posted on the TAHA website, along with the other 731 coaches/volunteers successfully screened last year. Registrars will only approve rosters with screened coaches and managers.
- XI. **Match Penalty Committees** – The match penalty count for the 2007-08 season totaled 54 under a new policy adopted June 2007, which puts in place a State Match Penalty Committee and a Local Match Penalty Committee, all of which are standing committees. Trends on penalties called last season include: a) 74% are in Dallas, b) 63% are HS/Youth (vs. 37% Adult), c) 54% for abuse of officials (vs. 28% for kicking or 15% intent to injure), and d) 78% were upheld with sanctions ranging from 1 game to 3 years.
- XII. **Coaches' Helmet Rule** – A new rule was adopted to put some teeth into the existing USA Hockey rule on coaches' helmets. The rule follows a "3-strike, you're out" approach as follows: 1st offense-warning, 2nd offense-30-day suspension, and 3rd offense-coach is suspended for the rest of the season.
- XIII. **ACHA College Hockey** – A new Southwest College Ice Hockey Association (SCIHA) was formed this summer that includes 10 colleges in Texas as part of ACHA Division 2. College hockey in Texas has existed for 10 years, but because of escalating discipline problems and lack of structure and accountability, local officials associations will no longer assign officials for games. The SCIHA commissioner and/or college club coaches will assume that role for 2008-09.
- XIV. **2008-09 Event Schedule** – TAHA's planned event schedule for 2008-09 is provided below:
- Sept 12-14 Level 4 Coaching cert clinic (Phoenix)
 - Sept 20 Level 4 Officials cert clinic (Houston)
 - Oct 4 RMD ACE Coordinator Workshop (Dallas)
 - Feb 6-8 States: Tier II (Houston)
 - **Feb 13-15 USA Hockey Weekend Across America**
 - Feb 20-22 States: Tier I (Dallas)
 - Mar 6-8 Districts: Girls/Women's (OK host)
 - Mar 12-15 Districts: Tier I (UT host)
 - Mar 12-15 Districts: Tier II (U14/16 in AZ, U12/18 in ID)
 - Mar 20-22 Districts: Girls Rec (NM or UT host)
 - Mar 20-22 Districts: High School (AZ host)
 - Mar 20-22 TAC Boys & Girls (Dallas)
 - Mar 27-29 Nationals Women's (Rochester, NY)
 - Apr 1-5 Nationals Girls (Rochester, NY)
 - Apr 1-5 Nationals Youth Tier I/II U12 (Indian Trail, NC)
 - Apr 1-5 Nationals Youth Tier I/II U14 (Frisco, TX)
 - Apr 1-5 Nationals Youth Tier I/II U16 (Chesterfield, MO)
 - Apr 1-5 Nationals Youth Tier I/II U18 (Pittsburgh, PA)
 - Apr 15-19 Chicago Showcase (Chicago, IL)
 - Apr 17-19 Texas Cup HS Championship, Gold/Silver (Austin, TX)
 - Apr 30-May 3 Rocky Mountain Player Dev Camp (Salt Lake City, UT)

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UTAH

August 15, 2008

Growth:

We have had growth in the number of Sub-Affiliates in Utah over the past year. The following groups have been added as new Sub-Affiliates:

Peaks Amateur Hockey Association: Run by Max Rabner, owner of the Peaks Ice Arena, Host of the Tier II RMD Tournament for U-12, U-16 in March 2008. The Peaks will provide programming for Youth House League, Learn to Skate, Girls/Women's, and Adult Hockey.

NW Regulators Hockey: Run by Mike Holmes. Mike to provide Tier I and Tier II as well as other A/B travel teams. Mike is also running a Special Needs Program.

Salt Lake County Youth Hockey Association: Run by a group based out of Salt Lake City Parks and Recreation. Programming for House League Youth Hockey, Select Hockey for Youth, Adult Hockey, Learn to Skate.

Utah Travel Amateur Hockey Association: merged with the WMAHA. This came as a result of Mike forming his own organization.

Our numbers for registration reflect approx 10% growth from last year. Our numbers greatly reflect USA Hockey numbers. We have increased in Girl's/Women's, Adults, and had stagnant growth in Youth Hockey.

Reorganization:

The UAHA has completed its reorganization process and now has 11 sitting Board Members that are elected to the State Affiliate Board from their respective councils: President, Vice President, 3 Youth, 2 Adult, 1 Tier, 2 High School and 1 Girl's/Women's.

While this approach has helped to make our group more cohesive, we also have less contact on a regular basis with the Sub-Affiliate Presidents. We will have to see how this develops.

By-Law 10:

We had to discipline a coach for violating Rule 601 (j) 1 of the playing rules. We were helped in this process under the direction of Bryan Irely, and Peter Lindbergh. They were both very helpful in this process. The actual process required us to have two separate hearings, one for the coach and one for the official. The Coach was suspended for 1 year with 1 year of probation. They appealed it to the Executive Committee. The suspension was upheld. Utah did a great job of adhering to By-Law 10.

Geoff Fisher

Affiliate President UAH

Bryan Ireys
Directors Report
August 2008

Since the January meeting in Orlando, Florida I worked in cooperation with all of the RMD local tournament chairperson's and RMD Directors to complete the final planning for the RMD Tournaments.

I co-directed the RMD Tier I Tournament in Denver with Al Bloomer.

In May I worked as the 14's Team Leader for the RMD Player Development Camp in Salt Lake City.

I attended the USAH Annual Congress in Colorado Springs in June. As a member of the Legal Council and Playing Rules Committee Meetings I attended both of those meetings as well as attending various other Council and Section meetings.

I attended the TAHA Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas in June.

In July I worked as a Team Leader in the 14's National Festival in Rochester New York.

On July 26th I attended Wayne Lehto's Memorial Service in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

I have been re-appointed to the Legal Council and the Playing Rules Committee by USAH.

Respectfully,

Bryan Ireys



**USA Hockey
Summer Meeting
Denver, Colorado
August, 2008
District Director's Report**

Since our Winter Meeting in Florida I have done the following -

I. As the RMD representative on the Youth Council I attended the Youth Council Meetings at the Annual Meeting in Colorado. Items discussed included:

1. Definition of Tier I hockey.
2. A National HS Championship (way to go Kelly)
3. Player Development Camps
4. National Tournaments, locations and format, particularly the Tier II. Utah has two bids in for the 2010 tournaments. Both are still in the running. The locations will be reviewed in September by a sub-committee.

II. Attended all of the Youth Council Conference calls. We have not had a conference call since the Annual Meeting. Our next call is scheduled for August 19th and then we go to Chicago for a meeting on September 26/27.

III. I was the Tournament Director for the Bantam Tier II Nationals in Hackensack New Jersey.

IV. I was the Head Team Leader for the Select 14's in Rochester, New York. We had a good district presence from both the players' side and the coach/team leader side. It was nice to see. We need to find more team leaders and intern coaches for future select camps.

V. Attended most of the RMD conference calls for normal district meetings and TAHA conference calls. All the conference calls seem to be quite valuable and worthwhile.

VI. Attended the TAHA Annual Meeting in June. I want to thank Bryan for coming down to the meeting as well.

I will go into more at the meeting.

Submitted by,

T.C. Lewis

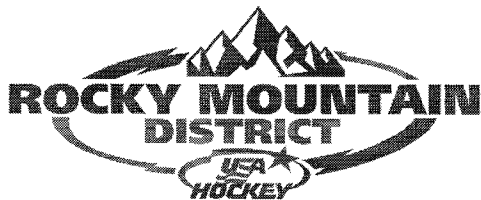
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District Director's Report

In 2007 / 2008, I was involved in the following tasks:

- August 2007 – attended the RMD Annual Meeting
- Became the Chairman of the Council of Presidents for the Rocky Mountain District
- January 2008 - attended the USA Hockey Winter Meeting in Orlando, FL
- March 2008 - helped supervised and supported the execution of the RMD Girls/Women Tournaments in Scottsdale, Arizona
- March 2008 - helped supervised and supported the execution of the RMD Tier II Tournaments in Oklahoma City, OK
- June, 2008 - attended the USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Headed up the Rocky Mountain District - Volunteer Award – search committee
- Helped lead the monthly RMD conference calls focused District items
- Involved in RMD conference calls focused on assisting the growth of the game in RMD
- Involved in numerous calls with USA Hockey and the RMD directors regarding District issues
- Involved in a number of calls with the USA Hockey staff focused on assisting the RMD continue to grow the sport and support the new rules and regulations
- Working with the New Mexico Affiliate on Affiliate and association issues
- Attended State and Affiliate meetings multiple times through out the year (Arizona and Oklahoma)

Respectfully Submitted by: Chris Kenney - RMD Director



Rocky Mountain District Player Development/Evaluation Camp-2008
Report August 2008
Tom Lampl

This past May was our 27th District Camp. It was the largest ever as we added two teams to the girls' group bringing the girls in line with the boys. The girls now have separate teams for each age group (14, 15, 16 & 17 year olds). Although we had some difficulties in filling all of the girls spots (we went deep into the alternate pool), I think we are on the correct track and recommend that we continue with the same set up and not cut back.

The camp survey that we do every year shows that we did make significant improvement in areas that we targeted from last year. We did a better job of identifying the staff and their credentials. Our schedules were much better (thanks to Mary Davern), and we gave each player a player packet (copy attached). We made a major change in the on-ice format where we did position specific break-out sessions for all of the players. These were run by Al Bloomer, Jim Johnson, Tim Taylor and Dave Smith. They were well received, and next year we are considering doing two for each group. Not only did the players get a lot from these sessions, but the other coaches benefited as well.

Registration went very well overall except that Utah did not use the online system which caused Mary a lot of grief. It is important that next year every affiliate uses online registration. This not only saves a lot of time, but we get more accurate information. There is some discussion from USA Hockey that they will have an online system for everyone next year. Seeing is believing.

The selection process is working as all affiliates returned some spots which leads me to believe that all of the affiliates are on the same page. It is not only about sending the best players from each affiliate, but it is also about identifying ALL the best players in the district. That being said, because the selection process is working, I think we were able to get all asked-for alternates into the camp. If all affiliates continue to look at the big picture, we will most likely be able to continue getting extra slots in the future. The biggest problem in the selection process is the late dates of the Co and AZ camps. I would hope that these camps could be held earlier. The big problem with the late dates is that we cannot let any alternates know if they are selected until we have all of the

selections in hand. I know that the teams going to nationals want the camps held after nationals but holding them late only benefits a few and punishes many.

The camp is working well for the players, and, at the same time, Bob McMann is running the referee training program. The area in which we have tried to improve is using the camp to help train volunteer coaches in the district. We have integrated volunteer coaches into the staff and will continue to do so. Please think and let me know if your affiliate has someone whom you think would be a good addition and would benefit. We will be cycling coaches through these positions. USA Hockey also has an intern coaching program for the national select camps. We sent four intern coaches this year and would like to continue to do so in the future. While thinking about intern coaches, please remember we do not send any to the national camp unless they have been at the district camp. Also please remember that we only have so many of these positions and just because you attended one year does not guarantee a spot the next year. Please get names in early as these spots get taken quickly.

The one other area with which the affiliates can help is team leaders. Each year we seem to struggle with team leaders. This is an opportunity for volunteers to get involved and really see how the process works. The experience of attending the national camps is a great. Please get names to me as soon as you can.

I would like to thank the following:

Kelly and Bruce without whom this camp could not possibility run as smooth as it does. Kelly keeps all of our supplies so that we do not have to spend great sums of money buying new each year. He also does the books. Bruce and Kelly deal with the rinks and hotels.

Mary Davern who, when she quits I quit, because I could not do it without her. I cannot list all that she does. She is the KEY person!

Al Bloomer who thinks he is retired but is involved in all decisions and whose counsel without which I would be lost.

T C Lewis who is the calm and guiding light. He does much that no one even knows he is doing. He keeps the staff comfortable and maintains calm and focus.

Bridget Bertagnolli who gets the staff for registration.

And, of course, Don Korth who will do anything you ask.

Tom

Camp Financials 08 Camp
As of 07/30/08

07 Camp

Income

Player Fees	\$126,715.03
Merch Sales	\$5,507.00
Snack Bar/HotelRefunds	\$654.00

Total Income \$132,876.03

Expenses

Coaches Food	\$9,015.87
Trainers	\$2,750.00
Snack Bar	\$1,094.00
Jerseys/Clothes	\$22,160.12
Sales Merchandise/ID Tags	\$3,162.00
Coaches Rooms	\$13,430.00
Office Supp/Water/Misc	\$1,877.54
Air Fare	\$21,698.12
Ice	\$23,900.05
Coach/Staff Expense	\$13,334.74
Player reimbursements	\$1,000.00
IMR's	\$0.00
On-line Registration	\$1,876.00
Bank Fees & Bounced Checks	\$286.25

Total Expense \$115,584.69

Intern Coaches \$2,100.15

Plus or (Minus) \$15,191.19

Income

Player Fees	\$119,657.37
Merch Sales	\$4,805.00
Snack Bar/HotelRefunds	\$1,457.10

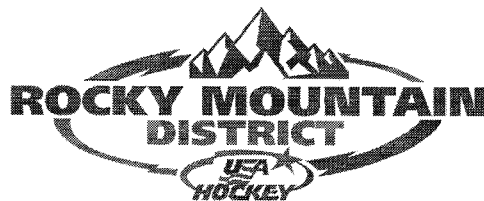
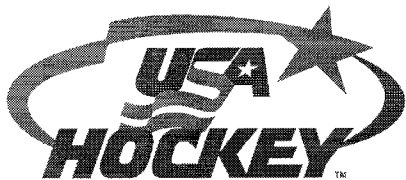
Total Income \$125,919.47

Expenses

Coaches Dinners	\$5,429.77
Trainers	\$2,125.00
Snack Bar	\$1,610.95
Jerseys/Clothes	\$17,100.00
Sales Merchandise/ID Tags	\$2,219.00
Coaches Rooms	\$13,464.00
Office Supp/Water/Misc	\$768.62
Air Fare	\$25,547.37
Ice	\$22,460.00
Coach/Staff Expense	\$14,891.79
Player reimbursements	\$1,750.00
IMR's	
On-line Registration	\$1,804.00

Total Expense \$109,170.50

Plus or (Minus) \$16,748.97



April 24, 2008

**To: All Girls and Boys Players
2008 Rocky Mountain District Player Development Camp**

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 26th Annual USA Hockey - Rocky Mountain District - Player Development Camp. Your selection means your state has determined that you are in the top 3% of the players of your age in the District, which is quite an honor that each of you should be proud of. We have assembled a staff of volunteers from across the country that have lived the "dream", so we encourage you take full advantage of such an opportunity and learning from some of the best, both on and off the ice. Our staff comes from the NHL, Division I colleges, Division III colleges, Juniors, Prep Schools, Tier I AAA, and some have played professionally, but most of all they love the game and love being around those who play the game. They are knowledgeable and more than willing to help, so please ask questions and develop new relationships.

You are going to be on and off the ice with the best players in the District, so again, you should take the time to make new friends and develop relationships. If you leave camp without making additional friends from across the District, you simply will not have taken advantage of the entire experience that many others wished they had such an opportunity.

The District does not have many rules for this camp, but they can be boiled down to the following:

1. Be on time (i.e. be ready at the scheduled time, it's better to be 5 mins. early vs. 5 mins. late).
2. Listen, be respectful and pay attention to all staff when you are here.
3. You are here to learn, play hockey, and have fun, so leave the trash talk and all other inappropriate behavior at home.
4. Do not do anything that will embarrass yourself, your parents, your association, your state, the District or USA Hockey.
5. We require full USA Hockey protective equipment – this means mouth guards in the mouth.

You will be on the ice seven times. The sessions will be a combination of skill development and competitive play. During skill sessions, we expect everyone to go through each drill full speed and to finish each drill, no one should stop skating. During competitive sessions, we expect each to compete hard all the time and to respect each other. Sticks are for pucks, not for use against opponents.

We will conduct position-specific sessions where only the defense, forwards or goalies are on the ice. The defense sessions will be run by Al Bloomer, USA Hockey - National Coach-in-Chief, and Jim Johnson, 14-year defenseman in the NHL, and former National Junior Coach. The forward sessions will be run by Tim Taylor, former USA Olympic Head Coach and Head Coach of Yale University for 29 seasons, and David Smith who has been with the NHL since 1985. The goalie sessions will be run by Frank Serratore who is the Head Coach at the United States Air Force Academy that has gone to the NCAA Division I playoffs the last two seasons.

We have scheduled each of you for off ice testing, which is really for you to get results to compare within your age peer group. Specific tests are attached for you to review, as well as the reasons why each test relates to hockey-specific skills. You should take advantage of this testing and use it to improve yourself. Cheating during testing or giving false results will not be tolerated, as character is an integral part of this camp.

We have scheduled numerous seminars for you to attend, each of which are designed to give you information that we believe will be useful in the future. We expect you to attend ALL scheduled events. If you see a seminar that you would like to attend but are not scheduled for, feel free to attend so long as it does not interfere with a scheduled event. Your scheduled events take priority.

Some of you have been here before, some are new to the camp, but we know all of you would like to advance to the National Festival camps. It is very important to note that our studies and statistics show that we will have about 50% turnover each year for those who advance to the National Camps. In other words, if you have made it before, you better not think that you have it made, and if you have not made it before, you should not think that it is impossible to make it now. Last year, 55% of the selected 17-year old players did not make the National Camp the year before as 16-year olds. Change is inevitable, and everyone gets a clean slate each year.

At the end of the camp, each player will have a one-on-one exit interview with one of the coaches of your group. Please take advantage of the meeting to gather information and to get specific feedback. Your parents are going to ask what the coaches said and they will want more of a response from you besides “he didn’t tell me anything”. We suggest that you take a pen and some paper and take notes at the meeting, ask for specific feedback that you can use for your future development. Even the very best players in this camp have plenty of room for improvement. All of you are old enough to deal directly with your coaches, so if you have not done this in the past, start now.

Have fun, play hard, make friends, measure yourself, get feedback, and enjoy the experience!

Tom Lampl – Camp Director

T C Lewis – USA Hockey -Rocky Mountain District - Player Development Chairman

2008 ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAMP**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH****STAFF ASSIGNMENTS****Player Development****ADMINISTRATION:****Tom Lampl - Hockey Operations**

Bruce Karinen -

Kelly Grover - Treasurer

Mary Davern

Kristie Taylor

Bridget Bertagnolli

Lisa Lampl

Carol Bloomer

USA Hockey-Rocky Mountain District

USA Hockey Rocky Mountain District Registrar

USA Hockey Rocky Mountain District Risk Manager

USA Hockey Rocky Mountain District

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TRAINERS:**John Johnson**

AZ

Group Leader

Bob Denning

MT

Billings Clinic - Sports Medicine

Mark Goldy

MT

Billings Clinic - Sports Medicine

Todd Daniels

UT

Becky Abrams

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Billings Clinic - Sports Medicine

Laura Ellis

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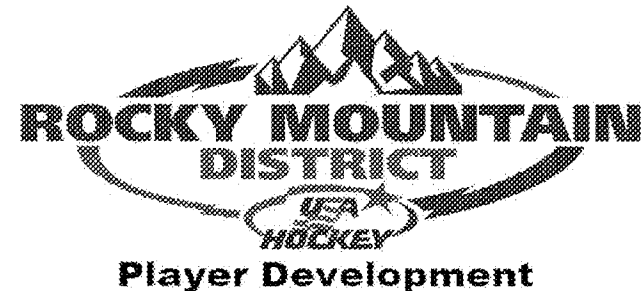
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Bob Wilkinson

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GOALTENDERS:

Frank Serratore - USAFA-NCAA Div 1
Larry Gibson-WSHL- Tier 3
Ken Fikis-CSU-ACHA-Div 1
Chad McLoud WSHL Tier 3
Walt Aufderheide-CO-HS
Brian TenEyck-CO-HS
Kevin Stone-Bozeman Icedogs-NORPAC Tier 3
Colin Zulianello-Idaho Steelheads-ECHL former CC Div 1
Freddie Beaubien-CO-HS-Former Pro Goalie



GIRLS 1994 (14) & 1993 (15)

Susan Cardasis-CO
Carol Mullins-NY
Jackie MacMillan-New England College-Div 3
Pierre Turgeon-CO-Tier 1-NHL
Marissa Halligan-St Marks School
Marnie Hill-CO-Tier 1
Mallory Young-U Mass Boston-Div 3
Beth Torrice-Cortland State-Div 3
Stephanie Boulay Wesleyan University - Div 3

GIRLS 1992 (16) & 1991-1990 (17 & 18)

Anne Hetrick - OK
Anne Ninneman-Stevens Point-Div 3
Jodi McKenna-Wesleyan University - Div 3
Melissa Lomanto-Utica College-Div 3
Nicole Perkins-Idaho
Kristen Norris-St Michaels College-Div 3
Heather Hoffay-Plymouth State-Div 3
Shannon Clement-Elmira College-Div 3
Tom Peart-Augsburg State-Div 3
Chandi Kaip-Adrain College-Div 3

Boys 1994 (14):

Brian Irey-Group Leader USA Hockey District Director
Chris Kostopoulos-Robert Morris NCAA-Div 1
Angelo Ricci-CO-Tier 1 - Former DU
RJ Enga-CO-Tier 1- Former CC-Div 1
Greg Vanover-CO-Tier 1
Dwight Mullins-Texas Tornado NAHL-Tier 2
Andrew Sherman -CO-Tier 1
JP Brunkhorst-CC-NCAA-Div 1

BOYS 1993 (15):

Tim Sanders - Group Leader - MT
Shawn Kurlak-Renselear-NCAA-Div 1
Matt Huckins-CO
Kurt Goar-AZ-Tier 1
Jim Pike-UT
Craig McAlister-OK State -ACHA-Div 1
Cody Lampl-CC-Player-NCAA-Div 1
Mark Tabrum-USA Hockey Staff

Boys 1992 (16):

Donnalee Jerome - AZ
Tom Rudrud-Tri City Storm-USHL-Tier 1
Joe Bonnett-CC-NCAA-Div 1
Paul Davern-USA Hockey RM Coach in Chief
Harry Mahood - Phoenix Polar Bears - WSHL-Tier 3
John Stevens-Idaho-HS
Mike Zucker-WA State
Shaun Hathaway -CO-HS

FEBRUARY 12, 2008 CONFERENCE CALL

Good afternoon, the following is a recap of the RMD conference call on February 12th, please let me know if I have missed anything.

- **RMD Grants for each State**
 - RMD grants – each Affiliate President has submit a grant request for the \$5,000 RMD grant to help grow the game
 - Chris Kenney to follow up with each Affiliate President to work on additional details based on what they have submitted, Bruce Karinen will cut first part of the checks by May 1st to each State with the follow up check at the January 09 meeting based on the submission of a full recap of the results
- **USAH/ RMD meeting** – Agenda for the RMD meeting at the USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs on Thursday June 5th starting at 7am – 8:30am
 - Bruce Karinen will finalize the meeting agenda, should you have any items that you would like included please forward them to Bruce by May 1st
 - Please forward any Rocky Mountain District reports to Jill Day that you would like distributed at the meeting by May 15th - jillv8@comcast.net
- **USA Hockey - Legislative items**
 - Please review the Legislative items so that we can address an items during the RMD Meeting, Chris Kenney will contact Al Bloomer to see if he would be available to speak about the Legislative items during our meeting on Thursday June 5th at 7am
http://www.usahockey.com/Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=AU_02_03&ID=210460
- **USAH Annual guide- bylaw #10** – Resolutions of Disputes, Arbitration and Suspensions – No District issues to date.
 - Please review this bylaw, starting on pages 82 – for the next 20+ pages, we will discuss further at the RMD meeting, we will ask Al to help address the issue
- **Rocky Mountain District Championships – Bryan Irej**
 - We will review the results of the Championships
 - Please remember to submit a follow up report to Bryan regarding the tournament cost to be eligible for the \$75 per team cost reimbursement
- **National Hockey Day – TC Lewis**
 - We will review what each of the Affiliates did to celebrate the weekend

- **ACE update**

- Michael said that he has been getting great response from each of the Affiliates
- Michael to get updated information out to all Affiliate Presidents and District Directors from the past ACE conference calls – continue to focus on parent awareness
- Michael is getting follow up from the questionnaire, he feels the District is moving in the right direction

Next : District Conference Call

When: Tuesday April 8th 2008

Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

Future Conference Call dates and time – the call will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm mountain time. Please forward to either Tom or Chris any items you would like added to the call agenda.

April 8 th	Ted Skinner
May 13 th	Geoff Fisher
June 10 th	Canceled due to Annual Meeting
July 8 th	Jon Brooks
August 12 th	Canceled due to RMD Meeting
September	Phil Paolilli
October 12 th	Tom Power
November 12 th	Melissa Peterson
December 12 th	Anne Hetrick

Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything. Thanks Chris

Christopher G Kenney
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APRIL 8, 2008
CONFERENCE CALL

Good evening, the following is a recap of the RMD conference call on April 8th, please let me know if I have missed anything.

- **RMD Grants for each State**
 - Chris Kenney to follow up with each Affiliate President to work on additional details based on what they have submitted, Bruce Karinen will cut first part of the checks by May 15th to each State with the follow up check at the January 09 meeting based on the submission of a full recap of the results

- **USAH/ RMD meeting** – Agenda for the RMD meeting at the USA Hockey Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs on Thursday June 5th starting at 7am – 8:30am
 - Bruce Karinen will finalize the meeting agenda, should you have any items that you would like included please forward them to Bruce by mid-May
 - Please forward any Rocky Mountain District reports to Jill Day that you would like distributed at the meeting by May 15th - jillv8@comcast.net

- **USA Hockey - Legislative items**
 - Please review the Legislative items so that we can address an items during the RMD Meeting, Chris Kenney will contact Al Bloomer to see if he would be available to speak about the Legislative items during our meeting on Thursday June 5th at 7am
http://www.usahockey.com//Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=AU_02_03&ID=210460
 - Need to discuss the Girls/ Women's age issue further

- **Rocky Mountain District Championships – Bryan Irely**
 - Bryan reported that over all the RMD Championships went very well, thanks to Bryan for his leadership and all of the local associations for making a tremendous commitment
 - Please review the changes that Wayne made to the Tournament Policies and Procedures, still need to work on the pre-planning stages to help ensure that we do not have any last minute issues

- **National Hockey Day – TC Lewis**
 - TC said that overall the RMD and each of the Affiliates did a great job participating in National Hockey Day, TC said that USA Hockey plans on doing this again in 2009

- **ACE update**
 - We talked about the continuing need to communicate with each other in an open, with the goal of support and growth

- Michael to get updated information out to all Affiliate Presidents and District Directors from the past ACE conference calls – continue to focus on parent awareness
- **Credentials** – issues and opportunities –
 - Susan spoke about the need to improve our credentialing, which needs to start at the local association level and then at the affiliate level. She spoke about the need to review our practice of reviewing documents prior to District Tournaments, a suggestion to review teams documentation prior to the December 31st and then again in early February prior to Affiliate and District Tournaments
 - The Registrars will review this issue at both the June and August meeting, with further recommendations
- **OneGoal Equipment**
 - The District and each of the Affiliates have responded very well to the equipment offer through OneGoal
- **Websites update – George**
 - No new updates, special thanks to George for staying on top of the District Tournament scores
- **Girl Districts Showcase Teams –**
 - Bruce Karinen & Donalee Jerome are working on suggestions for the 2008/09 season for a showcase team
- **Volunteer of the Year Nominations -**
 - We received two wonderful nomination from Arizona and Texas, the committee will meet by phone on April 29th to select this year's recipient
- **September - Level 4 Coaching Clinic (AZ) - Paul Davern**
 - As of the time of the conference call the clinic was not full but each Affiliate was encourage to get their coaches registered as soon as possible because the clinic will fill and there will be limited waivers given for individuals needing a level 4 certificate
- **SLC Player Development Camp - Tom Lampl**
 - Tom said that he is ready for the camp and had received a lot of help and support from everyone in the District, he will have a recap at next month's call and at the meeting in June
- **Call for New On-ice Officials - Bob McMann**
 - The big issue here is the lack of growth of new Officials within the District, request for Bob to report what other Districts are doing to increase the numbers of Officials and what steps can we take as a District
- **Disabled Hockey Update - Anne Hetrick**
 - Anne talked about the opportunity for anyone within the District to rent equipment if needed

Next : District Conference Call
When: Tuesday April 8th 2008
Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

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May 13 th	Geoff Fisher
June 10 th	Canceled due to Annual Meeting
July 8 th	Jon Brooks
August 12 th	Canceled due to RMD Meeting
September 9 th	Phil Paolilli
October 14 th	Tom Power
November 11 th	Melissa Peterson
December 9 th	Anne Hetrick
January 13 th	Ted Skinner

Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything. Thanks Chris

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JULY 8, 2008
CONFERENCE CALL

Good morning, the following is a recap of our call on Tuesday July 8th. Jon Brooks helped lead the call.

Call Agenda:

- **USAH/RMD – Recap the Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs – any key items for the RMD meeting**
 - RMD grants – each Affiliate President received \$4500 from the District and was charged with the task of following through on the plans they had submitted. Each Affiliate President will follow up with a recap of their program at the January meeting.
 - Reviewed the Annual Meeting items
- **USAH/ RMD meeting – Agenda for the RMD Annual meeting in Denver**
 - Bruce Karinen is finalize the meeting agenda, he plans to have the agenda out to everyone by July 25th, should you have any items that you would like included please forward them to Bruce
 - Please forward any Rocky Mountain District reports to Jill Day as soon as possible so they can be included in a packet that will be distributed at the meeting jillv8@comcast.net
- **Girls Tier II tournament for the RMD for the 08/09 season – Jon Brooks**
 - Jon spoke to the interest of having a Girls Tier II tournament to be hosted with the Tier I event and that this would help the District be better prepared for the following season, as we move towards Girls Tier II National Championships
 - It was agreed that we would revisit this opportunity during the meeting in Denver and make a final decision, each Affiliate President was asked to come prepared to talk about how many teams they might have that would be interested in playing in a Tier II District Tournament as well as the Girls Rec. Tournament
- **Jon Brooks – Main Thing – Arizona**
 - Jon spoke to the items that Arizona is trying to do to grow and retain players
 1. The state purchased 500 one goal sets and is working with each rich to put into action an ongoing 4 week program to introduce new players to the game
 2. Working with the Phoenix Coyotes on a number of programs to promote the game

3. Arizona will host the State's first Adult State Championship Tournament in the Spring of 2009, they are receiving great comments from the Adult players and Jon is also getting help from the National Office in Colorado Springs as well as Labatt's
 4. Working with both the Girls Scouts and Boys Scout on the biscuit in the basket program
 5. One of the challenges for the state is not all of the rink have rec. programs or in some cases do not register them with USA Hockey
- **Rocky Mountain District Championships – Bryan Ire**
 - Discuss a format change to the RMD Tournaments (Youth Tier I and Tier II) – Bryan has sent out a couple of different formats for the District Tournament, we will review, discuss and make a final decision in August. Again each Affiliate President is going to check with their associations to understand what is important to their families and players
 - We will review all bids at the August meeting
 - **District Tournament – follow up on Wayne's changes to policies and procedure**
 - Melissa volunteer to review the changes that Wayne had made to the policies and procedure for us, she will give us an update at the RMD Meeting in Denver, with any recommendations
 - **Level 4 Coaching Clinic in Arizona in September –**
 - Both Paul and Tom spoke to the numbers as well as some of the action items that are being used to get coaches to sign up. One of the concerns is that some are waiting until the last minute to register. Paul and Tom agreed to allow a level two coach take the level 4 class out of order but would not receive the level 4 sticker until they had complete the level 3 class and would also need to be register in a level three class
 - **ACE update**
 - Reviewed Michael's request for a grant for an ACE training program, Paul was going to follow up directly with Michael to better understand the goals, measurement and focus of the program. Paul will provide us with an update at the RMD meeting in August.

District Conference Call

Next : District Conference Call

When: Tuesday April 8th 2008

Time: 6:00 P.M. Mountain Time

Call: 1 - 888 - 387 - 8686 Room number 9635661 and press #

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Please remember we added a key item to this call “the Main Thing – Growing the Game”, we committed that we would spend 10 to 15 minutes talking about how each state is growing the game.

August 12 th	Canceled due to RMD Meeting in Denver
September 9 th	Phil Paolilli
October 14 th	Tom Power
November 11 th	Melissa Peterson
December 9 th	Anne Hetrick
January 13 th	Canceled due to RMD Meeting – in Florida
February 10 th	Ted Skinner
March 10 th	Geoff Fisher
April 14 th	Jon Brooks

Thank you for your participation on the call, please let me know if I have missed anything. Look forward to seeing everyone in Denver in a few weeks, Thanks Chris

[Christopher G Kenney](#)
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WELCOME TO



Regardless if you're a player or coach, we're glad you are a member of USA Hockey and part of the greatest game on earth!

As we work to make our sport the best it can possibly be, one thing is clear together we possess the passion, creativity and ability to continue the growth of hockey in the United States.

Have a terrific season and remember, displaying good sportsmanship in all situations, is a core principle of USA Hockey.

Ron DeGregorio President
Dave Ogren Executive Director

2010-11 MEMBER INFORMATION



NAME:	ALLEN CADARETTE
BIRTH YEAR:	1947
2010-11 NUMBER:	131103114CADAR

Your registration has been processed by a USA Hockey member program/team.

If you registered online, you can request a reprint of your confirmation number at any time. Either [click here](#) or go to usahockey.com and click on Register Online. On the welcome page, you'll find an icon in the upper left to "request an additional registration confirmation." Enter last name, date of birth and zip code to reprint the confirmation page or email it to the address you enter. You can also use this email as a confirmation of your registration.

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The American Development Model was launched in 2009 and efforts continue to help associations nationwide move forward with the ADM principles. The focus for the 2010-11 season is in the implementation of the cross-ice component for the eight-and-under age group. For more information, visit admkids.com or call your local [ADM regional manager](#).

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How to improve communication between junior leagues/teams and affiliates:

The NAHL is here today

The NAHL has requested permission to attend youth council meetings

The naPHL will be a vehicle for communication and relationships to improve

How to build a working relationship between the junior clubs and the local associations:

Through communication and relationships

The NAHL places roughly 150 players per year to DI and/or DIII NCAA institutions:

NCAA DI and DIII placement information is located in the NAHL information package

AHCA placement numbers are not currently kept

Is there a way to work with the affiliates regarding junior expansion:

Through communication and relationships

Challenges the owners of the NAHL face:

Presenting our message – who we are, what we do, why we do it, all of the our success stories

Financial – NAHL budgets range from 350k to 1.5m – estimated 2 million annual in losses

Correcting inaccurate perception and opinions developed from the absent of the facts

A reality that is commonly overlooked:

The NAHL is an education driven league

NAHL owners are a rare breed of philanthropic entrepreneurs

They take a large risk to hopefully share in a reward

- The reward maybe financial through ticket / sponsorship sale

- The reward maybe through the satisfaction of providing the opportunity to the boys

- The reward maybe through the satisfaction of the boys receiving scholarships

- The reward maybe through giving back to the community

The bottom line is they provide these opportunities to the boys at NO cost

Recruiting of midget aged players that impact a youth association's ability to field a team:

The Dallas example in regards to two new NAHL clubs in Texas – NAHL expansion had NO impact

- Texas Tornado – 0 midget aged players on junior roster from Dallas

- Wichita Falls – 0 midget aged players on junior roster from Dallas

- Amarillo - 0 midget aged players on junior roster from Dallas

- Corpus Christi - 1 midget aged players on junior roster from Dallas

- New Mexico - 0 midget aged players on junior roster from Dallas

Question sparked by the Dallas example-

How many players are defecting to other midget clubs due to current cost, coaches, and organizations?

Recruiting, emailing, mailing tryout invites falsely claiming the boy has been seen by staff:

The NAHL does not support "blind" recruiting

NAHL clubs do spend a lot of time, money and energy recruiting players

NAHL clubs do have assistant coaches, full time and regional scouts and relationships all over the US

Some potential legitimate causes for this-

- A clubs list may not be maintained well

- A list was presented to a club from a coach of a youth program

- A coach from a youth program recommended a player

A few points regarding tryout camps:

Team tryouts are a reality at all levels including the youth

Team tryouts are typically associated with a fee including the youth

Tryouts at all levels may serve as "quiz to test"

Tryouts at all levels may serve as exposure to other opportunities

Tryouts at all levels may serve as a self litmus test – can I do it, do I want to do it, is it time to move on

Camps, Combines, Showcases etc parents take their kids on the road

Ultimately the choice to attend is theirs and they are not always the victim

The NAHL is reviewing the tryout period and evaluating what type of restrictions may be necessary

- To improve the options / opportunities for the boys

- To potentially minimize the number of camps allowed per club

- To potentially dictate who and when can hold a camp to avoid conflicts amongst our clubs

Is the pool diluted with the growth of Tier I youth programs:

The naPHL expanded by only one new club this year (Wenatchee) – base on geographical service

Danger of restricting the number of youth programs-

The danger in limiting the number of USA Youth Tier I programs is that you may end up protecting an organization that does not have what's best for the players in mind, they may not have the best coaches, and they may charge too much, hence potentially creating a dangerous monopoly by eliminating competition

Do eighteen year olds belong in youth or junior hockey?

Is the pool diluted with the growth junior programs:

The NAHL reduced its roster from 25 players to 23 players – less boys in the stands

The NAHL net dilution due to the decrease in size of roster is roughly 60 players

All Twenty Six NAHL clubs reported high level final tryout camps with many difficult decisions to make

Danger of restricting the number of junior programs-

The danger of limiting expansion for USA Hockey Junior programs has created two issues. One being non-sanctioned "outlaw" leagues and the other being US market clubs playing in Canadian leagues

Do eighteen year olds belong in youth or junior hockey?

There are some good junior Tier II and Tier II programs, but not all programs are equal, how do we work with those that are not as good of a partner as the others:

I need clarification of what "not as good partner" means as I do not feel it applies to NAHL members

NAHL clubs are bound by USA Hockey Tier II minimum standards

NAHL clubs operate at a level much higher than the minimums

NAHL is committed to raising the bar, being transparent, and being a solution within the USA family

The cost of Tier I midget hockey versus the cost of junior hockey:

Tier I hockey can cost from 5k – 20k with all of the travel and other associated cost

The naPHL was developed to keep cost down but create value for the necessary cost spent

The NAHL owners provide FREE hockey

The NAHL only charges for housing, typically \$200-\$300 per month

NAHL clubs supply most of the players equipment and some supply all of the equipment

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Rocky Mountain District Tournament Fees

SCOPE

This procedure covers all **Invitational Tournaments** held in the Rocky Mountain District.

PROCEDURE

USA Hockey form 3-T should be filled for each Tournament. The Tournament Administrative rules attached to the 3 – T form should state that a Credentials Committee will meet before any games are played to insure all Teams participating in the Tournament are USA Hockey registered.

The following per Tournament USA Hockey fees shall apply:

\$50 for USA Hockey member teams

\$75 for Canadian or other foreign teams

Any Affiliate Fee (if applicable) shall also apply.

Special Affiliate Fee for Tournaments hosted by entities that are not USAH associations:

\$200 for up to 50 Teams

\$300 for up to 150 Teams

\$400 for 151 Teams or more

A separate check should be made out to the appropriate Affiliate.

For tournaments hosted by “for profit” entities, a copy of the tournament Budget or accounting of the proceeds of the tournament should be sent to the District Registrar. The fact that the tournament is conducted “for profit” shall be prominently displayed on all literature distributed for promotion of said tournament.

The Invitational Tournament Application (Form 3-T) should be sent to the Affiliate/ District Registrar with the Tournament Administrative rules and monies.

This procedure does **not** cover International Teams or International Competition (excluding Canada or Canadian Teams).

7 August 2010

Rocky Mountain District Adult State Tournament Grant

Scope: This is a matching Grant of up to \$1,000 to each State is to be used as seed monies to initiate or continue an Adult State Tournament in each state in the Rocky Mountain District. The monies are to be spent during the 2010/2011 hockey season. Grant total is \$7,000.

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 Tournament/s are to be decided by the Affiliate/State.
3. All teams and players playing the Tournament/s **must** be registered with USA hockey prior to playing in the Tournament/s.
4. All teams/players must be registered in the host Affiliate/State where the tournament is held.
5. Date/s and location/s and host/s are to be decided by the Affiliate/State.
6. A brief written report must be written about the successes and problems encountered and submitted to the District Directors and Affiliate Presidents prior the District June meeting.

2009/2010 Grant

Affiliates/States that used this Grant were **Colorado, Texas, Arizona and Utah.**

Rocky Mountain District Girls/Women's Committee

1. A Rocky Mountain District Girls/Women's committee shall be established to promote communications within the district, encourage the growth of girls/women's hockey in each Affiliate and work with the coaches and other sections to improve player skills.
2. The committee shall be composed of one or two representatives from each Affiliate and the District Girls/Women's section representative. If a second representative is appointed from an Affiliate one representative should represent the women and the other should represent the girl's teams and players in that Affiliate. Each Affiliate President will be responsible to appoint their representative(s) to this committee. Members may be appointed for up to a three year term. The term of office shall start 1 September of each hockey season.
3. The committee shall hold the majority of its meeting via conference calls.
4. The District Girls/Women's representative will establish a budget for this committee which must be approved by the District Council each August.
5. The committee shall elect a chairman and secretary from their members to serve a one year term.
6. The committee will submit a written report to the Chairman of the District Council on or before August of each year.

2009/10 Committee Report

The committee meeting was held at The Crystal Inn in West Valley City on 3 October 2009. All the Affiliates had a representative at the meeting except New Mexico. Marissa Hallligan from USA Hockey was at the meeting. The District Tournament for both the Women's and Girls were reviewed in detail. Growth of the girls/women's programs in each state and the various problems was the main topic of the meeting. The District budget of \$2900 was under run by \$1200.

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INCOME

District Player Fees	
Misc.	0.80
Adult	7638.00
Youth	<u>19598.00</u>
INCOME TOTAL	27236.80

TOTAL 27236.80

EXPENSES

Grow the Game Grant	5000.00
Dist. Meeting Arizona 09	3652.83
Winter Meeting, FLA 2010	837.70
2010 Dist. Summer Meeting (CO)	1269.84
Dist. Volunteer Award 09	1100.00
Checks	59.00
2009 Dist. Summer Meeting (CO)	497.80
Misc. – Approved by vote	50.75
2009 Adult Tournament Grant	2500.00
Conference Calls.	868.11
2010 Adult Tournament Grant	6000.00
District Banners/Trophies	3597.84
District Sec't & Web Master Travel	2869.93
Girl's / Women's Committee	<u>1699.60</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	30003.40

TOTAL 30003.40

NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

< 2766.60 >

<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	63330.62
<u>NET SURPLUS <DEFICIT ></u>	< 2766.60 >
<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	60564.02

NOTE: This statement is from 30 June 2009 thru 30 June 2010

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District Budget vs Actuals

	BUDGET	ACTUALS	VARIENCE
<u>INCOME</u>			
TOTAL	\$25000.00	\$27236.80	\$ 2236.80
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Girls/Women Comm	\$ 2900.00	\$ 1699.60	\$ 1200.40
District Meeting AZ	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3652.83	<\$ 652.83>
Mid-Winter FLA	\$ 2000.00	\$ 837.70	\$ 1162.30
Meeting CO/Sprs	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1269.84	\$ 230.16
19 Meet Long lead	\$ 2000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2000.00
Volunteer Award	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1100.00	\$ 100.00
Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 59.00	<\$ 59.00>
08/09 Grants	\$ 500.00	\$ 2500.00	<\$ 2000.00>
09 Summer Meet	\$ 0.00	\$ 497.80	<\$ 497.80>
Sec't /Web Master	\$ 4000.00	\$ 2869.93	\$ 1130.07
Sled Hockey Grant	\$ 1500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1500.00
H.S. Tourn. Travel	\$ 1500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1500.00
Adult Tourn. Grant	\$16000.00	\$ 6000.00	\$10000.00
Banners/Trophies	\$ 4500.00	\$ 3597.84	\$ 902.16
Grow Game Grant	\$ 7000.00	\$ 5000.00	\$ 2000.00
Conference Calls	\$ 1400.00	\$ 868.11	\$ 531.89
Flowers etc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.75	\$ 449.25
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$49500.00</u>	<u>\$30003.40</u>	<u>\$19496.60</u>

* Items not budgeted

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District Budget

INCOME

15000 Adult players @ \$0.50/player =	\$ 7500.00	
19500 Youth players @ \$1.00/player =	\$19500.00	
TOTAL		\$27000.00

EXPENSES

District Meeting CO - Aug 08	\$ 5900.00	
Mid-Winter Meeting 2011	\$ 2000.00	
Dist. Summer Meet CO/Sprs - 10/11	\$ 1800.00	
Dist Annual Meet 2011 (long lead)	\$ 2000.00	
Sec't / Web Master Travel	\$ 4000.00	
Flowers etc.	\$ 500.00	
Adult Tournament Grant 2009/10	\$ 2000.00	
District Conference Calls	\$ 1000.00	
Adult Tournament Grant 2010/11	\$ 7000.00	
Volunteer Award	\$ 1200.00	
Tournament Trophies, Banners Etc.	\$ 3800.00	
Domain Name	\$ 65.00	
Girls/Women Committee Grant	\$ 2400.00	
District Meeting CO - Aug 10	\$ 5000.00	
TOTAL		\$38665.00

BUDGET SURPLUS / DEFICIT

<\$11665.00>

This budget was reviewed and XXXXXX by the Affiliate Presidents and Directors of the Rocky Mountain District 21 August 2010 in Colorado Springs, Co.