

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MEETING  
MINUTES**

Friday, January 13, 2012  
Orlando, FL

In attendance:

Name	Assoc.	Position
Kenney, Chris	District	Director
McKibbon, John	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary
		High School Section Risk
Grover, Kelly	District	Manager
Brooks, Jon	AZ	President
Rogers, Jim	AZ	Coaching
Kenyon, David	AZ	
Paolilli, Phil	CO	President
Brandstetter, Dean	ID	President
Owens, Sammi	NM	President
Hoskins, Mike	OK	President
Hetrick, Anne	OK	Registrar
Henley, Daryl	TX	
		Growthgame.com
Stohlman, T.K.	TX	Founder
Wilner, Fred	UT	Vice President
Bratsos, Peter	UT	HS President
	USA	
Urban, Bruce	Hockey	Director at Large

Absent:

Lewis, TC	District	Director
Power, Tom	District	Director
	District	Coach-in-Chief
Lehto, Mike	ID	Vice President
Karinen, Bruce	District	Registrar
McMann, Bob	District	Referee-in-Chief
		Women's Officiating
Henderson, Sarah	District	Coordinator
Cole, George	District	Webmaster
Shaw, Rich	ID	President
Skinner, Ted	TX	President
Fisher, Geoff	UT	President

Chris Kenney, Chairman of the District Council, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct business. Introductions were made.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the August 27, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Phil Paolilli made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Bruce Karinen**

Bruce Karinen is doing okay after heart valve replacement surgery. It will take a while to recover. Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** to spend \$100 to send him a get well gift. Sammi Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kelly Grover will select and deliver the gift.

## **District and Affiliate Reports**

Utah Fred Wilner reported in Geoff Fisher's absence that they held many clinics, purchased one goal gear, will host High School nationals, and are rewriting tier policies. USA Hockey audit turned out okay. Level 4 clinic will be held May 4, 2012.

Idaho Dean Brandstetter reported an increase in numbers. PDM seminars for 3 associations were held. Hockey is good in Idaho.

New Mexico Sammi Owners reports that there are administrative issues in the affiliate. A high school issue has caused hard feelings between the association and the affiliate. Registration numbers are steady. USA Hockey audit determined that many policies need to be implemented.

Oklahoma Registration numbers are down. Tulsa rink was down until just recently. They have a sled hockey team and received USA Hockey grant for it. The Under 8 age group is growing under the ADM program.

Texas Mike reported for Ted that they are hosting a Tier II girls disabled hockey festival in April. USA Hockey audit showed only minor issues to resolve. There have been a couple of ice rink closures. There are three new board members for TAHA.

Arizona Jon Brooks introduced Dave Kenyon, DYHA President. Mary Stewart has resigned. Registration is up about 15% due to select teams registering with USA Hockey this year. They are going to start learn to skate programs for adults. Their dysfunctional girls program working on growing. There are non USA Hockey rinks offering full ice Mite programs causing a conflict with the ADM program Mite groups. Screening hearing at the association level is causing inconsistency in the state so they are looking at the hearing being held at the state level.

Colorado Phil Paolilli says Colorado is status quo. Screening issues are handled by the state risk manager. There is an issue in the state right now about a former coach's improper behavior with former team members. Colorado is also working on rewriting their bylaws. ADM will be adopted by the affiliate the year after the associations have been using the Program and working out the bugs.

## **High School Section**

Kelly Grover reported that the USA Hockey High School National Championship will be held in Utah. There will be 24 teams participating. Pete Bratsos, Utah High School President, says sub committees are working on the tournament.

## **Risk Management**

Requests for Certificates of Insurance listing an ice rink as an additional insured must go through Kelly. Insurance claim forms for injuries are available from the local registrar. The form is in Cybersport. Please send reports of law suits or catastrophic injuries to Kelly immediately.

## **Junior Council**

John Vanbiesbrouck has been nominated to be the new Director of the Junior Council. There are several hearings being held currently. The Western States Hockey League is no longer part of USA Hockey. They registered with AAU. College club teams registered through USA Hockey will not be covered by USA Hockey insurance if they play against any team in the Western States Hockey League or any team registered with AAU.

## **District Director Elections**

Bruce Karinen sent a written notice on the procedure. The 3-year terms are expiring. Nominations are open until March 15, 2012 and Bruce would like them in writing along with an acceptance by the nominated person. Ballots will be mailed to affiliates in April. Votes are based on last year's player count.

## **District Referee-in-Chief**

Bob McMann has resigned effective June 2012. Three names will be submitted to USA Hockey from recommendations from the affiliates. The replacement will work with Bob to get up to speed. If you have a suggestion, please let TC Lewis know ASAP.

### **14-Year-Old Boy Player Development Camp**

Bruce Urban reported that USA Hockey has removed the 14 year old boy national camp so they will not be included in district player development camps. To offset this, a multi- district camp for 14 year old boys is being organized with Pacific District, Rocky Mountain District and possibly the Northern Plains District. It will be held at Colorado College in Colorado Springs June 26 to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Proposed cost should be out by next month.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** for Phil Paolilli to head a committee to review the policies and procedures and to create an executive committee section. Dean Brandstetter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Next Meetings**

Jon Brooks made a **MOTION** that the 2012 Annual Meeting be in Colorado Springs at the end of the USA Hockey Meeting and not have an August meeting. This is conditioned upon logistics to explore the possibility of combining the meetings. Sammi Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **RMD Player Development Camp**

T C Lewis reported that since the 14 year old boys have been eliminated, the committee is working on adjusting the staff and the budget to compensate. See handout on 14's Tom Lample expressed thanks to the affiliates in their cooperation of only using slots they could fill with quality. Get contact info to Tom ASAP.

### **2012 District Tournaments**

Team commitments were reviewed for the 2012 district tournaments. We will be requesting a tournament fee of \$750 this year. It was suggested that the ice officials' fees be added to the tournament fee when it is determined by TC's committee.

### **Coaching Education Program**

TC Lewis reported on clinics – see handout

### **Tournament Officials**

Phil Paolilli made a **MOTION** for TC Lewis, with input from other Tier I personnel, to propose a policy on distribution of local and out of state affiliate officials and an amount of per diem for out of state officials for district tournaments. Jon Brooks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The proposal will be presented for acceptance and included in the policy and procedure manual.

### **Legislative Issues**

TC Lewis reported on some of the items being discussed at the national meeting. Harassment and Molestation insurance is going to be non-existent. Tier I is always under discussion. Discussion of prorating USA Hockey fees based on membership.

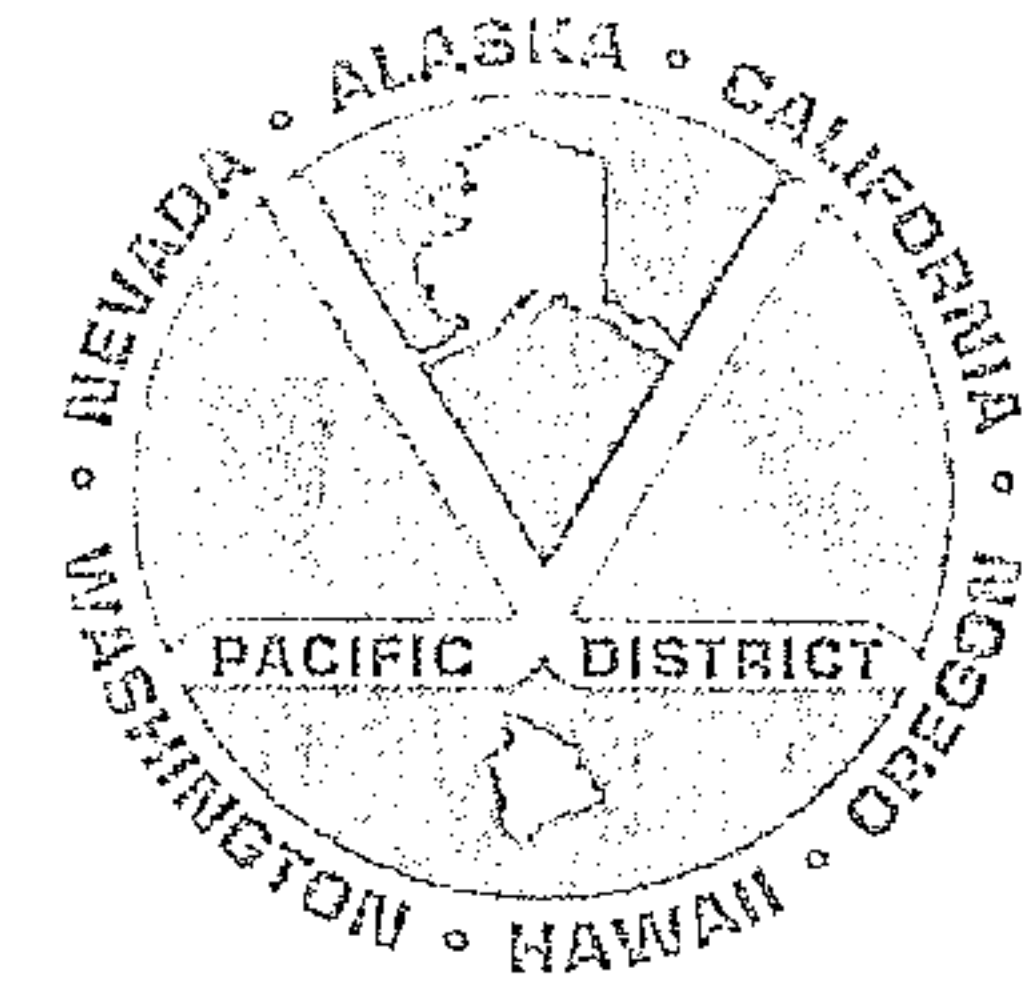
### **Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the USA Hockey meeting in June in Colorado Springs based on the decision made on an earlier motion in this meeting. The January 2013 meeting will be at The Renaissance by Marriott near Sea World since they are a new sponsor of USA Hockey.

TC Lewis made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Sammi Owens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day  
RMD Secretary



## Proposed Changes to Boy's Select 14 Camp-2012

As you may recall, we discussed the possibility that USA Hockey may eliminate the National Select 14 Boy's Camp, Well, that has happened. Since the announcement, various districts and affiliates across the country have been discussing options. We have been in touch with USA Hockey, and the Pacific and Northern Plains districts about doing a multi-district Player Development Camp for all of our 14-year-old boys. We have checked with locations that we felt were able to accommodate the camp and have prepared a preliminary agenda/curriculum. Pacific and Rocky Mountain are committed. We are not sure about Northern Plains. They have been invited and are working through their own process.

The National 14 camp was eliminated for numerous reasons. The first is the belief that holding a National 14 Camp, narrowing the nationwide pyramid to 180 participants was too few too early. National statistics and ours show that about 50% of those attending the 14 camp will be chosen for the 15 camp, and when the process is complete, less than 20% will attend all four camps. The emphasis on competition and evaluation begins too early. The costs of going through three levels (affiliate, district, and national) are high and require players who have already missed a lot of school to miss more.

USA Hockey is recommending, and we agree, that if anything is done at the 14 level that it should be more inclusive with the emphasis on development and education.

We have put together a camp for the 14s that would be held at Colorado College from June 26-July 1, 2012. The players and staff would be housed in the CC dorms with use of the on campus rink.

The camp would align with the ADM – LTAD concepts and bring together a camp that has an emphasis on development and education. We would take advantage of USA Hockey and, hopefully, some from the Olympic development program.

Points of emphasis would include:

1. Speed/Strength
2. Mental/ cognitive development
3. Aerobic
4. Increase in off ice training concepts and techniques
5. Exposure to opportunities specific to this birth year with educational seminars concerning hockey career path
6. Nutrition

It is our goal to provide each attendee with experience and information so they can move forward with more knowledge and a long-term plan.

That being said, part of our proposal is that the affiliate selection process in RMD remain the same, but that those selected will advance to the Multi-District Player Development Camp by passing the RMD Player Development Camp in SLC. Each affiliate's allocation will be the same except that we may select four fewer goalies across the district. This will follow USA Hockey's recommendations, save each family money, keep players from missing more school, and expand



18 October 2011

## Rocky Mountain District Girls/Women's Committee Report

The Rocky Mountain District Committee met on Saturday 15 October 2011 at the Crystal Inn in Murray, Utah. A lunch was provided by the District.

Five of the six district affiliates were in attendance at the meeting. Arizona was the only affiliate not at the meeting.

The District Tournament was reviewed and which affiliates would be send teams. There were several affiliate teams that were not committed. They were given until the end of October for a yes or no commitment. The District is in a low point in the number of Tier II teams in the various states. New Mexico, Utah and Idaho have House/Rec programs and teams that should grow next years District Tournament.

The committee was in favor for USA Hockey to continue the 14 National Girls Camp and if USA Hockey cancels the 14 Camp as they did for the Youth players that the District should look into running some kind of camp. Maybe the camp can be a joint venture with other Districts.

The committee wants the District to look into running a girls Rec division at the District Tournament in 2013.

The proposed changes to the Women's A, B and C divisions to be voted on by the board of directors were reviewed.

A District Grant of some kind to recruit additional girls into hockey should be looked into.

The expense reports are just starting to come in so there is no status on actual vs budget costs.

Bruce

13 December 2011

Rocky Mountain District  
Youth Tier II  
Teams

Arizona

18U 16U 14U 12U  
Send all credentials info to: Arizona Registrar      Donnalee Jerome

Colorado

18U 16U 14U 12U  
Send all credentials info to: Colorado Registrar      Susan Cardasis

Idaho

18U No 14U 12U  
Send all credentials info to: Idaho Registrar      Tom Lampl

New Mexico

18U 16U No 12U  
Send all credentials info to: New Mexico Registrar      Karen Martinez

Oklahoma

18U No 14U 12U  
Send all credentials info to: Oklahoma Registrar      Anne Hetrick

Texas

18U 16U 14U 12U  
Send all credentials info to: Texas Registrar      Darla Thompson

Utah

18U 16U 14U 12U  
Send all credentials info to: Registrar      Bruce Karinen

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