

Rocky Mountain District 2023 Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 30, 2023
Courtyard by Marriott - Phoenix Airport
2621 S. 47th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034
1:00 – 6:30pm

- Call to Order at 1:00pm – **1:10pm Kathleen Smith announced the resignation of Geoff Pashkowski**
- Establish Quorum
- Introductions
- Approval of minutes of Winter District Meeting in Orlando and of April Zoom Meeting **Motion: Mark, 2nd Doug, Motion approved.**
- Registrar’s report/update – **Darla Thompson**
 - **Welcoming Melissa Yubeta to Arizona Associate Registrar.**
 - **Youth Proposals**
 - **Youth proposal #1** – 18U Tier I rosters allowing 22 players to be rostered. No more than 20 skaters at any one time. May dress 22 players.
 - **Youth proposal #2** – Tier I vertical movement on 150, 16U and 18U within the same Association.
 - Limited to 8 games played outside of their official roster
 - Player may only compete at one age level per day
 - Player can only move between Tier I not Tier II
 - Games played on vertical movement team do not count for 20/10 game count.
 - If player is suspended must serve suspension on the team he is rostered on
 - **Youth proposal #3** – 130 Tier I NTB allows birth year 2010 to be rostered on a NTB 130 team.
 - Playing rules are consistent with the Tier I youth 14U classification.
 - There will be a 12 team NTB Championship event.
 - **Meetings with Kim each month** District registrars have meetings with Kim Folsom from the National office each month. Discussion included updates on portal issues, safesport issue, vertical movement updates. Our next meeting will be on October 19th.
 - **Meeting with Associate Registrars**
 - We have monthly associate registrar calls with our Affiliate registrars. In these calls we discuss any problems within the Affiliate and our District call information is shared.
 - We have had (1) one in August and will have an additional meeting the first part of October to update everyone on RMD discussion.
 - In August myself, Kathleen and Ted were in New Mexico for their Annual meeting. After the meeting we had a registrar meeting which was a success with 25 plus in attendance. NM Board along with registrars, team manager, program presidents, coaches were in attendance.
 - September 9th, we had a zoom registrar meeting with Idaho with 20 plus in

attendance.

- We had a great turnout for our registrar meeting in Arizona this morning. (35) attended, Coaches, TM, registrars were in attendance
- **Currently we have the following declarations:**
 - **Girls Tier I NTB declared teams as of 9/28/23**
 - 19U – 3
 - 16U – 3
 - 14U – 3
 - **Girls Tier II NTB declared Teams as of 9/28/23**
 - 19U – 1
 - 16U – 5
 - 14U – 5
 - **HS Division I teams declared by Affiliate as of 9/28/23**
 - Colorado
 - Utah
 - Texas
 - Arizona
 - **HS Division II teams declared by Affiliates at of 9/28/23**
 - Colorado
 - Texas
 - Oklahoma
 - Utah
- **Registration #s as of 9/29/2023 is 43,451 players youth and girls.. 639 are unclaimed players.**
- **There are 74 Tournament Sanctions, 3 were special events.**
- **1110 rosters approved for the 23/24 season.**
- **Kathleen Smith was awarded the President's Award by Mike Tromboli.**
- **Safesport training any coach/manager/volunteer the portal will automatically redline and the registrar will need to re-submit the individual for approval.**
- Reports (sent electronically)
 - District Referee-in-Chief (including support of officials view on intoxicated players) **What are the parameters and/or authority for referees to address and engage with players/coaches if suspected intoxication. Kathleen will reach out to Ken for support and clarification. When sending Incident Reports please redact official's name and contact information. Kathleen will work with USA Hockey IT department.**
 - District Coach-in-Chief – **no additional information.**
 - District Disabled Section – **no additional information.**
 - District Player Safety - **Please be sure that Doug receives your affiliate safety reports on players. Heightened focus on CPR due to what happened in the NFL last year. Coaches should look to be CPR certified. Doug is more than happy to help coordinate. Suicide prevention education for coaches/programs. Best practice is being equipped and prepared.**
 - District Risk Manager
 - Affiliate Presidents
 - District webmaster

- Financial Update – Katheen Smith & Bruce Urban
 - Budget review – **Motion to approve 2023/2024 Budget as presented Motion: Ryan, 2nd Lucas. Motion passes.**
 - Financial Investment - **Money Market – low risk investment possible 5% return or greater, we can get into a CD and receive roughly 4% interest. Move to a brokerage for this investment.**
 - **Motion: Treasurer to investigate alternatives to invest up to \$200,000 of our current funds that potentially will move to an outside financial institution. Motion: Doug, 2nd Mark. Friendly amendment Ryan, if investment balance exceeds \$250,000 our treasurer is authorized to invest in additional financial institution to ensure all funds are federally insured. Motion passes.**
- RMD Bylaw modifications/proposals – **Motion Ryan, 2nd Mark, Motion passes.**
- RMD Policies and Procedures modifications/proposals **Motion Ryan, 2nd Doug, Motion passes.**
- Break – 15 minutes
- 2023/24 District Tournament
 - RMD Tournament in Arizona, March 7-10, 2024 – Youth Tier I, Girls Tier I and Girls Tier II
 - Confirm the details of the Tournament along with a preliminary listing of Affiliate teams in each division:
 - Youth Tier I – **13O 7 teams, 14U 6 teams, 15O 6 teams, 16U 7 teams, 18U 7 teams.**
 - Girls Tier I – **14U 3 teams, 16U 3 teams, 19U 3 teams.**
 - Girls Tier II – **14U 6 teams, 16U 6 teams, 19U 4 teams.**
 - Discussion of RMD Tournament format – **Suggest a 6 team tournament at Tier II 14U and 16U girls.**
 - Discussion on possible registration fee to be assessed to declared Nationally Bound Youth Tier I and Girls Tier I and Girls Tier II teams in the RMD – **Discussed and declined.**
 - Affiliate Tournaments leading to District Tournament (Affiliate Tournament dates)
- 2024 USAH National Tournament –
 - **April 2nd – 7th.**
 - Youth Tier I 14U – Plymouth, Michigan
 - Youth Tier I 15O - Fargo, North Dakota
 - Youth Tier I 16U – Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Youth Tier I 18U – Las Vegas, Nevada
 - Girls Tier I (14U, 16U, 19U) Wesley Chapel, Florida
 - **April 3rd – 7th.**
 - Youth Tier II 14U – Amherst, New York
 - Youth Tier II 16U – Dallas, Texas
 - Youth Tier II 18U – Delmont, Pennsylvania
 - Girls Tier II 14U – Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 - Girls Tier II 16U – Green Bay, Wisconsin
 - Girls Tier II 19U East Lansing, Michigan

- District Player Evaluation/Selection Camps & 14U Multi-District Camp Updates – Evaluation/Selection Camp & 14U Multi- District Camp Committee.

- **District Player Evaluation/Selection Camp:**

- **Camp will be May 17th – 19th in Texas.**
- **Price will remain the same.**
- **Try to make it more of an event, with more signage and banners. Will add seminars and other interactions with participants.**
- **We will try to integrate more of the youth and girls events together, not just coincide with the dates.**

- **Western Regional High-Performance Camp**

- **Camp will be June 9th – June 15th**
- **Has a position on staff called intern coach. Provide coaching development and education opportunity to coaches. Open this up for coaches at Tier II level to allow them to get some coaching experience at a higher level. The RMD needs to do more to get coaches like this involved. The coach will need to pay \$600 for camp costs which covers room and board. They will need to pay their own way for transportation.**
- **\$50 fee paid by each affiliate for each player who attends this camp was discussed at the player development committee meeting. Some felt this was a one-time occurrence, but being that there was confusion, Bruce wanted to review this again. Bruce will be asking the affiliates to pay this fee again this year. Discussion resulted in continuing with the fee this year and re-evaluate if there will continue to be a surplus, and if so, if any change or action would be required at that time.**
- **From camp this year:**
 - **197 participants, 90 were from RMD, 84 were from Pacific, 23 were from Northern Plains.**
 - **20 coaches, 9 from Pacific, 7 from RMD, 4 from Northern Plains.**
 - **Intern Coaches – 9 from Pacific, 1 from Northern Plains, 0 from RMD**
 - **10 Team Leaders 5 from Pacific, 4 from RMD, 1 from Northern Plains**

- **Girls 14U Player Development**

- **Going back to doing a Multi-District Camp at 14U with Northern Plains and Pacific. The dates of this camp will be June 27th – June 30th in Henderson, Nevada.**
- **Will be getting together soon with Pacific and Northern Plains and we are thinking Pacific may/should take the lead.**

- Election of one person (from RMD Board) to Evaluation/Selection Camp & 14U Multi-District Camp & Girls 14U Player Development Camp. **Kathleen Smith will be the representative for the Girls and Bruce Urban will be the representative for the Youth. Both were ratified by the board. The Player Development committee discussed a girls 13O camp. Doing a commuter camp for this age group would be best and could be priced at under \$200 per participant. This year we had 11 goalies which is great. For this 13O camp, the girls should not have to go through an evaluation camp prior to participating in the commuter camp.**

- RMD Board of Directors election
 - Secretary – **Kristy Aguirre**
 - Treasurer – **Bruce Urban**
 - Vice President – **Kathleen Smith**
 - President – **Mark Serveas**
 - **Directors above were unanimously approved through Board affirmation.**

- District Representative Election in 2024 – Darla Thompson
 - **Nominations will go out February 19th to Affiliate Presidents and are due back by March 4th.**

- Other/Misc Business

- Adjourn **5:34pm**