

**Rocky Mountain District Hockey  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020  
ZOOM**

In attendance:

Lewis, TC	District	Director
Servaes, Mark	District	Director
	TX	Vice President
Pashkowski, Geoff	District	Director
	AZ	Director at Large
Smith, Kathleen	District	Director
Day, Jill	District	Secretary/Treasurer
Bammert, Ralph	District	Risk Manager
Thompson, Darla	District	Registrar
Reinhard, Ken	District	Referee-in-Chief
Reckell, Tim	District	High School Section
	AZ	President
Jerome, Donnalee	AZ	Registrar
Kanai, Randy	CO	President
Craven, Anda	CO	Registrar
Heinrich, John B	ID	President
Lehto, Shelly	ID	Registrar
Wenner, Rick	NM	President
Pimentel, Donna	NM	Registrar
Reid, Lucas	TX	President
Brewer, Tonya	TX	Registrar
Radke, Derrick	UT	President
Urban, Bruce	USA Hockey	Director at Large
Bonnett, Joe	USA Hockey	ADM Manager
Wright, Kristen	USA Hockey	ADM Manager
McLean, Alan		

Absent:

Clarke, Cosmo	District	Coach-in-Chief
Corona, Alfredo	District	Disabled Rep

Geoff Pashkowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm CST. A quorum was present to conduct business.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the September 4, 2019, January 16, 2020, and August 11, 2020 have not been approved.

**Affiliate Presidents**

Utah – Derrick Radke reported that the rinks are shut down due to COVID-19. The Governor has shut down all athletics until November.

Texas – Lucas Reid reported they are not shutdown, there have been some cases, and protocols are in place. There was a spike in cases after Labor Day, but they are expecting a normal year. No sanctioned events have been cancelled.

New Mexico - Rick Wenner reported they have two associations traveling to play because all rinks are shut down. Teams that are traveling have to self-quarantine for 2 weeks when they get back.

Idaho - John Heinrich reported that Boise is shut down, Idaho Falls and northern Idaho are practicing and playing. Washington teams are going to Idaho to play.

Colorado - Randy Kanai reported that a lockdown starts tomorrow in Denver and surrounding areas. No out of state travel restrictions

Arizona - Tim Reckell reported that each association is handling their own rules for COVID. Teams coming to play are required to have a letter from their affiliate saying they have permission to travel. They have a Thanksgiving Tournament planned. They are using a two-man official team to help lessen exposure. Some groups are dressing before going to the rink.

### **District Registrar**

Darla Thompson reported that the 2019-20 season had 51,427 registered. This year there are 42,349 or 82% of last season. The district has 126 tournaments sanctioned for 2020-21. Seven have cancelled as of today. Please review page 154 of annual guide for a definition of tournament (more than 3 teams). "Friendly games" need to be sanctioned, and in some cases, the fee could be waived. Rosters approved to date are 927. Geoff Pashkowski's position will be up for election next year.

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

Ken Reinhard reported 350 district officials less than last year and nationally is 7000 officials behind last year. Requirements to officiate must be completed by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Ken has sent personal emails to officials to get them done.

### **USA Hockey ADM**

Joe Bonnett reported that ADM still is not traveling. They are holding many Zoom calls. They have been helping with the CEP curriculum changes. No expectation of Zoom calls on CEP after Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **District Directors**

Mark Serveas serves on the Adult Council and most of the talk is about COVID. He is no longer on nominating committee.

Kathleen Smith reported that the Legal Committee Governance Taskforce is working on the new requirement of increasing the number of athletes on the board from 20% to 33%. A survey will go out to voting board members in January after a townhall session. Bylaw 10 subcommittee streamlining systems due to rapid changing of disciplinary committee members. COVID shutdowns are being tracked. Parking lots seem to be a big problem for allowing spread of COVID.

Geoff Pashkowski reported the Girls/Women Section Girls Tier II National Tournament is expanding from 16 to 24 teams this year. Rocky Mountain District will get 2 teams to each level of the national tournament due to our registration numbers. For the first time, the district will have a women's B team in the National Tournament.

TC Lewis reported Youth Council is planning on going ahead with National tournaments at this time. Depending on COVID, the location may move if the area is a hotbed of COVID. They are working on a plan B if it becomes necessary. Lots of talk on roster size and game requirements for those in COVID areas not allowing for games to be met. National Tournament Guidebook is available online now.

### **District Tournament**

As of now, the district tournament will have enough teams in all groups, and the Arizona Jr Coyotes will be hosting. Since the 2020 tournament was cancelled within 24 hours of the start of the tournament, parameters are being set to avoid that again in 2021. If National Tournaments are cancelled, the consensus of the Affiliate Presidents is that they would still attend the district tournament. Arizona must have 60-days notice to cancel the ice. Tim will talk to the rink to see if that can be reduced under the circumstances. They will need to keep in touch with status of COVID in the affiliates. Texas would be glad to host the tournament if Arizona were shut down. Ask Jr Coyotes for proposed ice costs and what entrance fees they are anticipating charging to help determine available cancellation dollars. The tournament will need to have a plan to proceed if a player tests positive during the tournament. They also need a COVID policy for use by any Affiliate requiring travel permits.

We will have another Zoom call on December 16, 2020, to update affiliates' status for the tournament.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Day, Secretary/Treasurer  
Rocky Mountain District Hockey