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President Sonnesyn called the 2007 NDAHA Reports Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Secretary was absent at the moment so they delayed the calling of the roll. President Sonnesyn deferred his report till later so called on Vice President Greg Evenson for his report.

Vice-President Report:

Evenson active with Special Projects and the N.D. Officials Association. He discussed the Special Projects to the group. He went over the committees that have been active with Special Projects. The system is now four phases with a district tryout and then moved to Minot for Alliance Cup with our teams plus Wyoming and South Dakota. Then broke down to 68 players in Fargo and held practices and games with the kids. Then 34 players moved onto Grand Forks. From here they will select some players to attend USA Hockey Festivals. He said the coaching has been top notch and the weekends were very organized. Evenson said he had parents come up and express how impressed the weekends were and the quality coaching from previous years. Discussed Northern Plains District and the selects and right now we are just looking at keeping North and South Dakota and look down the road incorporating Montana and Wyoming. Evenson said the Officials Association is looking at working closely with NDAHA and he has all the faith in Gary Fiddler the State RIC and now the new District RIC.

Treasurer Report:

Betty went over the balance sheet. Total funds on hand as of April 27th is \$59,181.33 this includes CD, Checking and Savings. During USA Audit we were asked to change our fiscal year to September 1st and that was passed and we will move that. It will help as we will have whole years financial at the fall meeting. If you are in need of reimbursements the form that Betty needs is on the web. Mileage is at a rate of 48.5 Cents one way. Make sure to cash checks in 2-3 days after receiving the check so she can keep her books up-to-date.

Associate Registrar Report:

Colter passed out two reports and discussed. The first one is the Database Statistics Personnel. This goes over registrations sent to John directly. Our registrations up 5% over last year. We are about 4,310 this year. Big increase was in girls as we were up 100. Boy's hockey biggest increase was in the Termites and Mites and some Squirts. Coaches are up 40-50 from last year. The second report is downloaded from the USA Hockey Web Site and this includes all the college club teams, Bottineau College and the two Junior Teams in the state. These teams do not register through John so he has to get these from USA Hockey. This breaks down each association for what you registered for the season. He explained the column C/P which is a ratio of Coach to Player and the higher the number you have the better you are doing. On-line registration has begun already for the 2007-08 season. Registration with the Northern Plains District we will still have the Minnkota Button and our roster will still read MN Bantams and USAH Midgets. North & South Dakota will use this button and Montana and Wyoming will not use this button. Finally we had some troubles with registrations and late rosters. Some rosters had more than the allotted number of players

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that you can have on the rosters. You have to have team credentials or else you cannot play. He went over the required paperwork. Stamped and signed roster, signed and stamped TMA, Birth Certificate for each player, Waiver or Liability form for each player and Consent to Treat form for each player.

Coach-in-Chief Report:

Gillen went over a few items not in his report which is included and was discussed at the Coaches Meeting held Friday Night. Below is the coaching clinic schedule for the 2007-08 season.

9/28: Level 1 Fargo	9/29: Level 2 Fargo	9/30: Level 3 Fargo
10/19: Level 1 Minot	10/20: Level 2 Minot	10/21: Level 3 Minot
10/26: Level 1 D. Lake	10/27: Level 2 D. Lake	10/28: Level 3 D. Lake
11/18: Level 1 Jamestown	11/18: Level 2 Jamestown	11/18: Level 3 Jamestown

3rd Annual ND/SD High School Coaches Symposium has been set up at the Holiday Inn again and will be held November 3 & 4, 2007 in conjunction with the University of North Dakota and Colorado College Hockey Series. A Level 4 Advanced Clinic is set for August 24-26, 2007 in Bismarck, ND at the Doublewood Inn. Information is located on the USA Hockey Web Site. Two rule change proposals from North Dakota Coaches Section came fourth and the N.D. vote is for moving to Tag-up off-sides and vote to keep the rule as is when a team is shorthanded by letting that team ice the puck. Gillen will be naming a state CIC replacement soon and is looking at filling the Northern Plains District ACE Director position over the next couple of months.

Player Development Report:

See Wade Storey's Hand written report. Storey went over the numbers for Dakota Selects. He said we had used 45 coaches over the phases. The committee wants the officials to get more involved over the phases next year. Splichal said this program is not about sending players to national camps but more so for developing our players within our state and official and coach development.

Girls/Women's Report:

Olson stated it was a pretty good year overall. See hand written report from Keith. Held a girls meeting at all three state tournaments this year and each community had a person at all three meetings. Only one proposal coming from girls/women's section and that is to move the 12U state tournament to the 2nd weekend in March from mid-February.

Junior Gold Report:

Melander reported that there were 10-teams in the league this past year. Penalties were up a bit from last year. 1 ½ penalties per game more than last year. Issue with one team in the league not following roster requirements and that team is on probation for 3-years and lost their home tournament for next year. At the Junior Gold Meeting, all teams will need to get Tim all the teams' paperwork before the first game of

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the season. Three teams went to the Minnkota Cup and Grand Forks won the Minnkota Cup which is the first time a North Dakota team has won this event. The state tournament will be in Mayville/Portland for 2008 and there is concern about the locker room size and Mayville/Portland said that will be addressed before the start of the year. Three players made the Team North Dakota Boy's team this year which was great. Park River/Grafton may come into the league this next year.

Association Executive Report:

Splichal handed out the \$50.00 affiliate fee for next season and it is due by the fall meeting date. Affiliate contact info sheet needs to be updated and given to Splichal so he can update the web page. Tax return and IRS 990 form also must be in by the fall meeting. Splichal wanted to thank Wade Storey for Elite League and Brett Stockert and Wade Storey for time with Dakota Selects. Mark Tollefson and Steve Blasing for their work with the Alliance Cup were also mentioned and thanked. District Coordinators: NE-Keaton Wolf, SE-Wade Storey, SW-Mike Wald and Dave Hanneman and NW-John Axtman. Board Members that have helped out are Greg Evenson, Dennis Nybo, Pete Sonnesyn, Mike Wald, Dennis Lindgren and Don Groth.

Presidents Report:

Sonnesyn went over his year's doings as the President of NDAHA. He went over his report which is attached.

Discipline Chair Report:

Rostad went over his report and talked through the number and the levels of play. Bruce was disappointed overall as the year got worse instead of better. He thought the start of the year would be bad with the new enforcement standards and hoped that over the course of the year it would be better but that was not the case. Rostad said from now on when he gets a report he will send it to the District Director and have them do the follow-up that is if we are even worried about keeping track? Rostad said we need better follow-up from the communities and we need to clean up the levels of play and take ownership of our teams, coaches and players.

Risk Manager Report:

Dave Saunders was present for Bob Gustafson to give the Risk Managers Report. See attached form. This year USA Hockey mandated that we do 100% background checks on all coaches, on-ice officials and board members. It will be \$5.00 per check and paid for by NDAHA. We have till 2009 to be in compliance and this is from USA Hockey so it is not an optional choice by the affiliate. If you have a person born in Canada that is here and is coaching they need to get a finger print card from the Sherriff's Office as that is the only way they can check them. The only groups we will not do are the officials and coaches under the age of 18. Saunders said all the select coaches have been checked for this spring. Saunders said that he would like to get a person from the NW and the NE to be on the committee and then they would have one person from each district on the Risk Management Committee.

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Minnkota Director Report:

Bekkedahl is on guard duty so is unable to attend. Sonnesyn said Brad works very hard for our state on a national level and is one of four Minnkota Directors and will be one of two directors for our Northern Plains District. Brad also sits on the legal council for USA Hockey.

N.D. Leagues Report:

Schafer thanked all the League Secretaries for their work and time and efforts. Schafer said the league secretaries will be off limits to parents as they should be going through the community reps who will in turn talk with the League Secretary. Howatt said the score sheets need to be filled out completely and stickers for rosters would be appreciated and if they could meet and have a meeting with off-ice personnel that would be great so they know what a score sheet should look like following a game. Schafer said we need to have a policy regarding weather during our state tournament weekends. We got by this year but we need to have literature so all of our board and members and parents know what we will do if we get bad weather over our state tournament weekends. Reports were to be typed this year and turned in. Splichal sent out all the reports he received from various state tournaments. Reports that the secretary did not have at meeting time were from: Jr. Gold, Peewee "B3", Bantam "A1" & "A2", Girls 14U, Girls 16U and Girls 19U.

Referee-in-Chief Report:

Fiddler talked about his Officials meeting earlier today. Everyone maintained their positions on the board from the previous year. Seminar dates was discussed. Level 4 Seminar will be held in North Dakota again and will be in Jamestown on September 15th which will be the North Dakota Officials Association Fall Meeting. All cities that had seminar dates are set except for Bottineau, Hazen-Beulah and Jamestown. Discussion of sending non-working officials used as supervisors. Concern on who will pick up costs for these individuals? Fiddler said the N.D. Officials Association will cover these costs in the future for state tournaments. Fiddler addressed being asked to have the North Dakota Officials Association to get involved and he also addressed how good the Select Program has developed and thanked Wade Storey for his work with this program and he said his officials association will get involved next year. He told the group he will remain as the state referee-in-chief as he has not been officially named as the District Referee-in-Chief. All seminars will be on the NDAHA web site in the next couple of weeks. Fiddler said that for the most part all state tournaments were great and the tournament hosts and managers did an excellent job and Fiddlers officials were very complementary of their experiences.

Group adjourned at 12:34 p.m. for Lunch.

President Sonnesyn called the 2007 NDAHA Community Affiliates Meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Roll Call of the Communities and Board was taken by Secretary Bob Gillen. Listed below are the communities' reps and board members who were present at the meeting.

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<u>Community</u>	<u>Community Rep</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Bismarck	Dennis Nybo	38
Bottineau	Chuck Neubauer	7
Devils Lake	Alex Olson	7
Dickinson	Bryan Kuntz	7
Fargo All-City	Wade Storey	27
Fargo Flames	Mike Seltvedt	1
Fargo Flyers	Jeff Kamstra	12
Grand Forks Parks	Scott Koberisnki	13
Hazen/Beulah	Jody Murschel	10
Langdon	Troy Ellingson	7
Mandan	Terry Halstengard	8
Minot	Jarrold Olson	14
Rugby	Jay McClintock	7
Sidney	Dennis Moore	7
Watford City	Denton Zubke	7
West Fargo	Troy Miller	20
Williston	Matt Glueckert	17

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209 of 293 present [74%]

Need 105 votes of the 209 for a simple majority on all proposals

President	Peter Sonnesyn
Vice-President	Greg Evenson
Secretary	Bob Gillen
Treasurer	Betty Triplett
N.D. Leagues	Scott Schafer
Junior Gold	Tim Melander
Girls/Women's	Keith Olson
N.E. Director	Dave Duckworth
N.E. Director	Julie Howatt
S.E. Director	Jay Marshall
S.W. Director	Dennis Lindgren
S.W. Director	Mike Wald
N.W. Director	Bruce Rostad

Not Present:

S.E. Director

Bob Gustafson

Others Present: [Non-Voting]

Coach-in-Chief

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N.W. Director	Scott Ellis	Association Executive	Gary Splichal
Minnkota Director	Brad Bekkedahl	Player Development	Wade Storey
Risk Manager	Bob Gustafson	Referee-in-Chief	Gary Fiddler
Past President	Jack Kleven	Associate Registrar	John Colter

Approval of Minutes [May 7th, 2006 Spring Meeting]

Motion by Nybo, Seconded by Ellingson to accept the minutes as presented. MSC.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

President Sonnesyn introduced two guests in attendance who addressed the group. First was Mike Pelosi of Bismarck, N.D. who spoke on his new business called Slap Shot Sanitization and the second guest who spoke to the group was Dave Anderson of Point Streak, Inc. who spoke to the group on a hockey statistical software for leagues and rinks.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Emeritus Plaque for Jack Kleven:

Evenson has the plaque and will take it and Splichal talked to Kleven and he will make it to our fall meeting so we can present it to him.

Selection Committee ND Sports Hall of Fame:

Duckworth went over the handout and said he wants to select 3-4 nominees to get back up to date. Duckworth said he has talked to the Ralph Engelstad Arena and they are interested in hosting the hall of fame at the REA and would be willing to announce the candidates for the hall of fame at a Sioux hockey game. Selection committee will meet in August and make recommendations and bring to the fall meeting and have the full board vote on the recommendations.

Association Executive Position:

Nybo reported that the committee met Friday Night. They went over the evaluations that Nybo sent out earlier in the year. Nybo said after the Board Meeting tomorrow they will discuss more in general.

NEW BUSINESS

NBA—\$300 for Referee Seminars-Evenson

Evenson said in our By-Laws it states that NDAHA will host 1-seminar in each district and NDAHA will pick up the cost for each of these seminars. Our By-Laws also state that any community that wants to host a seminar will pick up all the costs of the seminar. Fiddler said that his thought was if a town wants to have a seminar it is \$300 and will be billed by N.D. Officials Association. Sonnesyn said he feels we are obligated for last year since it was worded in our By-Laws. Fiddler said that is not his intent but wants to know what we are doing in the future. He said that there are multiple affiliates in communities and who pays for a

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seminar such as Fargo? Evenson said we could host in the four communities of Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot and they would be state sponsored. Duckworth said he would be in favor of this as long as one per district with the district deciding where that seminar would be each year? Evenson recapped proposal that NDAHA would sponsor 4-district seminars with the districts deciding the site of these seminars and paid for by the districts and at this time without the referees coming to us it would be \$300 per seminar. Motion Miller, Seconded by Kamstra. MSC. Communities by voice vote to pass.

NBB- Budget Line Items for Annual TND & JG Minnkota Cup Financial Request-Evenson

Motion to create a line item for funding the Teams North Dakota \$2,500.00 each year from NDAHA General Fund. Motion by Kamstra, Second by J. Olson. Voice vote of Communities to pass \$2,500.00 to each TND team.

Evenson wants a budget line item of \$900.00 per section for the Jr. Gold and Girl's / Women's sections each year. Storey asked are we going to get questioned that we are subsidizing a small portion of our hockey playing community and not some others. Rostad stated why do we not set up a fund that groups can come to the winter meeting and apply to NDAHA for monies but we have a set total amount in this line item within our budget so we know a total amount we have to give out upon applications. Motion by Zubke, Seconded by Ellingson. Communities by voice vote wanted to pass \$900.00 per group [Jr. Gold and Girl's/Women's]

NBC—Open Team North Dakota Staff Positions-Gillen

Gillen announced his official resignation from the Team North Dakota Program as of May 7th. He has contacted his replacement David Hoff and Hoff accepted the position. The board thanked Gillen for his 11-years of service to the program.

NBD-By-Law, Article VIII-Executive Committee-Gillen

Proposal was to drop the Executive Committee and the section in our By-Laws which read: *"There shall be an Executive Committee of the NDAHA composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Youth League Director of the NDAHA. These five (5) individuals shall have such authority to conduct business for the Board of Directors between meetings as needed to pursue the implementation and operation of programs as directed by the Board of Directors, and such other authority as delegated by the Board of Directors. This Committee, however, shall not have the authority to amend, alter, or repeal the By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations, or alter the membership of this committee."*

Gillen said the committee is not working and decisions and communication are still causing problems within our chain of command. Also, the full board is not being informed of decisions or that a hearing is even held so they are blind sided when called about a decision from the Executive Committee. Evenson said that we could still have an Executive Committee and not have it as the positions listed but voted on by the full board

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of the five people off the 15 member board that they trust and respect to sit on the Executive Committee. Schafer said you do not have to pick the same five people each time but you need to grab five people and run. This way you do not have the same people on the committee and a few of our board members are not voted by the state but rather through the district and they are elected to stick up for their district. Sonnesyn said each of our directors should have a portfolio and if an issue comes before the Executive Committee that board member with his portfolio also sits on the committee. Roll call vote was taken by the secretary. Roll call vote was 87-Yes and 122-No so the recommendation will be to fail this proposal.

NBE—By-Law, Article IX-Annual Membership & Board Meetings-Gillen

Proposal involves eliminating the current meeting structure where as the community reps meet and vote on proposals on the Saturday of the NDAHA Annual Meeting Weekend and the Board of Directors meet on the Sunday of the NDAHA Annual Meeting Weekend to vote on all proposals and business that was discussed the previous day. The new meeting proposal would eliminate the community rep meeting and replace that with Saturday Committee Meetings and a Board of Directors Meeting on Sunday of the NDAHA Annual Meeting Weekend.

Gillen wants to restructure our Board Meetings as we go through everything from Saturday again on Sunday. If the board needs to amend something or change something all the community reps are gone Saturday and the board is hand cuffed and cannot act as it will affect how the communities voted at the Affiliate Meeting. Motion by J. Olson, Second by Murchel. Discussion was held. Kamstra and Miller said they agree with Gillen's theory but would like more time to digest and think out since this can not take place till the 2008 Spring Meeting and this is a major change from what we have always done. Amendment was made by J. Olson, Seconded by Nybo which read: Combine the Spring Affiliate Annual Meeting into one NDAHA Spring Meeting with a time limit to be set by the board tomorrow and go until the business is done with the board voting on each proposal immediately following the community rep discussion and vote. Communities by voice vote voted to pass amendment. Motion to table till fall meeting by J. Olson, Seconded by Murschel. Communities voted by voice vote to table proposal.

NBF—By-Law, Article XV-Amendments-Schafer

Proposal that was submitted read: "The power to alter, amend, repeal the By-Laws, or adopt new By-Laws shall be vested in the communities through Community Representatives voting. The powers to adopt, amend, repeal the rules and regulation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Notice of the proposed changes in the By-Laws and proposals to adopt or amend the Rules and Regulations shall be distributed to the community representatives and directors at least 15 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented to the Community Representatives/Board of Directors for consideration. Changes in the By-Laws shall require the approval of 67% of all the Community Representatives authorized by these By-Laws. Changes to the rules and regulations shall require the simple majority (over 50%) of the directors present at that properly convened meeting. Amendments and changes to these By-Laws and the Rules and

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Regulations shall become active and enforceable immediately upon their approval by the Board of Directors.”

Motion by Zubke, Seconded Gluekert. Discussion. Schafer said the main intent of this is to give control of the By-Laws to the communities and the day-to-day rules and regulations would be run by the board of directors at any of the three meetings. Howatt said if this passes the larger communities would control the By-Laws versus the smaller communities. Schafer said this ties into the restructuring of the board meetings proposal and thinks we should table this proposal to the fall meeting. Zubke made a motion to table to fall meeting, Seconded by Gluekert. Communities by voice vote voted to table this to fall meeting.

NBG—R&Rs, Section I, Article IV-Committees/Sections, 1. Committees (Pg3)

Proposal on the floor read: *“Tournament Committee: Guidelines, pairings, conduct meetings, coordinate tournaments. The tournament committee shall include a Chairman, 4-District Directors, “A” and “B” League Secretaries, and N.D. League Director. The tournament committee shall meet at the winter board meeting in early January to set up brackets for Peewee and Bantam levels of play.”*

Evenson said this came out of a district meeting. He said there was confusion of who was on the tournament committee and how they would operate. Schafer said early January is kind of early to set up brackets and strengths of teams and could we push back a couple of weeks. Duckworth said the one and only year we held a tournament meeting we never had a problem. Howatt would like proposal to be amended to read one from each district not just four district directors. Zubke made motion that we amend to read one District Director from each district sit on the tournament committee. Second by Moore. MSC. Motion with amendment by Gluekert, Seconded by Murschel to pass that now reads...The tournament committee shall include a Chairman, one district director from each district, “A” & “B” League secretaries, and N.D. League Director. The tournament committee shall meet at the winter board meeting in early January to set up brackets for Peewee and Bantam levels of play. Communities by way of voice vote voted to pass proposal with voted and passed amendment that reads [1 from each district].

NBH—R&Rs, Section I, Article IV-Committees/Sections, 1. Committees (Pg 3)-Evenson

Proposal to be acted on read: *“Referee Committee: Training, development, and coordination of on-ice official’s activities. Refer to North Dakota Hockey Officials Association thru North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association board liaison.”*

Motion to pass by Nybo, Second by Zubke. MSC. Voice vote by communities to pass.

NBI—R&Rs, Section I, Article IX-Game Officials, A (Pg7)-Evenson

Proposal read: *“Two (2) USA Hockey registered referees or one (1) registered referee and two (2) registered linesman will be required for all league games and tournament games. Whichever system is selected for state tournaments at each age level must be used for all state tournaments at that age level and must be*

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used throughout the entire tournament. Selection of referee system will be made by the tournament committee at the winter meeting."

Fiddler said he had some comments on why the Bantam "B1" didn't have a 3-man system in Dickinson this year? This proposal clears up communication and gives the tournament host the option of using the three-man system and does not put it on the Referee-in-Chief to make that decision and hamper into the local association budgets. Fiddler said all he wants from this proposal is for the NDAHA Tournament Committee to make the decision and the N.D. Officials Association will follow what the committee tells them they want. Duckworth asked the question that if the tournament committee says the Bantam levels will use three-man system then all the Bantam "B" tournaments would also use a 3-man system? Evenson said that is the way it is stated. Fiddler said this proposal was not what he wanted written and Evenson said he thought he had written it up the way Gary wanted it but may not be correct. Fiddler said take out the wording...."at each age level must be used for all state tournaments at that age level and." Motion to amend by Miller, Second by Ellingson. MSC. Vote on the proposal along with the amendment was taken by voice vote. Too close to call so a roll call vote was taken. 149-Yes & 60-No so will be recommended to pass as written along with amendment.

NBJ-R&Rs, Section II, Article III, A-Youth Leagues, 5-Districts (Pg 12)-Neubauer

Proposal read: "Letter from Bottineau Blue Line Club requesting that the community of Bottineau be moved from the Northwest District to the Northeast District beginning with the 2007-08 hockey season. Reasons for the move include travel and competition."

Motion by Neubauer, Seconded by Miller. Discussion. Travel is the main reason for this proposal. Sonnesyn asked what the best interest of the kids is. Miller asked if Bottineau is still playing in the Canadian League. Neubauer said yes they are and they may have to look at that and see if the kids are getting too much hockey and travel? Howatt said the Northeast will vote with how the NW District votes as they would be the one losing a team. Melander said he feels they need to decide if they are going to either play in Canada or play in North Dakota. Neubauer said they only play 12 games of Canadian League and the travel is 45 miles or less. Communities by way of voice vote voted to fail this proposal except Troy Miller of West Fargo who voted in favor since he feels Bottineau has had their noses rubbed in this for three years. MSC.

NBK-R&Rs, Section II, Article III, A-Youth Leagues, 11-Game Scheduling (Pg 13)-Howatt.

Proposal on the floor to be acted on read: "Each team shall send a copy of its team stamped team roster and scheduled games to the District or Region Secretary by December 15th with the requirement that the schedule reflects completion of their league schedule by two (2) weeks prior to their league state tournament."

Motion by J. Olson, Seconded by A. Olson. Discussion. Kamstra said Colter has all the team rosters and why can't he give the league secretaries a copy? People thought that a lot of paper trails would surface and

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would create more headaches. Julie said she would withdraw this proposal and talk to Colter about getting the forms. After discussion by communities, Howatt withdraw the proposal from the floor.

NBL—R&Rs, Section II, Article III, A-Youth Leagues, 13-League Rules, Item J3 & 4 (Pg 14)

Proposal acted on read: *“Keep the Fair Play Point Program in place for the 2007-08 hockey season but eliminate current A. which reads ---Total Fair Play penalty minutes’ criteria are not exceeded. Replace new A. to read---Players are not assessed a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty.”*

Motion by Glueckert, Seconded Zubke. Discussion. Gillen said he does not think we need to drop entirely? We still have a lot of players, parents and coaches getting major penalties and Rostad also had the stats that confirmed we still have issues with conduct in our state. Gillen also would like to tackle the parent problems we face each year. This year we did not have one team lose a fair play pint due to a parent getting thrown out of the game. But when fair play was not in place for non-league games and tournaments we had many parents get thrown out so the program obviously works. Also, he feels teams losing a point for too many penalties sometimes are not in their control and inconsistency of officials is too varied across the state. He also mentioned that we need to hammer down on the people getting tossed from games and suggested we look at if a parent gets thrown out of a game the child of that parent leaves the game as well. Another option would be if a parent gets thrown from the game the team also receives a 5-minute major. Howatt said she likes the proposal and some of Bob’s suggestions. Duckworth said if you penalize the team the adults will get on and keep in line the parents that are acting up. Zubke said the coach and player has no control over the fans and should not be penalized but having the child leave with the parent would be a good idea. Miller said most of the stuff takes place at the end of games. Sonnesyn said at his rink in Wahpeton if a parent gets kicked out at a state tournament they are out for the entire weekend but that is a rink rule not a state rule. Murschel said Hazen-Beulah peewees went to the B2 Tournament only due to the fact that they ended up with more total points of Fair Play Points than two teams that had better records than Hazen-Beulah. They went to the higher tournament and got beat up 2 of the 3 games when they really were a B3 Team by skill. Kamstra asked if we have any evidence in a reduction in penalties since we started this two years ago. Melander said Jr. Gold went down in 2006 but was higher this year but more of that was the new emphasis with the standards that the officials had to call. Communities by way of roll call vote voted to pass proposal with a 118-Yes to 71-No and 20-Abstentions that goes with majority so total was 138-Yes to 71-No.

NBM—R&Rs, Section II, Article III, C-NDAGHL & Article IV, C-State Sanctioned Tournaments (Pg 16)-Olson.

Proposal read: *“4. The state tournament for the Girls/Women will be as follows: 12U will be played the second full weekend in March. 14U & 16U will be played the second full weekend in March. 19U will be played the first full weekend in March. One (1) tournament will be held for each division until there are sixteen (16) teams in a division. At that time that division will split into “A1” and “A2”. “5. The state Girls 12U tournament will be held the second weekend of March.”*

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Motion by A. Olson, Seconded by Nybo. No Discussion. Voice Vote to pass from communities.

NBN—R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, B3 (Pg 17)-Evenson

Proposal read: *“3. Communities hosting invitational and/or state tournaments are required to check for proper and current registration credentials prior to a team playing its first game. Any team unable to produce proper registration credentials shall not be allowed to participate in the tournament. Proper credentials are: 1) Signed, stamped team membership application. 2) Signed, stamped team roster. 3) Birth certificate for each player. 4) Signed consent to treat form for each player. 5) Signed waiver of liability form for each player.”*

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Zubke. Discussion-Howatt does not like that a team is disallowed for the whole tournament if credentials are not with them. Does not want to hold kids accountable for a volunteer adult that forgets the credentials book. She said some of her teams have gone to state tournaments and have never been checked for credentials. Howatt said she can't go along with telling 20 peewees they can't play at their state tournament because a volunteer adult forgets a book of paperwork. Duckworth said in all the years we have sponsored tournaments when has this been an issue? Schafer said everyone goes to a state tournament and why can't the registrar send the teams rosters for those tournaments prior to the tournament. Evenson said lets pass this proposal which states what the credentials are and in the fall we can discuss this further. Communities by way of voice vote voted to pass proposal.

NBO—R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, C7 (Pg 17)-Schafer

Proposal to be acted on read: *“That the “A” state tournaments be no larger than 16 teams and at the tournament committees' discretion may hold 2 “A” Tournaments (A1 and A2). If two tournaments are held the “A1” tournament is the advancing tournament for regional and national tournaments. Teams shall be seeded into the A1 and A2 tournaments by way of a play-in game played on Friday as the first round of the State Tournament. Teams shall be cross bracketed for this round, (example) North #1 vs. South #8 and so on, with winners of these games being seeded into the A1 and loser into the A2 tournaments. If the team numbers between north and south are unequal the 1st and last place team from the larger league will play each other in the play-in round. If the overall “A” team numbers fall below 14 teams, there will be one “A” state tournament. Tournaments shall include all of the “A” teams, and the tournament committee can issue first round byes in order to get the games in, and make bracketing and pairings more equitable or declare that two state tournaments shall be held.”*

Schafer said he would like to withdraw the proposal.

NBP—R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, F10 (Pg 20)-Evenson

Proposal read: *“During the course of tournament play, if one of the teams involved has a score lead of six (6) goals or greater over its opponent during the third period of the game the game officials, either the referee or the Tournament Manager, must invoke a running/non-stop clock. The clock will be stopped only*

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by the referee. If during the period the goal spread becomes less than four (4) goals; the non-stop clock will be resumed. Motion by Miller, Seconded by Storey. Discussion. Koberinski asked why we wait until the 3rd period to run the clock. Fiddler said as a dad he wants to watch his kid play hockey and with the cost of travel and hockey they may as well play and if they are getting beat up on the scoreboard they should suck it up and keep playing. He said from an official's standpoint he knows that if the score becomes lopsided that it may get out-of-control but that is where our coaches need to come in and take care of their players. Miller wants to keep current wording but change 6 to 4. Amend wording: "goal spread becomes less than 4-goals." Motion by Miller, Seconded by Storey. Discussion. Fiddler said 37 seconds left in a lopsided game that gets totally out of control and the referee goes over to the score keeper and tells him to start the clock and he tells the referee that he cannot as he was instructed to do it this way. Fiddler asked who has jurisdiction on this situation. Communities voted by way of voice vote to pass proposal.

NBQ-R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, F10 (Pg 20)-Evenson

Proposal read: "Teams shall be guaranteed two (2) games in state tournaments. Sunday will be championship games only. Championship games will include the first and second, third and fourth, and consolation championship trophy games."

Motion by Kuntz, Seconded by J. Olson. Discussion. Fiddler said it gets rid of the game where most people don't care and most of our penalties occur. Kamstra said most of the time the teams that play in these games are already stuck for the Saturday Hotel costs so they may as well stay and play on Sunday. Olson said the girls section want this game in place. Howatt said she feels that for some teams that do not win many games this may be the one game they can win and end their season on a high note. Fiddler said most of the problems with the 7th/8th place game are at the Bantam Level. Communities voted by way of voice vote to fail the proposal.

NBR-R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, F13-Evenson

Proposal read: "No. 13. Player/Coach Tournament Behavior – Any player/coach removed from the ice by a game official due to a penalty or penalties during a game shall not be allowed back on the ice after the game has concluded."

Miller made motion to accept as written, Seconded by Storey. Discussion. Splichal said he would like to see this amended to read that absolutely nobody allowed except teams, officials and coaches on the ice at any time even after games for picture taking. Gillen said can't we add Spectator and Arena into current proposal. Proposal would now read.... ***Any player/coach/spectator removed from the ice/arena by a game official due to a penalty or penalties during a game shall not be allowed back on the ice/arena after the game has concluded.*** Motion by Zubke, Seconded by J. Olson to accept proposal with Bob Gillen's amendment as written above. Miller withdrew his motion to accept proposal as written. Communities

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voted by way of voice vote to pass proposal with passed amendment of adding parent and arena to proposal.

NBS—R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, K1 (Pg 22)-Evenson

Proposal to be acted on read: *“Per Diem of \$20.00 per day for out of town officials, \$10.00 per day for in town officials that live less than 20 miles from the arena(s). An on ice official is limited to working three (3) games in any tournament day. Not more than two (2) consecutive games may be officiated in a row. The supervisor of officials will hand in the referee expenses to the tournament director. Fees to the officials must be paid before they leave the arena after their last game.”*

Motion by Ellingson, Seconded by Nybo. Discussion. Evenson said In-Town officials still have costs as they usually eat at the rink at the concession stands and do not have time to go home all the time to eat. Communities voted by way of voice vote to pass proposal.

NBT—R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, K1 (Pg 22)-Evenson

Proposal read: *“Peewee, Girls 12U and 14/16U \$40.00 per game for each referee. Linesmen are not to be used. Bantam “B” and Girls/Women’s 19U: \$40.00 per game for each referee. \$20.00 paid per game for linesman. Bantam “A”: \$60.00 per game for referees, \$45.00 per game for linesmen. Junior Gold: \$70.00 per game for each referee, \$55.00 per game for linesmen.”*

Motion by Zubke, Seconded by Storey. Discussion. J. Olson asked when the last increase was. Fiddler said a couple of years. Storey asked how this improves the quality and the number of officials. Fiddler said no it is just the fees are not in line with other levels. Miller asked why the Bantam A is higher than the Peewee A. Fiddler said it is a much faster game. Communities voted by way of a roll call vote to pass proposal with 168-Yes to 41-No.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

Evenson asked when Board Members go to state tournaments if the tournament host picks up the room and the state picks up per diem and mileage as per our rates? Splichal said he is unclear on NDAHA Funding? Tournament committee needs to get a room for the NDAHA Representative at each state tournament and Schafer said it is written in the state tournament handbook.

Evenson asked about bringing up proposals at the Fall Meeting and now it is under his understanding we can bring up at the meeting but we need 75% of the Board of Directors to approve at the Fall Meeting?

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Evenson said he has had confirmation with Betty to continue to serve as treasurer and Scott to remain as ND League Director with no opposition. Both Tim and Keith were re-elected for two more years as Jr. Gold

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and Girls/Women's Director. NE Director-Howatt, SE Director- Marshall, NW Director-McLaughlin, & SW Director-Lindgren were all voted in by their respective districts. Nybo moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the above people, Seconded by Kamstra. MSC. Evenson said Bob Gustafson will be stepping down and the SE District will replace and fill in for the remainder of his term and will announce the name at the fall meeting.

Two people were interested for President. Peter Sonnesyn and Greg Evenson were both running. Each candidate addressed the audience with their thoughts and messages for what they would like to do as president of NDAHA.

Bob Gillen announced that via the secret ballot vote of the communities that Greg Evenson was voted President.

Tournament Assignments

12U	Grand Forks, ND	Mar. 7-8-9, 2008
14U	West Fargo, ND	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008
16U/19U	Sidney, MT	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008
Jr. Gold	Mayville/Portland	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008
Bantam A1 & A2	Grafton & Park River	Mar. 7-8-9, 2008
Bantam B1	Sidney, MT	Mar. 7-8-9, 2008
Bantam B2	Hazen/Beulah, ND	Mar. 7-8-9, 2008
Bantam B3	Valley City, ND	Mar. 7-8-9, 2008
Peewee A1 & A2	Bismarck, ND	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008
Peewee B1	Fargo Youth Hockey	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008
Peewee B2	Devils Lake, ND	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008
Peewee B3	Watford City, ND	Feb. 29-Mar. 1-2, 2008

GOOD OF HOCKEY

Fall Meeting date was set for September 14th-16th, 2007 in either Jamestown or Carrington. Schafer will do some checking and get back to the board as to the location. Due to lack of meeting facilities some of the board would rather not return to the Great American Inn in Devils Lake. Motion by Evenson to keep the meeting in Devils Lake. Sonnesyn said lets set the date and we will find the facility and community to host.

Winter Meeting date will be January 6th, 2008 with the location to be announced later.

Spring Meeting will be May 2-4, 2008 in Bismarck, ND.

Motion to adjourn Miller, Second by Nybo.