

**NDAHA Annual meeting**  
**Bismarck, ND**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Presidents Report**

This year as president:

All new officers meant working at integrating as a team and delegation of decision-making process.

The new officers led to mistakes made as all new people in new positions make.

Great strides towards better communications about state

Traveled about state & met with all Directors

Attended meetings in all Districts.

Appointed Jay Marshall as Director in SE District

Appointed Dennis Lindgren Director in SW District

Travel to Colorado & attended annual congress last June.

On site at Alliance Cup play in Minot two weekends

On site and observed operations o "Select 64 " program in Fargo

Attended "Presidents Conference" in Colorado last fall.

Attended USA winter meeting in Florida this Jan.

Northern Plains activity included:

Succeeding in USA Hockey voting to form new district effective Sept 2007

Meeting in Colorado during annual congress & setting agenda

Meeting in Spearfish this last fall

Succeeding in placing and having USA Hockey approving:

John Colter as Registrar

Bob Gillen as Coach in Chief

Gary Fiddler as Referee in Chief.

David Zimmerman has been nominated as the NP representative of the Disabled Section of USA Hockey & is awaiting confirmation of his appointment.

Are continuing to deal with age issues with some at USA Hockey.

Attached is excerpt of communication with David Klasnick, USA Hockey Youth council chair & member of the executive committee.

Our position is, has been, & continues to be : **that North Dakota is age compliant with USA Hockey age guidelines period and end of discussions.**

Disappointed in public relations activity or lack of.

Communications throughout state is still inadequate.

Vigorous enforcement of our rules is lacking

Web site needs work & is still waiting for USA Hockey to go online with their "multimillion dollar" site that was supposed to be available a year ago.

Special projects continue to expand and are a project in itself. Probably needs to be reorganized.

April 2, 2007

TO: Dennis Nybo – Team North Dakota General Manager  
Peter Sonnesyn – NDAHA President  
NDAHA Board Members  
NDAHA Committee and Section Members  
NDAHA Community Reps  
NDAHA Membership

FROM: Bob Gillen – Team North Dakota Asst. G.M. [Boy's]

RE: Official Announcement of Resignation from above position effective 5-7-07

Dear NDAHA,

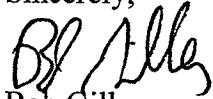
As this is no secret and has been spoken in public already, I felt it was still necessary to write a formal letter of resignation to the full NDAHA Membership. As most of you know having recently been named the new Northern Plains District Coach-in-Chief I am getting too much on my plate. This is especially true in the months of April and May which is my down time at work but my busy time with vacations and non-park district position meetings and travel. I have come to the conclusion that I need to make some personnel choices on my workload and career load. With this being said, I have told Dennis and many of you that this will be my final year acting as the G.M. for the Boy's Team North Dakota Hockey Program. I am entering my 11<sup>th</sup> year already and feel it is time to give another energetic, hockey minded individual a chance to work with this wonderful program and people that are involved with it. When I began back in 1997 I did not ever think I would still be involved 11 years later, but here I am and the nice thing about it is I am leaving on my own terms which is rare these days in the job world. I am not leaving due to any situation nor am I leaving due to any staff member conflict of interest. This absolutely has to do with too many travels in the month of April and not enough time for me and my real job at the Grand Forks Park District.

I have so many fond memories since 1997 and a few years that were not as pleasurable but overall I appreciate the opportunity to work with so many fine young adults representing our state at a national tournament with so much on the line. I also want to thank the following individuals for all their support, friendship and help over the past ten years. Dennis Nybo, Lloyd Armstrong, John Colter, Jarrod Olson, Jim Peluso, Scott Oliver, Gary Warren, Mitch Vig, Dave Duckworth, Gary Splichal, Matt Malm, David Hoff, Jeff Gustafson, Tony Bina, Bill Tyrell, Dean Wilson and all the NDAHA Board of Directors for your support of the Team North Dakota

Program. I also want to thank my boss at the Park District Bill Palmiscno allowing me time to take off to work with such a great program I really appreciate the opportunity given to me.

As I close I can not think how I will feel next spring 2008 as Team North Dakota gets going with tryouts in mid-March and then off to the Chicago Showcase in mid-April. It will hit me more next year I think than it will when our final game is played this year but I still have one more trip and a tournament championship to strive for with the 2007 version of Team North Dakota. I personally feel that the Team North Dakota program is in good hands and is right where we all expect it to be...a number one, first class operation like it has and will always be. The Chicago Showcase is always a highlight of my Spring and kind of an award after a long hockey season and it will truly be missed but I await the new challenge of representing a new district on a national level and hope I can make the four states within our district as well accomplished as I am leaving Team North Dakota and make the Northern Plains Coaching Education Program one of the finest in the country. To all again, thanks for a wonderful opportunity and I will cherish all the fond memories and friendships both from players and staff alike. I will be more than willing to help search for a replacement and help guide and train them during the transition into next season.

Sincerely,



Bob Gillen



# USA Hockey Member Type Counts

Season: 2006-2007

USAH Data as of: 04/30/2007 01:34 PM

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Affiliate	Assoc	Unclaimed	Paid Players	Unpaid Players	Total Players	Coaches	C/P	Other	Total
NORTH DAKOTA	34	4	4260	619	4879	739	.151	36	5654
USA HOCKEY NATIONAL	1	0	51	0	51	4	.078	0	55
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4311</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>4930</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>.114</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5709</b>

Association	Code	Paid Players	Unpaid Players	Total Players	Coaches	C/P	Other	Total
NORTH DAKOTA AHA	NDH0000	64	0	64	16	.250	1	81
NORTH DAKOTA SPECIAL PROJECTS	NDH0010	408	0	408	10	.025	1	419
VALLEY CITY HOCKEY CLUB	NDH0122	62	24	86	17	.198	1	104
MANDAN HOCKEY CLUB	NDH0123	164	42	206	24	.117	1	231
JAMESTOWN HOCKEY BOOSTERS	NDH0124	116	23	139	26	.187	1	166
BOTTINEAU BLUE LINE CLUB	NDH0125	71	8	79	14	.177	1	94
RUGBY AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	NDH0126	74	10	84	15	.179	1	100
GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT	NDH0127	252	0	252	37	.147	1	290
CANDO HOCKEY BOOSTERS	NDH0128	18	13	31	4	.129	1	36
GRAFTON YOUTH HOCKEY	NDH0129	115	18	133	23	.173	1	157
MAY PORT ICE DAWGS	NDH0130	73	10	83	17	.205	1	101
ALL CITY JUNIOR GOLD HOCKEY	NDH0132	16	0	16	2	.125	1	19
MCKENZIE COUNTY HOCKEY CLUB	NDH0134	109	11	120	17	.142	1	138
LANGDON AREA HOCKEY	NDH0135	71	5	76	15	.197	1	92
GRAND FORKS SUPRAS	NDH0139	115	0	115	16	.139	1	132
GRAND FORKS BLUES	NDH0140	55	0	55	7	.127	1	63
GRAND FORKS ANGELS	NDH0141	53	0	53	10	.189	1	64
FARGO ANGELS	NDH0168	91	0	91	24	.264	1	116
WILLISTON BASIN SKATING CLUB	NDH0171	206	31	237	23	.097	1	261
WAHPETON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	NDH0172	131	30	161	23	.143	1	185
FARGO FLYERS	NDH0173	176	0	176	29	.165	1	206
FARGO ALL CITY YOUTH HOCKEY	NDH0175	262	119	381	60	.157	1	442
DICKINSON HOCKEY CLUB	NDH0176	178	49	227	21	.093	1	249
HAZEN WINTER SPORTS ASSOCIATION	NDH0177	101	24	125	22	.176	1	148
CROSBY BLUE LINE CLUB	NDH0178	64	10	74	9	.122	1	84
DEVILS LAKE BLUE LINE CLUB	NDH0181	96	0	96	18	.188	1	115
PARK RIVER HOCKEY BOOSTERS	NDH0182	27	15	42	9	.214	1	52
FARGO NORTH RAIDERS	NDH0184	101	0	101	24	.238	1	126
RICHLAND YOUTH HOCKEY INC	NDH0185	116	32	148	22	.149	1	171
BISMARCK HOCKEY BOOSTERS	NDH0267	328	55	383	87	.227	1	471
WEST FARGO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	NDH0363	280	90	370	55	.149	1	426
MINOT HOCKEY BOOSTERS	NDH0364	184	0	184	30	.163	1	215
ACHA	NDH9999	83	0	83	13	.157	0	96
UNCLAIMED	NDHUNC	0	0	0	0	.000	4	4
JUNIOR PROGRAM	USH0100	51	0	51	4	.078	0	55
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# Database Statistics - Personnel

## USA HOCKEY

### Season: 2006-2007



Assn Code: USA9999

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Players by Gender	Active	Not	Not	Not	Previously	Total
	Transmitted	Transmitted	Active	Participating	Registered	
MALE	0	0	3404	0	0	3404
FEMALE	0	0	906	0	0	906
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4310</b>

### Players by Division

10&UNDGIRL	01/01/96 - 12/31/97	0	0	133	0	0	133
12&UNDGIRL	01/01/94 - 12/31/95	0	0	195	0	0	195
14&UNDGIRL	01/01/92 - 12/31/93	0	0	169	0	0	169
16&UNDGIRL	01/01/90 - 12/31/91	0	0	110	0	0	110
19&UNDGIRL	01/01/87 - 12/31/89	0	0	55	0	0	55
8&UNDGIRL	01/01/98 - 12/31/05	0	0	221	0	0	221
ADULT	01/01/18 - 12/31/87	0	0	7	0	0	7
BANTAM	01/01/92 - 12/31/93	0	0	616	0	0	616
MIDGET/16&UND	01/01/90 - 12/31/91	0	0	304	0	0	304
MIDGET/18&UND	01/01/88 - 12/31/89	0	0	194	0	0	194
MITE	01/01/98 - 12/31/05	0	0	1062	0	0	1062
MN SQUIRT USAH PEEWEE		0	0	3	0	0	3
PEEWEE	01/01/94 - 12/31/95	0	0	556	0	0	556
SQUIRT	01/01/96 - 12/31/97	0	0	662	0	0	662
WOMEN	01/01/18 - 12/31/86	0	0	23	0	0	23
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4310</b>

### Staff

COACH	0	0	696	0	0	696
IP INSTRUCTOR	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANAGER	0	0	0	0	0	0
VOLUNTEER	0	0	0	0	0	0
OFFICIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO MEMBER TYPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>696</b>

<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5006</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5006</b>
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Grand Totals reflect the total records in the database. It does not take into account duplicate member types.



Bantam=3)

Head butt = 1  
Kneeing = 1  
Parent/fan ejection = 5

(Bantam)  
(Jr Gold)  
(PeeWee & Bantam)

level games)

**INJURY TYPE PENALTIES**

spearing, butt ending,

etc

2005/2006 = 18

2006/2007= 26

(Check from behind,

slash, boarding, kick, kneeling,

**FIGHTING PENALTIES**

2005/2006= 4

2006/2007= 18

I have also compiled penalties by district, but after considering, decided it was useless information. ALL districts should be concerned by the numbers presented. If they aren't, they should be! Last year in my report I asked and recommended that affiliates do a better job of monitoring their programs and communicating with follow up reports on discipline issues. They have failed on both counts. We can, and need to, do better than we have. To do any less is to fail ourselves and our youth.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Affiliates MUST monitor their programs- players, coaches, and parents/fans. There is no need to lecture here, it is simply common sense and having pride in your programs.

The Bantam age players seem to have lost their way...the penalties they were assessed this past season jumped dramatically over the previous one.

Institute a new compliance and reporting procedure:

Previous policy was 1) match or game misconduct assessed

- 2) game official submits game report to district referee-in-chief
- 3) district referee-in-chief forwards to state referee-in-chief
- 4) state referee-in-chief forwards to discipline chair

Recommendation- to keep present steps in place and add the following

procedures:

- 5) discipline chair will forward to appropriate district directors
- 6) district directors to forward to appropriate affiliate contact
- 7) affiliate to report/submit compliance back to district director
- 8) district director to forward compliance notification to

discipline chair

Bruce Rostad  
NDAHA Discipline Chair

ADD ACE

# **NORTH DAKOTA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME**

**The Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee is up and running. We will select our 2007 nominees in August, for approval of the board at the fall meeting of NDAHA.**

**It has been six plus years since anyone has been inducted into the hall. We are accepting nominations at this time, as it is our hope to induct 3-4 nominees a year for the next few years to get caught up. The qualifications we are looking for in candidates are; that have been instrumental in the building, and growth of hockey in your community and/or our state. To nominate someone we need a letter explaining to us why your candidate deserves to be in the hall, along with a biography of that person. If selected we will also need a picture suitable for a plaque to be displayed in the hall.**

**The Hall of Fame is currently located in The Jamestown Civic Center. We are currently working with the people at The Ralph Englestad Arena, to make it our official home. They have stated that they would like to have an area in the arena designated for this display. Plaques would still be displayed in Jamestown as well. We are working out details to have the induction ceremony held at a Sioux game every year.**

**Please take some time and give this some serious thought. Nominations will be accepted until July 31, 2007. We will then have some tough decisions to make. If you are not the "Hockey Historian" in your area, would you please see that this letter gets to that person.**

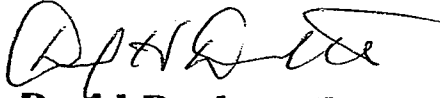
**If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from all of you.**

**Please send nominations to;**

**North Dakota Hockey Hall of Fame  
c/o David Duckworth  
409C Woodlake Drive  
Sheyenne, ND 58374**

**Email: [ducky@gondtc.com](mailto:ducky@gondtc.com)  
Phone: 701-294-2507**

**Thank you,**



**David Duckworth  
ND Hockey Hall of Fame Committee**

# **Dakota Selects / Fall Elite Report**

## **Elite I – Great Plains Team**

### **Fall 06**

The Great Plains Team again participated in the Upper Midwest High School Elite league. North Dakota had 11 players participate on this team with 12 players from Northwestern Minnesota. Team was coached by Ed Christian(Moorhead Mn) John Russo(Edina Mn) and Tony Palmiscino (East Grand Forks Mn). Great Plains finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in league play and runner up in tournament championships. There were 3 - North Dakota Players who made the League all star team, Danny Wurden(Fargo South) Tyler Klein (Fargo North) and Sean Diechert (Fargo South)

### **Spring 07**

In then next couple of weeks we will invite players for Great Plains team for fall of 07, these will be chosen to invite using the following criteria.

1. Past participation in fall 06
2. Nominations to the 17's USA Hockey National Camp
3. High School Coaches Nominations
4. Scout Service Ranking

## **North Dakota Elite II -Team**

### **Fall 06**

The North Dakota Elite II team participated in the Minnesota Elite II league, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in league play and 3<sup>rd</sup> in tournament championships. There were 23 players from North Dakota who participated, coached by Travis Rybchinski(Bottineau), Jeff Gustafson(Hazen), Ryan Griggs(Fargo) and Jay Macleod(West Fargo) We only played or dressed 17 players each weekend. North Dakota hosted two weekends of play, 1 in Fargo @ Southwest Arena and 1 in Grand Forks at REA and Purpur arenas.

### **Fall 07**

Players will be invited to play based on following criteria:

- Past participation/performance in fall 06
- Nominations to any 16's USA Hockey National Camp(not on Elite I)
- High School Coaches Nominations
- Dakota Select Participation

These invite will be sent out in late June, for fall 07 season start in late August.

## **Dakota Selects 2007**

Dakota Selects changed the format to be IV phases: I.-District Tryouts/Practice, II-Alliance Cup, III Dakota Select 68 and IV Dakota Select 34. We did not attend any invitational tournaments.

Phase I, II and II are complete to date with Phase IV to be completed on May 11-13 and May 18-20 both in Grand Forks ND @ REA Arena. At that time we will nominate the USA Hockey National Camp allotments and alternates.

Dakota Select participation numbers can be seen via the report that Gary Splichal previous sent.

Dakota Select committee will meet some time in June to set dates and develop marketing strategy for the 2008 Select Program.

We will also be discussing the impacts of the Northern Plains District with USA Hockey, Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. We will also be evaluating past season and the option of adding more opportunities for Girls ages and impact on USA Hockey, Chicago Showcase team and Minnkota process.

**Sincerely;**

**Wade Storey**

**GM Elite I & II**

**Dakota Select Committee**

# '07 SPECIAL PROJECTS REGISTRATIONS

## GIRLS MINNKOTA

14

### SELECTS

#### NE

<u>89/90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>14U</u>
14	16	18	21	20	1

#### NW

<u>89/90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>14U</u>
13	20	12	18	14	13

#### SE

<u>89/90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>14U</u>
14	16	19	20	14	11

#### SW

<u>89/90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>14U</u>
11	16	16	23	12	13

### TOTAL SELECTS:

365

## ELITE I & II

27

## TEAM NORTH DAKOTA

### BOYS

32

### GIRLS

22

Girls League Report  
Keith Olson League Director

Congratulations to the state touney winners Grand Forks in the 12u, Bismarck in the 14u and West Fargo in the 16/19u. We tried something different this year and had girls meetings at each state tournament. There was very good response and participation with almost everyone having a rep at the meetings. I am inclosing the minutes from all three meetings. I will also forward this email to the addresses I received at the various meetings. Please read all the meeting minutes as this will give the best review of the issues in girls' hockey. The basic review is this

The only proposal we are sending through the meeting this spring is the request to change the 12u touney to the bantam/ girls 14u weekend. Basically the consensus is to operate in 07-08 the same way we did this year requiring no proposals, with all leagues.

There is no support to make the 10u league more than it currently is other than to encourage teams to play each other.

At the 12u levels there is interest in organizing some jamboree type games, centrally located, and encourage more east west play during the year. For league purposes it will remain east and west split. There is interest at all three levels in allowing for more flexibility if teams are forced to move up for only one or two girls. We are researching now to see what our options are.

It is difficult to completely asses the number of teams in each of the age categories, the 14, 16, and 19u because until the high school sanctioned teams have tryouts and set their teams not everyone is sure what they will have left. It is not reasonable to wait until Nov to decide what we are, so we will play everyone home and home as we did this year with an emphasis placed on closer officiating in the 14u 19u games. The consensus is teams appreciated not double rostering and do not want to do so again.

At the 14 u level we could potentially have a real shortage of teams in 07. We will again have an east west split and play 14/16/19u games home and home. The 14u will keep their state tournament. If we have less than 7 teams state wide they would like to play everyone. This could be home and home or utilizing a central location, and foster the jamboree concept as they would like to do in the 12u this year.

12 u meeting minutes

Girls meeting 12 u state tournament

The following is a summary of the discussion of the girls meeting at the state 12u tournament in Williston. The following served as the agenda

Roll Call

12u 2008 state tournament

10u Discussion

Selects

Girls state tournament locations

Girls' numbers for 08

Girls league make up

Other items for the good of hockey

League members began the meeting with a brief introduction and then those in attendance introduce themselves. Each team had a representative in attendance as well as Scott Schafer from the NDAHA board. The purpose of this meeting is discussion and information gathering.

First item was discussion concerning the timing of the state tournament. All teams felt it is way too early and would sponsor a change to request the tournament be held during the bantam and girls 14u weekend. It is unlikely there would be support for the first tournament weekend as it is already a very heavy schedule with peewee, 19u girls and Jr Gold. The group was in agreement to bring a proposal forward for the spring meeting to request a time change.

Discussion on 2008 state tournament location. It is slated for the NE district. There was some discussion on holding it in a location that fields a team in the tournament. This might be possible depending on the timing of the tournament. Only GF has a team in the league in the NE which would force a later tournament time as they would not have sufficient ice time the weekend before the state tournament for sanctioned high school.

Scott updated the group on the select process as there will be no 12u selects this year. The program has changed to all instate competition as the Minneapolis and Winnipeg tournaments have been eliminated. I encouraged the groups to keep in touch with the select committee and provide input into the process. With the new district it will be important to keep up to speed as things come together on a district level.

10 u discussion. At present there is little support to create a state wide league or tournament. Some teams discussion centered on not wanting to overwhelm new parents with state wide travel and keeping the number of games down. GF, West Fargo, Fargo, Bismarck, Mandan, Minot and Williston indicated they will probably field teams and will schedule on an east west basis

Discussion on league names. There was good support for giving our leagues names instead of just named after USA hockey age groups. Agreed that renaming would remove some of the confusion related to the overall age of the players rostered. For example 19u teams do not have 19 year old girls or 18 year old girls as most are 17 and have to be actively enrolled in high school.

Discussed the current set up of play this year with 14u and 16/19u playing each other. There is good support from all teams to be able to split the state east /west and avoid double rostering to get games as has been done in the past.

To dated there have been

33 14u league games with the average margin of victory 6.3 goals

47 14u vs. 16/19 with 14u teams winning 16 with a margin of victory of 5.6 and 16/19 teams winning 31 with an average margin of victory of 5.6

31 16/19u league games with a margin of victory of 5 goals per game

Consensus of the group was many of the issues clubs had early with the different age competition have not been realized and have been pleased with the close competitive level between 14u and 16/19 teams and games. Biggest concern to address is getting more consistent officiating as some games have been more physical than most would like.

League discussion for the following girls' registration numbers were submitted by Scott Schafer. These numbers are from clubs all over the state even those who may not field girls' teams.

10u 132

12u 195

14u 166

16u 102

19u 50

Under 8 years old 219

It was agreed that a great focus needs to be placed on retention of players.

One of the primary focus's is that we provide opportunities to all girls that want to play and do not put ourselves in a position were we cut girls based on not having a team to play on. The parallel of the junior gold league for girls was discussed. If you make the high school team great, if you don't you can play on this other team that has the same basic age break down but perhaps a little lesser skill level.

The group consensus is that retention of the girls playing hockey is important. As we lose girls due to competition from other sports or other reasons, we need to make sure we have teams for older girls to play on that do not make sanctioned teams. Another item to realize is that many of the 14u and some of the 12u are moving up to sanctioned teams and not to our 16/19 leagues, so long range planning is somewhat more difficult. It takes about 225+ girls to field the high school sanctioned teams.

One issue discussed was the need to remain flexible and understand that our league numbers are going to change every year and teams in each age group will change from year to year. The following can change based on who gets taken up the high school team and who doesn't and we don't know those numbers till mid November.

Some points we need to remember. USA hockey ages are USA hockey ages. We need to roster our girls to that age; however for league play in ND we can set up our leagues to match what we have for girls and teams. There was some discussion on allowing a team to play in the 12 u league in ND if they had two or less girls that would force them to move up an age classification for league play. We are fully understanding of wanting to maintain the 12u and 14u rosters for play against Minnesota competition, but for play in ND leagues maintaining a higher level of flexibility.

We likely will not have any new teams overall but teams will move from one league to another based on age. Jamestown and Dickinson would be 12u next year but then the 14u league loses two teams.

The following are potential team age break downs for next year. This is based on my look at the rosters I have and my conversations with clubs and what they feel will happen next year if we do not lose girls for whatever reasons.

Next year the girls team numbers are very different understand they could change. They are currently based on what people expect today

2007 12u

East

Fargo North Stars

Fargo Golden Bears

Fargo Jets

West

Bismarck

Minot

West Fargo	Williston
Grand Forks	Dickinson
Jamestown??	

14u	
East	West
Grand Forks	Minot???
Devils Lake	Bismarck??
West Fargo??	Mandan
Fargo	Williston??

Teams with question marks could be 14u but won't know for sure till they see who makes the high school, and depending on what is left may need to roster 16/19u. Bismarck may roster 14u and up depending on numbers.

We could have as many as 7-8 14u teams but could have as few as 4.

16/19

East	West
May/Port	Crosby
Wahpeton	Sidney
Langdon	Watford City
West Fargo??	Williston??
	Miles City
	Bottineau??
	Glasgow
	Bismarck??

The league will change next year as West Fargo is moving to sanctioned high school and many of the current teams have a high number of seniors.

Bottineau, Williston, West Fargo, Minot and Bismarck will depend on high school rosters and all the girls out this year coming back.

There was a suggestion from the meeting that we consider playing the same way we did this year on an east and west basis and based on the competitive level of play consider all games league games and split the state tournament A1 and A2 to ensure the most even level of competition at state we can, instead of just based on 14, and 16/19 USA age groupings.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

Keith Olson  
Girls League Director

19u meeting minutes

League director Olson called the meeting to order at 10 am with a roll call of those in attendance and what club they represent. All clubs had a rep there.

We discussed the minutes from the 12u meeting. There was basic agreement with the information gathered at the meeting. There is support for advancing slowly with the 10u league to make sure we don't burn parents out and continue to increase the number of

Girls in hockey. Also agreed we need to look at ways to increase retention since girls are older and there are other interests vying for participants.

Discussed allowing teams with two or less girls forcing a move to a different age group. There has good support to allow a team to stay 12u. There was less support for a 14u team with two girls forcing a move to 16/19 as they should be playing home and home with everyone any way and with the exception of playing in Minnesota there would be no benefit to do so.

In review of the numbers presented group felt strongly that the games played this year were competitive and the games 14u vs. 19u went very well and were surprised how competitive the games were. Agreed to continue to make officiating a point of emphasis. After looking at the numbers and what it takes to feed the sanctioned teams work it was agreed that the league and teams need to remain flexible as the number of teams in each age group will change a lot each year.

#### Selects discussion

There was little comment on the change eliminating the 12u selects and trying to remain consistent with the new district. Larry Naves from miles city talked about the way Montana approaches this with a more of a development camp emphasis with outside teaching and the kids seem to respond very well. There seems to be an agreement to move in that direction as it appears the change in the ND select program. Was discussion on the lack of 19u coaches involved in the team ND selection and select coaching. None of the teams present felt they had anyone who would be trying out for team ND and very few interested in the selects. Some towns are putting their own teams together. Some discussion centered on the time it takes and the financial commitment. President Pete talked about the president cup as an alternative and would like to see a team put together to compete from Girls in this league if no one tries out or is selected for TND. The coaches agreed to donate time to make it happen if possible at this late date. Keith will check on ice time in Bismarck for tryouts and consider playing in the presidents' cup and perhaps in billings the following weekend.

President Pete discussed the job of the Director and giving some more power to avoid some of the things that were issues this year.

2008 tourney locations are Sidney for 16-19u and the SE district for 14u.

Everyone felt the season went fine and would like to play the same way again in 07 but with all games counting as league games and supporting the A1 and A2 split. The challenge will be tournament host locations if they are not in the tournament they are hosting. 19u requires the host city to have a team in it.

Was great support for changing the name of the leagues and getting away from the age classifications. Support for doing what is best for Girls hockey in ND and understanding our leagues do not have to match USA age classifications. Want to also make sure we have all games done 2 weeks before the state tournament and use the last week for make ups. That way everyone has the same time open, to play.

In other business Kurt Brew of Watford City nominated Keith Olson for another year as League director, Patti Petrik from Sidney second. A unanimous ballot was cast for Olson to continue.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

League Director Olson called the 14u meeting to order at 10:10 in Devils Lake. There was a roll call of all members present at the meeting.

Meeting began with a review of the 12u and 16/19 minutes. For 2008 the 12u state tournament is in the NE, the 16/19 is in Sidney and the 14u is in the SW.

Discussed the suggestions coming from the other meetings regarding two or less girls forcing a move up in age classification. There was support for allowing a team with 2 or less girls to stay at the 12u age and some support for allowing a team to remain at the 14u instead of 16/19.

There appears to be enough support to generate a proposal to allow teams to stay 12u with less than two girls or very inexperienced players forcing an age change. Also unanimous support to move the 12u tournament to a later date. Discussed how the score sheets are not filled out well and suggestions on how to improve score and web site updating. Discussion on league name changes. There is very good support for do so. Agreed that the 19u age classifications when there are few girls that age leads to confusion with parents, clubs and board members. Understood that we can for the purposes of league play use different ages than what USA Hockey uses for rosters.

The 14u group is very protective of the 14u age group for play against Minnesota teams. Also the 14u teams have issues with the high school teams and allowing or not allowing kids under the freshman age to play high school. Felt that some stabilization would increase the number of 14u teams. Discussed the 14u vs. 19u games. Agreed that the on ice competition was fine and again there was some concern about the officiating and some concern of 19u teams trying to hard to win versus playing all the players. There is still a gap in understanding about the make up of the 19u age teams and the gaps in experience. Some teams did appreciate the games and the good competition.

Discussed having a big jamboree in Bismarck or Minot before thanksgiving for all the 12u teams to encourage more east west play since there are not many teams in this league. Also discussed having the 14u league teams play state wide if there are less than 8 teams. Long range planning is difficult as there will be such a change in numbers and teams from year to year. Planning will remain difficult until some of the larger clubs have girls older than 14u and not yet ready for sanctioned to need a place to play. It appears there will be opportunities for continued cooperation between Fargo and West Fargo. There is still uncertainty as to how many teams for next year and for all intensive purposes will remain unknown until the high school teams make their cuts. This makes planning very difficult. Discussed selects. There was good support for returning the 12u select program. Director Olson encouraged those present to prepare an alternative and generate support amongst all clubs and bring it to the state meeting in the spring. Most felt 12u is our foundation and we need to put a greater emphasis there. Like the move to the development camp concept. Was uncertainty about how many girls will try out as last year because they were short they were allowed to go straight to the alliance cup. Also dates conflict with some tournaments the clubs are already going to. Was concern over the cost in the past and many not feeling there was enough value for the experience. Would like to see somehow to evaluate the girls during the season for those that are interested in trying out. The group understood and supported the direction of the 10u league and keeping it as is. The meeting discussion ended with the following: They are willing to play all teams east and west home and home same as this year( 14u and 16/19) with all teams having to do so to play in the state tournaments. This eliminates the gentleman's agreement games. The fact that all games are a requirement to play in

the state tournament makes the games count although not for seeding purposes. In exchange they want to keep the 14u state tournament in tact. They are willing to allow a 16/19u team to play in their tournament if that team has won less than 25% of their games and would be better suited to the competition in this tournament. This decision would be made by the league director, a tournament committee member and a coach at large familiar with all the teams. If there are less than 8 teams they would like the 14u league to be state wide. If travel is an issue they will meet half way and share expenses. Meeting adjourned at 11:45

## **2006-07 NORTH DAKOTA COACHES SECTION REPORT**

**Submitted By: Bob Gillen – N.D. Coach-in-Chief**

**The N.D. CEP Staff had a very busy year especially during the fall of 2006. We implemented the USA Hockey Policy that all coaches must be at the level of certification for the level of play that they would be coaching. With this we had many coaches who had to attend all three USA Hockey Levels within the Coaching Education Program. As you can see on the Year End Coaches Financial Report we had record numbers for Level 1-2-3 clinics in North Dakota. This worries us for the fall of 2007 what kind of numbers we will get for the Level 1-2-3 clinics.**

**Once we get team numbers for the 2006-07 season for NDAHA we will begin working on the 2007-08 Coaches Section Budget and submit to Betty and the board for approval.**

**We will be setting our fall coaching clinic dates and locations at our Spring Meeting in Bismarck on May 4<sup>th</sup> and I will let all community reps know this schedule at the Affiliate Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> during my coaches report.**

**I attended two meetings for the Northern Plains District as CIC as I was invited by USA Hockey to attend the Winter Meeting in Orlando, FL and the Spring Coaches Section Meeting in St. Louis. Just so you know the items discussed at these meetings were: Rule Change #45A, #45B and #45C Tag-up Rule---Coaches Section is in favor of Automatic Off-Sides for June Congress. Rule #39 addresses the rule that shorthanded teams cannot ice the puck. The playing rules committee and Coaches Section are in favor of this rule for the June Congress. Our National ACE Director Jim Cooney announced his resignation and we will be naming a replacement hopefully at the June Congress. We are still unclear if we will be holding a Level 5 Masters Symposium in 2008 or 2009 but it looks like St. Paul, MN will be the next site for this event. Revising all three Levels of coaches books to update items such as standard of play rules enforcement and helmet policy etc. Reminder to tell coaches using on-line registration when registering**

for clinics that they must use their legal name when registering. For example, I must use Robert and not Bob! Also, no nicknames can be used such as Bubba! The coaches section will be rolling out a new Checking Curriculum and manual this fall. Travis Rybchinski will be going to Lake Placid in a couple weeks to sit in on the new Checking Presentation for the Northern Plains District and will bring back the information to share with all four affiliates. For those communities who have Student Coaches that have gone to clinics, if they are still coaching at 18 years old they do not have to go back and sit through the Level 1 clinic and they can apply for a waiver to Level 2 Clinic. There will be an increase in Level 1-2-3 Clinic Fees for 2007-08 season. Clinic fees will now be \$30, \$40 and \$50.

We are working hard at getting every community here in North Dakota to name an active ACE Director for their hockey association. We are working off of a Job Description from the District CIC and will get out to local associations after our Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking at candidates who would be interested in applying to go to Lake Placid for the Level 4 Girl's/Women's Coaching Workshop August 15-19, 2007. I have the application form and Requirements in order to apply. Applications must be into USA Hockey by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

We will be looking over a coaching compliance checklist at our May 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting that the Southeast District uses and will report if this is something we will endorse and ask the local ACE Directors to use within their hockey associations starting this fall. Will report at the Affiliate Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> our intentions.

We will once again hold the N.D./S.D. High School-Jr. Gold Coaches Symposium and the dates are Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Grand Forks Holiday Inn. Rooms have already been set aside and the meeting room is booked. Colorado College will be the team in town to play the Sioux. For the second straight year we will be tying this in conjunction with the mandatory rules clinic for high school officials and coaches and they will meet before our clinic on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dave Carlsrud and I have already ironed out the details and this has been a nice addition to our clinic. We will begin to work on speakers and topics over the summer. Registration forms will go out at the beginning of August.

**We will be discussing if we will be hosting a Level 4 Clinic here in Bismarck, ND on August 26-28, 2007. I am meeting with various hotels during the day on May 4<sup>th</sup> and then we will be addressing this issue at our coaches section meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and I will update the communities as to our status on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It would be our kick off clinic for the Northern Plains District and the four state rotation which I have set up!**

**I am in the process of getting personnel in line for our state before I head off full-time with the Northern Plains District this summer. I will announce my choices for N.D. State CIC and N.D. ACE Director on May 5<sup>th</sup>. I am also working with Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming to fill out their staffs. I have one appointment left to fill and that is our Northern Plains District ACE Director position. Glyn McCord from Cody, WY was in place but due to a booming family business he now does not feel he will have the time to do the job properly. He would have been a great person to get this position off the ground in the new district but we will be asking the affiliate presidents to get me names at the Northern Plains Meeting in Gillette, WY in a couple weeks.**

**Finally, I will be attending the Instructors Training in Lake Placid, NY May 17-20, 2007 and will be bringing Mike Wald to sit in on the ACE Meetings for our N.P. District and Travis Rybchinski will be attending the Checking Curriculum Presentation for the N.P. District. We will bring back information to pass along to all four states CEP Personnel. I will also be in Colorado Springs, CO June 6-10, 2007 for the USA Hockey Annual Congress attending the Coaches Section Meetings for the N.P. District.**

**I want to conclude my report and thank all of you for allowing me to represent North Dakota as your Coach-in-Chief. I feel my great staff and I have made great strides in our coaching education program since I began back in 1995. I want to thank my staff for all the hard work, countless hours and time away from jobs and family to help me achieve the goals we set each year. I also have to thank Mike MacMillan for allowing me to grow under his guidance and for allowing me opportunities to head up three level 4 Advanced Clinics here in North Dakota and to attend national coaching meetings in his place to represent**

**the Minnkota District. He has been a great friend to us here in North Dakota and to me personally. As I will miss my duties as the N.D. CIC I will still be active with North Dakota Hockey and I hope to serve the state just as well on a district level and hope the other three states can gain from my dedication and hard work as we move into exciting but new territories as a new district. Thanks again NDAHA for all your support and confidence in me and I will always treasure my time and experiences as the N.D. Coach-in-Chief since 1995!**

2006-07 NORTH DAKOTA COACHING EDUCATION CLINIC SUMMARY

<u>Initiation Levels</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Coaches</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Clinician</u>
Fargo	10/13/2006	66	\$1,650.00	\$100.00	\$1,550.00	Storey
Sidney	10/19/2006	15	\$375.00	\$498.85	[-\$123.85]	Gillen
Grand Forks	10/26/2006	57	\$1,425.00	\$808.21	\$616.79	Gillen
Bismarck	11/2/2006	62	\$1,550.00	\$398.78	\$1,151.22	Wald
Minot	11/18/2006	33	\$825.00	\$538.66	\$286.34	Olson
<b>Initiation Totals</b>	<b>5-Clinics</b> 6	<b>233-Coaches</b> 149	<b>\$5,825.00</b>	<b>\$2,344.50</b>	<b>\$3,480.50</b>	
<u>Associate Clinics</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Coaches</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Clinician</u>
Fargo	10/14/2006	66	\$2,310.00	\$125.00	\$2,185.00	Storey
Sidney	10/20/06	11	\$385.00	\$503.08	[-\$118.08]	Gillen
Grand Forks	10/27/2006	53	\$1,855.00	\$611.11	\$1,243.89	Gillen
Bismarck	11/3/2006	71	\$2,485.00	\$428.28	\$2,056.72	Wald
Minot	11/18/2006	16	\$595.00	\$327.37	\$267.63	Olson
<b>Associate Totals</b>	<b>5-Clinics</b> 6	<b>217-Coaches</b> 80	<b>\$7,630.00</b>	<b>\$1,994.84</b>	<b>\$5,635.16</b>	
<u>Intermediate Clinics</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Coaches</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Clinician</u>
Fargo	10/15/2006	53	\$2,385.00	\$512.90	\$1,872.10	Storey
Sidney	10/21/2006	19	\$860.00	\$1,174.10	[-\$314.10]	Gillen
Grand Forks	10/29/2006	51	\$2,295.00	\$453.56	\$1,841.44	Gillen
Bismarck	11/3/2006	61	\$4,950.00	\$1,292.98	\$3,657.02	Wald
Minot	11/18/2006	18	\$810.00	\$463.02	\$346.98	Olson
<b>Intermediate Totals</b>	<b>5-Clinics</b> 6	<b>202-Coaches</b> 90	<b>\$11,300.00</b>	<b>\$3,896.56</b>	<b>\$7,403.44</b>	
<u>High School Clinic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u># of Coaches</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Clinician</u>
Grand Forks	10-6/10-7	41	\$4,535.00	\$4,769.01	[-\$234.01]	Gillen
<b>Advanced Totals</b>	<b>1-Clinic</b> 1	<b>41-Coaches</b> 39	<b>\$4,535.00</b>	<b>\$4,769.01</b>	<b>[-\$234.01]</b>	
<b>North Dakota Totals</b>	<b>Total Clinic</b> 16-Clinics 20	<b>Total Coaches</b> 693-Coaches 438	<b>Income</b> \$29,290.00	<b>Expenses</b> \$13,004.91	<b>Overall Income</b> \$16,285.09	

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May 2, 2007

To All North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association Member Clubs:

In conjunction with USA Hockey Risk Management Mandate, there will be background checks done on all coaches, referees, and board members. In the past, NDAHA has done 3 out of 10 background checks on coaches. Under our new mandate, we have until 2009 to do 100% of all coaches, on-ice officials, and board members.

Our committee would like to begin by checking current coaches and board members over the summer. These background checks will be strictly confidential and will be kept by the Committee Chairman, Bob Gustafson. Once a check is completed, it will remain in effect for five years unless subsequent information entails running a new check. These background checks will be paid for by NDAHA and must be done on the NDAHA forms. Background checks done by clubs, gaming committees, etc. do not meet our criteria.

All Dakota Select coaches have completed background checks. The Officials Association will be completing their background checks prior to the start of the upcoming season.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance in completing this task. This undertaking is for the safety of our players and should receive the utmost attention. Bob Gustafson will be handling the eastern part of the state and I will be doing from Jamestown west. A criteria has been established by the committee under the USA guidelines to deal with problematic background checks. Records will be kept with the committee chairman.

Please remember this must be done as mandated by USA Hockey. Any adults that are on the ice or who deal with the players and/or coaches must complete this requirement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Saunders".

David Saunders  
Vice Chairman, Risk Management

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**Authorization to Release Information**

Everyone 18 or older needs to complete

Applicant's Current Legal Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail = \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's area code & Phone Number(s):( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time at Current Home Address: Month/year \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Month/year.

Previous Address (if less than 5 yrs above): \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Driver's License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Location of Hockey Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Position(s) with Hockey: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all information given by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading statements made by me or consequential omissions of any kind in the application process are cause for my not being accepted as a volunteer/employee or for my dismissal no matter when discovered. I authorize NDAHA to run a criminal record check and investigate all information contained in this application. The employers, organizations, and individuals name are authorized to give you any and all information regarding my employment, volunteering, character, fitness and qualifications (including opinions) that they have about me.

In consideration of the evaluation of this application by NDAHA, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association, all employers, organizations and individuals, and any other persons or entities from liability for all damages and losses of whatever kind or nature, except liability for willful or intentional acts or punitive damages, that may result from compliance or attempts to comply with this authorization.

I've read the backside of this document. Circle One YES NO

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ This form is good for 5 years from above date.

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