

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
Board of Directors Special Meeting
Saturday, June 3, 2006 - Bismarck, ND**

Call To Order: President Pete Sonnesyn Called Special Meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and presentations and discussions began.

Individuals Present:

Bob Gillen	NDAHA Secretary	Grand Forks, ND
Greg Evenson	NDAHA Vice President	West Fargo, ND
Tim Melander	NDAHA Jr. Gold Director	Rugby, ND
Julie Howatt	NDAHA N.E. District Director	Langdon, ND
Bob Gustafson	NDAHA S.E. District Director	Wahpeton, ND
Dave Duckworth	NDAHA N.E. District Director	Devils Lake, ND
Blaine Clausnitzer	Bismarck Board Member	Bismarck, ND
Matt Gluechert	Williston Hockey	Williston, ND
Mike Wald	NDAHA S.W. District Director	Bismarck, ND
Gary Splichal	NDAHA Association Executive	Grand Forks, ND
Don Novacek	Grand Forks Angels Girls	Grand Forks, ND
Dave Hanneman	Dickinson Hockey Club	Dickinson, ND
Brett Stockert	NDAHA Player Development Dir.	Jamestown, ND
Dave Allard	Bismarck Board Member	Bismarck, ND
Mike Motl	Bismarck Board Member	Bismarck, ND
Russ Rings	Bismarck Board Member	Bismarck, ND
Bruce Rostad	NDAHA N.W. District Director	Minot, ND
Terry Halstengard	Mandan Hockey	Mandan, ND
Dennis Lindgren	Mandan Hockey	Mandan, ND
Dennis Moore	Sidney Hockey	Sidney, MT
Tami Christensen	Sidney Hockey	Sidney, MT
Ramona Giedd	May-Port Hockey	Mayville, ND
Keith Olson	NDAHA Girls/Women's Dir.	Crosby, ND
Jim Schaeffbauer	Fargo Hockey	Fargo, ND
Jarrold Olson	Minot Hockey	Minot, ND
Wade Storey	Fargo All-City Hockey	Fargo, ND
Nate Brenneman	Fargo Raiders Hockey	Fargo, ND
Troy Miller	West Fargo Hockey	West Fargo, ND
Jeff Kamstra	Fargo Flyers Hockey	Fargo, ND
Scott Schafer	NDAHA Leagues Director	Jamestown, ND
Lori Marshall	Valley City Hockey	Valley City, ND
Jay Marshall	NDAHA S.E. District Director	Valley City, ND
John Colter	NDAHA Associate Registrar	Grand Forks, ND
Peter Sonnesyn	NDAHA President	Wahpeton, ND
Brad Bekkedahl	Minnkota District Director	Williston, ND
Dave Tronnes	South Dakota Hockey President	South Dakota
Dennis Green	Minnesota Hockey President	Minneapolis, MN

Adjournment: Open Forum and presentations ended at 2:06 p.m. A ten-minute recess will take place and then the NDAHA Board of Directors will meet and vote.

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Meeting Called to Order: President Sonnesyn called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 2:23 p.m. Roll was taken by Secretary Bob Gillen of the Board.

Present Board Members:

President:	Peter Sonnesyn
Vice-President:	Greg Evenson
Secretary:	Bob Gillen
NE Director:	Dave Duckworth
NE Director:	Julie Howatt
SE Director:	Bob Gustafson
SE Director:	Jay Marshall
SW Director:	Mike Wald
NW Director:	Bruce Rostad
Jr. Gold Director:	Tim Melander
Girls/Women's Director:	Keith Olson
N.D. Leagues Director:	Scott Schafer

Absent Board Members:

NW Director:	Scott Ellis
SW Director:	Jeff Gustafson
Treasurer:	===OPEN===

12 of the 15 voting board members were present. Discussion on what would constitute a simple majority took place. Motion by Schafer, Seconded by Rostad that a secret ballot be held and 7 votes are needed to pass the motion. If we end up tied at 6 and 6 the motion will die. MSC Vote on the above proposal ended up 8-yes and 3-no with President Sonnesyn not voting.

Motion by Olson, Seconded by B. Gustafson to bring up the tabled item from the Spring Meeting regarding North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association's position on the redistricting proposal that will go before USA Hockey Board of Directors next week at the USA Hockey Annual Congress. Discussion took place.

****Troy Miller was granted the floor from SE District Director Bob Gustafson. Miller began by stating that three different times during the open forum the question of what are the benefits for North Dakota to move into a new district was asked and he did not hear a clear answer any of the three times?**

****John Colter [NDAHA Associate Registrar] stated that for our state we are more long term before we see any immediate benefits. We will be the major player in the new district and should hold a few of the district slots that each district staffs for USA Hockey. If we do have some of our N.D. Staff move into District positions that is a benefit as well it opens up some state spots to get more and new people involved with our organization.**

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****Bob Gillen [NDAHA Secretary/N.D. Coach-in-Chief] stated that nothing would change whether we are in a new district or if we stay the way we are. The only major thing that may change is down the road our select kids may have to travel further for development camps/festivals etc. The normal day-to-day operations and league play of NDAHA will not change!**

****Mike Wald [S.W. District Director] stated that would be having these discussions if we had received all of the documents over the past 4-5 years as this has been progressing?**

****Dave Duckworth [N.E. District Director] stated that yes we will be the big dog in the new district, but we will be the little dog of the 12 USA Hockey Districts and what power or lack of power will we have as a district in the eyes of USA Hockey which we have now piggy backing with Minnesota?**

****Bruce Rostad [N.W. District Director] stated that the major benefit is what the people inside of North Dakota do for the kids, coaches, referees and members of NDAHA. We will not survive or grow because of who or who is not in our district. It is up to us here in North Dakota to grow or be stagnant in our future.**

****Keith Olson [NDAHA Women's/Girl's Director] stated if we pass as a state and the USA Board fails the redistricting proposal next week at least we save face as a state by not pulling the plug last minute. Also, if it passes and we have a number of our key personnel move up into District Positions within the district and USA Hockey we should be happy and support those individuals. Also, Olson said he has not heard negative factors not to become a member of the Northern Plains District?**

****Dave Hanneman [Dickinson Hockey Club Director] stated that what ever happens with the vote we have to have a better communication track top to bottom and bottom to top so we are not meeting on items like this that have been on going for five years and we are trying in three weeks to make a major decision with limited information.**

****Brad Bekkedahl [Minnkota Director] stated that we have beaten the age change issue to death and that for those who are all worried if we leave Minnesota then USA Hockey will force our new district to all go to the calendar year and this would affect the Eastern N.D. hockey communities! That will not happen unless USA Hockey mandates all districts to do this in which Minnesota would have to do this as well so we would want to change to stay in line with them but for now it is an affiliate choice and not a whole district choice. We follow the festival and development camp age guidelines in the spring so we are in compliance for USA Hockey functions now.**

Bruce Rostad called for the question.

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Gary Splichal handed out secret ballots for the vote and the 12 present board of directors voted. The vote was counted and the vote ended up 7-Yes and 5-No and the tabled motion passed. North Dakota will join Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming next week in favor of the new redistricting proposal on the agenda for the USA Hockey Board of Directors June 10th in Colorado Springs, CO.

Motion by Rostad to adjourn, Seconded by Howatt. MSC. Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.