

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
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President Jack Kleven called the 2006 NDAHA Community Affiliates Meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

President Kleven asked for a moment of silence for long time Minnkota District Referee-in-Chief Bill Leslie who passed away recently. Bill was an asset to us here in North Dakota and he will be missed.

Roll Call of the Communities and Board was taken by interim secretary Bob Gillen.

<u>Community</u>	<u>Community Rep.</u>	<u>Votes</u>
B/W Blades	Bob Gustafson	12
Bismarck	Mike Wald	38
Bottineau	Tim Kihle	7
Crosby	Keith Olson	8
Dickinson	Brian Kuntz	9
Devils Lake	Terry Wallace	7
Fargo All-City	Sherri Sturlaugson	15
Fargo Flyers	Jeff Kamstra	11
Glasgow	Mitch Griebel	1
Grafton	Dave Hills	9
Grand Forks Parks	Bob Gillen	13
Hazen/Beulah	Jeff Gustafson	11
Jamestown	Scott Schafer	12
Langdon	Troy Ellingson	8
Mandan	Terry Halstengard	14
Minot	Jarrold Olson	13
Rugby	Jay McClintock	5
Sidney	Damon McLaughlin	8
Valley City	Jay Marshall	4
Watford City	Denton Zubke	8
West Fargo	Troy Miller	21
Williston	Allan Fuller	12

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246 of 285 [86% Present]

Board Members Present:

President	Jack Kleven
Vice President	Peter Sonnesyn
Treasurer	Gary Almquist
Girls/Women	Gary Splichal
Jr. Gold	Phil Sedo
N.D. Leagues	Dennis Nybo
N.E. Director	Dave Duckworth
N.E. Director	Julie Howatt
N.W. Director	Bruce Rostad
N.W. Director	Scott Ellis
S.E. Director	Greg Evenson
S.E. Director	Bob Gustafson
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Minnkota Director	Brad Bekkedahl
Referee-in-Chief	Gary Fiddler
Player Development	Brett Stockert

Not Present:

Secretary	OPEN POSITION
S.W. Director	Randy Bina
Associate Registrar	John Colter

Approval of Minutes [Spring 2005, Fall 2005]

Kleven said we will get the minutes updated from the 2005 meetings and hopefully be able to approve at the 2006 Fall Meeting.

Introduction of Guests

Kleven introduced Jessica Kouba from Dickinson Convention Center on behalf of the Day's Inn to discuss the 2008 NDAHA Spring Meeting which is slated for the Southwest District. Room rates would be \$65.00 for a single and \$75.00 for a double.

Scott Strand from Ice Time Hockey in North Dakota from Crosby, ND is starting a new hockey magazine. He had a few sample copies of some of the issues that have been produced. Plans to put one out per month from October to April. Content will be from Professional all the way down to grass roots in North Dakota and 60% will be grass roots. \$4.00 fee per issue at various outlets throughout the state and \$2.00 will go back to the local community where the purchase was made from. Also, a year subscription will be \$18.00 and \$9.00 will go back to the local community for each subscription purchased.

Jack Kleven introduced Bruce Bekkedahl of Montana Hockey and welcomed him to the meeting.

REPORTS

President: [Kleven]

Kleven mentioned that we will have three changes this year as Phil Sedo will be stepping down as the Jr. Gold Director and Tim Melander will take over for him. Dennis Nybo has resigned as the N.D. Leagues Director and Gary Splichal will be stepping down as the Girl's / Women's Director with his new duties as Association Executive. Keith Olson of Crosby will be taking over for him. Kleven stated that he is still trying to get money out of the Ralph from the World Junior Tournament. Kleven also mentioned that the Special Projects had a great year and we still have a long way to go but the districts selects is a good idea that Peter Sonnesyn came up with. Kleven said he would like to get more Senior teams registered and try getting an Adult Labatts Tournament here in North Dakota.

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Vice President: [Sonnesyn]

Pete mentioned that the referees have gone off on their own to form their own association so he will not be heading up that committee as in the past. Sonnesyn stated that the Minnkota Level 4 Coaches Symposium in Fargo in August of 2005 was very well put together and Bob Gillen and the North Dakota staff did a terrific job from speakers to food to organization. Wahpeton hosted the Minnkota Cup Jr. Gold Tournament consisting of 12-games and teams came from North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota. Brookings will host this event again next year in South Dakota. Sonnesyn said he headed up the committee for the Association Executive and the fourth meeting was last night with the committee meeting with Gary Splichal. Sonnesyn said we want Splichal to continue for another year as the committee said they do not feel they still have enough information to open it up for interviews so Gary will run with it for one more year and we will give him a \$100.00/month raise.

Treasurer: [Almquist]

Almquist stated that the end of our business year is May 31st so we never have a final report at this meeting. The first page is a balance sheet that shows last years final totals. The second page shows last years overall budget final numbers in which we took in \$202,408.52 and our expenses were \$204,662.62 which left us with \$2,254.10 over budget for the 04-05 fiscal year. We do not have any special projects money or expenses yet so this year's expense statement is updated minus the special projects. We are running at a deficit right now of close to \$5,000.00 which right now is not a problem but if this continues we will need to look at raising our player fees to the state or securing some outside funding. Discussion and Questions took place following Gary's Report. Motion by Zubke, Seconded by Rostad to accept the treasurers report. MSC

Coach-in-Chief: [Gillen]

Gillen went over his clinic report statement in which we had 438 coaches attend our state coaching clinics over 20 clinics which 2 were Advanced Level 4 Clinics. Gillen went over the Minnkota Coaching report that was submitted at the Winter Meeting in Florida and mentioned that our National Coach-in-Chief Bob O' Conner stood up in front of all the District CIC and USA Hockey Coaching Education Staff and complimented us on our Level 4 Advanced Clinic and that it is run just as good as a Level 5 Masters Clinic but on a much smaller scale. Gillen discussed the first ever North Dakota High School/J.R. Gold Coaches Symposium held in Grand Forks during October. This was an idea Peter Sonnesyn had and he worked with Gillen to make it happen. 37 coaches attended from North and South Dakota. Gillen went to the N.D. High School Hockey Coaches meeting in February and it was unanimous for Gillen to run this clinic again this fall. Gillen will run when Quinnipiac comes to play the Sioux on October 7 & 8, 2006. Gillen discussed the legislative proposal coming up at annual congress in June regarding the helmet rule for coach's on-ice during practices. Minnesota just passed this as a state during the summer and Michigan and the Southeast Districts have also passed and are currently running with this legislation. Gillen will inform the states how this turns out after the June Congress. Finally, Gillen said North Dakota must change how we conduct our clinics. Coaches must take all the levels they need in one year to get to the level they are coaching. So if you hire a new non-carded coach to coach bantams this year he will need to go to a Level 1,2 and 3 clinic all during the same clinic season. We will now run level 1 clinics on Friday Night, Level 2 clinics on Saturday morning/afternoon and level 3 clinics on Sunday morning/afternoon all at one location with each of these in the four districts plus a last chance clinic date. More info to come and it will be posted on the web.

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Player Development: [Stockert]

Stockert went over the coaching assignments for the various levels. The 88/89's cancelled out of Rapid City due to how well they did in Billings the week prior in which they won by scores of 17-0 etc. The 90's won the Cheese Cup in Appleton, WI going undefeated and our 91's won the meltdown in Minneapolis this year. The 92's went 2-3 this year but they did not win a game a year ago so they made improvements. The 93's did not win a game this year but they competed in all their games. Stockert said we had a disabled player attend a festival in Latvia who is from Jamestown, N.D. and the family wanted to thank NDAHA for the financial contribution. Splichal thanked all the district coordinators and sites for hosting the different events for districts and the alliance cups etc. Splichal also said Ali Parizek from Minot, ND made it all the way through the Minnkota Tryout process for the 91/92 team and she will attend the national festival. See Attachment 1 for Special Projects registration numbers.

Girl's/Women's: [Splichal]

Splichal said the Girl's section had their meeting March 11th in Fargo and all were in attendance except two. We have 19 cities that have some sort of Girl's level in the league which consists of 821 players total. Girl's numbers are growing. The Fair Play Point proposal was discussed with not much discussion and it looks like they have no problem keeping it for another year. Discussion on leagues for next year. We will do a 12U East/West League. 19U will do something different this year. Everyone will register age appropriate but then we will run with only one league and split East and West. The league would be split almost in half community wise. Splichal introduced Keith Olson of Crosby who would be the new Girl's/Women's Director. Evenson asked Splichal if this new combined 19U & 16U/14U league should come up as a proposal. Evenson said we can't rubber stamp everything in the Girl's/Women's and Jr. Gold without it coming in front of the NDAHA Board. Bob Gustafson said you would need 75% of the affiliates present to approve just to get this item on the agenda to act on it. Gillen said 75% of the votes present would be 185 votes of 246. Motion by Zubke, Seconded by Olson. Vote was a roll call and total ended up with 171 –Yes to get it on the floor and 63 – No to keep it off the floor. Motion defeated and will not be put on the agenda. Will be brought up at Fall Meeting.

Jr. Gold Director: [Melander]

Meeting held in Langdon during state Jr. Gold tournament. Ten teams were in the league. Fair Play Program was almost unanimous to drop for next year. Watford City Oilers were the league champion and the state tournament was won by the Fargo Flames. Next year the state tournament will be in Sidney, MT. Tim Melander thanked Phil again for all of his work with the Jr. Gold league.

Referee-in-Chief: [Fiddler]

Fiddler said the Referee Association of North Dakota is now set up and complete. Certificate of incorporation and employee identification number were given to President Kleven. Fiddler said they had their first board meeting in Bismarck on April 15th.

President:	Gary Fiddler
Vice President:	Brad Pratt
Treasurer:	Kevin Glatt
Secretary:	Rick Furher
S.E. Supervisor of Officials:	Brad Pratt
N.E. Supervisor of Officials:	Dave LaDouceur
N.W. Supervisor of Officials:	Scott Ellis

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S.W. Supervisor of Officials:	Kevin Glatt
S.E. At-Large	Barry Olson
N.E. At-Large	Tom Mickelson
S.W. At-Large	Rick Furher
N.W. At-Large	Mike Schmitt

Fiddler said he would like in the near future for each of us to have a voting member on each of our boards. Fiddler said their officials had a great time and the players, parents and coaches all handled themselves well. Fiddler received no complaints on Tournament officials. There were two younger officials at the State Peewee "A" that will be reprimanded for some off ice actions at the bowling alley one night. Selection of state tournament officials went very well and Gary tried to do the 2/3 and 1/3 allocations. Seminars are set for the upcoming year and we will use Jamestown on September 16th for another Level 4 officials seminar at the Gladstone Inn. This will also be the fall meeting date for the officials association. 590 attended seminars this year and 524 registered and 490 completed the registration. 291 were level 1's so we are good at the young ages but it also shows that we are getting older as an association. West Fargo had the highest scores out of all the seminars. Fiddler said his board will not set fees state wide and will follow what NDAHA sets for fees.

Association Executive: [Splichal]

Splichal said he wants to work real hard to get our communication within NDAHA better all the way around. An address book via e-mail is set up so any correspondence that he gets will go out in a mass e-mail.

Discipline Chairman: [Rostad]

Rostad said we had three match penalties and we had ten coach misconducts [3-Bantam/6-Peewee/1-Squirt] 7 came out of the SE District and 3 came out of the SW District. We had one fan ejection at a Peewee B State tournament. 37 player game misconduct penalties which 13 were checking-from-behind and two were injuries. [2-Bantam /10-Peewee / 1-Squirt] Spearing penalties involved two with both at the Peewee Level. One Kneeing penalty at the Bantam Level. We had 4-fighting majors all at the Bantam Level. Two High Stick with the intent to injure penalties and we had five misconducts where a player had five or more penalties in a game. [2-Bantam / 3-Peewee]. Six Game Misconducts where no paperwork was turned in but Bruce heard about them. One Bismarck coach asked for their Fair Play Point to be taken away for the fan behavior of his teams parents. Bruce said very poor follow up with the affiliates on handling the game sheets and getting paperwork into Bruce and Gary Fiddler.

Risk Manager: [B. Gustafson]

Gustafson said anyone who is new and has not filled out a screening report needs to get one filled out. Over 1,400 registered sex offenders in the state of North Dakota. Gustafson said he is working with Dave Saunders out of Mandan and he can get this done at a cheaper cost and a full report will come at the Fall Meeting.

State Tournament Reports:

The various hosts gave brief reports on their state tournaments. All of the communities said they had positive tournaments and things ran for the most part really well.

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OLD BUSINESS

A. New USA Hockey District

Brad Bekkedahl went over the issues that Montana faces in the Rocky Mountain District being that the RMD runs from the Canada border to the Mexico Border. Brad stated that the RMD Directors did not want to split the RMD and have Montana move into Minnkota so the idea came up of redistricting and combine N.D., S.D., Montana and Wyoming and Minnesota would become a stand alone district. The Youth Council formed a Redistricting Committee that met for two years to look at this issue. On this committee were USA Staff and USA Directors. The recommendation from the redistricting committee to the USA Hockey Board is that the four states mentioned become a new district called the "Northern Plains District" and Minnesota becomes a stand-alone district. Bekkedahl said that he feels that this is the best move for the long term for North Dakota. Troy Miller asked what are the long-range benefits for N.D. Brad Bekkedahl said that being under Minnesota using the selects we had to go through the Minnesota Camps under the Minnkota District. Bekkedahl said what do we do with our good players that never get to advance to a national festival under the current format? Seven years ago the Youth Council Granted the Dakota's slots to the National Festival without having to go through Minnesota. This can be taken away at any time since this is not a district but a granted item by the youth council. By being in our own district, we would have kids automatically go right into the festivals. We get better access to national administrative personnel such as RIC, CIC, Registrar and Risk Manager. Bob Gustafson said that there is some non-support from USA Hockey why is that? Brad said that the RMD feels that if they lose a couple states it will look bad on them as a district which Brad said the reason is the 1.6 million square miles they are trying to cover to run programs and host meetings. Gustafson said he totally understands why Montana and Wyoming want out of RMD but he finds it hard why we would want to leave the coat tails of Minnesota? Age Change was discussed and it is an affiliate decision. If we want it to change we can but they cannot force us without forcing Minnesota. S.W. North Dakota needs to find more teams for them to play in the areas of N.W. South Dakota and Eastern Montana. Bekkedahl answered the question of if selects are held in Montana and we had 10 Grand Forks kids make it the year before they may not drive to Montana and that is hurting our select program. Bruce Bekkedahl spoke on why Montana wants to leave RMD and join the new Northern Plains District. Brad Bekkedahl said if this goes through we would need to supply names for USA Hockey to appoint the district positions of Referee-in-Chief, Coach-in-Chief, Risk Manager, Associate Registrar and two District Directors. This would have to be worked on amongst the states involved if it is passed. Bekkedahl said if we do not jump on this now we will lose out as the Southeast District is waiting in the wings as they have 11 states. Bruce Bekkedahl said that USA Hockey is worried about the domino effect that if this passes then the Southeast District may come in next and want to split. Bekkedahl also said all he hears is Montana wants this and Montana needs this from the nay Sayers. That is not the goal of Montana to leave RMD because they do not like the RMD, but they feel it would be more beneficial financially and all four states are rural and have the same challenges and make up. Bekkedahl said the Montana budget is \$15,000-\$20,000 total. Brad said all four Minnkota Directors are voting in favor of this and they have most of the other district directors around the country voting in favor as well but it will be close. The communities wanted a vote like they were told in the fall but Bekkedahl said a letter of acceptance was already sent before the winter meeting to USA Hockey that the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Board of Directors were in favor. Gillen discussed the process as stated last fall but it did not get in the minutes. The process was to be that we would give Jack direction before the winter meeting but we would vote at our community meeting for our final vote. Roll call was taken and the vote total was: 33-Yes / 212-No /1-Obstention. Bekkedahl wanted to know why the S.E. District is so against this issue. Almquist said the board needs to vote tomorrow

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and we need to know more than just because? What are the reasons? Miller said he couldn't see why we would drive 800 miles instead of 200 miles for selects. Howatt said 90% of today's conversation was on the selects but how are we going to help the local communities like Langdon, Rugby, Crosby? We have 4,000 players and we talked today about 200 players benefiting. Bekkedahl asked what he is supposed to do when he is now going to vote yes for the Minnkota District and his own state voted no.

B. NB-K Article VI Section I Administrative Fees:

McClintock stated this was to help defray the costs incurred by the local communities that host a state tournament. Each registered NDAHA Hockey Team that goes to a NDAHA State Tournament will pay \$100.00 to the state tournament host to help with the costs for officials. Motion McClintock, Seconded by Hills. Discussion took place and it was stated that if you send 20 teams to state tournaments you would pay \$2,000.00 in state tournament fees. Voice Vote taken and it failed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Affiliate Agreement [Almquist]

We re-wrote our affiliate agreement a few years ago to comply with USA Hockey. "Amend affiliate agreement to include the submission of tax returns [form 990 or appropriate form] annually along with payment of the affiliate fee to maintain NDAHA affiliate status. The NDAHA contact form for affiliates, listing officers and necessary contact people must also be included during the renewal so that the web site may be kept current." Motion Almquist, Seconded by Fuller. Community Rep vote was 140-Yes / 106-No.

B. Donations to Special Projects – Line Item in Budget [Kleven]

Kleven stated that we are looking at ways to fund our special projects programs so we do not have to take out money of our general fund from NDAHA.

C. Mandan & Legal Referees [Kleven and Fiddler]

Fiddler discussed an issue where Mandan used some un-certified officials in games and the assigner in Mandan was the culprit as he did not want to work with the supervisor of officials in the S.W. District. Mandan has replaced the assigner since and Fiddler has decided not to suspend officials because Mandan would lose their whole crew. Fiddler said that during seminars this year it will be stressed that anyone working games with an un-certified officials will be suspended.

D. Junior Gold Teams playing in High School Federation Tournaments

Fiddler said there is some concern when Jr. Gold teams play in federation high school tournaments. Items that are of concern are misconducts and match penalties. Fiddler looked up in USA Hockey Annual Guide that they have to get permission from the state associate registrar. If approved, all insurance would be covered by the Jr. Gold teams playing in a federation tournament.

E. Jamestown / Valley City Alliance [Evenson]

Evenson said it was an agreement to coop to get the right kids on the right teams and to help grow hockey in both communities. Younger kids will remain in each communities program and the Travel Teams in NDAHA would then coop for "A" and "B" teams.

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F. NDAHA Board Member and Community Representation [Almquist]

“Members of the board of directors may not represent local affiliates at state meetings. They shall not be allowed to vote on board actions if they are representing the local affiliate at said meeting.” Almquist said it is real hard to make state decisions when you are representing a community as well. This also will get more participation involved with our board and organization. Directors need to look statewide and what is best for the state not the community. Motion by B. Gustafson, Seconded by Wald. Discussion. B. Gustafson said he agrees with Gary but now that we are meeting in the far corners of the state it is getting expensive to get more people to represent the communities. Splichal said we might need to move our meetings to centrally located communities for our meetings so it is easier and cheaper for our community reps and directors. Community Rep vote was 158-Yes / 57-No / 20-Abstention.

G. R & Rs, Section I, Article III: Administrative Districts [Gillen]

“Combine the N.W. District and S.W. District into a West District and have three districts in NDAHA.” Gillen stated that with the NW and SW Districts playing in a West “B” District we should look at having the district also move into a West District. Issues could come up and the two districts may not agree on voting but they play together for league play. Motion by Miller, Seconded by Marshall. Discussion. Duckworth wanted to know about tournament rotation and if we lose district directors? Gillen said the intent was to go to one district and have two district directors from a new West District. We would eliminate the S.W. District Directors and N.W. District Directors and go to two West District Directors. B. Gustafson and Miller said they were under the assumption that this was just to clarify how we were doing it and did not read into that we were eliminating a district and two directors. Item died for a lack of a motion at the community rep meeting.

H. R & Rs, Section I, Article VI: Class of Play, B (Jr. Gold Housekeeping) [Sedo]

“That no player may be [18] prior to July 1st of the commencing year except for a player who has not completed his/her eighth consecutive semester of high school. Players of any age, including home schooled students, eligibility ends after their graduation or the receiving of a graduation certification.” Melander stated that this was housekeeping and they just took out the word “Whose”. Motion Miller, Seconded B. Gustafson. Voice Vote to Pass.

I. R & Rs, Section I, Article VI: Class of Play A 5 (Housekeeping) [Splichal]

“In event an organization does not have adequate numbers to fill out a team, that organization may use players from a lower age classification to fill out a team to a maximum of fourteen [14] players including goaltenders without the player[s] from the lower level age classification losing his/her eligibility to continue in league and state tournament play at the lower age level providing the District Directors / Section Directors involved, and the ND Associate Registrar approve the request. Requests are to be submitted to the appropriate District Directors / Section Directors and the ND Associate Registrar.” Splichal wanted to include the Section Directors to be included. Motion Miller, Seconded Kamstra. Voice Vote to Pass.

L. R & Rs, Section II, Article III: Sanctioned Leagues, B 6 (Jr. Gold Housekeeping) [Sedo]

“Take out #6. HAROLD HOLIEN STATE TOURNAMENT: Follow the NDAJGHL tournament pairings and playoff format. All Harold Holien State Tournament games played in a round robin format will be played out to determine a winner, not just the final round games.” Melander said that round robin format is not used and a bracket format is used. Take out #6 as the tournament committee sets the brackets now. Motion Miller, Seconded B. Gustafson. Voice Vote to Pass.

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M. R & Rs, Section II, Article III: Sanctioned Leagues, B 8 (Jr. Gold Housekeeping) [Sedo]

Add to #8. “NDAJGHL and Harold Holien State Tournament will play twenty [20] minute periods. The local organization has the right to adjust the time of period from twenty [20] minutes to seventeen [17] minutes if there is a conflict in scheduling of ice time. If twenty [20] minute periods are played then the ice must be resurfaced after each period excluding overtime.” Motion Miller, Seconded B. Gustafson. Voice Vote to Pass.

P. R & Rs, Section II, Article III: Sanctioned Leagues, C 7 Housekeeping) [Splichal]

Remove #7 from current wording. Motion by Miller, Seconded by Sturlaugson. Voice Vote to Pass.

J. R & Rs, Section I, Article IX: Game Officials, Line D [Rostad]

All on-ice officials shall be USA Hockey certified for current playing season and shall be classified as follows:

Level 4: Eligible to referee all classifications

Level 3: Eligible to referee at junior C and below classifications

Level 2: Eligible to referee at age 14 and below classifications

Level 1: Eligible to referee at age 12 and below classifications

Level 1, 2 and 3 officials working like age games or above must be paired with a minimum of one [1] senior level 3 official and be approved by the supervisor of officials.

Fiddler said 15-17 year olds cannot work any games the way the set up is right now and we have good young officials that are capable of working games but can't due to age restrictions. The supervisor of officials for the districts will be able to approve such officials as to if they are capable or not. Bob Gustafson made a motion to throw out our entire wording and to go directly by USA Hockey standards minus Jr. Gold and local affiliates can be stricter if they want and if Jr. Gold wants to jump on board they can. Seconded by Hills. Discussion. Fiddler said USA Hockey has no age restrictions. Hansen asked if USA Hockey has age restrictions for lines for Jr. Gold. Fiddler said yes they do. Fiddler wants pg 175 out of annual guide as the rule for officials. Voice Vote to Pass amendment. Community Rep vote was to pass.

K. R & Rs, Section I, Article IX: Game Officials, Line E [Rostad]

“Only level 3 [USA Hockey Level 3] or higher certified shall be used in and for state tournament play and shall be assigned by the State Referee-in-Chief.”

Motion by Schafer, Seconded Marshall. Discussion. Question made by Miller was shouldn't the district RIC make recommendations to State RIC for approval and not the other way around? Rostad said the state RIC will put a memo out to all interested officials and the district RIC will submit names to State RIC for approval and assignments. Discussion took place on wording needs to be cleared up. Add after State Referee-in-Chief from the nominations given by the district supervisor of officials. Schafer brought up why do we not just put a period after state tournament play and scratch shall be assigned by the state referee in chief since we follow this procedure any ways? Motion by Schafer, Seconded by Miller. Voice Vote to Pass.

N. R & Rs, Section II, Article III: Sanctioned Leagues, League Rules G & J [Gillen]

Take out G. “Tournament seeding of the teams tied in league standing at the end of the season play shall be determined by the total goals of the teams involved with league games with each other. If the teams are still tied, a flip of a coin by the league secretary will determine the seeding of teams.” Gillen said we

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had the original tie breaking procedure in our rules and regulations and we had the fair play point system for breaking ties and we had to use this process and it would have been different for the outcome depending on the procedure used. Motion by Miller, Seconded by B. Gustafson. Voice Vote to Pass.

O. R & Rs, Section II, Article III: Sanctioned Leagues, League Rules J [Gillen]

Fair Play total “equivalent” penalty minutes

- a. Pee wee = 12 minutes
- b. Bantam = 14 minutes
- c. Jr. Gold = 16 minutes
- d. Girls 12U = 10 minutes
- e. Girls 14U = 12 minutes
- f. Girls 16U = 14 minutes
- g. Girls 19U = 14 minutes

For the purposes of total Fair Play penalty minutes, the following outlines the penalty “equivalency” minutes associated with each of the following penalties.

- a. Minor or Bench Minor Penalty = 2 minutes
- b. Major Penalty = 5 minutes
- c. Misconduct Penalty = 10 minutes
- d. Game Misconduct Penalty = 10 minutes
- e. Match Penalty = 10 minutes
- f. Check from Behind = [2 & 10] = 5 minutes

Options to decide are to:

Drop Fair Play Program, Add minutes to above totals, Change infractions, Combo of Minutes and Infractions or keep as we ran with this past season.

Gillen met with coaches committee and motion was to continue for another year to get another year of data and to add in G. Mouth guard Misconduct Penalty would be 5-minutes of fair play and not 10-minutes of fair play. Also add in 2 extra minutes across the board to all above levels. Seconded by Bob Gustafson. Voice Vote to Pass.

Q. R & Rs, Section II, Article IV: Tournaments, C 3 & 4 [Splichal]

3. The state Pee wee and Girls 14U/16U tournaments, for all classes of play, will be held the first weekend in March.
4. The state Bantam and Girls 19U tournaments, for all classes of play, will be held on the second weekend in March.

Splichal wanted to withdraw the motion at this time.

R. R & Rs, Section II, Article IV: Tournaments, D Tournament Rotations [Colter]

A new tournament rotation was handed out by John Colter. See schedule below. Motion by Gillen, Seconded by Wallace. Voice Vote to Pass.

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PEEWEE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B1</u>	<u>B2</u>	<u>B3</u>
2007	SE	NE	NW	SW
2008	SW	SE	NE	NW
2009	NW	SW	SE	NE
2010	NE	NW	SW	SE
2011	SE	NE	NW	SW
2012	SW	SE	NE	NW
2013	NW	SW	SE	NE
2014	NE	NW	SW	SE
2015	SE	NE	NW	SW
2016	SW	SE	NE	NW
2017	NW	SW	SE	NE
2018	NE	NW	SW	SE
2019	SE	NE	NW	SW
2020	SW	SE	NE	NW
2021	NW	SW	SE	NE

BANTAM

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B1</u>	<u>B2</u>	<u>B3</u>
2007	NW	SW	SE	NE
2008	NE	NW	SW	SE
2009	SE	NE	NW	SW
2010	SW	SE	NE	NW
2011	NW	SW	SE	NE
2012	NE	NW	SW	SE
2013	SE	NE	NW	SW
2014	SW	SE	NE	NW
2015	NW	SW	SE	NE
2016	NE	NW	SW	SE
2017	SE	NE	NW	SW
2018	SW	SE	NE	NW
2019	NW	SW	SE	NE
2020	NE	NW	SW	SE
2021	SE	NE	NW	SW

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>12U</u>	<u>14U/16U</u>	<u>12U</u>	<u>14U/16U</u>
2007	NW	NE	2017	SE
2008	NE	SE	2018	SW
2009	SE	SW	2019	NW
2010	SW	NW	2020	NE
2011	NW	NE	2021	SE
2012	NE	SE		
2013	SE	SW		
2014	SW	NW		
2015	NW	NE		
2016	NE	SE		

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T. R & Rs, Section II, Article IV: Tournaments, K Compensation [Rostad]

Change to: Travel no more than current year IRS established rate one-way.

Line will now read: Travel no more than current year IRS established rate one way will be paid for travel for out of town officials. Out of town is defined as more than 20 miles from arena.

Amend: Put in place of out of town officials.....All NDAHA personnel.

Motion by Olson, Seconded by Miller. Discussion. Gillen asked Fiddler how the officials feel. Gillen said they are taking away time from their families and jobs to work state tournaments and with gas rates higher are they happy? Fiddler said they are happy with one-way mileage but .32 cents is too low so IRS rate is fine. Gillen also said he feels that the local guys go out to eat with out-of-town officials and they do not get per diem? Fiddler said that if you are 20 miles or closer you do not get per diem as written and most cases they are at the rink a lot and eating at concession stand and spending their own money. Howatt said she had to pay nine officials mileage and some were from the same town and drove separately. Gillen said if officials are happy he would be fine and withdraw his proposal of U. Voice Vote to Pass.

U. R & Rs, Section II, Article IV: Tournaments, K Compensation [Gillen]

Travel per mile both way's at state rate will be paid for travel for out-of-town officials. Out-of-town is defined as anyone living outside of the city limits.

Lodging will be provided for 1-room per day for out-of-town officials provided by the host community.

Per diem of \$20.00 per day for out-of-town officials. Out-of-town is defined as anyone living outside of the city limits of the host tournament. No per diem for in-town officials [Within city limits of the host tournament]

Amend: Put in the wording....all officials.

Gillen withdrew this proposal.

V. By-Laws, Article VI: Directors, Board of Directors, 1a & b [B. Gustafson]

A. Election – Officers may be elected from the membership, or any adult resident of North Dakota. The President and Treasurer shall be elected on odd number years and Vice President and Secretary on even number years by a vote of the membership-voting representatives at the Annual Spring Meeting of the NDAHA. Motion by B. Gustafson, Seconded by Marshall. Voice Vote to Pass.

W. By-Laws, Article XII: Amendments [Colter/Gillen]

The power to alter, amend, repeal the By-Laws, or adopt new By-Laws, shall be vested in the Community Reps. Notice of proposed changes in the By-Laws shall be distributed to Community Reps at least [15] days prior to the spring meeting at which they are to be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. Changes in the By-Laws shall require approval of the Community Rep votes present at that properly convened meeting. Amendments and changes to these By-Laws will become active and enforceable immediately upon their approval by the Board of Directors. Motion by B. Gustafson, Seconded by Gillen. Discussion took place and it was decided the wording needs a lot of work and with Colter not here we should table till fall meeting. Voice Vote to Table.

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X. By-Laws, Article XII: Amendments [B. Gustafson]

The power to alter, amend, repeal the By-Laws, or adopt new By-Laws, and to adopt, amend, or repeal the Rules and Regulations, shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Notice of proposed changes in the By-Laws and proposals to adopt or amend the Rules and Regulations shall be distributed to Directors at least [15] days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. Changes in the By-Laws shall require the approval of sixty-seven percent [67%] of all the Directors authorized by these By-Laws. Changes to the Rules and Regulations shall require the approval of a simple majority [over 50%] of the Directors present at that properly convened meeting. Amendments and changes to these By-Laws will become active and enforceable immediately upon their approval by the Board of Directors, and posting of same to the NDAHA Web Site. Since this is similar to Proposal W we would table till fall.

Y. By-Laws, Article XIII: Disputes, Protests & Appeals (New) [Splichal]

Withdrawn by Splichal

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jack Kleven was submitted from the Nominating Committee. Rostad asked for nominations from floor for President? Miller Nominated Peter Sonnesyn, Seconded by B. Gustafson. Sonnesyn and Kleven were the two nominations to be voted on. Sonnesyn was the winner by secret ballot.

Greg Rostad was submitted from the Nominating Committee. Rostad asked for nominations for vice president? Greg Evenson was the winner as the Vice President.

Rostad asked for nominations for secretary. Bob Gillen was nominated by Terry Wallace and will go against Barb Winking of Mandan who was nominated earlier through the nomination process. Gillen and Winking are the two nominations to be voted on by secret ballot. Gillen was the winner by secret ballot.

Rostad asked for nominations for N.D. League Director. Schafer was nominated earlier through the nomination process. Schafer was the winner as the N.D. League Director.

NW District Director: Bruce Rostad
SW District Director: Mike Wald
NE District Director: Dave Duckworth
SE District Director: Bob Gustafson

Girls/Women's Director: Keith Olson
Jr. Gold Director: Tim Melander

Sonnesyn asked that the board approve Brett Stockert as the Director of Player Development. Splichal said he was approved at Winter Meeting.

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FOR THE GOOD OF ND HOCKEY

*****Kleven presented the USA Hockey New Leader Award for North Dakota to Bob Gillen of Grand Forks.**

*****Splichal said he was approached by N.D. Sports Hall of Fame and they would like us to form a committee to work on getting some of our people to be nominated for the Jamestown Sports Hall of Fame. The last people from our group were Jack Kleven and Jim Peluso to be inducted to the N.D. Hall of Fame. Bob Gustafson, Dennis Nybo and Dave Duckworth along with a rep from the NW District will work on this committee and will have a rep in place by the June Meeting.**

*****Gillen withdrew his motion request since the NE District was against it at their district meeting and after Gillen heard the NDAHA Financial Report, he decided that 39 coaches did not need \$2,000 for a social to be sponsored by NDAHA. He can raise the coaching clinic fee and look for a sponsorship to cover this cost.**

*****Fall Meeting will be in Devils Lake on Saturday, September 16th, 2006**

*****Winter Meeting will be in Carrington on Sunday, January 7th, 2007**

*****Spring Meeting will be in the Southeast District next Spring 2007**

Greg Evenson said we need to get the Spring Meeting back to the Central part of the state to make it convenient for all communities in our state.

Sonnesyn wanted to thank the Williston Hockey Boosters for the dinner and hosting the spring meeting.

NDAHA STATE TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2007

Girls 12U=Crosby, ND / Williston, ND

Girls 14U/16U=Devils Lake, ND

Girls 19U=Wahpeton, ND

Bantam A1 & A2=Minot, ND

Bantam B1=Dickinson, ND

Bantam B2=Wahpeton, ND [Will work with Langdon, ND]

Bantam B3=Langdon, ND

Pewee A1 & A2=West Fargo, ND

Pewee B1=Rugby, ND

Pewee B2=Williston, ND

Pewee B3=Mandan, ND

Jr. Gold=Sidney, MT

Motion to adjourn by Nybo, Seconded by B. Gustafson at 5:57 p.m.

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'06 SPECIAL PROJECTS REGISTRATIONS

DISTRICT SELECTS

<u>NE</u>						<u>NW</u>					
90 14	91 14	92 19	93 25	14U 2	12U 2	90 14	91 15	92 11	93 10	14U 15	12U 11
<u>SE</u>						<u>SW</u>					
90 17	91 12	92 24	93 20	14U 8	12U 15	90 10	91 12	92 9	93 16	14U 11	12U 15

TOTAL DISTRICTS: 321

ELITE I & II

26

SELECTS

88/89

27

TEAM NORTH DAKOTA

BOYS

41

GIRLS

32