

**NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
2005 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2005 – MANDAN, ND**

**CALL TO ORDER** [Kleven] 8 AM

**ROLL CALL** [Gunderson] President Kleven asked for the roll call the Board of Directors.

Jack Kleven	(President)
Peter Sonnesyn	(Vice President)
Brad Bekkedahl	(Past President/Minnkota Director)
Connie Gunderson	(Secretary)
Gary Almquist	(Treasurer)
John Colter	(Associate Registrar)
Dave Duckworth	(NE District Director)
Julie Howatt	(NE District Director)
Bob Gustafson	(SE District Director)
Greg Evenson	(SE District Director)
Randy Bina	(SW District Director)
Jeff Gustafson	(SW District Director)
Bruce Rostad	(NW District Director)
Scott Ellis	(NW District Director)
Bob Gillen	(Coaching Program Director)
Gary Splichal	(Girls/Woman's Director)
Dennis Nybo	(ND league Director)
Phil Sedo	(Jr. Gold Director)

**Members Absent:** Jeff Bredahl (Player Development Director), Gary Fiddler, (Referee in Chief Director).

**Minutes:** [Kleven]: Kleven asked to approve the minutes from the September 18th, 2004 meeting. Gustafson made a motion to except the minutes. Seconded by Evenson.

**Presidents Report:** [Kleven] Jack covered everything in his report on Saturday.

**Treasures Report:** [Almquist] Gary presented the financial report on Saturday. His only other recommendation would be regarding the NDAHA credit card. Gary recommends that if you have a NDAHA credit card and you do not submit the appropriate receipts the credit card should be canceled. Jack recommended that Gary keep track of this and give a report at the fall meeting. Colter stated that he has credit card and it is very convenient to have.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OBA -Affiliate Agreement:** [Almquist] Gary recommended that we clean up the affiliate agreement, to take in the account of the entities and organizations that are not 501C3. There are two changes one

is on the first page below city and zip the wording should be changed to nonprofit organization for government entities. On page four item J the heading will read continuing status of a recognized nonprofit organization and that will read **the local affiliate should at all times during the term of this agreement maintain its tax-exempt status under section 501C3 the appropriate section of the internal revenue code or as further approved by the NDAHA board.** Motion by Almquist to approve the changes, seconded by Splichal.

Gary stated that we need bylaws and tax returns from the affiliates. In the case of Bottineau, they do not have a federal tax ID number. Bekkedahl states that USA Hockey mandates through our affiliate agreement that our organizations have representation from the team by having bylaws and rules and regulations. Bekkedahl suggests that at the very minimum the affiliates need to have some type of system that shows they have representation for the teams through their board. Gary is going to make the changes to the affiliate agreement; he will send them out and request information. He will also bill for the banquet. Gary will also send the changes in to be posted on the web site. Kleven asked for voice vote for all those in favor of making the changes to the affiliate agreement. Passed.

**OB-B – Jr. Gold:** [Sedo] Request to allow use of two referees, one linesman. The motion died during the community rep meeting. Scott Ellis made a motion Gustafson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion- Kleven asked for a voice vote motion failed.

**OB- C Jr. Gold:** [Sedo] Require a \$500 payment by each team to join the League. Motion by Sedo, seconded by Duckworth to require each team to pay a \$500 fee to get into the league in which the money will be returned at the completion of the season. The community reps voted in favor of this proposal. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**OB-D State Tournament Fee's for Referees:** [Sonnesyn] The recommendation through the referee committee was that if a parent (verbiage was changed from Dad to parent) was coming to the games and refereeing he would get a per diem expenses only in mileage both ways. The room would not be paid for. Motion made by Pete and seconded by Evenson. The recommendation is to not pay for the rooms. Discussion - Jeff Gustafson asked if this is something that we encourage, Pete stated that in the past we have. Sedo mentioned that the Jr. Gold had had problems with this issue in the past. Bekkedahl mentioned the age restriction, which is 20 years old in order to officiate a state tournament. He also stated there are about three hundred and some referees in the state there should be no reason to use a parent. This motion failed by the community reps. Kleven called for a roll call vote. The motion failed.

**State Tournaments – Discussion Only:** [Colter] Tournament pairings and playoff format. If there are 24 or fewer teams in the league, the B1 tournament would be an 8 team tournament and the B2 and B3 would be left up to the tournament committee. Motion was made by the NW district and seconded by Evenson. Discussion- Colter stated that the decision would be made by the tournament committee and would depend on how many teams there are in the league. Kleven called for a voice vote. Motion carried.

**NB-A Jr. League Coordinator Duties:** [Sedo] Discussion only. Sedo stated that this will be his last season as the Jr. Gold the coordinator. He feels that after being in the position for 10 years there should be someone out there with new ideas.

**NB-B NDAHA Coordinator Position:** [Splichal] Discussion only. Gary stated that he did not put this on the agenda but it should have stated Director of Player Development. Gary also stated that they had talked about having a Director of Player Development at one level, the Financial Director would be under him, and then the District Selects Selects and Team ND would all be under that. Almquist suggested that some of the duties be split up. Jeff Gustafson stated that he has been involved with the Selects for many years and has watched this program develop, but there also needs to be a lot of time put into this. Bob Gillen stated that the Selects have grown and over the summer they will develop a flowchart and split up the positions. Jack stated that no money from NDAHA could be used on the select program. If there are any paying positions, they have to be self-sufficient. Greg Evenson asked if we are getting to the point where we need to pay someone to take over the web site maintenance and other duties for the Selects. Gary Splichal suggests that the Selects paid half and NDAHA pay the other half of this position. Bruce Rostad stated that the organization is getting to big to expect people to volunteer their time. Bina suggested that we get everything down on paper, look over the flowcharts and possibly pay to have someone to oversee the volunteers. We will need to develop a good job description. Jack would like to see a committee formed, and come back at fall meeting with some solid recommendations. Duckworth stated that we need to advertise this job and interview people. Jack also felt this needs to be advertise in the newspaper and not just internally. The elite league coordinator position is not part of flowchart. Splichal stated that the Director of player development should be someone who is organized, that can handle calls, and also work with USA hockey. Greg Evenson suggested that we put a committee together to look into the development of this full-time position. Pete Sonnesyn will be the committee chairman, Randy Bina, Gary Splichal, Scott Ellis, Dennis Nybo, Greg Evenson, and Dave Duckworth will serve on the committee.

**NB-C – Article III- NDAGHL Inadequate Numbers, 19U:** [Splichal] This proposal is to keep the Park River rule for girls 14 and 16 age group. This proposal was defeated by the community reps. Splichal made a motion on this proposal, Duckworth seconded the motion. No discussion on the motion. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion failed.

**NB -D & G- 19U State Tournament/ Tournament Rotation Section C- Girls 19U:** [Splichal]  
**D-** The proposal asks for new teams entering into NDAGHL with a 19U Team will be added to the bottom of the 19U State Tournament rotation schedule. A team declining its date on the rotation will be added to the bottom of the rotation schedule and the next team in the rotation we'll be given the opportunity for that year's tournament. A team that drops out of NDAGHL, and then reenters at a later date, will be added to the bottom of the tournament rotation schedule. The community reps passed this proposal. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**G-** Under current wording 15 and under should read 14 and under. Splichal will also work on a 12U rotation schedule. The girl's teams go by the district rotation. The community reps passed this proposal.

Dennis Nybo made a motion to approve both proposals, Jeff Gustafson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Kleven called for a voice vote on both proposals, motion past.

**NB- E – Article III Tournaments- Rugby Amateur Hockey Association:** This proposal states that the B1, B2 and B3 tournament sites shall be rotated by district in a Clock wise direction. The members within the district shall determine the specific location of these tournaments within the district. If a district does not want a scheduled tournament, other districts may bid for the tournament. Julie Howatt made a motion to pass this proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by a Jeff Gustafson. Discussion - Jack stated that he feels that we're dealing with three districts not four; Scott Ellis believes that this depends on how many teams there are in the district. If there are only three districts, the rotation would be within the three districts. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote on this proposal, motion passed.

**NB – F – Article III Tournaments/Tournament Rotation:** [Gustafson] State Tournament sites will be awarded North and South only. NE/NW and SE/SW will decide no later than the fall meeting which communities will be hosts. This proposal failed community reps vote 99-182. Gustafson has withdrawn the proposal.

**NB – I State Tournaments Admission Fee:** [Lindgren] Every year at the fall affiliate meeting the location of each state tournament for PeeWee, Bantam's, and all girls Leagues will be decided. The cost for admission to any and all will be determined at such time. Mandan feels that the state tournaments should have a uniform admission fee set for the tournaments. This proposal failed by the community reps. Motion by Sonnesyn, seconded by Splichal. Discussion-no discussion. Kleven called for a voice vote on this proposal, motion failed.

**NB – J Rules & Regulations/State Tournament Overtime:** [Rostad] The second overtime and all subsequent overtimes will be played four on four. **[Delete this line entirely]** When it comes to state tournament play, to require teams to play short a person is realistically penalizing them for there efforts. Rostad does not feel that it is right to start cutting players for the sake of getting the game over. Motion by Rostad, seconded by Duckworth. Discussion- Colter, for example at the Jr. Gold tournament in Rugby this year, but what happened if tournament had gone into three overtimes? Phil stated that the games were done by 10 PM in the evening. Colter feels that the games should get over as soon as possible and if need be flip a coin and feels that the odds of a game going into three or four overtimes playing five on five are greater than a four on four. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote of this proposal to delete line 4a, which states the second overtime and all subsequent overtimes will be played four on four. Motion passed.

**NB- K – Article VI Section I Administration Fees:** [Rugby Amateur Hockey Association] Each registered NDAHA hockey team that goes to the NDAHA state tournament will have their fees increased by 2 dollars which is to be used for reimbursing referee fees to those communities that holds a state sanctioned tournament. These fees will be paid to NDAHA Secretary/Treasurer and will be put in a special fund. At the conclusion of the tournament and 30 days prior to the state meeting, each community will submit to the Secretary/Treasurer proof of referee expenses. The Secretary/Treasurer will reimburse those host communities the spring meeting. Reimbursement will be determined by the amount collected. This proposal was tabled until the fall meeting by the community reps. Motion by Colter, seconded by Sedo to table until the spring meeting, since the community reps do not meet in the fall. **Tabled until Spring of 2006**

**NB-L – Rule & Regulations – Article IV Section II Para G:** [Colter]

1. All teams participating in an invitational tournament must be registered at rostered by USA hockey.
2. All players and coaches participating in an invitational tournament must be properly registered, for the current year in USA hockey.
3. Communities hosting invitational tournaments are required to check for proper and current registration credentials prior to a team playing its first game. Any team unable to produce proper registration credentials shall not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
4. Any community allowing an unregistered team, player or coach to participate in an invitational tournament will not be allowed to sanction another tournament for a period of one year. The community reps passed this proposal. Motion by Colter, seconded by Evenson. This proposal should be amended to read invitational and state tournaments. Discussion-Splichal states that we should list the credentials that are required. Colter stated that the credentials required this year will change. Kleven called for a voice vote; **motion passed as amended to read invitational and state tournaments.**

**NB-M – Rules & Regulations – Article III – Sanctioned Leagues, HEP Fair Play Program:**

[Gillen] This is a new proposal. Reason for the proposal: help cut down on misconduct, match penalties as well as coach, player and fan conduct. This also will reward a team that may not been many games but behaves on the ice during the games. Example: A league may have sixteen league games for a total of 32 points possible. There may be a team that goes 2-14 for 4 points but meets the Fair Play Points requirements in all games. That would give them 16 Fair Play Points in addition to their 4 league points and four wins and a total of 20 league points. Now a team that goes 8-8 and only meets the Fair Play Points requirements once out of 16 games played would have 16 league points and 1 Fair Play Points for 17 total league points. The first team would pass the second team in the standings. Motion by Gustafson, seconded by Jeff Gustafson. Discussion-Nybo asked about you game score sheets. There are new HEP score sheets available. The games scorekeeper will total HEP PIM equivalents at the end of the game and circle on the score sheets whether each team earned their Fair Play points. Each League Secretary will double-check the score sheets for accuracy. Almquist believes that there should be an off ice officials training session, as every year there are always problems with the score sheets that these training sessions could help alleviate these problems. Pete feels that at the referee seminars the referee's should be aware of the duties of the off ice officials. Rostad stated that he feels this is a very good idea and that this information needs to be stressed at the fall meeting to the community reps so they are able to pass this information along to the parents so they are in full understanding. Jack feels that a training package should be put together. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**NB-N- Rules & Regulations – Article X - Coaches Housekeeping:** [Gillen]

- A. All coaches registering with NDAHA will be required to sign an “Authorization to Release Information” form for random screening. All coaches, head and assistants, registered on a USA hockey roster must have the USA Hockey Card by December 31st of the current calendar year.
- B. The Initiation Program will now become part of the Coaching Education Program and we'll be inserted as the new Level 1. The Associate Level will now move to Level II and the Intermediate Level will move to Level III. The Advanced Level will become Level IV with the Masters Program and the new Level V. A coach's Coaching Education Level of Associate Level or above prior to July 1st will remain the same. A C.E.P. card with the current verification sticker must be carried by all coaches. If a coach cannot produce their current and up-to-date USA C.E.P card prior to start of the

first period, it must be noted on the official game score sheets and signed by the opposing coach. It will be the responsibility of the Local Affiliate Organization to determine if there should be any penalties imposed on individual coach fails to produce a current, up-to-date coaching education card with appropriate verification of level. It will also be the responsibility of the Local Affiliate Organization to enforce any penalties. District Coaches-in-Chief may check with the local associations/affiliate for any additional information regarding the coach requesting a temporary card. The District Coach- in- Chief makes the final decision regarding all temporary coaching card requests. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Motion by Gillen, seconded by Splichal. Discussion. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**NB-O - Junior Gold Team & Player Eligibility:** [Sedo] Current Wording-that no player or may be 18 prior to July 1st of the commencing the year except for a player who has not completed his/her eighth consecutive semester of high school. New wording- 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 graduated or has quit school. **This includes home school students, whose eligibility ends after their graduation or the receiving have a graduation certificate.** Motion by Sedo to approve the proposal as amended to read: that no player 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 school students, whose eligibility ends after their graduation of high school or the receiving of a graduation certificate. Motion seconded by Howatt as amended. Discussion-none. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**NB-P –Article XII - Executive Committee:** [B. Gustafson] This proposal is a motion to not have an executive committee until at least spring meeting 2006 and then only if voted back into power. Motion by Gustafson, seconded by Sedo. Discussion-none. This motion failed the community rep vote. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion failed.

**NB-Q – ArticleVI – Bylaws –Directors-Fiscal Year Definition:** [Bekkedahl] Wording to this article has been added-Fiscal year definition to duties for record keeping. But also be placed under treasurer’s duties. The intention of this proposal is to comply with a motion from previous Board of Directors meetings setting the states as the fiscal year. This is a clarification of the bylaws for updating. Motion by Ellis, seconded by Pete. Discussion-none. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**NB-S- ArticleVII/Classifications & Divisions/# of Teams In Play:** [Bottineau] Bottineau Blueline will have two Bantam teams (A & B) this next year. We will maintain our “B” team in the “B” League and propose our “A” team to play in the “A” league. Motion by Colter, seconded by Evenson. Discussion-Dennis Nybo stated that we have set a precedent in place for three years. Jeff Gustafson stated that he has complaints from a lot of parents that would like to play a “B” schedule as they are having a hard time playing the “A” schedule. Jack stated that he felt there's no reason why the “A” team’s cannot play “B” teams. Duckworth stated that “B” teams are willing to play “A” teams but the “A” teams are not willing to play the “B” teams. This proposal failed the community rep vote. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion failed.

**NB-T- Article IV- Bylaws -- Membership:** [Bekkedahl] Specific wording of the proposal: Removed the section of forfeiture and suspension. Better-defined Membership as “Member” and “Local Affiliate”. Bekkedahl stated this is just refining membership in Article IV. This is a clarification of membership to include affiliates as our formal community entity. Forfeiture and suspension removed - added later rules and regulations in Articles XIII and IV. Motion by B. Gustafson, seconded by Rostad. Discussion- clarification of this is that any team can register with USA hockey but if they are not associated with an affiliate they cannot be a member of NDAHA and receive the benefits of being a member. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**NB-U – ArticleXIII & ArticleXIV Disputes & Appeals/Suspensions & Forfeitures:** [Bekkedahl] These will be new articles. The two articles have been moved out of rules and regulations unchanged. These are issues that are normally in bylaws, not rules and regulations section. Motion by Splichal, seconded by B. Gustafson. Discussion-none. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote, motion passed.

**NB-V- Proposed Revisions to Entire Rules & Regulations document:** [Bekkedahl] This pertains to rules and regulations section 1 -- Administration. This is updating and rearranging of our rules and regulations. Page 16, No. 8 will be removed, and the date of December 15 will still remain the cutoff date for rostering. Motion made by Bekkedahl, seconded by Pete. Discussion- Colter will handle these on a case-by-case basis. Julie Howatt asked for clarification on page four, No. 7, if you play on a high school team during the season and then on page 16, No. 8, there states you are not eligible to play in any NDAHA tournament. Duckworth asked about rule No. 8 on page four. A player can play at two different levels of the current playing season, but the player may not register on more than one team that will participate in games leading to a national championship. This proposal was passed by the community reps. Kleven called for a voice vote on the amendment, motion passed. Kleven called for a voice vote on the amended proposal, motion passed.

**NB-W- Administration -- Web Site/Affiliate Organization's Link:** [Rostad]

1. All affiliate organization's will provide to the NDAHA web site a completed statement of community/program information.
2. That this information be updated on an annual basis, or as often as required to keep current.
3. The term “Annual Basis” will be apt to regularly scheduled fall meeting of NDAHA.
4. A penalty of \$100 be assessed to any affiliates for failure to comply.
5. That the NDAHA web site be considered the official source of this information.

Motion by Rostad to amend the proposal to delete line four and make line five; line four, seconded by Evenson. Discussion -Jeff Gustafson states that he feels that the affiliate info sheet should be sent out the affiliate agreement. Almquist stated that this is something that we need to keep track of. Duckworth stated that we are not following our own rules, as he did not receive a packet this year because it was sent to the wrong address by the Secretary who went off of the sign up sheet out of addresses from the fall meeting. Julie stated that for ease-of-use she would like to see all information from the same district on one page. Rostad withdrew this proposal.

**Tournament Assignments:** John Colter stated that changes would be made to the rotation for 2007. In 2007 in every district should have a state tournament.

Bantam A1 – A2	West Fargo
Bantam B-1	Grafton
Bantam B-2	Bismarck
Bantam B-3	Mayport
PeeWee A-1- A2	Devils Lake
PeeWee B-1	Bottineau
PeeWee B-2	Wahpeton
PeeWee B-3	Hazen
Girls 19U	Watford City
Girls 14U – 16U	Fargo All City
Girls 12 U	Valley City
Jr. Gold	Langdon

### **Good of North Dakota Hockey**

Scott Ellis was reelected to another two-year term as Northwest district director. Jeff Gustafson was also reelected as a Southwest district director. Julie Howatt was reelected as a Northeast district director. And Greg Evenson was reelected as a Southeast district director. Phil Sedo will serve as the Jr. Gold league coordinator for the 2005 -- 2006 season.

Jack has copies of the proposed rule changes from USA hockey. He also had no new nominations for the USA hockey leader award. Bob Gillen was nominated for this award.

Phil Sedo stated that Saturday's meeting lasted six hours, and felt that that was too long. Duckworth proposes that we have a Board of Directors meeting midseason. Jack suggests that the committee meetings with all meet on Saturday and the Board of Directors will meet on Sunday the second weekend in January, which is the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>, and this will take place in Rugby.

NDAHA fall meeting will take place Sept. 17 in Devils Lake. The 2006 spring meeting will be held in Williston, April 22nd and 23rd.

John Colter feels that we need to think about the West district and how they will fit into the tournament rotation.

Dave Duckworth feels that their needs to be something done with the web site. He feels that is not right to have two web sites, as it is very difficult to find things.

Pete would like to see the updated rules and regulations on the web site and what ever is posted will be followed. John Colter reminded everybody who is on the tournament committee- a district director, League Secretaries, Phil Sedo, Matt Stockard, Gary Splichal, and Dennis Nybo. Bruce Rostad wanted to make a comment regarding discipline, he would like to commend the kids for always stepping up to the plate when it comes to a match penalty, and the coaches and the parents always seem to have an excuse. Randy Bina stated that he feels that the Youth League Director should be on the executive committee. B. Gustafson makes a motion to suspend the Roberts Rule of Order. Kleven makes a motion to add the North Dakota League Director onto the executive committee, and Minnkota director will be removed from the executive committee, seconded by Splichal. Jack states we need 75 percent of the majority vote. Kleven called for a hand vote, motion was passed.

11:05 AM, motion by Rostad to adjourn, seconded by B. Gustafson.