

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2007 Fall Affiliates & Board Meeting
Saturday, September 15th – Spirit Lake Hotel – Devils Lake, N.D.**

I. Called Meeting to Order

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. A roll call of Board members, guests and affiliates was taken.

II. Roll Call

Present:

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| Gary Splichal | Association Executive | Greg Evenson | President |
| Mark Tollefson | Vice President | Steve Blasing | Secretary |
| Betty Tripplet | Treasurer | Scott Schafer | Youth Leagues |
| Keith Olson | Girls/Women's | Tim Melander | Junior Gold |
| Dave Hoff | NDAHA Coach-in-Chief | Bob Gillen | NP District Coach-in-Chief |
| John Colter | NP District Registrar | David Duckworth | NE Director |
| Julie Howatt | NE Director | Jay Marshall | SE Director |
| Jeff Kamstra | SE Director | Dave Hanneman | SW Director |
| Dennis Lindgren | SW Director | Damon McLaughlin | NW Director |

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| Mike Wald | NP Ace Coordinator | Bob Gillen | NP Coach-in-Chief |
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Absent:

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| Open Position | Director of Player Development | Open Position | Risk Manager |
| Bruce Rostad | Discipline Chair / NW Director | Gary Fiddler | NDAHA Referee-in-Chief |
| Brad Bekkedahl | NP District Director | Pete Sonnesyn | Director Emeritus |
| Jack Kleven | Director Emeritus | | |

Affiliates:

| AFFILIATE | REPS | VOTES | AFFILIATE | REPS | VOTES |
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| B/W Blades | Steve Nepl | 9 | GF Parks | Scott Koberinski | 13 |
| Bismarck | Dennis Nybo Mike Heitkamp | 38 | GF Supras | NOT PRESENT | 8 |
| Bottineau | Larry Brooks Chuck Neubauer | 7 | Hazen - Beulah | Joe Amundson | 10 |
| Cando | Doug Henke | 3 | Jamestown | Matt Stockert | 11 |
| Crosby | Kurt Coker | 7 | Langdon | Troy Ellingson | 7 |
| Devils Lake | Terry Wallace | 7 | Mandan | Terry Halstengard | 8 |
| Dickinson | Bryan Kuntz | 7 | Mayville/Portland | NOT PRESENT | 7 |
| Fargo All City | Joe Provogt | 27 | Miles City | NOT PRESENT | 2 |
| Fargo Angels | Jim Schaefbauer | 7 | Minot | Jarrod Olson | 14 |
| Fargo Flames | NOT PRESENT | 1 | Park River | Chad Arendt | 3 |
| Fargo Flyers | Chris Birmingham | 12 | Rugby | Jay McClintock | 7 |
| Fargo Raiders | Nate Brennehan | 6 | Sidney | Jason Schierer Dennis Moore | 7 |
| Glasgow | NOT PRESENT | 1 | Valley City | Marcia Pritchard | 6 |
| Grafton | Dave Hills | 7 | Watford City | NOT PRESENT | 6 |
| GF Blues | NOT PRESENT | 4 | West Fargo | Troy Miller | 20 |
| GF Girls/Women | NOT PRESENT | 4 | Williston | Matt Glueckert | 17 |

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III. Guests:

None

IV. Minutes

The Minutes of the Affiliate Meeting of May 5, 2007 and the May 6, 2007 Board meeting were approved.

V. Reports

A. President's Report

President Greg Evenson gave a short overview. He introduced the new Board members and welcomed all the affiliates and Board members.

B. Vice President's Report

Vice President Mark Tollefson was called upon to give his report. As Vice President, Mr. Tollefson oversees the Player Development and Referees. He mentioned that Wade Storey has resigned as the ND Player Development Director and Jarrod Olson has accepted the position to replace him. Mr. Tollefson informed the group that under the new structure there will be a Director of Player Development from either the East or West and the Associate Director will be named from the area not represented by the Director of Player Development. That way, we will always have the entire state covered. In addition, to naming an Associate Director, Mr. Tollefson is looking for a Finance Director and Marketing Director for the Select program. It has grown in size and revenue and needs additional attention.

C. Coach-In-Chief Report (1)

Bob Gillen, Northern Plains Coach in Chief gave his report. He informed the group that Dave Hoff in the new Coach in Chief for North Dakota and all inquiries should now be channeled through Dave. Bob handed out information regarding the Level 4 coaching meeting in Bismarck and reported that it was a great success.

Mr. Gillen reviewed the old business. Motion E – By-Law, Article IX-Annual Membership & Board Meeting (Pg 9).

1. By-Law, Article VII-Vote of Board of Directors (Pg 8). The proposal was designed to help improve the annual meeting by streamlining the voting process.

Mr. Gillen reviewed his proposal.

- Proposals for the annual meeting will be due by January.
- The proposals will need to be forwarded to Gary Splicahl and the Secretary.
- The Secretary will compile all the proposals and send them to all Districts and Affiliates in January.
- The Districts and Affiliates will have at least 2 months to review the proposals and vote on each.
- The Districts will compile the voting and forward the results to the Secretary.
- If the proposals voting results are below 35% or above 65% they are automatically rejected or approved respectively and will not be voted on by the affiliates at the annual meeting.
- Instead those proposals will be grouped together for a pass/fail vote by the Board of Directors, thus saving a great deal of time. (Mr. Gillen informed the group that USA Hockey uses the same format).
- At the annual meeting any affiliate vote or Board vote of 75% or above can bring a defeated proposal back on the table for a new vote.

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The motion was made by Jim Skatebourne and seconded by Dennis Nybo to approve the new procedure. Upon a unanimous vote the motion passed.
The Board of Directors by unanimous vote approved the new process.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Betty Triplet reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements for NDAHA. (See Handout). The reports showed the NDAHA in good financial standing.

E. Associate Registrar Report

Associate Registrar John Colter gave his report. Mr. Colter reviewed some of the changes that will take effect this year. He explained that the TMA will cease this year and all information will be contained on the rosters. NDAHA's goal is to have all the coaches' information on the rosters but Mr. Colter explained that step makes take some time before it is 100% effective. Mr. Colter explained that the online registration continues to grow and all districts showed continue to use it.

Mr. Colter reviewed the registrations and did point out the reduction of referees in our area. He mentioned that we would need to continue to work with our young referees to keep them in the program.

F. Coach-In-Chief Report (2)

Coach-In-Chief David Hoff gave his report. Mr. Hoff reviewed the coach's clinics. Mr. Hoff asked all the affiliates to have their coach's register on line in the future to help better plan for the clinics. He also mentioned that coaches can attend clinics out of state if need to get their certification. Finally, Mr. Hoff asked everyone to stress the importance of good sportsmanship with his or her coaches and players.

Level 3 Coach Certification can be done on-line.

G. Girls/Women Report

Keith Olson gave a report on the Girls/Women program. He informed the group that all scheduling is completed.

H. Junior Gold Report

Tim Melander gave an overview of the Junior Gold program. Mr. Melander informed the group that there is an addition to Junior Gold this year with a new team from Park River. He also mentioned that the Minkota Cup would now be called the President's Cup.

I. Referee-In-Chief Report

No Report

J. Youth League Report

Scott Schafer gave an overview of the Youth League. Mr. Schaeffer asked the group to make sure the score sheets are done properly this year with more legible writing and team names on every score sheet.

K. Association Executive Report

Gary Splichal gave a report. He mentioned that they are working on a new web site design. Also, a new order for additional score books have been sent in for the affiliates. Mr. Splicahl mentioned that he is still missing contact information and payment from several affiliates and that information and money will need to be sent in ASAP to Betty Triplet.

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Mr. Splichal will retire in August 2008.

L. Discipline Chair Report

Mr. Rostad was absent from the meeting but President Evenson gave an overview of the Discipline Committee. Mr. Evenson informed the group that Bruce Rostad will resign from his position at the end of his term. Mr. Rostad submitted a new NDAHA Discipline Procedure for the upcoming season. Mr. Evenson gave a brief overview of the procedure and informed the group that Mr. Splichal will post the procedure on the web page.

M. Risk Manager Report

President Evenson gave a brief report on the Risk Management Committee. He informed the group that the committee is working hard to do background checks on all applicable NDAHA employees and they are very diligent in protecting everyone's privacy, including social security numbers. The goal is to do background checks via the Internet and having all the information encrypted.

N. Director of Player Development

No Report

VI. Old Business

Motion F – By-Law, Article XV-Amendment. No action was taken.

Motion T – R&Rs, Section II, Article IV-Tournaments, K1. Although there was much discussion concerning the tabled motion there was no action taken. Instead, it was agreed that Vice President Tollefson and Secretary Blasing would work together with the Referees to come back to the affiliates with some options for referee compensation.

VII. New Business

President Evenson informed the group that he nominated Jarrod Olson to be the new Director of Player Development for NDAHA. Mr. Keith Olson made a motion to approve the nomination and Mr. Schaefer seconded it. The Board unanimously approved the appointment. An Associate Director from the East will be named shortly.

President Evenson asked for assistance in managing the meetings more efficiently through the use of parliamentary procedures. Secretary Blasing volunteered to help put together a plan for the next meeting.

VIII. for the Good of Hockey

President Evenson informed the group that the Bantam B3 State Tournament is changed to Jamestown versus Valley City.

NE District Director David Duckworth brought up an idea to have a C league for boy's 16U in the state. He mentioned that we need to do more to keep kids involved in towns where the numbers are low and do not allow for full teams. Mr. Duckworth felt this type of team would be beneficial to a great number of kids. No action was taken. Nevertheless, Mr. Colter asked the group to at least check with the Risk Manager before any group is formed to assure there would be no legal liability on NDAHA's part.

There was much discussion on the cost of State Tournaments and how helping to standardize the formats and getting some type of financial assistance from NDAHA to offset the large costs of hosting a tournament could

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Improve them. Vice President Tollefson, Junior Gold Director Melander and Secretary Blasing will form a committee to review the tournaments and have a proposal by the spring meeting.

XI. Other Business

Winter meeting is set for Sunday January 6 in Rugby.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.