

NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2009 Board of Directors Fall Meeting
Devils Lake - Saturday, September 19, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Great American Inn in Devils Lake, ND.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Greg Evenson	President	Tammy Fossum	Secretary
Keith Olson	Girls/Women's	Scott Schafer	Youth Leagues
Julie Howatt	NE Director	David Duckworth	NE Director
Phil Sedo	NW Director	Greg Bender	NW Director
Jay Marshall	SE Director	Keith Holland	SE Director
Terry Halstengard	SW Director	Dave Hanneman	SW Director
Gary Splichal	Association Executive	John Colter	NP District Registrar
Dave Hoff	Coach-in-Chief	Dave Bjugson	Player Development
John Douglas	Ace Coordinator	Brad Bekkedahl	NP District Director

Absent:

Betty Triplett	Treasurer	Corwin Enns	Vice President
	Jr. Gold	Brad Pratt	NDAHA Referee-in-Chief
Pete Sonnesyn	Director Emeritus	Jack Kleven	Director Emeritus
Bruce Rostad	Discipline Director	Don Fiebiger	Risk Manager

Also Present:

Scott Koberinski	Grand Forks	Julie Volk	Fargo All City Youth
Terry Wallace	Devils Lake	Jodi Mueller	Richland Youth Hockey
Sherry Hecker	Richland Youth Hockey	Troy Miller	West Fargo
Matt Stockert	Jamestown	Joe Amundson	Hazen/Beulah
Jarrold Olson	Minot	Dave Hills	Grafton
Marcia Pritchert	Valley City	Brian Greicar	Fargo Angels
Rob Hanneman	Fargo Raiders	Chad Arendt	Park River
Jay McClintock	Rugby	Mark Dettling	Watford City
Greg Dehne	Bismarck	RJ Miller	Cando

III. GUESTS

President Evenson introduced the following guests:

Brad Bekkedahl	NP District Director	Bob Gillen	NP District Coach-in-Chief
Craig Ludowese	NE District Supervisor of Officials		

IV. MINUTES

Motion was made by Scott Schafer to approve the Minutes of the Affiliate-Board Meeting of May 16, 2009. Motion was seconded and approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rules & Regulations, Section I, Article IX, A

This proposal had been tabled at the Spring Meeting. Upon further investigation, the original ruling that was missing from our Rules and Regulations could not be located.

Motion was made by Jay Marshall to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded and failed.

B. Affiliate Vote Count

John Colter reviewed our current method of determining Affiliate votes by giving each Affiliate one vote for each team registered. Mr. Colter recommended that we change our method to one vote per registered player.

Motion was made by Phil Sedo to determine Affiliate vote count by using the number of participants registered with USA Hockey by 12/31 for each Affiliate. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. ND Hockey Hall of Fame

President Evenson reported that Brad Bekkedahl has been nominated and approved by the Hall of Fame Committee to be inducted into the ND Hockey Hall of Fame.

President Evenson reported that the following persons have been nominated and asked for their consideration:

Oscar Svangstu and Ole Svangstu of Crosby

Motion was made by Phil Sedo to approve inducting Oscar Svangstu and Ole Svangstu into the ND Hockey Hall of Fame. Motion was seconded and passed.

James Kapitan of Fargo

Motion was made by Jay Marshall to approve inducting James Kapitan into the ND Hockey Hall of Fame. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dave LaDoucer of Grand Forks

Motion was made by David Duckworth to approve inducting Dave LaDoucer into the ND Hockey Hall of Fame. Motion was seconded and passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pee Wee A League-West Fargo 2nd Team

Scott Schafer reported that the Board voted and approved via email West Fargo adding a second Pee Wee A League team.

VII. REPORTS

A. President's Report

President Evenson reported on the USA Hockey Annual Congress held this past June of which he attended. He discussed USA Hockey's Grow the Game campaign and noted that many resources are available online at usahockey.com.

President Evenson reported on the MN Hockey summer meeting .He noted that they have changed

their residency rule and it is now based on the school attended by the player.

President Evenson reported on the Northern Plains District Meeting held in Bismarck this past August. He thanked Dave Hoff for giving a parent education presentation. He noted that Mr. Hoff is available to give this presentation to Affiliates. He noted that Al Bloomer is the new Northern Plains District Player Development Director.

President Evenson reported on the Level 4 and Level 5 Coaches Symposiums that have been held in our District. He reported that our NDAHA Ace Coordinator is John Douglas and welcomed him to the position.

Player Development update was given. Northern Plains Hockey League is currently playing and North Dakota will be sending a team to the National Tournament in the 14U and 16U Boys divisions. President Evenson noted that our Player Development Director, Dave Bjugson, has moved to Roseau, MN. He has agreed to step down after the fall season and the Player Development Committee will work on naming a Director.

President Evenson discussed the flu season, particularly the threat of swine flu, and noted that our priority is to take care of our players and teams. Any missed games due to illnesses will be handled as they arise.

President Evenson noted Grow the Game Grants were awarded to:
Crosby Blue Line Hockey Club for a Learn to Skate Program that has been very successful,
West Fargo Hockey for the purchase of 32 sets of One Goal Equipment,
BW Blades for the purchase of 20 sets of One Goal Equipment, and
Richland Youth Hockey to send a person to training to become a Referee trainer.

B. Girls/Women's Director's Report

Keith Olson gave his report. He reported that the Jamborees are working well and getting good attendance.

C. Youth League Director's Report

Scott Schafer gave his report. He asked that all Affiliates ensure that score sheets are completed properly. He is working on a ND/SD Jamboree and still has openings for Peewee and Bantam teams. Additionally, he reported that there is discussion to realign both A and B Leagues.

D. Northern Plain District Director

President Evenson introduced Brad Bekkedahl, Northern Plains District Director, to the group. Mr. Bekkedahl explained his various positions on committees with USA Hockey. He explained that he represents all Presidents in our district and acts as a liaison between them and USA Hockey. He stressed that if issues arise, everyone should follow the chain of command: local Affiliate, District Director, and then State President.

E. Registrar's Report

John Colter reported that the registrar's meeting was held this morning. He encouraged all registration be done on-line this year and noted that it will be required for the 2010/2011 season.

Keith Holland explained how Fargo Youth Hockey has implemented on-line registration for their organization. See their website, fargohockey.org, for more information.

Mr. Colter reported that MN teams attending ND tournaments will not carry birth certificates in their credentials, but will instead have a statement signed by the Associate Registrar. Tournament officials are to accept this statement in lieu of birth certificates. North Dakota teams must have in their credential packet these items: official roster, consent to treat forms, birth certificates, and waivers for any player who DID NOT register online.

F. Ace Coordinator's Report

John Douglas was introduced to the group. Mr. Douglas reported that of the 33 programs in NDAHA, 7 had no Ace Coordinator and 5 had Affiliate Presidents as their Ace Coordinator. He is asking that each Affiliate Ace Coordinator serve a two year term, be at least level 3 coaching certified, and not be President of the organization. He will be contacting every program in NDAHA to see how he can assist and educate. More information will be available on our website under the Coaches tab and he will be preparing a monthly newsletter for the eight-month season.

G. Referee-in-Chief's Report

Craig Ludowese, NE Supervisor of Officials, presented his report. He explained that this is a rule-change year and officials are stressing enforcement of all rules. They will strictly enforce intimidation after the whistle. They will also make sure equipment is worn properly, including a two-finger rule on the chinstrap for the helmet. A penalty will be called when a helmet falls off; if a player tore it off, he/she will be ejected. Additionally, for a player that is assessed a non-coincident major penalty and game misconduct, the offending team is not required to immediately place a substitute on the penalty bench and may do so prior to the expiration of the penalty and at a stoppage in play. Also, new rules require a delayed penalty that is nullified as the result of a goal being scored to be recorded on the game sheet and count towards the 5/15 penalty rules.

H. Player Development Director's Report

Dave Bjugson presented his report. He noted that there are six ND players on the MN Elite I team this fall. The NPHL is playing its first weekend in Minot. We have selected boys 14U and 16U National Tournament teams. The Player Development Committee is working on finalizing this spring's Selects program; the dates and format will soon be completed. He reported that we will be stressing more development and less competition. The Northern Plains Development Camp will be held on one weekend, with registration on Wednesday evening and the camp to run from Thursday through Sunday.

I. Association Executive's Report

Gary Splichal reported that scorebooks are available. He reminded Affiliates to get completed League score sheets to League Secretaries within five days.

Mr. Splichal noted those Affiliates who have not submitted their Affiliate Agreements and/or fee. He asked that all Affiliates look at the website to make sure their contact information is correct. He also reminded all Affiliates to submit a list of their volunteer staff to our Risk Manager by December 15.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. President Evenson reported that Wade Storey has been invited to attend the National Development Camp in Ann Arbor in 2010. He asked that we give \$1000 towards expenses for this trip and it was approved.

B. President Evenson asked that we change the name of our JR Gold League to NDAHA High School League and that we change the name of our JR Gold Director to NDAHA High School Director.

Motion was made by Keith Holland to bring this issue to the floor for discussion. Motion was seconded and passed.

Motion was made by Scott Schafer to approve changing the name of our JR Gold program to NDAHA High School League and the name of our JR Gold Director to NDAHA High School Director. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. President Evenson reported on a past bill due to Greg Wentz that he requested the Board's approval to pay.

Motion was made by Scott Schafer to pay \$1100 to Greg Wentz as final and total payment of any past unpaid bills. Motion was seconded and passed.

D. President Evenson reported that Bruce Rostad, Disciplinary Chair, is working on updating forms and will be involving Dave Hoff, ND Coach-in-Chief, in any issues.

VIII. FOR THE GOOD OF HOCKEY

A. The Winter meeting will be held in Rugby in January the Sunday following the USA Hockey Winter meeting. The Spring meeting will be held May 1.

B. President Evenson, and NDAHA, would like to thank Terry Wallace for his time and efforts in putting together our annual Fall Meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Julie Howatt to adjourn at 4 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tammy Fossum
Secretary