

NDAHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

9-15-06

Great American Inn – Devils Lake, ND

Members Present: Peter Sonnesyn, Greg Evenson, Betty Tripplett, Scott Schafer, Bob Gillen

Other's Present: Tim Melander, Keith Olson, Gary Fiddler, Gary Splichal,

Call to Order: President Sonnesyn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Referee Monies: Gary Fiddler

****Lots of discussion on the outstanding money owed to the officials from clinics expenses etc. Fiddler stated that \$610.00 was still outstanding for bills needed to pay officials expenses. Of \$700+ received from Minnkota RIC for 05/06 expenses, \$500 went to pay for the refs for the Junior Gold Minnkota Cup (hosted by Wahpeton), leaving them with approximately \$200 in their checking account. Billings to Affiliates for past referee seminars were never sent out for payment. Fiddler said that they could use some start up money and if they had that they would not need to come back to NDAHA for financials. Gillen still wants an answer as to if the Minnkota District has money for expenses for Official Seminars so our N.D. Officials do not have to use their \$10.00 per referee fee for clinic reimbursements. Splichal suggested going back to Wahpeton for the Minnkota Cup ref expenses paid, & short of that exercise, NDAHA should pay cover the \$610 worth of outstanding expenses from last year & extra seed money to get them rolling in their new endeavor. Evenson made a motion to give the North Dakota Hockey Officials Association \$1,510.00 which would include the \$610.00 owed and then \$900.00 for start up money for their association due to the fact we did not collect the clinic fees for communities last year. Second by Schafer. MSC.**

****Fiddler presented Secretary Gillen with the new North Dakota Hockey Officials Association paperwork.**

Document 1: Employer Identification Number Form [EIN20-4416184]

Document 2: Certificate of Incorporation [ID#: 14,486,200]

Document 3: Articles of Incorporation

Document 4: NDHOA By-Laws written as of 5-14-06

Document 5: NDHOA Spring Board Meeting Minutes 4-15-06

Document 6: NDHOA Fall Board of Directors Meeting Agenda 9-16-06

Jr. Gold Issues: Tim Melander

****Melander presented a League Coordinator Duties sheet for the Jr. Gold Director that was developed by past coordinator Phil Sedo.**

****Some do not like the new USA Hockey Standard of Play Rule Emphasis**

****Fair Play Point used as a Tie Breaker instead of used as a point for regular season standings.**

****All Jr. Gold Team Managers will be mandated to attend the NDAHA Spring Meeting. Any Jr. Gold rep that is a no show will have their team move to the end of the state tournament rotation.**

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Girl's/Women's Issues: Keith Olson

- **Lot's of discussion on the sections rules and regs and how the section goes about implementing new changes between the spring and Fall Meeting. In past, Girl's/Women's committee could bring items for the NDAHA Board to take action on which came from their earlier morning committee meeting.**
- **Keith shared a concern letter from Perry Nakonechny of Grand Forks Angels who had concerns of the 12U state tournament in Crosby, N.D. and the lack of hotels to host all the teams and teams forced to drive over 60 miles to stay in hotels. Keith asked Executive Committee their thoughts and Keith will bring up to Girl's/Women's Committee on Saturday Morning.**
- **Keith also stated the committee needs to address the voting at the Girl's/Women's committee meetings as right now it is one community/one vote and many would like it to be one team/one vote. He will bring this up before the committee.**

NDAHA President Agenda Items:

- **President Sonnesyn will be appointing a new position within NDAHA. That \ position will be a Public Relations position and he is going to appoint Bob Gustafson of Wahpeton to handle this area. Many of our state players and staff get recognized through different area's within NDAHA or USA Hockey and nothing is ever mentioned. With the P.R. Seat this individual can get the news to the local and state media for some well deserved recognition.**

Other things President Sonnesyn spoke on:

Vice President Greg Evenson to work as liaison with our Elites/Selects & TND Programs.

Bruce Rostad (Discipline Committee Chair) & Greg Evenson to be NDAHA liaison to the new ND Hockey Officials Association. Greg to be Executive contact. Bruce to be Discipline contact.

New program for Special Projects. "Presidents Cup" for 19U Girls & Jr Gold programs. The Section Leaders to work with Special Projects Coordinator & Committee. Transfer or move into new District in future.

Confirmation/Appointment of the following people to State Positions:

Gay Fiddler, RIC

Bob Gillen, CIC

Bob Gustafson, Risk Manager

Mike Wald, ACE Coordinator

Brett Stockert & Wade Storey, Player Development

Gary Splichal, Special Projects Coordinator

Bob Gustafson, Public Relations

Dave Duckworth, Hall of Fame Committee Chair

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New Affiliate Agreements need to be completed.

District Directors will be called on to assist with Affiliates to complete paperwork as needed.

****Splichal will work with each of the four district directors to make sure the Affiliate agreements are filled out correctly, the \$50.00 fee is paid, the \$10.00 Coaches' fee is paid, the cities web page information is updated and background Forms are all turned into the state.**

****President Sonnesyn asked if the revised 2005 spring meeting minutes are ready for the board to vote on tomorrow? Gillen and Splichal said not too many changes and they are as good as we are going to get.**

****President Sonnesyn is ready to appoint Dave Duckworth as the NDAHA Hall of Fame Committee Chairman. Dave will select a committee and start working on Criteria and getting information out to the communities to send in possible Candidates.**

****Scott Shafer discussed tournament Handbook. Shafer went through the Handbook and cleaned up and made a variety of additions and deletions. Motion by Evenson, Second by Colter to accept the Tournament Handbook with the Revisions made. MSC**

****Tournament Awards were discussed. Tripplett asked why local tournament \ Communities cannot have special awards given out? Shafer does not feel that we should give out any awards other than the USA Hockey Awards such as Playmaker, Hatrick and Zero Awards even though he does not like those either. Gillen discussed getting rid of the state trophies and just have a traveling trophy for each state tournament and then get individual awards for each player at all State tournaments. Shafer went over some bids he received for this year's state Tournament awards. Dower came in at \$170.86 per tournament for five trophies per tournament. He is also working on medals for the first and second place teams and is looking at USA Hockey's medals which are \$2.50 per medal. We may save \$800-\$900 in awards this year over last year.**

****The NDAHA Fiscal Year was discussed and a motion was made by Evenson, Seconded by Schafer to move the Fiscal Year to August 31st. MSC.**

****Gillen brought an item to the Executive Committee for consideration. The new Mandatory Helmet Policy that USA Hockey passed has a set of consequences set by the USA Hockey Youth Council that they would like their affiliates to use when enforcing the helmet policy. Here is what the NDAHA Coaches Section would like to include in the affiliate agreement.**

1st Offense: A written warning of the policy and sanctions that could occur if the Policy is not followed.

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2nd Offense: Two Game Suspension. At the option of the local suspending authority the offending coach may be allowed to practice with team during this suspension as long as he / she wore the helmet.

3rd Offense: As per bylaw 10. © Annual Guide. Notification on Helmet Policy violation pending a hearing by the affiliate or suspending authority – disciplinary hearing must be held within 7-days of notification of the violation. Suspension should not be for less than 30 days.

Motion to accept Helmet Policy Enforcement Regulations as presented by Coaches Section by Shafer, Second by Tripplett. MSC.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 p.m. Motion by Evenson, Second by Shafer. MSC