

North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association

2010 Affiliates/Board Annual Meeting

May 1 & 2, 2010

I. Call to Order

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 9 am at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck, ND.

II. Roll Call of Affiliates & Board

Affiliate	Rep	Votes	Affiliate	Rep	Votes
B/W	Jeff Withuski	89	GF Parks	Scott Koberinski	313
Bismarck	Greg Dehne	435	GF Supras	Absent	112
Bottineau	Absent	117	Hazen/Beulah	Joe Amundson	115
Cando	Absent	77	Jamestown	Matt Stockert	173
Crosby	Absent	77	Langdon	Absent	89
Devils Lake	Terry Wallace	103	Mandan		181
Dickinson	Absent	266	Mayville/Portland	Absent	86
Fargo All City	Julie Volk	491	Miles City	Absent	0
Fargo Angels	Absent	82	Minot	Jarrod Olson	231
Fargo Flames	Absent	28	Northwood	Absent	57
Fargo Flyers	Absent	183	Park River	Absent	51
Fargo Raiders	Shad Meyer	101	Rugby	Jay McClintock	117
Glasgow	Absent	0	Sidney	Mark Voll	142
Grafton	Absent	114	Valley City	Absent	106
GF Blues	Absent	91	Watford City	Absent	126
GF Angels	Dan Mulroy	60	West Fargo	Troy Miller	408
			Williston	Chris Brousten	239

Votes are by registered players as of 12/31/09 with a total of 4817.

Present:

Greg Evenson	President	Scott Schafer	Youth Leagues
Tammy Fossum	Secretary	Keith Olson	Girls/Women's League
Dennis Moore	Boys High School	Greg Bender	NW Director
David Duckworth	NE Director	Julie Howatt	NE Director
Jay Marshall	SE Director	Keith Holland	SE Director
Terry Halstengard	SW Director	Dave Hanneman	SW Director
John Colter	NDAHA Registrar	Bruce Rostad	Discipline Chair
David Hoff	Coach in Chief	Pete Sonnesyn	Director Emeritus
Gary Spichal	Ass'n Executive		

Absent:

Betty Triplett	Treasurer	Jack Kleven	Director Emeritus
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III. Introduction of Guests

Scott Koberinski, Player Development Executive Committee

Erik Fabian, Player Development Executive Committee

Bob Gillen, Player Development Executive Committee, NP District Coach in Chief

Mike Wald, NP District Ace Coordinator

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Bruce Rostad to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

V. Special Recognition

President Evenson recognized David Hoff, our ND Coach in Chief, as being named the 2010 ND High School Boy's Hockey Coach of the Year. He also noted that Mr. Hoff was nominated and accepted for a USA Hockey Young Leader Award. He is only the second person from ND to win this award, the first being Bob Gillen.

VI. Proposals

A. Bylaws, Article XIV, Disputes & Appeals

Motion was made by David Duckworth to table this item to the fall agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. R&Rs, Section 1, Article Vi, B. Age Categories

This proposal was withdrawn by Jarrod Olson

C. R&Rs, Section 1, Article VI, B. Age Categories

Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded and passed.

D. R&Rs, Section II, Several Articles, 19U Name Change

Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded and passed.

E. R&Rs, Section II, Article III, A3 & A4

This proposal was withdrawn by Jarrod Olson.

F. R&Rs, Section II, Article III, C7 & Article IV, C3

This proposal was withdrawn by Keith Olson

G. R&Rs, Section II, Article III, C10

Motion was made by Keith Olson to amend this proposal to read "only for high school girls level". Motion was seconded and passed.

Motion was made to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded and passed.

H. R&Rs, Section II, Article IV, B3

Motion was made by John Colter to table this proposal until the fall meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

VII. Old Business

A. Web Site Scoring & Stats System

Motion was made by Greg Evenson to remove all ads from our website. Motion was seconded and passed.

It was decided that a presentation would be given at our fall meeting regarding the scoring and stats system available for our website.

B. Posting of Game Scores & Forfeits

Discussion was held regarding our rule that league game sheets must be submitted to League Secretaries with 5 days or the game will be a forfeit. Scott Schafer will form and work with a committee to develop a proposal for our fall meeting to address this rule and other problems that have arisen regarding schedules and game sheets.

VIII. New Business

A. Player Development Director

Motion was made by Keith Holland to approve Scott Koberinski as Player Development Director. Motion was seconded and passed.

IX. Reports

A. Treasurer

Treasurer report was accepted.

B. Youth Leagues

Scott Schafer's report was accepted as submitted in writing.

C. Girls/Women's League

Keith Olson reported that there were enough 12U teams for two tournaments this past season. He asked that one District Director from each District serve on a committee with him to handle girls' issues that arise during the season. He reported that everyone was very pleased with the State Tournaments and their host communities.

D. High School Boys

Dennis Moore's report was accepted as submitted in writing. He noted that Watford City and Crosby have swapped hosting the State Tournament for 2011 & 2012. President Evenson thanked Dennis for all his hard work and a great job this past year.

E. Registrar

John Colter's report was accepted as submitted. Mr. Colter also stressed the importance of getting prior approval from him before any of our NDAHA teams play games, scrimmage or practice with any non-USA Hockey registered teams, such as Canadian and high school federation teams. Travel permits are also required for all Canadian games.

F. Coach in Chief

Dave Hoff's report was accepted as submitted. Bob Gillen reported that he is working on a budget for the District and we may need to make some changes in our procedures. He also reported that a new curriculum is being developed that will add age-specific training. A Level 4 Coaching Clinic will be held in Billings, MT August 20-22, 2010 with ND hosting one in 2011. A High School Coaching Symposium will be held November 6-7 for all high school level coaches, NDAHA and federation. Levels 1-3 can be attained at this event.

G. Player Development

Scott Koberinski discussed the direction the new Player Development Executive Committee is taking. They welcome all suggestions and have weekly meetings for discussions.

H. Discipline Chair

Bruce Rostad reported that he would like each District to have a discipline person to work with him to follow-up on any discipline issues and make sure penalties have been served. He asked that team contacts for Canadian and out of state teams be written clearly on the gamesheets. Bruce explained that he has elevated some penalties over the referee's decision and his first concern is always the safety of the participants. He is our liaison with the referees and has communicated his concerns with them. He asked for the communities and the Board to support his decisions and noted that affiliates can also take supplemental disciplinary action. Dave Hoff will keep a database on coaches that have a history of problems.

I. Director Emeritus

Pete Sonnesyn reported that he has been assigned to work with the Dakota Jamboree this fall for Peewees and Bantams.

December 10-12	Bantam B in South Dakota Pee wee B in North Dakota (Wahpeton & Valley City)
January 21-23	Bantam A in North Dakota (Minot) Pee wee A in South Dakota

J. Association Executive

No report was given.

K. President

President Evenson thanked everyone for a great season. He noted that our District Directors have worked hard to keep things running smoothly in their districts.

President Evenson reported that we sent 4 girls teams and 3 boys teams to the Presidents Cup in South Dakota this spring. We also sent two teams to a National Tournament. The 14U and 16U ND Starz teams had great success at the tournament, with the 14U team losing only one game and the 16U team winning the IIIA level.

The Spring Selects had a late start but we were able to put 358 players through the program. We expect higher numbers next year with the addition of our Player Development Executive Committee. President Evenson thanked Betty Triplett, Scott Schafer and Tammy Fossum for all their assistance this spring.

Team ND, consisting of High School Senior boys, attended the MN Showcase. Five teams participated including Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and two teams from Minnesota. We are invited back again next year and it was a great opportunity for our players.

X. Tournaments

A. Tournament Hosts

Scott Schafer discussed questions that arose from this past season, such as admission fees and the methods of charging. He will work on a proposal for the fall meeting to address these concerns. He stressed that the District Directors have addressed any issues that arose with tournament hosts.

B. 2010/2011 Tournament Assignments

12U Girls	(NW)
14U Girls	GF Angels
19U Girls	Crosby
Boys High School	Watford City
Peewee A1	West Fargo
Peewee A2	Jamestown
Peewee B1	Grafton
Peewee B2	(NW)
Peewee B3	Hazen
Bantam A	Minot
Bantam B1	(SW)
Bantam B2	Wahpeton
Bantam B3	Langdon

XI. Election of Officers

A. District Directors were elected by their districts:

NE	David Duckworth	NW	Jarrold Olson
SE	Keith Holland	SW	Dave Hanneman

B. Secretary

Tammy Fossum was nominated. Motion was made by Keith Olson to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. Vice President

Jarrold Olson nominated Don Rostad. Mark Voll moved to close nominations. Don Rostad was elected Vice President.

XII. Good of Hockey

A. Tournament Rules

Dave Duckworth noted that there is an error in our tournament rules. Page 20, F10, last item states: **If during the period the goal spread becomes four (4) goals; the non-stop clock will be resumed.** Scott Schafer moved to discuss this issue. Motion was seconded and passed. Troy Miller moved to remove the word "non-" from this sentence. Motion was seconded and passed.

Gary Splichal noted a statement in our Rules and Regulations referring to our referee handbook. Section II, Article IV, J. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS states "See referee handbook for instructions for officials." Scott Schafer moved to discuss this issue. Motion was seconded and passed. Troy Miller moved that we remove this sentence from our Rules and Regulations. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. Fall and Winter Board Meetings

The Fall Board Meeting will be September 25 in Devils Lake. B League scheduling will be held the same day. The Winter Board meeting will be held in Rugby in January 2011 at a date to be determined.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Julie Howatt to adjourn at 12 pm. Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Fossum, Secretary

NDAHA Coach-in-Chief Report

The coaching section put on Level 1, 2, and 3 clinics in each of the four districts. Sites were Minot, Bismarck, Grand Forks, and Fargo. The clinics were well attended- especially the clinics in Fargo in mid-November. Each of those clinics had between 80 and 100 attendees.

As coach-in-chief I also presented about 8 parent education courses for different affiliates in the state. These courses were free of charge to the affiliates- my mileage was paid from the coaching education budget.

USA Hockey has said that coaching certification will remain the same for 2010-11. In other words, all coaches on the bench, in the locker room, and on the ice must have the proper certification level. There is some talk that in the future USA Hockey will go back to "progressing towards the proper level." If that happens then coaches would only have to take 1 level per year while working towards that correct level of certification.

I have begun to put together video of practices. We have started to use these videos in our coaching education courses. My hope is that coaches will see some of the things we are talking about and be able to go back and duplicate that scenario. These videos promote skill development, goaltender drills, utilizing more players in a practice, etc.

My goal for 2010-11 is for the coaching education section to have more information out there that coaches can access and use.

David Hoff
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NDAHA

High School Hockey League Report

For the 2009-2010 season we started with 9 teams, Crosby, Fargo Flames, Fargo Flyers, Grand Forks Stallions, Langdon, Mayport, Richland, Rugby, and Watford City. Each team had between 12 and 20 players on them. The Fargo Flames were able to recruit enough players to create a second team. With the Fargo Flames Black and the Fargo Flames Gold the league finished with a total of 10 teams.

Splitting players is never easy or without its controversies, but sometimes it is what is best for the kids. Therefore, I would like to thank the Fargo Flames for deciding to create a second team.

Penalties for fighting and games misconducts seemed to come to groups this year, some weeks were good others weren't quite so good. I feel that league rules requiring an additional game suspension for fighting and misconducts have helped.

Teams in the league averaged 7.6 penalties per game this year, compared to 8.8 last year. To put this in perspective, teams in the ND Federation High School league averaged 5.5 penalties per game. When you consider that Federation hockey plays 17 min periods and we play 20 minutes their average should be closer to 6.5 penalties. Our teams average just 1 more penalty per game.

Including the state tournament, each team played at least 21 games. The league doesn't have any restrictions on the number of games that a team can play so many teams pickup additional games. For example, Richland played a 38 game season (18 league games, 3 at the State tournament, 13 at invitational tournaments and 4 at the Presidents Cup at the end of the season).

The league standings were very close this year, 3 points separated the first 3 places and 3 points also separated the 4th - 7th place. The Grand Forks Stallions finished first with a record of 17 -1. The Fargo Flyers finished second with a record of 16 -2.

The coaches of the league voted for the coach of the year. This year two coaches were chosen, Tony Byzewski of the Grand Forks Stallions and Jay McClintock of the Rugby Ice Hawks. The coaches also nominated and voted on an all-state team consisting of 12 forwards, 6 defense, and 2 goalies. Selected to the team were:

First Line: Defense: Aaron Teigen - Rugby, Doug Rolfson - Watford City **Forward:** Jace Ingebretson - Mayville, Kyle Volk - Rugby, Lucas Olson - Grand Forks **Goalie:** Robert Goff - Fargo Flames Gold

Second Line: Defense: Keane Fink - Richland, Alex Kieffer - Grand Forks **Forward:** Matt Harris - Richland, John Brisben - Richland, Jordan Dalbey Fargo Flyers **Goalie:** Thomas Seaver - Rugby

Also voted on to the team **Defense:** Colin Brown - Fargo Flyers, Jake McClean - Fargo Flyers

Forwards: Finn McCullough - Fargo Flyers, Eric Dennison - Grand Forks, Mitchell Nyhammer - Fargo Flames Black, Adam Haulter - Fargo Flyers, Chris Larsen - Watford City, Jake Srur - Fargo Flyers

Hosting the State tournament is never an easy task, and I would like to thank the Grand Forks Stallions for hosting this year's State Tournament. This year's State Champions were the Fargo Flyers, with the Richland Rangers finishing second.

With Crosby working towards building a new facility, the league has approved Crosby and Watford City switching years for hosting the State Tournament. Watford City will host for 2010-2011 and Crosby for the 2011-2012. (I have been told that they will be keeping the old grill. They will still have their wonderful burgers.)

On the NDAHA website we added a stats option for the High School League. By doing this we were able to generate player and team stats. For each game, the website generated a printable game sheet and a game timeline. For next season we will try to have a home team volunteer update the information shortly after the game is finished.

Overall I feel that the league is doing well and will continue to get better.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information please let me know.

Thank You,

Dennis Moore

NDAHA High School League Director

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NDAHA League Director Report

The 2009 – 2010 NDAHA League make up and total teams were as follows.

Bantam A

North 7
South 8

Total Teams 15

Bantam B

SE 6
NE 6
W 7

Total Teams 19

PeeWee A

South 10
North 8

Total Teams 18

PeeWee B

W 10
NE 8
SE 8

Total Teams 26

Again this season bad weather caused the cancelation and rescheduling of numerous games, with the exception of just a couple of games affiliates were able to get in all of their league games.

As always, the biggest problem we have is score sheets, the legibility of them, and the lack of certain teams getting them turned in on time. We have to do better on this next year. Remember that turning them in late can result in the home team having to forfeit the game and also miss out on the state tournament. We have never done this but we have come to the conclusion that the only way to get this problem under control is to make a team miss out on a state tournament.

PLEASE don't let this team be one of yours.

All things considered, I think this was a very successful season.

Dakota Jamborees

North Dakota hosted two of the inaugural Dakota Jamborees this season. Both Valley City (Bantam B) and Jamestown (PeeWee A) did a wonderful job with these. South Dakota also hosted two jamborees Aberdeen (Bantam A) and Watertown (PeeWee B). All the teams from North Dakota that attended these jamborees had a good time and played games against teams that they do not see during the regular season. We need to try to get better participation from our North Dakota teams next year.

State Tournaments

On behalf of the NDAHA, I would like to thank all of the affiliates that hosted our 2010 State Tournaments. With a few minor exceptions (facilities and admission prices) all of the reports I received from people around North Dakota were very positive.

I have been asked to have a discussion on a couple of issue's, so please think about the following and bring forth any ideas that you have.

1. State Tournament Gate Fees

- A) How to collect, at the door, in advance or either one.
- B) Setting a State wide uniform admission fee.

2. Dakota Jamborees

- A) Participation
- B) Locations

Scott Schafer
Youth Leagues Director



NDAHA,

Valley City hosted this year's 2010 Bantam B1 state hockey tournament and by all measures it was a good event. We as hosts were able to have each team have and keep their own locker room throughout the entire weekend, some were a bit cramped, but we tried to base size of locker room on size of team, thus allowing the teams to leave their equipment at the arena if they so wanted, also they were able to know right where to go each day and have their place to meet and discuss the day's activities.

We also set up and provided a hospitality room for the officials and the coaches, these little extras were provided with some help from our building partner Valley City Gymnastics as we borrowed a couple of their locker rooms and also their meeting room.

Our arena may not be as big and as warm as some, but that's what makes it exciting hockey, loud fans and good atmosphere right next to the ice.

We were also very fortunate to be able to work with Scott Miller and the Barnes County Ambulance to have someone available all weekend at the tournament.

Any complaints we had were dealt with swiftly by our tournament director Dan Thompson. That being said very few issues were even brought up. Dan personally monitored the ice conditions to insure the safety of the players; we also had a contingency plan in place due to the warm weather and possible ice conditions, but never had to use them as everything worked out ideally.

The coaches and parents were pleased and happy to have skated in our arena with the fastest ice around. With that being said it is not the arena that makes a great tournament, but the people behind the scenes who know how to conduct themselves and create a fun atmosphere.

We thank you for the opportunity to host this year's event and look forward to the next opportunity.

Thank you,
Valley City Hockey

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Secretary ~ Leah Kohn, leahkohn@hotmail.com

2010 ND Pee Wee A1 & A2 State Tournament Report

The 2010 ND Pee Wee A1 & A2 State Hockey Tournament was held in Devils Lake March 5-7, 2010 with 18 teams participating. The tournament went very well the Fargo Flyers winning the A1 division over the Fargo Angels 9-2. The GF Seawolves took third, the Mandan Braves took 4th and the GF Greyhounds took 5th. The Bismarck Blades won the A2 division beating West Fargo Packers 5-0. Devils Lake took 3rd, Williston took 4th and Jamestown/VC took 5th place.

We also had a social for the kids at the Royal Lanes Bowling Alley with free bowling for all the kids and free food and pop throughout the evening. The A1 teams had their social on Friday evening and the A2 teams had their social on Saturday evening. There was also a Skills Competition held with the A2 teams on Friday night and the A1 teams on Saturday night.

Tom Mikelson was the Referee-in-Chief and Tom and his referees did an excellent job throughout the tournament. The tournament was held at both the Burdick Arena and the Bill Jerome Arena with all the semi-final and final games held at the Burdick Arena.

Terry Wallace
Tournament Manager

2010 NDAHA Pee Wee B1 State Tournament Tournament Report

The 2010 NDAHA Pee Wee B1 State Tournament was held in Williston, ND on March 5-7, 2010 at the Williston Basin Skating Club, Inc. (WBSC) Agri-Sport Complex.

Overall the tournament went very well on and off the ice. On the ice, all games started as scheduled with adequate time for warm-ups before each game. Officiating encouraged fair play and sportsmanship, and the players and coaches acted accordingly. Off-ice officiating and ice resurfacing volunteers did a great job. The loss of wireless communication between scoreboard controller and scoreboard (system less than a year old) caused some panic several times during tournament – disappointing in the fact that the system is less than a year old. Credential checks went well and team officials were very cooperative.

Off the ice, tournament gate fees were kept to a minimum (family weekend pass - \$30.00) and the fans seemed to appreciate the value. Tournament shirts/hoodies, programs and player pictures were available for purchase by players, coaches and fans. Concessions were available during all games. Concession revenue was limited due to the fact that teams played one game per day giving them plenty of time to eat outside of the rink. Other activities such as a skill contest or player/coach socials were not held due to a lack of volunteers. The volunteer numbers would have been greater if Williston had a team playing in the tournament.

The WBSC and community volunteers enjoyed the opportunity to host the tournament and meet hockey players, coaches and fans from across the state. We hope that all involved enjoyed their hockey experience in Williston.

Sincerely,
Chris Brostuen
WBSC