

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2006 Winter Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 7th, 2006 – Rugby**

Call to Order: Kleven 12:20 PM

Roll Call: President Kleven asked for the roll call.

Jack Kleven	President	Present
Peter Sonnesyn	Vice President	Present
	Secretary	Absent
Gary Almquist	Treasurer	Present
Dennis Nybo	ND League Director	Present
Dave Duckworth	District Director NE	Present
Julie Howatt	District Director NE	Present
Scott Ellis	District Director NW	Absent
Bruce Rostad	District Director NW	Present
Greg Evenson	District Director SE	Present
Bob Gustafson	District Director SE	Present
Randy Bina	District Director SW	Absent
Jeff Gustafson	District Director SW	Absent
Gary Splichal	Girls/Woman's Director	Present
Phil Sedo	Jr. Gold Director	Present
John Colter	Associate Registrar	Present
Bob Gillen	Coach in Chief	Present
Brad Bekkedahl	Minnkota Director / Past President	Absent
	Player Development	Absent
Gary Fiddler	Referee in Chief	Present

Guests: Jarod Olson, Minot

Minutes:

Dave Duckworth, 2nd by Greg Evenson – Motion to accept the fall '05 Board of Director meeting minutes. **Motion Passed.** Gary S asked what is to be done with the spring '05 meeting minutes. Jack stated that we need to contact Connie Gunderson for an electronic copy. Those transcripts to be gone through and corrections made to the hard copy of said minutes now on hand.

President's Report: Jack Kleven

Spring Board Meeting to be held in Williston the weekend of April 29-30.

Jack is continuing to work on The Ralph Engelstad Arena for a monetary return to NDAHA from the '05 World Juniors. He has the financial statement from the '05 World Juniors, and it shows a loss.

Working with John Colter & Gary Splichal Jack has proposed a \$500 administration fee for all organizations that are not NDAHA Affiliates, which hold tourneys at The Ralph. For this fee NDAHA will make sure all players are properly registered and teams are properly rostered with USA Hockey with the fee going towards the Special Projects general fund. These teams are also to use ND referees only during these tournaments. Bob Gillen suggested we add to the Rules &

Regulations a motion that states we charge a larger amount to become an Affiliate with no teams under that organizations umbrella.

Vice-President's Report: Pete Sonnesyn

Treasurer's Report: Gary Almquist

Cash on hand - \$75,000.00, with lots of expenses to pay.

Gary is working on getting a credit card that is more user friendly with tracking expenses of the various card holders.

Junior Gold League playing deposits were discussed.

Some board members were asking for copies of the Fall Meeting financials. Gary Splichal stated he did pass around financials for Gary Almquist, who was not present at the Fall Meeting.

Associated Registrar: John Colter

John reported player registrations for the 05/06 season state at 4077, and those numbers should come up once the post season Special Projects teams are rostered. He also stated that the number of sanctioned tourneys for the same time frame is down from the previous season. He hoped that the number of tourneys is down because communities are holding less tourneys, and not because communities are not registering tourneys with USA Hockey.

Coach-in Chief Report: Bob Gillen

All coaching clinics held during the fall went well. The turn out of coaches for the first ever ND High School and Junior Gold Coaching Symposium held in October was great. He did state that more of the Junior Gold coaches could attend. He is looking at October 7th, '06 as the date for the 2nd annual symposium.

Discipline Committee: Bruce Rostad

Girls/Women: Gary Splichal

Gary reported there are 6 teams in the 19U and 10 teams 12U Girls Leagues. The combined 14U/16U Girls League has 15 teams with the re being 6 rostered as 14U and 9 rostered as 16U. He also reported how the Fair Play part of the game sheets was progressing for the season.

Jr. Gold: Phil Sedo

Phil reported that the Fargo Flyers were able to field a Junior Gold team, and it does appear Fargo can support two JG teams.

He hoped Valley City and Minot would return to the JG League ASAP.

Phil reminded everyone that he will be stepping down as JG Director this spring.

Gary Fiddler inquired about JG teams playing in a High School Federation tourney in Williston.

JG teams must ask League Director for permission to play in said tourneys. **(Spring agenda item)**

ND Youth League and League Secretaries: Dennis Nybo

Dennis thanked all League Secretaries for their work during the 05/06 season.

He also reported there are 16 teams in both the Pee Wee and Bantam A Leagues, and the Pee Wee and Bantam B Leagues contained 28 and 17 respectively.

There was much discussion concerning the new Fair Play Points awarded on game sheets. League Secretaries in attendance reported their dealings with the same subject.

Referee -in Chief Report: Gary Fiddler

Referee seminars went well this past fall.

Still battling referee numbers across the state. Need to speak with parents to get their backing to convince their children to become a referee. Gary Almquist suggested the smaller towns may have to be subsidized to cover out of town referee costs.

Corporation papers for the new state referee's association have been drawn up, with the 1st election of officers in the near future. Association to be up and running for the 2006/2007 season. Referee fees collected, and expenses to be paid, should be turned over to Gary Almquist. Bob Gillen mentioned Minnkota should be kicking in monies to cover referee seminars. Gary Splichal, 2nd by Phil Sedo – Motion to cut a check to the new Referee Association for the remaining monies budgeted under NDAHA Referees as of the 1st day of incorporation of said association after all fees collected, and expenses paid, and Minnkota District referee monies have been collected.

Motion Passed.

Gary asked for direction in picking state tourney refs. 2/3 of refs will come from within the district were the state tourney is held, and 1/3 will come from outside the district.

Gary Splichal asked for new updates of USA Hockey sanctioned referees and coaches databases. Gary Fiddler and Bob Gillen will supply both.

Old Business

New USA Hockey District - Jack Kleven spoke on this subject. He stated he had received mostly positive replies to his letter asking for input on moving to a new district within USA Hockey. There was one negative reply from an Affiliate, and 2-3 Board members are in the No column. He sees nothing but pluses for North Dakota, especially concerning the girls' area and the national festival camps. North Dakota would be better able to control their own destiny. USA Hockey Youth Council will have a vote on the new district at the annual USA Hockey meeting in June.

New Business

Nominations Committee - With most of the NDAHA Board positions up for elections this spring, Gary Splichal suggested there be a Nominations Committee formed. Jack Kleven asked for volunteers, Bruce Rostad will chair, with 1 District Director from each district.

Misconducts – Bruce Rostad

As chair of the Disiplinary Committee he is concerned he is not receiving all the game misconduct reports, and is concerned if the players receiving the misconducts are actually serving out their penalties. He is also wondering if he should even receive said reports, apart from match penalties, as part of his job. There seems to be a lack of cooperation from the Affiliates on submitting those reports, and as an organization over all we need to clean up our act. We need to better police this area. After some discussion it was decided that the various League Secretaries would monitor game sheets for any misconducts, and follow through with teams to make sure the penalties are actually being served. Bruce asked that anyone having any ideas on handling match penalties should submit them to him.

Special Project Teams – Gary Splichal

Gary submitted a brief outline of this coming spring season for Special Projects. Discussion followed concerning finances. Greg Evenson, 2nd by Gary Splichal – Motion to give Team North Dakota a \$5000 grant to offset expenses for both teams. **Motion Passed (7 Yeas – 2 Nays – 2 Abstentions)**

For the Good of Hockey

Spring Affiliate and Boards meetings to be held in Williston the weekend of April 27 & 28. Greg Evenson – Valley City and Jamestown are working hard on coming up with a co-operative agreement for their Pee Wees, Bantams, and Junior Gold programs. They would probably need a new Affiliate Agreement, running under a new name, to cover these co-op teams.

Gary Splichal – Announced Jack Kleven’s appointment of Brett Stockert as Director of Player Development. Brett will need to be approved by a Board vote at the spring meeting.

Gary Splichal thanked Phil Sedo and Johnson Clinic for their generosity in covering all related expenses for the NDAHA Winter Meeting in Rugby.

Crosby is looking at having Glasgow players co-oping on their teams.

Jack Kleven announced their will not be a regional Junior Gold tourney in Brookings, SD due to a scheduling conflict. Wahpeton has stepped up, and will be hosting said tourney.

Dennis Nybo, 2nd by Gary Almquist – Motion to adjourn. **Motion Passed.**