

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association  
2008 Winter Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, January 8, 2008 - Rugby, ND**

**I. Called Meeting to Order**

President Evenson called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. A roll call of Board members was taken and guests were welcomed.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present**

Gary Splichal	Association Executive	Greg Evenson	President
Mark Tollefson	Vice President	Steve Blasing	Secretary
Betty Triplet	Treasurer	Scott Schafer	Youth League
Tim Melander	Junior Gold	David Duckworth	NE Director
Dave Hoff	Coach-in-Chief	Julie Howatt	NE Director
Jay Marshall	SE Director	Jeff Kamstra	SE Director
Gary Fiddler	NP Referee-in-Chief		

**Absent**

Keith Olson	Girls/Women's	Dave Hanneman	SW Director
Dennis Lindgren	SW Director	Damon McLaughlin	NW Director
Pete Sonnesyn	Director Emeritus	Bruce Rostad	NW Director/Discipline Chair
Jack Kleven	Director Emeritus	Jarrod Olson	Director of Player Development
Mike Wald	NP District Ace Coordinator	Brad Bekkedahl	NP District Director
John Colter	NP District Registrar	Bob Gillen	NP District Coach-in-Chief

**III. Guests**

Jim Olson	NDAHA Referee-in-Chief (appointee)
Don Fiebiger	NDAHA Risk Manager (appointee)
Tammy Fossum	ND District Risk Manager (appointee)
David Zimmerman	NP Disabled Hockey Representative

**IV. Mid Season Updates**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Betty Triplet gave an overview of the financial statements as of December 31, 2007. The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss statements were reviewed. The reports are on file and show good financial standings. Betty reviewed the new mileage expense report that is posted on the web site.

**B. Associate Executive Report**

Gary Splichal reported that all affiliates are paid. There was no other report at this time.

**C. Junior Gold Report**

Tim Melander gave a brief overview of the Jr. Gold program. Tim reviewed a problem with a player for the Grand Forks Stallions. After much discussion, the matter was sent to the NE District Directors for final clarification.

**D. Girls/Women's Report**

There was no report for the Girls/Women's. There was discussion on using neck wear but any proposal would need to be reviewed with USA Hockey and proposed at the Spring Affiliate meeting.

#### **E. Discipline Chair Report**

There was no report for the Discipline Chair. President Evenson did read a letter from Bruce Rostad regarding his resignation. The Board accepted Mr. Rostad's resignation effective at the end of the season.

#### **F. Player Development Report**

Mark Tollefson gave a brief review of the Player Development. Mark reported that the Fall program went well and revenue exceeded expenses by \$1,000. Mark reported that a new Financial Director prospect has been contacted, Dean Kautzman, Mandan. Gary & Mark will meet with Dean in the near future to discuss same. Mark also reported that they are still looking for a Girl's Coordinator for the Select program.

#### **G. Youth League Report**

Scott Schafer reported on the Youth League. Scott informed the group that they are still having problems with the accuracy and timeliness of the score sheets.

#### **H. Coach-in-Chief Report**

Dave Hoff updated the group on his activities. He informed the group that over 460 coaches were certified. Dave mentioned that he is working on a pilot program to help educate parents on the game of hockey and sportsmanship. Dave Hoff reviewed a request by Travis Rybchinski for money to help fund a trip to a high level-coaching seminar. The group was very appreciative of all the time Travis gives to the NDAHA program. A motion by Mark Tollefson and a second by Jeff Kamstra to approve \$1,500 for Travis Rybchinski's Coaching Seminar, \$750 half from Player Development & \$750 from the NDAHA general fund. The vote was unanimous.

#### **V. Introduction of the new NDAHA Ref-in-Chief**

Greg Evenson reported that Gary Fiddler stepped down as the NDAHA Ref-in-Chief to become the Northern Plains Ref-in-Chief. Gary Fidler's recommendation to become the new NDAHA Ref-in-Chief is Jim Olson of Minot, ND. The Board voted unanimously to accept Jim Olson as the new NDAHA Ref-in-Chief.

#### **VI. Introduction of the new NDAHA Risk Manager**

Greg Evenson reported that Don Fiebiger was his recommendation to become the new NDAHA Risk Manager. Greg introduced Don, and Tammy Fossum. Tammy is the new NE District Risk Manager. The Board voted unanimously to approve Don Fiebiger as the new NDAHA Risk Manager.

Don mentioned that he needs a Risk Manager from each District and he will need 100% compliance with all personnel.

#### **VII. State Tournament Committee**

Scott Schafer gave a report on the tournament activities. There was much discussion regarding the hotel availability in smaller communities that were hosting state tournaments. After much discussion, Greg Evenson reminded the Board that we need to help all these smaller communities keep the tournaments for the good of North Dakota hockey. The committee needs to work on ways to assure hotel rooms are available and Greg said the proposals need to come into the Spring Meeting if change is to happen.

#### **VIII. USA Hockey**

Greg Evenson reviewed the 24 Hour hockey game and explained the importance of having North Dakota participate in the event. North Dakota's time is 5:00 AM on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Hockey weekend in America is scheduled for February 15 – 17, 2008.

The tag up rule was reviewed but at this time, there are no plans to change the Jr. Gold rules to include tag up.

### **IX. Northern Plains District – Mid Season Updates**

Gary Fiddler, Northern Plains Referee-in-Chief reported to the committee on the status of Referees in the Northern Plains. Gary informed the group that he is working hard on recruiting, retaining and training referees.

Dave Zimmerman was introduced as the Northern Plains Disabled Hockey Referee. David gave an overview of his goals and asked the group to distribute USA Hockey posters in their arenas.

### **X. Web Site Update**

Jeff Kamstra gave an update on the new web site. Jeff is still working on the site and is making progress on getting it fully operational soon.

### **XI. Spring Meeting Update**

Greg Evenson updated the group on the Spring Meeting. Currently the following positions are up for election:

Vice President – Mark Tollefson  
Secretary – Steve Blasing  
SE District Director – Jeff Kamstra  
NW District Director – Bruce Rostad  
NW District Director – David Duckworth  
SW District Director – Dave Hanneman

It was decided to have the Spring meeting in Minot to allow all the Directors to see how the Player Development process works since the Selects will be going on at the same time. After a motion by Julie Howatt and a second by David Duckworth to have the meeting in Minot the Board voted unanimously for the motion.

### **XII. For the Good of Hockey**

There was discussion on whether or not towns should charge a gate fee at league games. After much discussion there was no resolution.

### **XIII. New Business**

#### **A. Proposals for Spring Meeting**

- 1) Local Affiliate Agreement – Troy Miller – West Fargo
- 2) Sec I, Art V, Sec A: Players, 3. Residency & 9. Player Transfer & - Jeff Kamstra  
Sec I, Art VI, Sec A: General, 6. Community Boundaries – Jeff Kamstra
- 3) Sec I, Art VII: Fees – John Colter / G J Splichal
- 4) Sec II, Art I: General Playing Rules, A. Playing Rules – Keith Olson
- 5) Sec II, Art III, A. Youth Leagues, 13. League Rules, J. Fair Play Rule 1, 2, & 3 – Scott Schafer

### **XIV. Old Business**

### **XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.