

NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2009 Board of Directors Winter Meeting
Sunday, January 11, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at the OtterTail Power Community Room in Rugby, ND.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Greg Evenson, President	Mark Tollefson, Vice President	Betty Triplett, Treasurer
Tammy Fossum, Secretary	Scott Schafer, Youth Leagues	Tim Melander, Jr. Gold
Jay Marshall, SE Director	David Duckworth, NE Director	Dave Hoff, Coach-in-Chief
Dave Bjugson, Player Development	Gary Splichal, Association Executive	

Absent:

Keith Olson, Girls/Women's	Julie Howatt, NE Director	Phil Sedo, NW Director
Greg Bender, NW Director	Dave Hanneman, SW Director	Open Seat, SE Director
Don Fiebiger, Risk Manager	Dennis Lindgren, SW Director	
John Colter, NDAHA Registrar	Pete Sonnesyn, Director Emeritus	Jack Kleven, Director Em
Bruce Rostad, Discipline Chair	Brad Bekkedahl, NP Dist Director	Brad Pratt, Ref-in-Chief

III. GUESTS/PERSONNEL CHANGES

President Evenson introduced and welcomed the following guests:

Larry Brooks, Bottineau Jay McClintock, Rugby

IV. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Fall 2008 Board Meeting were approved.

V. REPORTS

A. Discipline Chair

Greg Evenson reported for Bruce Rostad that the Discipline Committee has been very active and promptly handling all issues. He reminded everyone that we are looking for someone to take over and work with Mr. Rostad for a year.

B. Youth League Director's Report

Scott Schafer gave his report. He reported that the number of Bantam B League teams is down this year. There are 17.

Scott reported that some associations are charging a team gate admission fee in addition to the tournament entry fee at some invitational tournaments. He requested that if an association plans on doing this, they need to let everyone know prior to them entering the tournament.

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2009 State Tournaments

Peewee	A1	8 Team	West Fargo
	A2	10 Team	Jamestown
	B1	8 Team	Mandan
	B2	8 Team	Wahpeton
	B3	9 Team	Langdon
Bantam	A1	8 Team	Fargo
	A2	9 Team	Fargo
	B1	8 Team	Rugby
	B2	9 Team	Bottineau

C. Player Development

Dave Bjugson reported that District Select tryouts/practices will be:

NW	Minot	March 21&22
NE	Devils Lake	March 21&22
SW	Bismarck/Mandan	March 28&29
SE	Fargo	March 28&29

Dave reported that while he was in Dickinson this winter he promoted the program. He is also planning on getting information on player development to all state tourneys.

He would like to get more coaches involved statewide and will be sending information to each affiliate. A mentor program may be started to work with younger coaches.

We still need to find the four District Coordinators. Anyone with suggestions should contact Dave. The committee has decided that if players have conflicts due to spring school activities, they may try out at an alternate district.

Any players planning on playing in the fall Elite league are encouraged to participate in the spring programs. Preference will be given to spring participants.

The President's Cup will be held in Rapid City, SD.

Dave Duckworth, Dave Hanneman, and Dave Hoff will be attending the Chicago Showcase with Team ND.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Betty Triplett reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements for NDAHA as of December 31, 2008 (See Handout).

The rate of reimbursement for mileage and per diem were discussed.

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Dave Duckworth moved that the Treasurer set all reimbursement fees based on 60% of the IRS guidelines for mileage round-trip and \$30 per diem, to be adjusted as IRS guidelines change. Motion seconded and passed.

E. Association Executive's Report

Gary Splichal reported that he and Greg Evenson are pursuing avenues for an updated website. President Evenson noted that it is important that we own our own site. Scott Schafer expressed his concern in getting this done timely.

All Affiliate fees are paid, all Affiliate Agreements have been received, and all website information has been updated with the exception of 2 affiliates.

The Spring Meeting will be May 1-3 at the Best Western in Bismarck.

Gary has updated the Rules and Regulations on the website.

Travis Rybchinski has suggested that NDAHA purchase the Brady Brady books to promote hockey in ND. He will present information at the Spring Meeting.

F. Jr. Gold Director's Report

Tim Melander reported that there have been 20 game misconducts so far this year. He had initial problems with referees not reporting the game misconducts but has taken care of that.

He requested that when new scorebooks are ordered, a section be put on the top right corner for the coaches to complete listing any game misconducts that were served.

President Evenson asked the Jr Gold Director to set a directive regarding the large number of game misconducts and let the teams know in writing.

It was suggested that the "Grow the Game of Hockey" grant money be tied to penalties for a community.

G. Coach-in-Chief's Report

President Evenson thanked Dave Hoff for the high quality of coaching clinics that were held this year.

Dave Hoff reported that 17 clinics were held this past fall. He also held 7 parent meetings with the theme "Keeping it in Perspective."

He will be sending information to local Ace Coordinators to give to coaches. He is addressing a number of concerns such as practice to game ratios and neglecting goaltenders at practice.

The Coach's Corner on the website will be updated with new information.

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President Evenson asked Dave for recommendations for the State Ace Coordinator position that is open.

H. Vice President

Mark Tollefson reported that the Alliance Cup will be held the first, third and fourth weekends in April. ND Development Camps will be May 2-4 & 9-11.

I. Risk Manager's Report

Greg Evenson reported that 740 people were screened so far this season. Five coaches and two referees were asked not to be involved in hockey. There were two appeals and after careful consideration they were allowed to participate in hockey activities.

The Committee will be working on the policy and will submit recommendations at the Spring Meeting. This will include better procedures for ensuring that 100% of the coaches, team managers and boards of directors are being screened and an updated list of offenses that will disqualify someone.

J. Referee In Chief Report

The Referee Association was not represented at this meeting. President Evenson reported that he has been working with them to handle issues that arise.

K. Girls/Women's Director's Report

Scott Schafer reported for Keith Olson. The state tourneys will be as follows:

19U 11 Teams
14U 7 Teams
12U Same as last year.

President Evenson thanked Keith for all his hard work with the Girls League.

L. President's Report

President Evenson reported that the referee seminars went well and the High School Coach's Symposium in Grand Forks was well attended.

ND Hockey Hall of Fame

The ND Hockey Hall of Fame has a display wall at the Sports Hall of Fame in Jamestown.

Four inductees were nominated by the Committee and approved by the Board for 2008. These were Pete Sonnesyn, Brad Bekkedahl, Sue Petri and Dean Blais. President Evenson would like to plan an event at the World Junior U18 Tournament in Fargo to present the inductees.

Scott Schafer recommended that we develop a process and guidelines for nominating inductees.

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World Junior U18 Tournament

President Evenson will speak with USA Hockey to ensure things run smoothly and the facility is ready for the event.

Grant Committee

Two grants have been submitted but the Committee is waiting for more information on the requests. The Committee will send information to the affiliates clarifying the purpose of the grant. The dates will also be extended.

National Tourney

North Dakota has declared two teams for the national 16U and 14U tourney.

NP District Meeting

Northern Plains District rotates the annual summer meeting. This year's will be the third weekend of July in Bismarck. President Evenson will make arrangements and report at the Spring Meeting.

USA Hockey is developing a Long-Term Athlete Development and Performance Initiative

This Initiative is funded by the NHL. This will be a major change in hockey training for players. It is designed to benefit the National Development Team down to the recreational players.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee

The following positions are up for reelection: NE District (Howatt), NW District (Bender), SE District (Marshall), SW District (Lindgren), President, Treasurer, Youth League, Girls/Women's, and Junior Gold. Gary Splichal will send out an email to all affiliates asking for nominations.

VII. FOR THE GOOD OF HOCKEY

A. One Goal Equipment

Gary Splichal reported that One Goal equipment is again being offered for purchase. The cost is \$70 per set.

B. Proposals for Spring Meeting

Gary asked that everyone submit their proposals to him promptly so he can get the information to the Districts.

C. Hockey License Plates

Dave Duckworth will continue to research ND license plates with a hockey logo.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mark Tollefson to adjourn at 3:20 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tammy Fossum
Secretary