

**NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**2010 Board of Directors Winter Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the OtterTail Power Community Room in Rugby, ND.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Greg Evenson	President	Betty Triplett	Treasurer
Tammy Fossum	Secretary	Scott Schafer	Youth Leagues
Dennis Moore	High School Leagues	Keith Olson	Girls/Women's
Julie Howatt	NE Director	David Duckworth	NE Director
Greg Bender	NW Director	Keith Holland	SE Director
Dave Hoff	Coach-in-Chief		

**Absent:**

Corwin Enns	Vice President	Phil Sedo	NW Director
Terry Halstengard	SW Director	Dave Hanneman	SW Director
Jay Marshall	SE Director	John Colter	Registrar
Don Fiebiger	Risk Manager	Brad Pratt	Referee-in-Chief
Pete Sonnesyn	Director Emeritus	Jack Kleven	Director Emeritus
Bruce Rostad	Discipline Director	Brad Bekkedahl	NP District Director

**Also Present:**

Gary Splichal                      Association Executive

**II. MINUTES**

Motion made by Dave Duckworth to approve the minutes of the Fall 2009 Board Meeting.  
Motion was seconded and passed.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. President's report**

1. President Evenson presented USA Hockey's coaches Newsletter-Volume 1, Number 1. He explained that this is one example of what the new American Development Model will do for our coaches and how the information will be passed down to them.
2. ND Hockey Hall of Fame inductees Oscar Svangstu and Ole Svangstu of Crosby were officially honored in Crosby on December 26.
3. President 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.

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4. Our Risk Manager has completed all but a handful of background checks.
5. Our Coaches Symposium was a great success and well received.
6. Team ND will be attending the MN Showcase this Spring. Tryouts will be in early April in Grand Forks or Fargo with the Showcase April 22-25 in Minneapolis. We are also planning on sending a Girls high school team to the MN Showcase.
7. National-bound Dakota Starz 14U and 16U teams are now under the direction of NDAHA and will be attending the national tourney in Pennsylvania the second week of April. NDAHA Player Development Committee is continuing to work to improve all aspects of this program.
8. Spring Player Development plans were discussed. The program will emphasize more development at all levels. Phase I will be ND Selects district tryouts and will be in Minot/Bismarck/Fargo on March 26-27 and Grand Forks on April 1-3. Phase II will be in Minot on April 16-18 & 23-25. Phase III is the Northern Plains District Camp to be held the second weekend of May. Al Bloomer is in charge of the camp and is working on getting well-qualified staff, including many from out of our district. There is discussion about having two high-performance camps during the end of June and early July, one for the festival players and another as a development camp. Discussion was held regarding our encouragement for participants to participate in our spring programs as a requirement for fall participation.
9. Our Northern Plains Hockey League was quite successful this past fall and we will continue to make improvements in the future.
10. We are still looking for new staff members under Player Development: An over all PD Director, a High School Director, & Girls' Player Development Director.
11. President Evenson reported that there is interest in broadcasting our state high school boys and girls tournament games.
12. President Evenson gave an update on last year's spectator injury in Northwood. He explained that if an affiliate needs rink insurance, we can work with USA Hockey to provide it.
13. The Grow the Game Grant will finalize all requests and discontinue this offer now. We are interested in ideas for ways we can assist Affiliates with future grants.
14. President Evenson thanked Betty Triplett for arranging our meeting facilities and providing lunch for us.
15. GF Park District is planning non-sanctioned tourneys in April. Greg is working with Bob Gillen regarding this.

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16. President Evenson reported that Fargo is trying to consolidate their programs within the city under one program. He and the District Directors will continue to work towards this.

**B. Girls/Women Director's Report**

Keith Olson reported that nothing has been easy this year. Some of the issues he has dealt with include trying to work with high school programs, tournament planning and assessment of numbers, number of overage exemptions at 12U level, serious lack of numbers at 14U level, and working with teams to compromise on state tournaments. He will be having mandatory meetings during State tourney weekends with all the teams to discuss these issues. Lack of continuity from year to year in numbers has been complicating this program.

Keith Olson moved that the 12U A1 state tournament be held in Bottineau and the 12U A2 tournament be held in Sidney. Motion was seconded and passed.

Gary Splichal reminded everyone that all teams, including girls, must get prior approval from our Registrar before playing any teams not registered with USA Hockey. This includes playing high school teams.

President Evenson asked everyone for ideas on how NDAHA can help improve our girl's participation.

**C. Boys High School Director Report**

Dennis Moore reported that everything is going very well. He has communicated with Tim Melander for assistance and President Evenson encouraged him to speak with District Directors and any Board member if he needs help with anything.

**D. Coach-in-Chief's Report**

Dave Hoff reported that as of December 31, 2009 coaches cannot be certified for this season. The only option is a temporary certification and only in circumstances where a coach is lost. He reported he would like to see on-ice workshops for Pee wee and Girls 12U and up and that we need to stress skills development at all levels.

**E. Youth League Director's Report**

Scott Schafer asked that we put on the agenda discussion regarding Pee wee B league state tournament format.

Dave Duckworth moved that we add the above item to the agenda for consideration. Motion was seconded and passed.

Scott Schafer moved to suspend our rules regarding tournament format for the Pee wee B league for this spring only and have an 8-team B1, and 8-team B2, and a 10-team B3

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state tournament. Motion was seconded and passed.

Scott discussed the referee system for the Bantam A league state tournament.

Scott Schafer moved that the Bantam A state tournament for this spring use a 2 referee system. Motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion was held regarding our rule of forfeits in league play due to late submission of score sheets to league secretaries. It was voiced that this rule unfairly penalizes the players for actions of the Affiliate. Scott will submit a proposal to change this rule for the Spring meeting.

**F. District Director's Reports**

1. NW District

Greg Bender discussed 3 girls from Williston who requested waivers to play for Sidney. He explained that he denied these waivers because the season had already started and they had already played for Williston.

2. NE District

Julie Howatt reported that there were many waivers that were approved within the district.

3. SE District

Keith Holland discussed issues within his District and that they had been very active.

4. SW District

There was no report as the district was not represented at the meeting.

**G. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Betty Triplett reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements for NDAHA as of December 31, 2009.

There was discussion regarding the payment to our Registrar. Greg Evenson will discuss the Registrar position with John Colter prior to our spring meeting and bring any recommendations to the Board. Our Association Executive position will also be reviewed at this time.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

A. The Spring meeting will be held in Bismarck on May 1, 2010.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Nominating Committee**

The following positions are up for reelection: NE District (Duckworth), NW District (Sedo), SE District (Holland), SW District (Hanneman), Vice President, & Secretary. The committee will bring nominations to the Spring meeting.

**B. Web Site**

Gary Splichal discussed adding on-line scoring to our website. It was recommended that he check on doing it for free or for a limited cost as a trial basis for this season. Dennis Moore

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volunteered to do the Boys High School league as a trial.

**C. Proposals**

Gary Splichal reminded everyone that proposals must be submitted to him by January 31 to be included on the spring agenda.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Scott Schafer to adjourn at 3:30 pm. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tammy Fossum  
Secretary