

NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2011 Board of Directors Fall Meeting
Devils Lake - Saturday, September 10, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Great American Inn in Devils Lake, ND.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Greg Evenson, President
Betty Triplett, Treasurer
Keith Olson, Girls/Women's
Jared Olson, NW Director
Jay Marshall, SE Director
Terry Halstengard, SW Director
Dave Hoff, Coach-in-Chief

Tammy Fossum, Secretary
Scott Schafer, Youth Leagues
David Duckworth, NE Director
Greg Bender, NW Director
Keith Holland, SE Director
John Colter, NP District Registrar
Scott Koberinski, Player Development

Absent:

Don Rostad, Vice President
Dennis Moore, Boys HS League
Jack Kleven, Director Emeritus
Dave Hanneman, SW Director
Pete Sonnesyn, Director Emeritus

Don Fiebiger, Risk Manager
Brad Pratt, NDAHA Referee-in-Chief
Julie Howatt, NE Director
David Zimmerman, NP District Disabled

Also Present:

Dave Dusek, Fargo Angels
Brian Greicar, Fargo Angels
Dan Frei, Hazen
Chris Van Sickle, Manvel
Brady Hutton, Manvel
Scott Ceglowski, Bottineau
Stacey Ceglowski, Bottineau
Alan Dostert, Fargo Flames
Chad Arendt, Park River
Bonnie Olson, MayPort
Ron Braaten, MayPort
Dave Hills, Grafton
Jerry Zachmeier, Mandan
Sacha Spinks, Wahpeton

Lee Haugen, GF Stallions
Brenda Haugen, GF Stallions
Tom Bushaw, Bismarck
Tom Mickelson, NDHOA
Lisa Christenson, Sidney
Dave Hanson, Watford City
Troy Ellingson, Langdon
Arden Berg, Watford City
Terry Wallace, Devils Lake
Jay McClintock, Rugby
Dean Bachmeier, Fargo Youth
Brent Moum, Bottineau
Raquel Pearson, Wahpeton
Troy Miller, West Fargo

III. MINUTES

Motion was made by Terry Halstengard to approve the Minutes of the Affiliate-Board Meeting of May 15, 2011. Motion was seconded and passed.

IV. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were added to the agenda:

Rugby/Bottineau Coop

NDHOA

Penalty Length

V. REPORTS

A. Treasurer

The Treasurers Report was reviewed.

B. President

President Evenson reported that November 5 is Try Hockey for Free Across America. Mandan, Dickinson, Jamestown and Wahpeton will be participating. USA Hockey has phoned all unregistered players age 8 and under to invite them back. He reported that we received 88 free sets of One-Goal equipment from USA Hockey because of our growth and thanked everyone for all they are doing to grow hockey in North Dakota.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Manvel Affiliate

Chris Van Sickle reported on the Manvel organization.

David Duckworth moved to approve Manvel Youth Hockey as an Affiliate of NDAHA. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. David Hoff, Coach in Chief

Mr. Hoff reported on the following:

-All coaches must register for the clinics online.

-Explained new CEP, including online age-specific modules that must be taken before a coach can be listed on a roster.

-Explained that a coach must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a member of USA Hockey
2. Must be currently certified with USA Hockey
3. Must complete the appropriate age-specific module
4. Must be screened,

-Every coach must take an age-specific module this year.

-Level Four clinic will be in North Dakota next year.

Mr. Hoff encouraged affiliates to have try hockey for free nights to encourage growth. He noted that he will be offering seminars across the state about the new checking rules.

C. John Colter, Registrar

Mr. Colter reported that North Dakota is one of the few affiliates in the US who showed growth in numbers last year. He also reported that birth certificates are no longer required for invitational tournaments. He has developed a system working with affiliate registrars to verify birth dates. He reiterated that age-specific coaching modules must be completed before a coach can be listed on a roster. Also, mini-mite classification has been eliminated; anyone 8 and under in ND is classified as a Mite.

D. Scott Koberinski, Player Development

Mr. Koberinski reported that ND has a D2 team playing in the Minnesota league this fall. We will not be having a 16U nor 14U National Team this year. The Northern Plains Hockey League is commencing this fall with three teams being formed. A girls 19U team will be formed in October during open tryouts. He stressed that all players must participate in our spring program before they can participate in any fall events, with the exception of the girls. He reported that coaching and evaluation staff are needed. Dates and locations for next spring's advanced camps will be available on our website in the near future.

E. Tom Mickelson, ND Hockey Officials Ass'n

Mr. Mickelson reported on this year's rule changes including no body checking at the peewee and lower levels and tag-up now allowed for bantam and higher levels. He noted that officials will apply all rules as directed by USA Hockey and asked that all coaches, players, and parents put aside their personal opinions of the rules. He also reported that the NDHOA will submit a proposal at the spring meeting regarding compensation for officials at state tournaments. They are also working on a marketing plan to recruit and retain officials. Mr. Evenson noted that Dave Hills is the NDAHA liaison to the NDHOA.

F. David Duckworth, Discipline Chair

Mr. Duckworth, the new Discipline Chairperson, reported on his goals for this season:

1. to speed up the hearing process, and
2. to make penalties equal across the state.

He asked that parents be reminded to contact first their local board, not the discipline committee directly with concerns. He also asked everyone to instruct coaches to control their players on the bench to help eliminate penalties. Also, he is working on a new discipline policy that will be posted on our website.

G. Keith Olson, Girls/Womens League

Mr. Olson reported that the 19U teams will be playing at jamborees in Bismarck and Jamestown for league games. He also noted that the 12U and 13U will have three districts: NW, SW, & East. They will have jamborees in Jamestown, Dickinson/Mandan, and Fargo.

H. Scott Schafer, Youth Leagues

Mr. Schafer reported that we will have the same leagues as last year. He noted that there are travel issues due to motel availability in the western part of the state. Also, website league scoring will be implemented this year. Each community will have access to enter all home league games. Timeliness of posting the information was noted as a concern. Webinars will be offered to train users on the system. He asked that game scoresheets continue to be sent to league secretaries.

I. Jay Marshall, Risk Management

Mr. Marshall reported that it is planned to post on our website everyone who has been screened. He stressed that we must screen anyone who has physical contact with players. Board of Directors will not be a priority.

J. Rugby/Bottineau Coop

Jay McClintock, Rugby Community Rep, explained the plan between Rugby and Bottineau to form a formal coop between the programs for the Peewee and higher levels.

Jarrod Olson moved that Rugby and Bottineau continue their informal coop this year with the Peewee B and Bantam B teams playing in the northeast district and that they bring a formal proposal to the spring meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

K. Penalties Lengths

David Duckworth discussed the length of penalties for games played with 15 minute periods or longer.

Dave Duckworth moved that all minor penalties be two minutes for all play in NDAHA for periods 15 minutes or longer. Motion was seconded and passed.

L. State Meeting Dates

Discussion was held regarding holding the fall meeting on a Sunday and possibly later in September in the future. The winter board meeting will be held in Rugby on January 29, 2012.

VII. Adjournment

Scott Schafer moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 pm. Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Fossum
Secretary