

NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2012 Board of Directors Winter Meeting
Rugby, ND
January 29, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Greg Evenson called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at the Eagles Club in Rugby, ND.

II. ROLL CALL

Secretary Tammy Fossum called the roll. Those present were:

Greg Evenson, President	Tammy Fossum, Secretary
Betty Triplett, Treasurer	Scott Schafer, Youth Leagues
Scott Koberinski, PD Director	Dave Hoff, Coach-in-Chief
Julie Howatt, NE Director	David Duckworth, NE Director
Jay Marshall, SE Director	Keith Holland, SE Director
Jarrold Olson, NW Director	Pete Sonnesyn, Director Emeritus

III. GUESTS

The following guests were introduced to the Board: Chad Arendt, B League NE Secretary; Norm Reiten, NDHOA; Tony Bina; Karl Goehring; Eli Rosendahl; Ryan Ladoucer; & Nick Berge.

IV. PROPOSED TIER I MIDGET TEAM

Karl Goehring, Eli Rosendahl, Ryan Ladoucer, and Nick Berge of The Hockey Academy in Grand Forks presented their proposal to form a Hockey Academy Prep Team this year.

V. MINUTES

Motion was made by David Duckworth to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting of September 10, 2011. Motion was seconded and passed.

VI. REPORTS

A. President

1. President Evenson reviewed North Dakota's USA Hockey registration numbers as of 1/10/12. He noted that ND reached 98.5% of the goal for total players, 88.3% for new players, and 107.7% for retained players.
2. President Evenson reported that USA Hockey has approved a \$10 fee increase effective now. North Dakota will now receive \$3 per paid member.
3. The Degree Jersey Program is once again conducting the free jersey program.
4. The Hockey Weekend Across America Try Hockey For Free date is February 18. North Dakota has one host site to date.
5. President Evenson presented information from USA Hockey regarding concussion management and dangerous hits. Concern was expressed that current rules be enforced by officials.
6. USA Hockey guidelines regarding non-sanctioned play were presented.
7. President Evenson noted that 124 sets of One-Goal equipment will be ordered that will be available to our affiliates for next fall's use.
8. Rink dividers and ADM practice bags will be available to our affiliates. We will send info to the affiliates on how they may apply for these items.
9. President Evenson reported that USA Hockey By-laws encourage state affiliates to ensure that registered participants have proper representation on their Board of Directors. Based on that participant registration it may require NDAHA to change the number of directors per district. Currently we have 2

directors per district. We will work on a proposal to change our by-laws to reflect this.

10. President Evenson presented news articles related to the oil industry across western ND and discussed how these challenges affect hockey in these communities. He recognized the need for us to include western affiliates and small communities as an integral part of our organization.

11. President Evenson reported that he is forming an ad hoc committee to study our state tournament rules and regulations. They will visit each district for input and bring recommendations to the entire board at the spring meeting. Such items for study include but are not limited to tournament rotation, fees for tournaments, housing needs, safety concerns, etc.

B. North Dakota Hockey Officials Association (NDHOA)

Norm Reitan reported that there are 20 additional officials this year. He reviewed their proposal to increase officials fees at our state tournaments.

C. Youth Leagues

Scott Schafer discussed team selection for the Bantam A state tournament. Our rules state that we shall select 4 teams each from the north and south. He recommended selecting 5 teams from the south and 3 teams from the north since there are more teams in the south this year.

Scott Schafer moved that the Bantam A state tournament have 5 teams selected from the south and 3 teams from the north for this year. Motion was seconded and passed.

Jarrold Olson moved that we reconsider the previous motion. Motion was seconded and passed.

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D. Girls/Womens League

Scott Schafer reported that the Girls 13U league has 17 teams, with two teams showing substantially more strength than the others. Discussion was held on how to seed these teams in the state tournament.

Keith Holland moved that the top 8 teams be seeded for one tournament and the second 9 may be split by the discretion of the Girls Director and the Tournament Committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

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The board agreed that we would not recommend a two-team state tournament for the top two 13U teams.

E. Website

President Evenson reported that Mike Hartl is our webmaster. His contact information will be on our website. The board asked that all areas of our website be reviewed and that updated information be given to Mike. Chad Arendt expressed concern on receiving scoresheets from affiliates.

F. Player Development

Scott Koberinski reported that dates have been set for the following:

Team ND Tryouts Boys & Girls	March 23-25
Advanced Camp Boys & Girls	March 30-April 1
NP District Camp	May 9-13

All events will be held in Grand Forks this spring. He noted that we still need a number of coaches.

G. Presidents Cup

Pete Sonnesyn reported that the Presidents Cup is March 16-18 in Rapid City, SD. North Dakota has committed two teams each for boys and girls. Tim Melander is the co-director of this event.

H. Treasurer's Report

Betty Triplett presented our current profit and loss and balance sheet. Report was accepted.

I. Coach in Chief

David Hoff reported that the age modules will close on January 31.

J. Discipline Chair

David Duckworth reported that there have been 52 misconducts this season. 38 were from North Dakota teams, with 27 of those being from Bantam B teams. He noted that the progression penalty is only for fighting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

Executive Board positions up for election this spring are Vice President and Secretary. Also, four District Directors are also up for election: Dave Hanneman, SW Director; Keith Holland, SE Director; David Duckworth, NE Director; and Jarrod Olson, NW Director.

B. Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting will be held at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck on May 5 & 6, 2012.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Julie Howatt that the meeting adjourn at 5:39 pm. Motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Fossum, Secretary