

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2016 Affiliates/Board Annual Meetings
Saturday, April 30th, 2016
Baymont Inn, Mandan ND**

President Evenson called the meeting to order at 10am.

President Evenson appointed Chad Arendt as the new NDAHA Vice President. Matt Stockert will move over to become our new League Director. State Tournament Committee will be co-chaired by Matt and Chad.

Guests:

Greg Evenson, Suzzanne Fuchs, Chad Arendt, Betty Triplett, Keith Olson, Lee Haugen, David Duckworth, Greg Bender, Tom Folske, Terry Halstengard, Bob Bye, and David Hoff.

Affiliate Roll Call

Valley City Hockey Club	absent
Mandan Hockey Club	present
Jamestown Hockey Boosters	absent
Bottineau Blue Line Club	present
Rugby Amateur Hockey Association	absent
Cando Hockey Boosters	absent
Grafton Youth Hockey	absent
May Port Ice Dawgs	present
Mckenzie Country Hockey Club	absent
Langdon Area Hockey	absent
Grand Forks Stallion Hockey Club	present
Manvel Youth Hockey	absent
Fargo Youth Hockey Association	present
Grand Forks Youth Hockey	absent
Fargo Angels	absent
Williston Basin Skating Club	absent
Wahpeton Hockey Association	absent
Dickinson Hockey Club	present
Hazen Winter Sports Association	present
Crosby Blue Line Club	present
Northwood Hockey	absent
Devils Lake Blue Line Club	present
Park River Hockey Boosters	present
Richland Youth Hockey Inc	present
Bismarck Hockey Boosters	present
West Fargo Hockey Association	present
Minot Hockey Boosters	present

President Evenson added Bob Gillen under New Business. He's going to report on the Hall of Fame.

NDAHA Reports

President Evenson talked about the 2015-2016 hockey season. He talked about the difference between team based programs, that have private arenas and multiple teams in a city/area, and community based hockey. North Dakota and Minnesota have community based hockey. We base our affiliates around schools/school districts, so that kids play together all the way through high school. This is to help keep our teams/communities competitive.

If we allow a player to play on two teams in two different communities, then we have to allow every player that opportunity.

Affiliate agreements are going to be done this year.

There are 34 state affiliates, North Dakota being one. NDAHA is to be the governing body for hockey in the state of North Dakota.

In North Dakota there are 25 affiliates under NDAHA, saying they want to be USA Hockey based.

When you are sanctioned with USA Hockey, you know the coaches are certified, have had background screenings, and the Hockey Board(s) are following USA hockey and NDAHA rules. Because of this, we want to have sanctioned tournaments and attend sanctioned events. We know what we are getting in to/what is involved with sanctioned tournaments/events.

If we play non sanctioned teams/tournaments we don't know what we are getting involved with.

There was a lot of discussion about forming teams, re-rostering, and creating all-star teams.

Treasurer Report-Betty Triplett

Betty provided a packet of information, including a balance sheet and profit & loss. She explained where money is coming in from and where it is going out at. Player development is a big part of NDAHA income. There are still a few expenses that need to be paid.

Coach in Chief-David Hoff

There was a coaching symposium held in April 2016. He thought this went really well.

There will not be a level 4 coaching certification held in North Dakota in 2016. The next Level 4 to be held in North Dakota will be in 2017. There will be a Level 4 coaching clinic held November 19-20, 2016 in Sioux Falls and one in Bozeman, MT sometime in October 2016.

There will be a Level 5 coaching clinic August 11-14, 2016 in St. Louis Missouri. David would like to see a few people from the area attend.

Youth League-Chad Arendt

Team intentions for each affiliate should be in by July 1, 2016. July 15, 2016 will be the finalization for teams for the upcoming 2016-2017 season. Chad felt everything went well this year. The teams were competitive.

Discipline Director-David Duckworth

Match penalties were way up this year. A couple of these penalties were for punching officials. It was not a bad year discipline wise.

SafeSport-Terry Halstengard

Each year is a learning experience. Every community needs to have a committee that looks into the SafeSport issues that are reported. Let the coaches' coach.

It was a pretty good season. The more people find out about safesport, the more people are calling in with complaints.

Any time a parent/player is to be suspended there needs to be a hearing first. There were more parent issues this year than there were player issues.

Boys High School League Director- Lee Haugen

There were a couple teams that dropped out due to lack of numbers. Minot did come back into the league. The year went well. This was the second year picture ids were used. This something they plan to continue on with since it is working so well. Langdon did a nice job hosting the State Tournament. The All-State Team went to Pittsburgh for the second year in a row.

Girls League Director- Keith Olson

Keith thanked Matt for the tournaments in Jamestown

The Girls League tried to be compliant with the ages this year, so wound up with a couple five team leagues.

Keith talked about putting a committee together to look at tournaments and the costs. Bob Bye is going to chair this committee.

The Girls Governance Committee will meet this summer to take a look at the rules and regulations, along with the past six years of minutes to make sure the rules/regulations are updated.

Dual roster requests were cut almost in half because of the new Girls Governance Committee.

With the Presidents cup, Keith thanked NDAHA for working with the Girls League.

The girls' team that went to Pittsburgh only had 25 girls try out. In order to stay competitive, we need to have more than 25 girls trying out.

The tournament rotation didn't match for the girls. The high school girl's state tournament should be in the NE for the 2016-2017 season. Keith would like to ask for a one year suspension on the rotation, because Watford City would like to host the high school girls' tournament in their new facility. This would be just for the 2017 season.

The Affiliates were asked if they were okay letting Watford City host the 2017 Girls State Tournament. Everyone was in favor. The Board will also discuss this further at their meeting on Sunday May 1, 2016.

Ryan Griggs-Player Development

The high performance camp, April 8-10 2016, had around 400 players, which was the highest number yet. This camp is for everyone, no matter if you're an A or B player.

NPHL and the Bantam League Tier I program may grow in the 2016-2017 season by one team on the boys' side, and the girls' side will also be growing.

There is talk of a fall peewee league. This would be developmental league play.

Tier I had three teams make it to national tournaments.

The purpose of these fall/spring leagues/camps is to enhance our in season programs and to keep the players in the state.

There was a suggestion to change the name of the high performance camp in order to get more kids interested in going. This is so the players know that it is open to players of all levels.

Coaches would benefit from this as well.

Proposals

Bob got up and went through the proposals with everyone

A League Scoring

One amendment to the proposal: change live scoring to electronic/quick score

This is to make standings a little more up to date.

Chad would like to see this mandated so they are up to date daily, weekly, monthly

Would like to possibly eliminate having someone send the sheet in

Chad made a motion to make the amendment "home teams are required to electronic/quick score" to Proposal A.

Matt seconded the motion.
Katie made a motion to vote on Proposal A.
Dan seconded the motion.
All were in favor. Proposal A passed Affiliates with the amendment.

B-Team Rosters

This is allowing for time to get rosters input into the system.
Chad made a motion to remove the approved roster portion from both sections of the proposal.
Dallas seconded the motion.
All were in favor of approving the amendment.

All were in favor of the proposal with amendments

C-Rosters

Bob called for a motion to vote on this proposal.
This proposal was dropped as there was no motion made.

D-Emergency Goalies

This proposal would add a new section under Article II Section C about emergency goalies.
Bob Bye proposed an amendment that says, "other extenuating circumstances may be considered but must be pre-approved by the registrar." Bob Bye then made a motion to vote on the amendment.
Bob Gillen seconded the motion.
Bob Gillen made a motion to table this proposal until the fall so that Keith Holland can explain this more.
Dean seconded the motion.
All were in favor of tabling the proposal until the fall.

E-In House registration

Katie made a motion to approve this proposal.
Joel seconded the motion.
All were in favor

F-Age Categories

Ryan made a motion to approve this proposal.
Dan seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

G-Team Rosters

Katie made a motion to approve this proposal.
Dallas seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

H-Invitational Tournaments

Bob proposed an amendment to add, "exceptions considered on a case by case basis and subject to approval by the NDAHA Board of Directors." Bob then went on to make a motion to vote on adding the amendment.
Joel seconded this motion.
Joel made a motion to vote on the proposal as amended.
Jerry seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

I-State Tournaments

This problem had some concerns with communities not having ice and not having officials available.
Dean made motion to vote on this proposal.
Due to a lack of second, this proposal died.

J-Electronic tournament applications

Dean made a motion to vote on the proposal.
Katie seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Travis Kurtz Referee in Chief stopped by the NDAHA meeting to discuss a few things. He submitted a proposal to NDAHA for an increase in State Tournament rates. Travis wasn't sure when the last rate increase was.

12u girls 2 man \$40 per game
1man \$40/2man \$50

14u/16u 2 man \$50/game
1man \$60/2man \$50
19u 2man \$55/game
1man \$65/2man \$55

Travis said the referees would like to go to a 1man/2man with 19u.

PW 2 man \$40/game

1man \$50/2man \$40

Bantam 2 man \$60/game

1man \$65/2man \$55

Jr. Gold 1man \$75/2man \$55

4man \$65 and \$55

Paying mileage both ways at the federal rate

Per Diem \$30/out town \$15/day for 20 mile radius

Basically this would be a \$5-\$10 increase in pay for the officials.

Minot made a motion to approve the proposal as presented by Travis.

Dan seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

There were some slight alternations made to the referee seminars. There are four cities that will each have one sponsored seminar. The plan is to try and wrap up the main seminars by November 15th, 2016. There will be some late ones that will happen the end of December

Travis asked that with the State Tournaments we be strategic and aware of what districts the tournaments are being placed in. Having three tournaments in one district places a strain on the officials.

Also, the officials would like to see the game maximum/number of consecutive games rule gotten rid of and put in the hands of the officials. Travis asked that we eliminate the rule of 2 games maximum.

Joel made a motion to approve the proposal.

Dan seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Travis talked about having tournament supervisors and looking for more.

The officials have noticed alcohol use at state tournaments with parents is on the rise. The officials have had some pretty serious dust ups that were possibly alcohol related.

Travis said they have worked hard on recruitment throughout the state. They are doing what they can to get officials on board and to stay.

2015 there were 352 registered officials, out of the 521 who started the process.

2016 there were 432 registered officials, out of the 547 who started the process.

State Tournaments

There are some state tournament reports that have been turned in.

2017 State Tournament locations:

PW A-NW, PW B1-NW

PW B Gold-SW, PW B Silver-SE, PW B Bronze-NE

Bantam A-SE, Bantam B1-SE, Bantam B Gold-NE, Bantam B Silver-NW, Bantam B Bronze-SW

Girls 12u/14u-SW

Girls high school-NW (Watford City)

Boys high school-Grand Forks

SE District Tournament sites:

Bantam A/B1 hosted by West Fargo

PW B Silver hosted by Wahpeton

NDAHA website

President Evenson is working on adding someone to the website to update and clean it up

Bob Gillen came up to talk about the Hall of Fame. He met with Chastity Schafer from the Hall of Fame in Jamestown. There hasn't been anything done in the last 16years for hockey.

Bob put together a sample nomination form that hopefully the Board will take a look at, make any necessary changes, and approve. He has set up three points of criteria to help with the decision making process. The Hall of Fame Committee will look at the nominations as they come in and decide who to nominate. Bob would like to see this up and running by this fall. If we get the nominees in to the Hall of Fame in the fall, you would then have the whole hockey season to find a local ceremony to honor the inductees at. Bob is going to put out a list of all the people who have been nominated/inducted

The NDAHA Fall Meeting will be Saturday, September 10th, 2016 at the Baymont Inn in Bismarck/Mandan.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dan seconded the motion.

All in favor

The NDAHA Spring Meeting was adjourned at 4pm.