

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2006 Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, September 16th -- Devils Lake, N.D.**

President Peter Sonnesyn called the 2006 NDAHA Fall Board of Directors Meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Roll Call of the Board was taken by Secretary Bob Gillen.

Present:

President	Peter Sonnesyn
Vice President	Greg Evenson
Secretary	Bob Gillen
Treasurer	Betty Tripplett
Girl's/Women	Keith Olson
N.D. Leagues	Scott Schafer
N.E. Director	Julie Howatt
S.E. Director	Jay Marshall
S.E. Director	Bob Gustafson
S.W. Director	Jeff Gustafson
S.W. Director	Mike Wald
Junior Gold	Tim Melander

Not Present:

N.E. Director	Dave Duckworth
N.W. Director	Bruce Rostad
N.W. Director	Scott Ellis

Others Present: [Non-Voting]

Coach-in-Chief	Bob Gillen
Player Development	Brett Stockert
Referee-in-Chief	Gary Fiddler
Minnkota Risk Manager	Bruce Krueger

Player Development	Wade Storey
Associate Registrar	John Colter
Minnkota Registrar	Carol Carlson
Association Executive	Gary Splichal

Fargo Flyers	Jeff Kamstra
Fargo Raiders	Nate Brenneman
Wahpeton	Jane Gustafson
Mandan	Dennis Lindgren
Valley City	Marcia Pritchert
Minot	Sarah Sem
Devils Lake	Terry Wallace
Williston	Cole Arndt
Miles City	Larry Naves
Grafton	Dave Hills
Langdon	Troy Ellingson

West Fargo	Troy Miller
Bottineau	Chuck Neubauer
Rugby	Jay McClintock
Dickinson	Dave Hanneman
Bismarck	Dennis Nybo
Minot	Jarrod Olson
Sidney	Keith Bjork
Williston	Matt Glueckert
Park River	Chad Arendt
Langdon	Craig Veer
Williston	Greg Bender

Minnkota Risk Manager – Bruce Kruger

Spoke on the rules of helmets mandated for coaches on-ice. He spoke to the issue of a coach who does not wear a helmet and gets injured, does the USA Hockey Insurance get forfeited? Krueger said that the insurance will still be active but we need to keep on the coaches to wear the helmet. Krueger said to continue the screening process and he has met with Bob Gustafson of NDAHA. Kruger spoke on Jr. Gold and the process if you want to implement the tag up off-sides. You need to fill out a form and send into USA Hockey so they are aware. He also spoke that with us moving into the new district he hopes we will still continue with the Minnkota Cup Jr. Gold Tournament during the spring of the year. Bruce pledged his assistance to who ever the new Risk Manager Director will be and Minnesota and the new

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district will continue to be very close and work together just as we have been. He thanked NDAHA as this will be his last formal visit to our state and enjoyed his trips to our meetings.

Approval of Minutes [Spring 2006, April 2005, Winter 2006, June 2006]

April 24th, 2005 = Motion by J. Gustafson, Seconded by B. Gustafson to approve the minutes. MSC.

Spring 2006 = Motion by Schafer, Seconded by Melander to approve the minutes. MSC.

Winter 2006 = Motion by B. Gustafson, Seconded by Howatt to approve the minutes. MSC.

Summer 2006 = Motion by B. Gustafson, Seconded by Howatt to approve the minutes. MSC.

REPORTS

Vice-President-Evenson:

He had a letter to read from Gary Fiddler, Referee-in-Chief. The new North Dakota Officials Association is meeting in Jamestown today so he is there but wanted Greg to relay a few items. He is sorry he could not be here today. He wanted to remind everyone to get their hands on the new Standard of Play Rules video from USA Hockey. He said we need to give the officials time to adjust and we will have inconsistency early on but over time it should come together. He feels our talent should bring some good ideas and people to the new district and he also wanted to thank NDAHA for supporting their new North Dakota Hockey Officials Association. He has provided us with their Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Spring Meeting Minutes and the Fall Meeting Agenda.

Treasurer – Tripplett:

She went over an expense report that she would like us to use when turning in expenses. Also, she just took over so she is getting items in place and her accounting set up. She will make sure expense reimbursements will be in mail 2-3 days after receiving an item.

Associate Registrar-Colter:

Colter went over the items we are to take home [Annual Guide, Minnesota Handbooks, Rule Books, etc]. Colter discussed the registrars meeting that happened earlier in the day. Reminder if you host any type of tournament you are now required to check credentials. This includes Roster, TMA, Consent to Treat, USA Hockey Waiver and Birth Certificates.

Coach-in-Chief-Gillen:

Gillen discussed the clinic schedule. Reminder you have to be at the level you are coaching so if you have a new coach who is coaching bantams they are to be at Level 3 so they must attend all three levels this fall. We are running Level 1 on Friday Nights, Level 2 on Saturday and Level 3 on Sunday. This goes for any parents that are coaching helpers, trainers, water bottle fillers, door openers. They also have to have the same level as the team they are helping! Gillen updated the group on the second annual High School/Jr. Gold coaches clinic which is all set for Grand Forks for October 7 & 8. ACE was discussed and we need to get all communities to get an ACE name for the web site. Gillen addressed the group on a possible waiver from the Coaches Section on the 15 penalty rule on coaches. He does not feel it will pass but if it does he will get the word out. Gillen addressed the NDAHA rules for coaches who do not wear helmets. First Offense-Written warning from local association to the coach. Second Offense-Two game suspension of coach. May practice with team but will not be allowed to coach in the next two games. Third Offense-Suspension of coach from all teams games and practices until a hearing is held with the NDAHA State Discipline Chair. The CEP and ACE staffs are not the police of this policy but the local

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associations are and if the local associations are not going to police...remember we all sign affiliate agreements with the state saying we will abide by all NDAHA and USA Hockey Rules.

Director of Player Development-Storey and Stockert:

Stockert discussed that USA Hockey grades all players that attend a festival. For every "C" Level grade we get we lose spots the next year. He spoke on a goalie who did not go for a second time as he received a "C" grade the year before. This past year we did not have one "C" level player so we will be rewarded with a few more spots. 14 Camp we had five participants, 15 Camp we had four participants, 16 Camp we had four participants, 17 Camp we had three participants plus 4 extra alternates for a total of 20 kids. All of our kids were graded "B" Players this year. If any communities have coaches that want to be involved get the names to Brett Stockert. There is also a USA Hockey Coaches intern program that we can try get our coaches into for great opportunities to work along side with some top-level coaches in the U.S. Dave Hanneman was a participant at the 15 festival as an intern coach. He discussed his experiences.

Storey went over the new process for the select program. He said we need to develop all of our players not just the ones going to a festival. Programs will be offered for U12 and U14 for girls and for boys we will run 94, 93, 92, 91 go through the similar process as last year. The 89/90 is our high school team and that will change slightly. We are going to run with a five-phase process this year. It will address three items: Player Development, Coaches Development and Officials Development. **Phase I:** District Level open tryout for all players within that district. A team from each district will then move onto Minot for **Phase II:** Four North Dakota District teams along with South Dakota will compete at Phase II. **Phase III:** We will run in Fargo called the Dakota Festival. We will take five teams from Minot and narrow it down to four teams for Fargo. We will have a Head Coach, Assistant Coach and an Intern Coach. So we will develop 12 coaches. From here we will go to 34 players that move to **Phase IV:** This phase will be lots of practice and games so they are on the ice a lot. Chance for development as well as coach development. **Phase V:** Identical to Phase IV and from here we will select our festival participants. We do not have to go outside of North Dakota to develop our players and coaches and have high costs to parent and players for travel for this program.

Team North Dakota Report-Nybo:

Nybo reported that Bob Gillen will be handling the boy's for one more season and Jarrod Olson will be going along as he will take over for Gillen after this Spring. Gary Splichal will handle the Girl's for one more year and then Mikki Rehak will take over for Gary. Dave Duckworth will handle the Equipment duties and will have Amanda Plank as an understudy to work with the girls as Duck has been doing both teams for the past few years. Head Coach will be Jeff Gustafson for the boys and Keith Schirado for the Girls. Assistant coaches are being confirmed now and the tryouts will be in Valley City the third weekend in March.

Girls/Womens Report-Olson:

Olson discussed on the morning meeting. For 2006-07 the 16U teams will play with the 19U teams as we only have 3-16U teams in the state. We have around 9-12U teams and 9-14U teams in the state at this time. We will play east / west format and do home and home with the exception of within Fargo. They will be tackling the whole girls program in the next year looking at all levels of numbers and see where the cities and girls hockey in the state is going for future numbers and development. The 14U tournament will be in Devils Lake the second weekend in March and the 16U/19U state tournament will

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be the first weekend in March in Wahpeton. The 12U location will be set within the next week. Recommendation from girls committee to come up with alternative names for 19U, 16U, 14U and 12U. Sonnesyn said we cannot make rules or change motions at the fall meeting and they should be done at the spring meeting this also goes for the Jr. Gold Committee. At the fall we want the leagues plans for the year. Motion by Evenson to accept the recommendations for the season presented by the girls/women's committee, Seconded by Howatt. MAC.

Junior Gold Report-Melander:

Melander said we will have 10-teams in the league again this year consisting of G.F Gold, G.F. Stallions, Mayville/Portland, Fargo Flames, Fargo Flyers, Rugby, Langdon, Watford City, Sidney, Crosby. Scheduling was done at the morning meeting. Discussed standard of play rules emphasis. Discussed how to pick all-state team and then taking players to Great Falls Tournament possibly. He is working on Minnkota Cup with North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Watford City, Sidney, Langdon and Rugby made up the Northern Star team and the Red River Valley Star team could be made up of Grand Forks, Mayville-Portland and Fargo teams. Melander will see if these type teams will be accepted by the other states for the Minnkota Cup Tournament. Evenson made a motion to accept the report from the Jr. Gold Committee, Seconded by J. Gustafson. MSC.

Association Executive Report-Splichal:

Splichal said we have gone to an all-electronic communication for the state. If you are not receiving information let Gary know. All proposals now have to be done electronically as we are not going to copy 500 page packets and mail at high postage rates. Scorebooks are \$5.50 per book and if you need any call Splichal. By-Laws and Rules and Regulations are as up-to-date as they can be except the 05' Spring minutes. If you have anything for the web site, let Gary know. Gary is working with a company so the league secretaries can get access to update their leagues for standings and scores. Affiliate Agreements along with \$50.00 fee and web site contact information needs to be in by October 30th, 2006.

Discipline Chair Report-Rostad by Splichal:

Splichal spoke on behalf of Rostad who gave Gary a letter to read. Affiliates should monitor all game sheets for game misconducts and provide Bruce with a note that penalty has been served. Any player or coach receiving a Match Penalty is ineligible from all team practices and games until a hearing has been held and a reminder any coach that pulls his/her team from the ice in protest automatically receives a Match Penalty and must sit out all teams practices and games until a hearing is held.

Risk Manager Report-B. Gustafson:

Gustafson reported on Screening from last fall. Forms are on web site to down load. Dave Saunders is working with Gus to run people for cheaper cost. Gus bumped all who he had and nobody hit as offenders. Problem is we have common names like Dave Johnson and there could be 400 Dave Johnson's and we do not know if it is the Dave Johnson in our state association. Screening is looking for people who have issues such as child abuse or sexual abuse cases. If a coach or staff filled a form out last year do they fill out a form again this year? The form says it is good for five years. Gustafson is not concerned about who he does have it is who he does not have a form on yet.

N.D. Leagues Report-Schafer:

The state tournament handbook has been revised by Schafer and a few others. He will get it revised and then a copy will be put out on the web. League Secretaries will be: NE-Julie Howatt, SE-Connie

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Gunderson, West-Still looking for a name, "A" will be Matt Stockert. Schafer will also be the chairman of the Tournament Committee which will meet at the January Winter Meeting in Carrington to determine the placements for each tournament. Schafer said we will try get a board rep at every state tournament this spring.

President's Report-Sonnesyn:

Sonnesyn reported that he put a report on the web of his doings his first months in office. He has traveled about the state to visit with many people and cities. He went over some of his committee appointments. He has a new committee of Public Relations to get our word out that happens and never makes it around the state. He is going to appoint Bob Gustafson to chair this new committee. Scott Schafer will chair up the Tournament Committee. Betty Tripplett will work on budgets with individuals who have budgets but she wants them to be sent to her within the next month. Greg Evenson the Vice-President will be working as a liaison to special projects [Selects, Elite, Team ND] as well he will serve as our rep on the new North Dakota Officials Board. Dave Duckworth will chair the Hall of Fame Committee. Bob Gillen will head up the Coaches Committee for the year and work with Mike Wald to get him ready to take the state if he moves into the District Coach-in-Chief position which we will know in the next few months.

OLD BUSINESS

Q. R & Rs, Section II, Article IV: Tournaments, C 3 & 4 [Splichal]

Amend so that run with 19u league with everybody 13 and up play in league during year and split east and west and play home and home. Comes state tourney time 14u tourney and every one else would be in the upper league and tourney seeding is on how you finished in the league. Splichal moved withdraw this proposal with the information we received from the Girls/Women's Report earlier today.

W. By-Laws, Article XII: Amendments [Colter/Gillen]

Discussion took place on this proposal and Colter apologized for not being at the Spring Meeting to discuss this proposal. He said he wants time to work on this and present it the way he should have last spring. Colter would like to Table this item till spring and he will submit a new cleaner version that hopefully cleans up the meaning. Basically the proposal is for the Board to be able to make changes during the year to Rules and Regs and for the Communities to have control over the By-Laws. The way we have it now the elected board's hands are tied to do any work or make any changes during the year.

X. By-Laws, Article XII: Amendments [B. Gustafson]

Gustafson withdrew since Colter and his were similar and Colter is bringing back a new version next spring for us to discuss and act on.

U. R & Rs, Section II, Article IV: Tournaments, K Compensation [Gillen]

We are now going to a state rate for all mileage which will be paid one-way for all travel at the current IRS Rate. Per Diem for out-of-town officials will be \$20.00 per day which is twenty miles or more away from rink. Officials that are 20 miles or closer to rink will receive \$10.00 per day per diem but no mileage. Motion by Evenson, Seconded by J. Gustafson. MSC.

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GOOD OF NORTH DAKOTA HOCKEY

****Sonnesyn talked about the USA Hockey audit of our books and the transition from Gary Almquist to Betty Tripplett as the treasurer is changing hands and cities.**

****Discussion on getting the gavel plaque for outgoing president Jack Kleven will be done and we need to invite him next spring to present him for his years of service as president of NDAHA.**

****Discussion on the location and time for next springs meeting took place and tentatively it is set for Wahpeton, ND the weekend of May 4-5, 2007.**

NEW BUSINESS

Tournament Handbook with fees for Officials-Evenson

Schafer said for a proposal we want to clean up the tournament handbook fees for officials. Colter said in Bantam A level we use 1-Ref and 2-Linesman system and in Bantam B level we use 2-Ref system. In our handbook we have \$10.00 less for refs in Bantam B than Bantam A. We have it written that for our Bantam A League Games and Tournaments we must use the 1-Ref, 2-Linesman system. Evenson said we need $\frac{3}{4}$ majority to rule on this item today. Evenson said at the Exec. Meeting we wanted to get all Bantams at one fee but since Colter said there is a reason for it lets leave it alone for now.

Kruger-Certificates of Insurance

Bruce said he will be gone and if you need any insurance in short order the Michigan Risk Manager can sign off but if we can wait till mid-october Bruce will be back and can handle the item.

Referee Association Money

Sonnesyn discussed the meeting between the Exec. Committee and Gary Fiddler, State Referee-in-Chief of monies owed from a year ago. We held a very detailed and good discussion and we have settled on monies owed to the Officials Association. Now that this has been agreed upon they will be on their own and they said they should not have to come back to our board for financials.

Motion to adjourn by Schafer, Seconded by Evenson at 3:34 p.m.

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Great American Inn – Devils Lake, ND

Members Present: Peter Sonnesyn, Greg Evenson, Betty Tripplett, Scott Schafer, Bob Gillen

Other's Present: Tim Melander, Keith Olson, Gary Fiddler, Gary Splichal,

Call to Order: President Sonnesyn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Referee Monies: Gary Fiddler

****Lots of discussion on the outstanding money owed to the officials from clinics expenses etc. Fiddler stated that \$610.00 was still outstanding for bills needed to pay officials expenses. Of \$700+ received from Minnkota RIC for 05/06 expenses, \$500 went to pay for the refs for the Junior Gold Minnkota Cup (hosted by Wahpeton), leaving them with approximately \$200 in their checking account. Billings to Affiliates for past referee seminars were never sent out for payment. Fiddler said that they could use some start up money and if they had that they would not need to come back to NDAHA for financials. Gillen still wants an answer as to if the Minnkota District has money for expenses for Official Seminars so our N.D. Officials do not have to use their \$10.00 per referee fee for clinic reimbursements. Splichal suggested going back to Wahpeton for the Minnkota Cup ref expenses paid, & short of that exercise, NDAHA should pay cover the \$610 worth of outstanding expenses from last year & extra seed money to get them rolling in their new endeavor. Evenson made a motion to give the North Dakota Hockey Officials Association \$1,510.00 which would include the \$610.00 owed and then \$900.00 for start up money for their association due to the fact we did not collect the clinic fees for communities last year. Second by Schafer. MSC.**

****Fiddler presented Secretary Gillen with the new North Dakota Hockey Officials Association paperwork.**

Document 1: Employer Identification Number Form [EIN20-4416184]

Document 2: Certificate of Incorporation [ID#: 14,486,200]

Document 3: Articles of Incorporation

Document 4: NDHOA By-Laws written as of 5-14-06

Document 5: NDHOA Spring Board Meeting Minutes 4-15-06

Document 6: NDHOA Fall Board of Directors Meeting Agenda 9-16-06

Jr. Gold Issues: Tim Melander

****Melander presented a League Coordinator Duties sheet for the Jr. Gold Director that was developed by past coordinator Phil Sedo.**

****Some do not like the new USA Hockey Standard of Play Rule Emphasis**

****Fair Play Point used as a Tie Breaker instead of used as a point for regular season standings.**

****All Jr. Gold Team Managers will be mandated to attend the NDAHA Spring Meeting. Any Jr. Gold rep that is a no show will have their team move to the end of the state tournament rotation.**

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Girl's/Women's Issues: Keith Olson

- **Lot's of discussion on the sections rules and regs and how the section goes about implementing new changes between the spring and Fall Meeting. In past, Girl's/Women's committee could bring items for the NDAHA Board to take action on which came from their earlier morning committee meeting.**
- **Keith shared a concern letter from Perry Nakonechny of Grand Forks Angels who had concerns of the 12U state tournament in Crosby, N.D. and the lack of hotels to host all the teams and teams forced to drive over 60 miles to stay in hotels. Keith asked Executive Committee their thoughts and Keith will bring up to Girl's/Women's Committee on Saturday Morning.**
- **Keith also stated the committee needs to address the voting at the Girl's/Women's committee meetings as right now it is one community/one vote and many would like it to be one team/one vote. He will bring this up before the committee.**

NDAHA President Agenda Items:

- **President Sonnesyn will be appointing a new position within NDAHA. That \ position will be a Public Relations position and he is going to appoint Bob Gustafson of Wahpeton to handle this area. Many of our state players and staff get recognized through different area's within NDAHA or USA Hockey and nothing is ever mentioned. With the P.R. Seat this individual can get the news to the local and state media for some well deserved recognition.**

Other things President Sonnesyn spoke on:

Vice President Greg Evenson to work as liaison with our Elites/Selects & TND Programs.

Bruce Rostad (Discipline Committee Chair) & Greg Evenson to be NDAHA liaison to the new ND Hockey Officials Association. Greg to be Executive contact. Bruce to be Discipline contact.

New program for Special Projects. "Presidents Cup" for 19U Girls & Jr Gold programs. The Section Leaders to work with Special Projects Coordinator & Committee. Transfer or move into new District in future.

Confirmation/Appointment of the following people to State Positions:

Gay Fiddler, RIC

Bob Gillen, CIC

Bob Gustafson, Risk Manager

Mike Wald, ACE Coordinator

Brett Stockert & Wade Storey, Player Development

Gary Splichal, Special Projects Coordinator

Bob Gustafson, Public Relations

Dave Duckworth, Hall of Fame Committee Chair

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New Affiliate Agreements need to be completed.

District Directors will be called on to assist with Affiliates to complete paperwork as needed.

****Splichal will work with each of the four district directors to make sure the Affiliate agreements are filled out correctly, the \$50.00 fee is paid, the \$10.00 Coaches' fee is paid, the cities web page information is updated and background Forms are all turned into the state.**

****President Sonnesyn asked if the revised 2005 spring meeting minutes are ready for the board to vote on tomorrow? Gillen and Splichal said not too many changes and they are as good as we are going to get.**

****President Sonnesyn is ready to appoint Dave Duckworth as the NDAHA Hall of Fame Committee Chairman. Dave will select a committee and start working on Criteria and getting information out to the communities to send in possible Candidates.**

****Scott Shafer discussed tournament Handbook. Shafer went through the Handbook and cleaned up and made a variety of additions and deletions. Motion by Evenson, Second by Colter to accept the Tournament Handbook with the Revisions made. MSC**

****Tournament Awards were discussed. Tripplett asked why local tournament \ Communities cannot have special awards given out? Shafer does not feel that we should give out any awards other than the USA Hockey Awards such as Playmaker, Hatrick and Zero Awards even though he does not like those either. Gillen discussed getting rid of the state trophies and just have a traveling trophy for each state tournament and then get individual awards for each player at all State tournaments. Shafer went over some bids he received for this year's state Tournament awards. Dower came in at \$170.86 per tournament for five trophies per tournament. He is also working on medals for the first and second place teams and is looking at USA Hockey's medals which are \$2.50 per medal. We may save \$800-\$900 in awards this year over last year.**

****The NDAHA Fiscal Year was discussed and a motion was made by Evenson, Seconded by Schafer to move the Fiscal Year to August 31st. MSC.**

****Gillen brought an item to the Executive Committee for consideration. The new Mandatory Helmet Policy that USA Hockey passed has a set of consequences set by the USA Hockey Youth Council that they would like their affiliates to use when enforcing the helmet policy. Here is what the NDAHA Coaches Section would like to include in the affiliate agreement.**

1st Offense: A written warning of the policy and sanctions that could occur if the Policy is not followed.

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2nd Offense: Two Game Suspension. At the option of the local suspending authority the offending coach may be allowed to practice with team during this suspension as long as he / she wore the helmet.

3rd Offense: As per bylaw 10. © Annual Guide. Notification on Helmet Policy violation pending a hearing by the affiliate or suspending authority – disciplinary hearing must be held within 7-days of notification of the violation. Suspension should not be for less than 30 days.

Motion to accept Helmet Policy Enforcement Regulations as presented by Coaches Section by Shafer, Second by Tripplett. MSC.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 p.m. Motion by Evenson, Second by Shafer. MSC