

**NDAHA Spring Affiliate Meeting  
Saturday, May 16, 2020  
Zoom Video Conference**

**Call to Order**

President Evenson called the meeting to order at 10:00am

**Roll Call**

**NDAHA Affiliates present:** Bismarck(809), Bottineau(120), Crosby(143), Devils Lake(157), Dickinson(436), Fargo Angels(95), Fargo Youth Hockey(1233), Grand Forks(723), Grand Forks Stallions(25), Hazen/Beulah(199), Jamestown(191), Langdon(148), Mandan(314), Mayport(83), Minot(457), Northstars(177), Northwood(78), Rugby(82), Valley City(134), Wahpeton(155), Watford City(253), West Fargo(773), and Williston(433).

**NDAHA Affiliates not present:** Cando(40), Manvel(41), and Sydney(141).

**NDAHA Board:** Greg Evenson, Betty Triplett, Jared Olson, Suzanne Fuchs, Terry Halstengard, Bob Bye, Chard Arendt, Matt Stockert, Keith Olson, Keith Holland, Greg Bender, Brian Bauman, David Hoff, Jay Marshall, Jay McClintock, Jerry Zachmeier, Jay Kleven, Tom Folske

Because of the unique setting of our meeting, we are going to try and limit our discussion per person to about five minutes.

**Agenda—Additions/changes**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda at this time.

**Fargo Force**

Cary Eades gave a presentation on Tier 1 Hockey or Junior Force and what they would like to do with NDAHA. This would not be for this fall (2020-2021) but possibly for the 2021-2022 season.

The goal is to have teams ready for the 2021-2022 season. They would also like to have two teams.

The purpose of creating a Tier 1 team is to provide an option for North Dakota players to play AAA hockey in state and not have to move/leave the state.

There are seven other teams in the USHL that have a junior Tier 1 team.

Jr. Force players will come from no more than 2 players from high school no more than 8 players per level can come from ND

No more than 6 players per age level can come from Minnesota

Will recruit players from all over the US and Canada

Jr. Force players will live at home or billet with area families

Schedule they will play the Under Armor league this will be a bus league so keep costs a little lower

High School no more than 2 players per age level in high school or their feeder school

No more than 8 players per age level total in the state, high school numbers would be included in this

Would not be a year-round season Labor Day through National Tournament(1<sup>st</sup> weekend of April)

Cost would be approximately between \$9,000-\$15,000 but more than likely on the lower end

If online schooling would practice every day play 50-70 games a year most games

Saturday/Sundays practice 1-2hours a day with on ice and off ice have an off weekend once every 6weeks

Operate similar to the junior hockey level

60-70% on road, 30-40% at home for games

## **NDAHA Reports**

### **Treasurer—Betty Triplett**

NDAHA Fiscal year is September 1 through August 31

Betty went over the Balance sheet that she had sent out to everyone

### **Registrar—Keith Holland**

7420 registered players and coaches. This number down about 300 from the previous year

This year 18-year olds had to fill out Safesport.

Background screening will be taken over by USA Hockey

Overall, everything is running pretty smooth with registration

See some coach to player ratios that are pretty high

### **Coach in Chief—David Hoff**

Will hold a call in the next week or two to discuss proposal that is being forwarded to USA Hockey. There are some changes being proposed to level 2, 3, & 4 coaching.

Spent a lot of time talking about what clinics may look like in the fall. Will some of the facilities be available for us to use in the fall with everything going on. Also, talking about the number of people that can be at some of these clinics. Will people feel comfortable coming back to a classroom setting in the fall. So, looking at holding some online coaching clinics for those that may not feel comfortable doing in person. There will be new budgets coming out due to the cash flow into USA Hockey having stopped because of Covid. Budgets may be a little tighter.

### **Youth Leagues—Matt Stockert**

2019-2020 felt like a grand success in the way leagues were made up and how we finished up the year with the state tournaments. State tournaments were competitive.

Will be contacting district directors to get their intentions for the 2020-2021 seasons. Will be sending reminders out.

### **Girls Leagues—Keith Olson**

The girls meeting was held on Friday, May 15, 2020. Set aside weeks for next year that may have jamborees or quadrant travel. Discussed the tournament rotation for next year, 2020-2021. Looking at Mandan for 12/14u tournaments and Langdon is a possibility for high school tournament.

There was a team picked to go to showcase in St. Louis. Though that did not happen due to Covid.

### **2020 State Tournaments/2021 Host Sites—Chad Arendt**

Overall, had really good state tournaments this year.

2021 host sites Jr. Gold in Fargo, BAA & A south B

### **NDAHA Hall of Fame—Bob Gillen**

Hall of Fame gets voted on at the Fall meeting

The paperwork to nominate a person for Hall of Fame is on the NDAHA website.

Bob was not on the call so President Evenson gave the update for the Hall of Fame.

### **Elections**

Terry Halstengard and Keith Holland were the nominating committee this year, 2019-2020. The nominations were as follows:

#### **President**

Matt Stockert

#### **Treasurer**

Betty Triplett

#### **Youth League Director**

Dallas Kuntz

#### **Girls League Director**

Keith Olson

Nominations for any of the four positions were asked for from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Terry Halstengard asked for a motion for Matt Stockert as President, Betty Triplett as Treasurer, Dallas Kuntz as Youth League Director, and Keith Olson as Girls League Director to be voted in. Jared McIntosh made a motion to vote on the candidates and Brian Bauman seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous and all four were voted into their respective appointments. The new Board will take over September 1, 2020.

President Evenson said thank you to everyone for their help/support over the past 10 years. He will continue on as a Northern Plains District Director with USA Hockey.

### **Player Development Updated—Grant Paranica**

Bit of a tough spring with us having to cancel the spring camp

Going ahead and working on fall programs

With Tier 1 & 2 boys, tryouts and a season have been scheduled

### **2020 Proposals—Rules & By-laws Committee**

#### **1. Safesport added to Affiliate Agreement—Evenson**

Langdon made a motion to discuss the proposal and Jamestown seconded the motion.

This proposal passed unanimously

#### **2. Class of Play Housekeeping—Kleven**

Minot made a motion to allow discussion of the proposal. Hazen/Beulah seconded the motion. The proposal was opened up for the discussion.

This proposal passed.

**3. Expands Fargo Angels Affiliate—Fargo Angels**

Harry from the Fargo Angels made a motion to change the order of the proposals and bring proposals 15, 14, and 6 up to the front of the proposal list. Minot seconded the motion. West Fargo brought up that we would need a 2/3 majority vote, if were to follow Robert's Rules of Order, in order to make this change since we had already approved the agenda as is. Fargo Youth Hockey and West Fargo Youth Hockey both said that they would not be able to vote on the Fargo Angels Affiliate agreement without first hearing proposals 3, 5, 6 & 14. President Evenson took a vote and more than 2/3 of the Affiliates voted to allow the agenda change.

Minot made a motion to discuss the proposal. Jamestown seconded the motion. Harry Woods from the Fargo Angels spoke about why the Fargo Angels wanted a full Affiliates agreement.

This proposal passed.

**4. Adds Association of School of Attendance Rule—Bye**

Fargo Youth Hockey made a motion to discuss the proposal. Northstars seconded the motion.

West Fargo Youth Hockey made a motion to amend the proposal as follows, This rule will be administered through the NDAHA waiver/transfer process as specified in Article 5-Class of Play, Section A-Players 9-Transfer Waivers and 10-Automatic Waivers. This is only applicable when more than one Affiliate shares the same physical geographic boundary as defined in the Affiliate agreements. Fargo Youth Hockey seconded the motion.

The added amendment did not pass, and the proposal also did not pass.

**5. Waivers—Holland**

Fargo Youth Hockey made a motion to discuss and vote on the proposal. West Fargo seconded the motion.

Keith Holland and Bob Bye both discussed the intent of this proposal. Harry from the Fargo Angels also added some discussion. His affiliate opposed this proposal based on the wording of preeminence of physical address.

Fargo Angels made a motion to strike the words preeminence of physical address and move the word or to follow girl's hockey as a grammatical change. Bottineau seconded the motion.

The amendment did not pass nor did the proposal pass by the Affiliates.

**6. Residency—Holland**

Fargo Youth Hockey made a motion to discuss/vote on proposal. BW Blades seconded the motion. Keith Holland discussed the proposal.

The Fargo Angels made a motion to amend the proposal with the following: North Dakota is a community-based amateur hockey program. NDAHA issues Association Affiliate Agreements to communities based on Public School Districts and other defining community characteristics. Players are to participate on teams within their local affiliate organization based on the physical property address of their custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the established affiliate boundaries as defined in the Association Affiliate Agreements issued by NDAHA. NDAHA may

require a local affiliate to provide supplemental school of attendance information of its participants. A participant's school of attendance is only applicable to participation in the proper local affiliate organization if specified in the Association Affiliate Agreement issued by NDAHA. It is the primary responsibility of the local affiliates to verify the legal addresses of all its participants, and school of attendance as applicable, prior to accepting that player's registration for the season. The local affiliate shall direct the player to submit a waiver request if they wish to play for a local affiliate other than their proper local affiliate. Waiver requests may be denied if an individual has repeatedly open-enrolled in different school systems without a change in physical address. NDAHA Residency Rules and Player Transfer and Waiver Procedures supersede all conflicting rules enacted by an organization affiliated with NDAHA. Minot seconded the motion.

The amendment to the proposal and the proposal both passed.

**7. Double Rostering Deadline—Kleven**

Fargo Youth Hockey made a motion to bring the proposal for discussion and vote. West Fargo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**8. Waiver Date Clarification—Holland**

Fargo Angels made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. Minot seconded the motion. Keith Holland talked about the intent of the proposal.

The proposal was voted on and passed.

**9. Stack-Tier Teams—Gregoire**

Jason withdrew his proposal and will work on setting up a new proposal for next year, 2021.

**10. Birth Date Cut off—Evenson**

West Fargo made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. The Northstars seconded the motion. The proposal was voted on and passed.

**11. AA League Housekeeping—Kleven**

Fargo Youth Hockey made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. West Fargo seconded the motion. There was one question about keeping the verbiage the same as Proposal 2. It was decided that the verbiage was okay as is. The proposal was voted on and passed.

**12. Youth League Tie Breaker—Arendt**

Langdon made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. West Fargo seconded the motion. The proposal was voted on and passed.

**13. State Tournament Pool Designation—Kleven**

Mayport made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. BW Blades seconded the motion. The proposal was voted on and passed.

**14. Add Super Tournament to Rotation—Arendt**

BW Blades made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. Hazen/Beulah seconded the motion. Bob Bye talked about the intent of the proposal. There was a question about amending the proposal to include PWAA. Hazen/Beulah made a motion to amend the proposal to include PW AA to be determined just like the Bantam AA. Valley City seconded the motion.

The amendment to the proposal and then the amended proposal were voted on and passed.

**15. District Director Elections—Bye**

West Fargo made a motion to discuss/vote on the proposal. Williston seconded the motion. Bob Bye discussed the intent of the proposal.

The proposal was voted on and did not pass.

**16. Jr. Gold League Bond—Evenson**

West Fargo made a motion to discuss/vote on proposal. Fargo Youth Hockey seconded the motion.

The proposal was voted on and passed.

**17. Jr. Gold Game Period Length—Jr. Gold League**

President Even asked to table this proposal until the Fall Meeting with the ability to withdraw the proposal. He would like to have some discussion on Sunday with the Board of Directors to see what we should do.

Northstars made a motion to table the proposal until the Fall Meeting. Fargo Youth Hockey seconded the motion.

The proposal was tabled until the Fall 2020 meeting.

**Fall Meeting—September**

The Fall meeting is normally held the second weekend of September. The thought would be to hold the meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2020 in Minot, if things have gotten better with the Covid Pandemic.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Valley City. Fargo Youth Hockey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4pm.