

NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
2021 FALL MEETING  
NDAHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021, 10:00AM  
RAMADA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

- A. Call to order – Pres. Stockert called to order at 10:01am
  - a. Roll call
    - i. Board of Directors – Matt Stockert, Jarrod Olson, Cassie Scheving, Betty Triplett, Brian Bauman, Chad Arendt, Greg Bender, Dallas Kuntz, Tyler Palmascino, Jay McClintock, Terry Halstengard, Don Walz, David Hoff, Greg Evenson, Thor Nelson, Zahui, Grant Paranica, Keith Olson
    - ii. Affiliates – Devils Lake, Grand Forks Youth Hockey, Langdon, Northstars, Northwood, Bottineau, Crosby, Minot, Rugby, Sydney, Williston, Fargo Youth Hockey, Jamestown, Mayport, Wapeton, West Fargo, Bismarck, Dickinson, Hazen/Beulah, Mandan, Grand Forks Stallions
- B. Minutes – Approval of 2021 BOD Spring Meeting Minutes
  - a. Discussion/Questions/Comments – none
  - b. Motion to approve – (1) Jarrod Olson, (2) Chad Arendt, all in favor, minutes approved
- C. Treasurer’s Report – Recommendation of Approval for Treasurer’s Report from Finance Committee
  - a. Recommendation to approve – (1) Jarrod Olson, (2) Don Walz, all in favor – Treasurer’s report approved
- D. New Business – Any new business will be added to Agenda
- E. NDAHA Reports
  - a. Treasurer – Betty Triplett
    - i. Sept 1 – Aug 31 fiscal year, P&L and balance sheet are for the previous fiscal year
    - ii. Finance committee
      - 1. Jay McClintock, Brian Bauman, Dave Hannaman, Jarrod Olson, Betty Triplett, Matt Stockert
    - iii. Scorebooks – see Triplett
    - iv. Invoiced Affiliates the \$50 fee so get those paid
    - v. Thanks Fargo, WF, and Wahpeton for paying electronically
  - b. NDAHA Hall of Fame – Bob Gillen
    - i. Distributed HOF committee meeting minutes and info on candidates for induction in HOF
    - ii. Two candidates, one was a hold over
    - iii. Brad Shock was 5-0 unanimous vote from committee in favor of induction
    - iv. Dennis Nybo was 5-0 unanimous vote from committee in favor of induction
    - v. Triplett questioned to add one more member to committee to add female member –Gillen indicated it’s a good question and can be discussed by the District Directors
    - vi. No questions

- vii. Vote – Brad Shock – all in favor; Dennis Nybo – all in favor
  - 1. Gillen and Stockert will notify Brad and Dennis
- c. North Dakota/NP District Coach in Chief – David Hoff
  - i. Stockert gave report
  - ii. Report consisted of one real matter – clinics are going to be delivered online again for coaching clinics, there will not be any in-person clinics in North Dakota this year, hoping to get back to those next year; coaches make sure to go online daily because clinics get posted frequently and they fill up fast; don't wait until last minute to find clinic that works; take information back to your associations to get registered quickly
  - iii. Darrin Voeller asked if coaches must sign up for clinics in ND
    - 1. Coaches can sign up for any coaching clinic for their level in any state
  - iv. No questions
- d. North Dakota Ref in Chief – Thor Nelson
  - i. Stockert gave report
    - 1. USAH rule change year
    - 2. Icing rule extended to all levels except Jr Gold and H.S. Girls
    - 3. Delayed offsides only for Jr Gold and H.S. Girls
    - 4. Penalty – all major penalties will carry a game misconduct as part of the penalty assessment
    - 5. Total number of penalties per game is 4 (individual) before player sits a game and 12 penalties (team) before coach sits a game – overtime does not change this rule
    - 6. These rules stay in effect through 2024 playing season (in effect for 4 years)
  - ii. Jarrod Olson recommends scheduling a little extra time at beginning of season as there may be more whistles during the game to educate everyone
  - iii. Educate players and parents so they know there is an automatic whistle
- e. ND Player Development Program Director – Grant Paranica
  - i. All teams are up and running and playing next weekend
  - ii. Schedule for NDAHA state player camp will be tentatively April 8-10, 2022; location TBD
- f. Northern Plains Hockey District – Greg Evanson
  - i. NP District has been active in new initiative USAH started years ago, ADM goaltending model
  - ii. ND increased number of goaltenders in district camp (little over 70), plus stand alone district camp in Dickinson (32 goaltenders)
  - iii. Have coaches from all 4 states in district
  - iv. Camp will be held August 2022 in Dickinson
  - v. Coach education is also part of this program – district is involved in getting bronze goaltending certifications in all 4 states
    - 1. Erik Woodbecky
    - 2. Jorid Dagfinrud will also be helping Erik to get around the state
  - vi. USAH level has 3 initiatives

1. Rules – it's a rules year so everyone is trying to get up to speed on these changes
  - a. Videos are released with these rule changes, a lot of affiliates are putting these videos as part of the parent's meeting
2. Player registration – ND doesn't have much of an issue with this, nor the USAH district; ND was number 1 in the country; most states around the country were down 50-60% than previous year
  - a. NY is having rinks coming online, which is good except now you have to be vaccinated or show negative COVID test
3. Governance with USAH has been a large topic
  - a. Congress has gotten involved and there is a mandate that 1/3 of all BOD has to be past players (USAH is a 90-member board, so need to have 30 players that are interested and have time to participate so now downsizing the board to fit this mandate)
- vii. NP District Player Development Camp was 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May in 2021 and will be in 2022 (5/19-5/22) – 3 rinks available
- g. Girls League Director – Keith Olson
  - i. Update on meeting previous night for Girl's league
  - ii. Went through leagues and tournaments; all info will be up on the web next week
  - iii. Keith Olson requested that rule changes get set up on main webpage to get the word out
- h. Youth League Director – Dallas Kuntz
  - i. PWB league has changed so everyone got a sheet at meeting that discusses the leagues and teams
  - ii. As soon as you have your league schedules get them to Jerry Zachmeier (Webmaster) so he can upload them on the website, get score sheets in also as soon as possible
- i. State Tournaments – Chad Arendt
  - i. State tournaments – currently posted on the website, get tournament director info to Chad Arendt so they can start the dialogue
    1. Jr Gold – Crosby
    2. 19U girls – Bismarck
    3. BAA and A – Bismarck
    4. B1 – VC/Jamestown
    5. BBG – GF
    6. BBS – Richland
    7. PWAA & B1 – GF
    8. PWA – DL
    9. PWB G – Williston
    10. PWB S – Mandan
    11. PWB B – Wahpeton
    12. 12UB – Watford City

13. 12UA and 14/15 – Minot

- ii. State tournament t-shirts are no longer the thing, you will now get a state championship banner, which mockups were circulated to the BOD; state tournament hats, stocking caps, and tuuk will also be given out to the championship team

j. Jr Gold League – Chad Arendt

- i. State tournament is in Crosby this year
- ii. Fargo is doing 16U team so schedule one game with them like last year

**k. Broke for discussion on rule changes – District Directors and Affiliates took 10-15 minute break to discuss these items**

l. SafeSport – Terry Halstengard

- i. One change is SS certification, a document needs to go out to each affiliate to sign and agree to adhere to SS procedure and need to get it into USAH – this will be an annual requirement going forward
- ii. SS certification for a different sport is NOT transferrable to SS certification in hockey
- iii. Triplett informed that a Director or Board Member that is not associated with an association or affiliate can have the fee for background check and SS certification reimbursed by NDAHA
- iv. Stockert informed that all volunteers and coaches in the program needs to have background check and SS certification completed and is most important

m. Registrar – Keith Holland

- i. Important dates to remind everyone
  - 1. Players on a roster – all players in ND need to be on a roster, it's a way of checking that someone is responsible for the player and someone has been screened; players need to be on roster before playing a game
  - 2. Before a coach has any contact with player the coach must be SS and background screened
  - 3. Rosters must be submitted before first game – if you submit at 5pm and game at 5:30pm then you are good
  - 4. Last day to be put player on a roster is Dec 15 – won't turn down player if new to state or new to play and want to play
  - 5. Coaches have until 12/31 to get CEP completed
- ii. If you are an affiliate registrar you can access online through the web portal
- iii. Players can only be on one team in ND with exception of dual roster
- iv. Equal draft or a line to school boundaries, so if you have 2 PW B team you will have to equally draft those or use school boundary lines
- v. Anyone on the ice must be coach or player only so get registered
- vi. You can move a level up but can't move two levels up (Squirt to Bantam), but can go Squirt to PW
- vii. Double roster requests have come in already

- viii. Tournament registration is done at NPDISTRICT.COM, there are 25-30 tournaments registered already, get those tournaments registered to be approved and sanctioned
- ix. You can have a hockey director be on a roster as an emergency coach, so long as they have all screenings, courses, modules, SS, etc completed then contact your DD and the state Registrar
- x. Emergency goalies can be approved by Registrar, general guidelines are a goalie from same or lower level
- xi. NOTES FROM KEITH will be sent by Stockert at next affiliate meeting
- n. President's Report – Matt Stockert
  - i. Holland and Stockert have been discussing the disabled end of the sport, getting that inside NDAHA bubble and how we organize that within the state of ND
    - 1. Looking at naming a Disabled Director
  - ii. Stockert has named himself as growth coordinator, this is huge in USAH right now because of how the pandemic affected youth hockey
    - 1. Stockert would like to name someone other than himself so anyone interested should reach out to Stockert
    - 2. Girl's league, adult league, etc

F. Old Business

- a. NONE

G. New Business

- a. USA Hockey Rules

- i. 304(g) USA Hockey recommends use of neck laceration protector
  - 1. NDAHA's stance in the past has been follow USA hockey as "recommended" but not require
  - 2. Motion to continue with this – (1) Triplett; (2) –Halstengard
    - a. All in favor; motion approved
- ii. 402 (note) Shorter penalty recommendations
  - 1. Feedback from DD's:
    - a. SW –Halstengard – PW to B leave at 2 minutes
    - b. NW – Bauman/Evanson – All leave at 2 minutes because no difference in period time (15 minutes)
    - c. NE McClintock/Palmo – keep same but move Bantams to 17 min periods – this should be looked at (or thought of making it an option, like if you run into a jam with ice time)
      - i. League games have to be consistent was discussed
      - ii. If your community goes 17 minutes for the whole season, not picking and choosing – Jarrod Olson
    - d. SE – Walz/Voeller – 10U 1.5 minute and everything else is sticking with what MN does for ease of referees and teams
  - 2. First item
    - a. Triplett moves to stay with 2 minutes for PW, Bantam, Girls above 10U
    - b. Bauman seconds

- c. All in favor, motion approved
  - d. 403, 404, 405 nothing will change for these recommendations
3. Second item
- a. Discussion on 17-min period for Bantam and 14 & 15U girls level from both Affiliates and BOD
    - i. Anyone extremely opposed to 17 minutes? No objections received
    - ii. This would make for long games especially with automatic offsides and icing
    - iii. This adds 6 minutes to allow the 4/12 penalty rule to occur
    - iv. MN rule is optional, but haven't seen any period less than 17 minutes
    - v. For some of the smaller clubs (Mayport mentioned) that field only 9-11 players, 6 minutes could be a lot
    - vi. If an option (like GF asked) want it to be an option and not mandate to see what it's like, want to see how this affects the length of a Bantam game
  - b. Motion – Bauman motioned that all BAA and BA for 2021-2022 seasons are 17-minute periods with 1 flood
    - i. Jarrod Olson seconds for discussion
    - ii. Wahpeton asks for all Bantams
    - iii. BB and BB1 have more penalties
  - c. SW – Terry – only reference to time is Jr Gold level, so his district says just leave things alone and leave the option for a community to play their game 15 or 17 minutes
    - i. Stockert cautions that if you use the 17 minutes then go across the board for a particular level to not open up a can of worms for your members
  - d. SE – Voeller – make 17 min periods for all bantam and 15U girls
  - e. NE – Tyler – leave it as is and allow communities decide
  - f. NW – 17 minutes across the board for Bantam and girls
  - g. Brian withdraws motion; no current motion on the table
4. Discussions need to be made prior to a game between program directors; State tournaments will remain at 15 minutes
- iii. 403(a) Provides option to pro-rate major penalty length
  - iv. 404 (note) Provides option to pro-rate misconduct penalty length
  - v. 405(a) Provides option to pro-rate match penalty length
  - vi. 501(a) Allows 4 official system for 14 & Under age classification
    - 1. Motion to approve that NDAHA allows
      - a. (1) Bauman, (2) Walz
      - b. All in favor that this CAN be used but doesn't make it a requirement

- b. 2022 Winter Board of Director Meeting – Sunday February 6, 2022, Rugby, ND Eagles Club
    - i. League governance, Boys, Girls, get together for state tournament seeding purposes – Triplett will make bars and soup, per Jarrod Olson’s request
- H. Adjourn
- a. Motioned – (1) Evenson, (2) Arendt
  - b. All in favor
  - c. Stockert closed meeting at 12:11pm