

**NDAHA 2020 Fall Meeting  
Saturday, September 12, 2020  
Meeting held via Zoom at 10am**

**Call to Order**

President Stockert called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

**Roll Call**

**Board of Directors:** Matt Stockert, Betty Triplett, Jerry Zachmeier, Suzanne Fuchs, Brian Bauman, Chad Arendt, Greg Bender, Dallas Kuntz, Jay Kleven, Jay McClintock, Terry Halstengard, Jared Olson, Bob Bye, Don Walz, David Hoff, Greg Evenson, Thor Nelson, Zahui, Grant Paronica, Keith Olson

**Affiliates** Devils Lake, Grand Forks Youth Hockey, Langdon, Northstars, Northwood, Bottineau, Crosby, Minot, Sydney, Williston, Fargo Youth Hockey, Jamestown, Mayport, Wahpeton, West Fargo, Bismarck, Dickinson, Hazen/Beulah, Mandan, Grand Forks Stallions

**Agenda** there were no additions to be added

**Minutes**

Jared Olson made a motion to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes from May 2020. Jay Kleven seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Treasurers Report—Betty Triplett**

Betty Triplett made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Terry Halstengard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**NDAHA Reports**

**NDAHA Hall of Fame—Bob Gillen**

There were two applications/nominations for the NDAHA Hall of Fame.

There are 45 members in the Hall of Fame.

Bob first discussed Julie Howatt as a nominee. He talked about how she was from Langdon and what her history with NDAHA Hockey was. Once Bob finished his discussion, he opened it up to other discussion. President Stockert than took a voice vote of the Board of Directors.

Everyone was in favor of voting Julie Howatt in to the NDAHA Hall of Fame.

The second candidate up for consideration was Brad Schaak. Again, Bob talked about how Brad was from Jamestown and what his history was with NDAHA Hockey. The floor was then opened to discussion. President Stockert than took a voice vote of the Board of Directors. There were four yes votes, 1 abstain, and 8 no votes. Brad Schaak did not get voted in.

### **USA Hockey ADM Goaltending Program—Eric Woodbeck**

Talked about 51 in 30. The goal is to have 51% of the minutes played in the NHL, NWHL, and Women's NCAA played by Americans by end of year 2030. Went over how USA Hockey hopes to accomplish this.

### **ND Hockey Officials Association—Thor Nelson**

Seminars for this season are starting the week of September 14, 2020. These seminars are going to be in person at this time but there is a back up for a virtual meeting if needed. Ice will not be mandatory for the officials this year, but it will be encouraged. Thor talked about how officials are needed across the board. So, he is asking for us to help recruit officials. Number one reason that officials are lost is because of verbal abuse.

### **North Dakota/NP District Coach in Chief—David Hoff**

All the coaching clinics will be virtual. There will not be any in person coaching clinics this year. David recommends being proactive on registering/attending virtual clinics.

Every coach this year has the option to obtain a temporary certification if they cannot make a meeting. They will be active in the meetings even though the meetings are virtual. The coaches need to participate and not just sit and listen.

### **ND Player Development Program Director—Grant Paranica**

14 teams playing in the fall leagues. The Tier 1 level had over 200 kids come to tryout. There are 2 girls' teams. One at 19u and one at 14u for a total of 38 girls.

Northern Plains has four teams. There are over 250 kids playing preseason hockey this year (2020-2021). Could still use some help with awareness of the program, as there are still parents/players that do not know about this program.

Tentative date for the spring player development program is April 9-11, 2021.

### **Girls League Director—Keith Olson**

Have everything in a good place for the girls starting the year

Had the girls meeting this morning (Saturday, September 12, 2020)

The league was more on task and better about sharing.

### **Youth League Director—Matt Stockert/Dallas Kuntz**

As of September 1, 2020 Dallas Kuntz is the new Youth League Director. However, intentions were due while Matt Stockert was still in the position. Leagues have been set up and look to be competitive. Communication will be key this year due to COVID-19.

Greg Bender PW B league, Chad Arendt B1 leagues, Jay McClintock will be Bantam B, Jerry Zachmeier will be girls, Matt/Dallas will take care of A/AA as league secretaries

### **2021 State Tournaments—Chad Arendt**

JR Gold SE-Fargo

Bantam AA SE- West Fargo, Bantam A SE- West Fargo, Bantam B1 NE- Grand Forks

Bantam B Gold Crosby, Bantam B Silver TBD, PW AA Minot, PW A Minot, PW B Gold SW-Bismarck, PW B1 Williston, PW B Silver SE-West Fargo, PW B Bronze-Grand Forks, 19u

Langdon, 12u/14u/16u Mandan

### **Jr. Gold League—Chad Arendt**

JR. Gold 9 teams with the possibility of a tenth team based on high school tryouts. Bismarck is unlikely to have a team. Decided not to do the jamboree because the numbers were high enough to drop it.

### **SafeSport—Terry Halstengard**

This year we went to having to do Safesport renewals every year. Background checks went to a national company. There is a committee that is overseeing all the red flags with the background checks. Stressed knowing Rule 10. The biggest thing is having an impartial committee. Try to find a committee outside of hockey. Last year an issue started about February with calls about not wanting a family in an affiliate's program. Start dealing with these issues from day one, even if it is taking notes and sending them a note asking them not to do something.

Physical harm/grabbing the kid, those should go to the police department and then it will come back to us.

### **Registrar—Keith Holland/Matt Stockert**

Player needs to be on a roster before the first game. Coach needs Safesport and background check before any player contact.

Rosters need to be submitted before the first game. Last day to register or be put on a roster is December 15, 2020. Coach must have current CEP by December 31, 2020. Players must be assigned to a team by December 15, 2020.

Any community with more than one team at a level must use equal draft or align to school boundaries. Any adult on the ice must be a fully registered coach. No volunteers on ice. Double roster requests must be presented to USA Hockey Associate Registrar for consideration.

Register tournaments at <https://www.npdistrict.com/page/show/985133-tournaments>

Must have a COVID-19 plan in addition to your rules attached to the application.

New this year only put coaches for the team on rosters, do not put hockey directors on any roster unless they are the primary coach for the team

Get your coaches registered early.

### **Presidents Report**

President Stockert had Jerry create a link on the website for each affiliate to fill out and update information on their Association. Would like to have this filled out by September 30, 2020. We do not want the same individual named for all the information. It is important to have different people helping. We would like the person doing Safesport just doing Safesport.

Jerry will then update everyone's team page once the information is submitted.

Affiliate fees will be invoiced by Betty and she should be sending those out shortly.

Scorebooks are \$9.50 a book. If affiliates need scorebooks, they should email President Stockert.

Reminders, 8u level is cross ice. There is no full ice being played for 8u. Four coaches are only allowed on a roster and those should be the only four on the bench. If not on the roster, you are not on the bench.

USA Hockey calls Uniform Procedures Act the same as Rule 10

Lots of questions about COVID-19 restrictions. Not a recommendation but requiring/asking Affiliates to follow the governing in their communities. Those restrictions for each community should be listed on the Affiliate's website so everyone knows.

## **District President Report**

President Stockert asked if Greg Evenson had any updates. He said everything is going well right now. Most communities are getting started back up. Northern Plains district numbers for registration are up compared to the nation.

## **Old Business:**

### **Jr Gold Period Length**

Jr. Gold will be going back to 20 minutes period lengths for 2020-2021 because it had been changed inadvertently to 17 minutes without any Board action/vote.

### **Super Tournament Update**

The committee will be working towards a reasonable solution/rotation that works for everyone.

## **New Business**

### **Interim Diversity & Inclusion Director—Djedje-Kossu Zahui**

Zahui interested himself to everyone on the Zoom call. He talked about himself and what he does and hopes to do in this position. Goal is to take all our suggestions to improve the game.

### **2021 Winter Meeting—February 14, 2021 Rugby, ND/back up plan is Zoom Meeting**

## **Adjourn**

Betty made a motion to adjourn. Jay Kleven seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

The NDAHA Executive Board stayed on after the Fall Meeting adjourned to discuss the rule change that happened due to Proposal 6.

## **Members Present**

Matt Stockert, Suzanne Fuchs, Betty Triplett, Jay Kleven, David Hoff, Keith Olson, Jared Olson, Greg Bender, Jerry Zachmeier, Brian Bauman, Jay McClintock, Bob Bye, Zahui, Chad Arendt, Don Walz, Terry Halstengard, Dallas Kuntz

If you have a double A team, then you must also have an A team. Are we going to allow Minot to have AA teams and no A teams? NDAHA Board and the Governance committee both forgot about the new rule change and ratified the teams as submitted. It was an honest oversight. Greg Evenson talked about how it was an honest mistake and just allow Minot to go forward as is. NDAHA acknowledges the rule changes from the Spring and admits we missed the rule change when we ratified the teams for the 2020-2021 season.

Jay Kleven made a motion to convene a special meeting to occur at 1pm on Sunday, September 27, 2020 for the specific meeting to permit an exemption to the A team requirement for Minot Hockey Boosters for the 2020-2021 season. Bob Bye seconded the motion. There were 14 votes in

favor and 0 votes against the motion.

An email needs to be sent immediately to the Board to serve as the notice for the 15 days. Suzanne needs to send the email to Matt Stockert and he will forward on to the Board of Directors.

Bottineau is going to try and promote hockey on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.