

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association  
2022 Open Forum/Affiliates/Board – Annual Meetings  
April 29, 30, & May 1, 2022 – Baymont by Wyndham Mandan, ND**

**“For the Good of Hockey”  
Friday, April 29, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

- I. Hockey in North Dakota General Discussion

**NDAHA AFFILIATE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING  
Saturday, April 30, 2022**

**Call to Order – 10:01 a.m.**

**Roll Call**

Completed – on separate sheet

**Agenda – Additions/Changes**

Stockert has 9 items added to the agenda – discussion items only

1. Discussion about game sheets
2. Scholarships
3. Marketing/content discussion
4. Adding federation girl’s director to BOD
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6. Bylaws discussion
7. Scheduling
8. Director reports
9. Spring meeting discussion overall

Motion to add 9 items to agenda – Betty motioned, Don Walz seconded  
Motion Approved

**Minutes – Approve Spring 2020 Affiliate Meeting Minutes**

Hazen motioned  
Mayport seconded  
Approved

**Financials Report**

Jarrod added to finance report, if curious and want audited to look at expenses, looking for motion to approve financial statements  
Minot motioned, seconded by Hazen  
Approved

Betty – ND legendary license plate, purchase it, it’s only \$25 and goes towards ND hockey

## **NDAHA Reports**

### Keith Olson – girls

Thanks to Jerry for keeping website up. Great season and state tourneys, very competitive. Items that would be nice for next year is work with teams and managers to get scores in, it's getting better but needs to keep improving. Affiliate scheduling all games and not cram for end of year, spread out league games really helps especially with weather challenges. Try to squeeze league games in at beginning of season as well. A lot of challenges to get season going with new league, but once leagues got going it was a great season.

### Dallas Kuntz – Youth League

Thanks to Jerry for the website work, he was on top of everything this year. Thanks to all the schedulers especially on the northern part of the state when it was buried in snow and getting those games rescheduled due to weather. If one thing we can look at next year, it wasn't cross state travel, it was with clubs in the same town or 60-80 miles away and coming to last week of the season, if we can schedule those earlier in the year you can also do weeknight games, but that is the most challenging this year were those games 80 miles or less away. Season went great for the boys, highly competitive, yes teams got moved around for state tournaments, but scores were awesome. 80-90% of the games were 1-3 goal differentials. Teams that were moved up a level fared very well. Board governance did very well to put those together. Reminder to watch our own teams and follow the rules, if a player gets 4 penalties, then they sit, no question and no handshake deal between coaches or teams. Make sure we are being honest and following the rules. July 15<sup>th</sup> are league intentions.

### Bob Gillian – HOF

Reminder to get candidate nominations in by September 1, all info is on website for getting those in.

### Jerry Zachmeier – IT, Website

Finishing up League Apps website, once it goes live it will be great.

### David Hoff – coaching

Thank the affiliates, two seasons ago we were going to each community and now Zoom format for teaching coaches. We will get back to some in-person sessions, but finances will be a big driving force to still use Zoom clinics. Asking for feedback from communities to see what are the positive and negatives about coaching clinics. Our district it's hard to get back to in-person when we can do it over two nights at home on Zoom. Can't go through the back door to get coaches certified, this is tougher and tougher. David expects Zoom clinics online this summer so let your coaches know. Continuing ed part is close, but 12/31/2024 is when the first group expires and will need continuing ed. Betty suggested clinic in conjunction with hockey tickets to UND, Force, Bobcats, Torros, etc. to entice coaches to attend.

### Terry Halstengard – SafeSport

This has been the best year by far as it comes to numbers. Director position has made a huge difference in a lot of towns to handle issues. Taking care of things in-house has been really good. Terry has had to deal with about 15 incidents as opposed to 35 in years past. Training and background checks will start on annual process. Hockey IQ is supposed to have all of your

credentials and when you need your next level of background checks, CEPs, etc. You will get email from USA Hockey that you are due, but don't rely solely on that email, check your status. Dealing with the problem family in your program (we have two of them). Notes were taken, letters sent all season, all documentation to support what has been happening all season long. Rule 10 is pain in the butt and many situations we have settled out with an admission and a couple games suspended instead of Rule 10 where it will be formal. SS oversees USA Hockey and Olympic stuff. Terry's opinion was they were a joke, but this year they are the real deal, the power they have as they are a federal organization. They have way more power than anyone should have is Terry's personal opinion. SafeSport is starting to do audits so they will come in and start auditing to make sure paperwork is done. When Terry sends you requests, please do that immediately. Don't get yourself in trouble saying you have a couple parents on ice moving cones, make sure they are SS certified.

#### David Duckworth – Discipline

Last year 7 match penalties, this year there were 8. Big changes are going 5-4 penalties and 15-12 for team. Still have issues with parents and fans. Match penalties David handled everyone of them appropriately. Jerry will work on a few things to make the paperwork process easier. There have been glitches this year but working on that. There needs to be a way to report a fan ejection, right now you have to report as a coach or player and then in the description you have to put THIS IS NOT A COACH.

#### Stockert - Junior Gold (Chad Arendt)

Plan for upcoming season is 10 teams, Dickinson may have one, conversation there will be one in West Fargo, Fargo will probably have one. MN hockey meeting on Junior Gold side it is huge, it was interesting to hear at the MN meeting.

#### Stockert – Player Development (Grant Paranika)

Great HP camp couple weeks ago in Grand Forks, almost 450 participants. Fun weekend, players and kids alike. Invitation to that camp for the district camp so those players will get invited to district camp. NIT team is playing, they are 1-1 right now. Team ND tryouts in May and held in West Fargo this year. A lot of players are interested in pursuing this opportunity. 18Us participate 3 weeks and possibly 4 in the MN elite league. Year 2 as member of MN High School elite league. Should have 14 tier 1 and tier 2 again, a 16U team. Not many 19U girls sign up but usually piece that together for the fall. Northern Plains hockey league will be an option.

### **2023 State Tournament Host Sites**

Junior Gold – Stallions

Combine 19U and Junior Gold tournaments in same location as possibility

#### Super tournaments

Jr Gold/19U girls – Stallions

BAA - Bismarck

BA – WF

BB1 – GF

BB Gold – Richland

BB Silver – WF

BB Bronze – WF

PW AA/B1 – Grand Forks  
PWB – Bis/Man

15U – GF  
12UA – GF  
12UB – Devils Lake

**\*\*Get official tourney schedule from Matt's spreadsheet**

Motion to approve state tournament schedule  
Devils Lake motioned  
Darrin Voller seconded  
All in favor  
Motion passed

Minot will be Jr Gold and 19U host next year

### **Elections – None/Off Election Year**

No elections this meeting, this is an off year

### **2022 Proposals**

*Proposal I – League Game Requirement – Kuntz, Bauman, Olson, Stockert*

No discussion  
Devils Lake motioned, Bismarck seconded the motion  
No discussion  
Motion passed

*Proposal II – Team Placement 1 – Bauman*

Bauman Strikes this proposal

*Proposal III – Team Placement 2 – Bauman*

Discussion – Dallas started the conversation that the landscape is changing, GF 7 or 8 team at B shouldn't be playing Langdon or Crosby. Some of these small towns have 3-4 players A quality and 3-4 at B1 quality, then you should not be a B team, they should be B1. Couple communities aren't here today at the meeting, they should be here to state their opinion. May need to see how we structure the B leagues to make it competitive. David Duckworth said there were 3 leagues many many years ago. People making decisions likely haven't seen B games and are new to this. It would be good to get some B teams scheduled to see what the gap looks like so you can move teams around should it be needed. Dallas suggested educating affiliates in league intentions and placing teams.

Proposal failed overall and the board will discuss something creative to try and resolve these issues.

*Proposal IV – Team Rep – Halstengard*

There needs to be a third line item to table a proposal for discussion. Terry put this proposal out there for discussion. People don't host tournaments to be a babysitter for other parents. Parent behavior is absolutely ridiculous. Keith Olson suggested putting a subcommittee together to discuss how to handle parents conduct and consequences. What NDAHA is doing now is not working. Jason Schuler did not agree with penalizing the player, player isn't responsible for parent. Hazen/Beulah said if parent is a problem in the rink they are a problem at home and mental health of the player is important and could make it worse. Proposal failed.

### Additional items from Stockert

1. Game sheet discussion – everyone remembers live scoring through SE, but Game Sheet is way more in depth. Changing over from SE to League Apps, Jerry and Stockert will look at the league functionality and backup will be Game Sheets. There is a cost to it and Stockert will look to the board to discuss and decide. No more than \$15,000 for this function. That topic will be brought forward today with the Board. This is for state league games only. Brad Lucke – any alternatives? Stockert doesn't know. Rink Rider is what Stockert uses for Jamestown High School. But you will need a computer or iPad for this. No other options but iPad or IOS, can't use phones or other devices.
2. Scholarships – present idea to Board. Stockert would like to have NDAHA give away annually 4 scholarships (one Jr Gold, one 19U, one for federation boy, one for federation girl), asking board to form scholarship committee to come up with the details of the scholarship.
3. Marketing/Content discussion – Stockert is pushing forward with a young lady to take marketing of ND hockey to a bigger level. Not taking enough advantage of social media and resources we can have on tv, news, etc. Conversations with the lady have been good, she's excited about it, more detail with the board.
4. Federation girls/federation boys director – gap between NDAHA and top level hockey at federation side is missing communication, so would like someone on each side to come on the board to keep that line open.
5. Bylaws discussion – will be talking about these again.
6. Scheduling – If we don't do something about this then likely next year we will have one person that does all league scheduling. Stockert will likely have the word “mandatory” to make the scheduling meeting mandatory. Stockert believes if we get 96% attendance of schedulers at the Sept meeting it will go well.
7. Director reports – Stockert will request that before Spring affiliate meeting they will have report to Stockert one week in advance so he can get that out.
8. Spring meeting discussion – Stockert wants to blow up the spring meeting, big banquet Friday night, award ceremonies, scholarship awards, then Saturday the affiliate meeting and then Sunday board meeting. Need more people at the “good of hockey” meeting on Friday nights so wine and dine the folks to increase attendance.
9. Rotate fall and spring meetings around districts. Fall Meeting Minot, Spring Meeting Grand Forks \*first weekend in May always

**Fall Meeting – September 16, 17 & 18, 2022 – Site Minot (scheduling meeting)**

**Adjournment**

Fargo Angels motioned  
Hazen/Beulah seconded  
Adjourned 1:04pm