

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2024 Affiliates & Board - Annual Meetings
May 11, 2024 - Baymont by Wyndham Jamestown, ND**

**2024 NDAHA AFFILIATE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
Saturday May 11, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order – President Matt Stockert called meeting to order at 10:05 AM

II. Roll Call - Affiliates

Bismarck
Bottineau
Devils Lake
Dickinson
Fargo Angels
Fargo
Grand Forks
Hazen
Jamestown
Mandan
Mayport
Minot
Northstars
Richland
Rugby
Valley City
West Fargo

**Absent – Cando, Crosby, Grand Forks Stallions, Langdon, Manvel, McKenzie County, Northwood, Williston

Board Members Present:

Matt Stockert
Jarrod Olson
Cassie Scheving
Terry Halstengard
Leif Mattson
Brian Bauman
Greg Bender
Tyler Palmiscno
Dean Thompson
Darrin Voeller
Don Walz

Mike Parnell

**Absent – Betty Triplett

Other Directors Present

Greg Evenson

Bob Gillen

Chad Arendt

Scott Berge

**Absent – Dallas Kuntz, Keith Olson, Grant Paranica, Keith Holland, Jerry Zachmeier, David Hoff, Thor Nelson

III. Agenda – Additions / Changes

IV. Minutes - Approve Spring 2023 Affiliate Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from affiliate district meetings were provided to affiliates by email prior to the meeting. Devils Lake motioned to approve minutes, Minot seconded, all in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

V. Treasurers Report – Approve Financials

Financials were provided to affiliates by email prior to the meeting. Jarrod Olson motioned to approve financials, Greg Bender seconded, discussion had regarding financial reporting time period and year-over-year comparisons, all in favor, none opposed, financials approved.

VI. NDAHA Reports

- Treasurer – Betty Triplett: no discussion.
- Safe-sport – Terry Halstengard: The 2023-2024 season was challenging, a lot of parent complaints. Terry advised affiliates to get matters taken care of within their affiliate, get coaches under contract to mitigate disputes, offer hearing unless resolved informally without a hearing and sign off with discipline if no hearing, and each affiliate should have a disciplinary committee and hearing panel.
- Player Development – Grant Paranica: no discussion.
- Diversity & Inclusion – Scott Berge: Discussed USA Hockey training for parents and players – not required nor recorded and is not a substitute for required training for coaches.
- Growth – Scott Berge: Discussed an Adult Hockey State Tournament (men's and women's). Berge started contact list and reaching out to contacts. Register through USAH and no fee other than USAH. If already registered as a coach or volunteer, you don't have to register again. NDAHA will fully fund and support the first year. Future possibility for NP tournament and nationals.

- Discipline – Matt Stockert: Stockert announced that Scott Berge would be taking over the position of Discipline Director.
 - i. Standing Appeal Committee – Stockert discussed putting together a standing appeals committee, he already has a few names of those interested.
- Hall of Fame – Bob Gillen: All four members of the HOF committee are interested in continuing. Stockert reappointed Bob as the HOF Chair. Bob discussed the four candidates from last years nominations will be or has been inducted. Nominations are now open until September for this years inductions.
- Youth Leagues – Dallas Kuntz: Stockert discussed league play overall and the qualifications process for play-in games went well and recommends continuing this process of play-in games for state.
- Girls Leagues – Keith Olson: Stockert discussed the league make up is unknown at this time. Swing weekends will be held Dec 21-22 and Jan 24-26. High School jamboree will be held Feb 7-9 and 12u jamboree will be Feb 12-14. Would like girls state tournament on east side of the state.
- Junior Gold – Chad Arendt: Coaches would like standard 10-minute warmup to be utilized across the league. State for Jr Gold will be held in Minot for 2025.
- 2024 State Tournaments – Chad Arendt
State tournaments went well, a lot of overtime and close games. Play-in games were competitive.
- 2025 State Tournament Dates / Host Sites – Chad Arendt
 - i. Discussion to have three weekends of state tournaments (2/28, 3/7, 3/14). High School state hockey is in Grand Forks the first weekend of March in 2025. Minot motioned to run Jr Gold/H.S. Girls, BAA, and BA the weekend of 2/28, all Peewees the weekend of 3/7, and girls, Bantam B1 and Bantam B the weekend of 3/14, Hazen seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
 - ii. Discussion to combine Jr Gold and Girls H.S. state tournament in Minot. Hazen motioned to combine Jr Gold and Girls H.S. state tournament in Minot, Minot seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
 - iii. Host Sites and Dates
 1. Jr. Gold – Minot 2/27-3/1
 2. Girls HS/19u – Minot 2/28-3/2
 3. BAA/BA – Grand Forks 2/28-3/2. Discussed moving from SE district to Grand Forks for ND State H.S. Federation Hockey, Grand Forks and SE district accepted this move.
 4. BB1 – West Fargo 3/14-3/16. Discussed moving from NE district to West Fargo, both accepted this move.
 5. BB Gold – Richland 3/14-3/16

6. BB Silver – SW TBD 3/14-3/16
7. PWAA/PWA – NW TBD (either Williston or Minot) 3/7-3/9
8. PWB1 – SW TBD 3/7-3/9
9. PWB Gold – Grand Forks 3/7-3/9
10. PWB Silver – Grand Forks 3/7-3/9
11. PWB Bronze – NW TBD 3/7-3/9
12. 12u and 15u – SW TBD 3/14-3/16

Minot motioned the above 2025 State Tournament Dates and Host Sites, Valley City seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

- Any other Director Reports
 - i. Greg Evenson – Discussed wanting to enhance player development camp and national camp.
 - ii. Coach in Chief – Discussed coaching courses start July. CE courses for level 4 and 5 starts now.

VII. Elections –

- Vice President – Olson: Jarrod expressed interest in re-running for the VP position with no opposition. Recommendation going to the board to ratify.
- Secretary – Scheving: Cassie expressed interest in re-running for the Secretary position with no opposition. Recommendation going to the board to ratify.
- District Directors – Results from District Meetings - SE Voeller – NE Palmiscno – SW Open – NW Bauman
 - i. Appointments made by President in NE & SE District
 1. NE – Dean Thompson
 2. SE – Mike Parnell

VIII. 2024 Proposals

- All four proposals will be discussed and voted on as each proposal was tabled during one or more of the district meetings, so a final percentage wasn't attained for pass or fail.
- State Tournament Rotation – Hazen motioned to Chad's state tournament rotation proposal, Northstars seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Fighting Game Misconduct – Chad discussed the proposal, there were 35-40 fighting penalties from all levels, there is already a penalty in place, and this would add to the current penalty. Discussion had about relying too much on refs to call a "fighting" penalty. Proposal dies on the floor.
- Code of Conduct Board of Directors – Discussion had that USAH has code of conduct already. Proposal dies on the floor.
- Contact Info – Proposal withdrawn on the floor.

IX. Stockert Updates

- State Player Development Camp completed and Northern Plains Player Development Camp this next weekend. Team ND Tryouts completed and invites going out now.
- Discussed Tier 1 year-round program proposal from Harry Wood and outcome of arbitration. Stockert discussed needing to make plans to move forward, ideas and information sharing: Change the way NDAHA does things now or solicit proposals from others.

X. Fall Meeting – Saturday, September 14th, 2024, Location TBD

XI. Adjournment – Minot motioned to adjourn, Devils Lake seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:59pm.

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II. Roll Call – Directors

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Greg Bender
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III. Agenda – Additions / Changes

Standing Committee, Player Development, Wahpeton, Adult Hockey, Jr Gold 3v3 overtime, Game Misconduct 3rd Party Review.

IV. Minutes - Approve Winter 2024 Board of Director Meeting Minutes & Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from Winter 2024 BOD Meeting, and March Special Meeting were provided to Directors by email prior to the meeting. Brian Bauman motioned to approve minutes, Terry Halstengard seconded, all in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

V. Treasurers Report – Approve Financials

Financials were provided to Directors by email prior to the meeting. Greg Bender motioned to approve financials, Jarrod Olson seconded, discussion had regarding breaking down reports and sending them out to review. Matt will work on this task with Betty. All in favor, none opposed, financials approved.

VI. Elections – Ratify

- Brian Bauman motioned to ratify the election of Jarrod Olson to Vice President position and Cassie Scheving to Secretary position to start their new terms September 1, 2024, Palmisco seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- Jarrod Olson motioned to ratify the district directors elected by affiliates and the two appointments by Stockert, Brian Bauman seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. Stockert discussed process of appointing Dean Thompson and Mike Parnell and that it's based off interest and recommendation by district directors and not just a unilateral appointment by Stockert.

VII. 2025 State Tournament Ratification

- Dean Thompson motioned to ratify the state tournament dates and host sites as presented and approved in the Affiliate Meeting, Brian Bauman seconded, all in favor, motion passed as follows:
 - i. 4 weekends of state tournaments (2/28, 3/7, 3/14): Jr Gold/H.S. Girls, BAA, and BA the weekend of 2/28; all Peewees the weekend of 3/7; and girls, Bantam B1 and Bantam B the weekend of 3/14.
 - ii. Jr Gold and Girls H.S. state tournaments will both be held in Minot.
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VIII. 2025 State Tournament Structure

- Discussed state tournament structure and limiting number of teams in state for PeeWee and Bantam levels. 2023-2024 season only BAA and BA had limited number of teams in state, with play-in games to qualify. Directors discussed the positive impact and the keep this structure and expand to more levels of Bantams and include PeeWees. Discussed possibly including Jr Gold, Chad Arendt suggested needing to discuss with Jr Gold coaches. Discussed whether to include girls, but JV may come into play which will change the landscape of these teams. Bauman motioned to expand PWB1 and higher levels, and BB1 and higher levels to have play-in games for state and limit the number of teams, Tyler Palmiscno seconded, discussion had and Leif Mattson motioned to amend to not include PWB1, further discussion had, Brian Bauman amended the motion back to his original motion to include PWB1 and further added to the motion as follows: PWB1 would have 12 teams qualify for state, PWA would have 8 teams qualify, PWAA would have 4 teams qualify, BB1 would have 8 teams qualify, BA would have 8 teams qualify, and BAA would have 4 teams qualify for state tournament. Dean Thompson seconded the motion, no further discussion was had, all in favor EXCEPT Terry Halstengard and Leif Mattson.

IX. 2024 Proposals

- State Tournament Rotation – Brian motioned to ratify Chad Arendt’s proposal to continue the state tournament rotation schedule in the Rules and Regulations, Greg Bender seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- All other proposals either died on the affiliate floor or was withdrawn prior to the Board of Director’s meeting.

X. Agenda Items Added

- Board Registration with USAH: Brian Bauman discussed requiring all affiliate board members to register through USAH. Bauman motioned requiring all affiliate board members to register through USAH as a volunteer and complete the requirements of a background check and SafeSport certification and submit completion of each board member by October 1st of each year to the affiliate’s respective district director. Teams of the affiliate board that have not completed and submitted proof of completion to the respective district director by the deadline will be unable to play in league games until completed. If a board member is also a coach and the coach has completed the registration, background check, and SafeSport then that is sufficient for this requirement. Terry seconded the motion, no further discussion was had, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- Adult Hockey: Discussed whether NDAHA is ok with hosting or sponsoring a “beer league” and discussed how players would register when ND is

community based. Scott Berge will research this question.

- Wahpeton: Breckenridge is now accepted in the MN to qualify for state tournament. ND players are still able to play hockey in ND.
- Discipline Committee: Terry Halstengard motioned to approve a standard hearing committee for disciplinary matters, Brian Bauman seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- Tier 1 and Development: There is a standing committee in USAH to try and standardized tier 1 hockey and define what it is. More to come on this in the future.
- Jr Gold 3v3 overtime: Chad Arendt discussed the request from the Jr Gold members to have 5-minute 3v3 overtime for regular season games to speed up the games. Chad will put together a recommendation for fall meeting for all levels.
- Jr Gold Refs/State: Chad discussed the pay for refs at Jr Gold State Tournament are really low, Chad received a lot of pushback. Chad will ask Thor what rates are being requested and the Board will discuss.

XI. Fall Meeting – Saturday, September 14th, 2024, Location TBD

XII. Adjournment – Greg Bender motioned to adjourn, Dean Thompson seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:58pm.