

North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2023 Annual Spring Affiliate Meeting May 6, 2023
Canad Inn Grand Forks, ND
MEETING MINUTES

2023 NDAHA AFFILIATE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING Saturday May 6, 2023 ~ (will break for lunch at 12:30pm)

- Call to Order – Pres. Stockert called meeting to order 10:04 am
- Roll Call
 - Affiliates present
 - Bismarck
 - Bottineau
 - Crosby
 - Devils Lake
 - Dickinson
 - Angels
 - Fargo
 - GF Stallions
 - GFYHA
 - Hazen
 - Langdon
 - Mandan
 - Mayport
 - Minot
 - Northstars
 - Rugby
 - Sidney
 - Valley City
 - Wahpeton
 - West Fargo
 - Williston
 - Affiliates ABSENT
 - Cando
 - Jamestown
 - Northwood
 - Manvel
 - Watford City
 - Board of Directors/District Directors present
 - Matt Stockert - President
 - Jarrod Olson – Vice President
 - Cassie Scheving - Secretary
 - Betty Triplett - Treasurer
 - Dallas Kuntz – Youth Section Director
 - Keith Olson – Girls Section Director
 - Chad Arendt – Jr Gold Section Director
 - Tyler Palmiscno – NE District Director
 - Jay McClintock – NE District Director
 - Terry Halstengard – SW District Director
 - Don Walz – SE District Director

- Greg Bender – NW District Director
 - Brian Bauman – NW District Director
 - Other NDAHA Support Positions present
 - David Hoff – Coach in Chief
 - Grant Paronica – Player Development Director
 - Keith Holland – Registrar
 - Jerry Zachmeier – Webmaster
 - ABSENT
 - David Duckworth – Discipline Director
 - Thor Nelson – State Referee-in-Chief
- Agenda – Additions / Changes
 - President topics are added at the very end
 - Redistricting – Minot requested (will be placed after State Tourney host sites)
- Minutes - Approve Fall 2022 Affiliate Meeting Minutes
 - Everyone received copy of Fall 2022 meeting minutes prior to the meeting
 - Motion to approve – Hazen motioned, Minot seconded, no further discussion had, all in favor, motion passed and minutes approved
- Financials –
 - Everyone received copy of PL and Balance Sheet prior to meeting
 - Motion to approve – Northstars motioned, Dickinson seconded, no further discussion had, all in favor, motion passed and minutes approved
- NDAHA Reports
 - Director Reports from those in attendance
 - Thor (Ref in Chief) provided update and report via paper that everyone received prior to meeting
 - Keith Holland (registrar report) – ND lost 423 members (players and coaches) this past year, total members were 8598 this past year
 - Coach to youth ratio is also measured, we were flat, 7.5 players per coach, overall good coach participation, there are communities that are struggling for coaches as well
 - 47 sanctioned tournaments and registration for next season should be open on Northern Plains District site in August, there will be a link in Keith’s report that he will send out
 - Communities that hold tourneys year after year so if you want to change or add then you need to talk to Keith about that
 - Disabled hockey season - Prairie Grit that registered this year (Minot)
 - Took steps in last couple of years to set Sled Hockey and Warrior Hockey to get set up, the affiliate is ND Hockey so if a group of individuals that want to do a team then get in contact with NDAHA so they are registered under the right registration codes
 - Hope Inc is another team that is out of Moorhead/Fargo
 - Looking ahead – if community is having change with registrar then call Keith and talk to him, the online portal should be able to allow you to change the registrar so you can register your team. The registrar is the only one to have access

- Team side has not changed, the max number on any team is 20 players only
- Play up and play down has not changed, can't play down so 16 yo can't play on 14 yo team, we can work on that if there are questions
- Rec hockey and flex hockey is another option that can be run in your community if the player(s) aren't ready to travel
- Background screens every 2 years, get on that early, also for SS and USAH modules
- David Hoff (Coach in Chief) – not a lot of changes coaching wise. Proposal a while ago that leadership wanted to control everything and have ZERO in person clinics, but finding ways to navigate around and through this. Season went well overall not much complaint or issues received through the year. Summer clinics are available so take those now so you don't have to worry about it this fall. Anything now through Dec 31 is good through next season. CE is required for Level 4 coaches. USAH cannot track a level 4 course taken by someone and to apply to your profile. If you have questions, need help within your association, please reach out and David will work to help and do what is needed. CE modules are outsourced to a separate accrediting body that puts on the CE courses (mental health, nutrition, etc)
- Grant Paranica (Player Development) – recap the year – HP camp finished up in April in GF, had 590 players attend, 36 coaches around the state, largest camp held thus far, Team ND just finished, NIT team finished in April in Plymouth – team did well and in championship 4th time in 5 years, America Showcase girls team finished in St Louis, pre and post season programs Team ND spring and fall 120 boys with 14 coaches, 4 girls teams with 80 players and 7 coaches, 7 teams qualified and participated in national tournament this year. Bringing in some young coaches and growing that. NPHL fall Bantam league, NPHL high school league. Events coming up: Team ND tryouts in Fargo, adding 13U category and 16UHP team and a girls 16UHP team due to better numbers in those age groups. Going to need a couple more coaches, let Grant know so they can start building those rosters. NP Camp is held in GF in May. Goalie camp is August in Dickinson. Tier 2 event for girls will be held in GF this fall.
- Terry Halstengard – SafeSport – My hockeyHQ should have all of your info and courses updated. Proposal 2 is already in NDAHA's bylaws so affiliates need it in their bylaws. USAH is working on a template to settle things out of court and not use Rule 10. Appeals must always use Rule 10. Locker room monitors – a lot of states are looking at putting fines in place if there is an incident and no monitor is in place. Programs need to figure out what to do and how to do it to monitor players. Rule still is arm length away from the door. Error on the side of caution. We had 32 cases in ND for 2022 season.
- Chad Arendt – Jr Gold – 10 teams this year, Langdon won state this year.
- Keith Olson – Girls league – really good winter for girls hockey, fewer emails, only issue was the weather issues and rescheduling. Jerry's help with the website has been very valuable. NDAHA helped send girls and boys to St Louis and it was a good trip. Cost of transportation during the week is the biggest concern, may have to look for additional funds next year. Fall district event coming up Oct 13-15, spring event had to be cancelled due to weather. This year we have 4 girls leagues. 14U leagues are no longer in neighboring states.
- Dallas Kuntz – youth leagues – 110 youth league teams this year, that's a 20-25% increase, overall everyone placed their teams in leagues that were good, a couple teams

petitioned down and none of those were denied this year since the rule of rostering a B1 if you only have one team. Due to the growth of the program as a whole, there are several proposals coming up due to the changes and growth but we like those conversations and it's necessary. Intentions are due July 15, this is hard and understandable but do your best and put some time in doing research in what kids are doing and reach out to them and see where you will be at for the season.

- Bob Gillen – Hall of Fame – Bob provided information for members to pick up during lunch break. Class of 2022 induction ceremonies – Dean Wilson and Greg Evenson in Fargo. Betty elected to do her ceremony tomorrow. Serge Gambucci should have been done in the 70's but his daughter will be present at the ceremony during a RR/Central game this fall/winter. Julie Hall will be doing hers at some point. One nomination received already and Bob is working on a few other names as well. This person does not have to be a NDAHA person, it can be anyone you feel is deserving please get nominations in, website has all the info and criteria. Joc and Monique Lamoureux are who Bob is working on, they were recognized by USA Hockey and UND. Stockert submitted David Hills.
- 2024 State Tournament Host Sites
 - Table this discussion as it ties into the discussion that it has with some of the proposals.
- Redistricting – added agenda item
 - Bauman discussed the need to discuss redistricting the state tournaments. Affiliate and member count is big, there needs to be a way that affiliate in each district has some sort of say, so if it means making larger affiliates redistrict to allow for more affiliates have more than a 1% vote in their district. Suggesting to move forward and come up with a plan for next Spring meeting for affiliates to see and have a discussion on. IE make Fargo it's own district and everyone else in their own district so not one affiliate can carry a vote. Sounds like a committee is needed. It can be number based or East/West or something. Brian is chairing it up. Mayport is in to help with the committee, Angels, West Fargo
- 2023 Elections
 - Announcement of SW, NW, NE & SE District Director Elections
 - SW – Terry Halstengard was re-elected, Chad Miller just resigned this past week as SW director effective immediately so Stockert will appoint someone for the open seat
 - NW – Greg Bender was re-elected
 - SE – Don re-elected, Jeff Nygaard took third seat
 - NE – Jay elected to not re-run for his position and Jessie Close was elected
 - Jay McClintock was awarded a plaque for his many years of service with NDAHA, he will still sit on committees and will be league secretary at the Bantam B league and boys governance
 - President ~ Treasurer ~ Girls Section ~ Junior Gold ~ Youth League
 - Nominations for each – all positions are unopposed, single runners
 - President – Stockert will re-run
 - Treasurer – Betty will re-run
 - Girls Section – Keith will re-run
 - Junior Gold – Chad will re-run
 - Youth League – Dallas will re-run
 - State Tourney Stats 2023

- All state tournaments that took place this year there were 16 total tournaments, total games 253 over the course of 2 weekends, 88 games played that were 1 goal difference, with 1 game with 14 goal difference.

2023 Proposals ~

- Proposals 1 through 5 ~ Proposal 6 – Withdraw ~ Proposals 7 through 10 ~ Proposal 11 – Withdraw ~ Proposals 12 through 21
 - Stockert sent a recap to the board on Tuesday of this past week outlining how Stockert was going through the proposals.
 - **Proposal 1** – school of attendance (Fargo, WF, Angels) – up for discussion but should only be discussed by the 3 affiliates this proposal involves so that will be the route the board goes with this proposal.
 - Stockert requests motion for proposal 1 is continued to talked about between the three affiliates and a few board members to meet collectively and discuss this proposal – Minot motions, Dickinson seconded, no further discussion had, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed
 - **Proposal 2** – refuse membership
 - Falls under threshold for discussion, Zach/Mike discussed the proposal – a lot of the issues they had in their organization with parents, etc, just to have support from NDAHA and have as a talking point
 - Article IV Section 2 – forfeiture and suspension language is already included in NDAHA bylaws and each individual affiliate should have similar language within their local affiliate bylaws.
 - Motion to pull Proposal 2 – Fargo Youth Hockey motioned, Minot seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
 - **Proposal 3** – affiliate fee increase (this passed but Stockert wanted to talk about it because it deals with money)
 - Stockert opened for general discussion even though it passed as is, Terry said SW wanted to know that the money will be earmarked for something, Bauman would like it soon to be earmarked for gate fee attendance for state tournaments, Fargo wanted to know if more money can be given to state tournament hosts.
 - On the spreadsheet that was provided, Stallions need to be added with \$50 fee.
 - Jeff suggested from budgetary standpoint we should spend more money instead of continue to increase income such as transportation issues for tournaments in St Louis, etc.
 - **Proposal 4** – Proposal deadline (fell within the threshold for discussion)
 - Intent behind it was the timing is around state tournament and didn't have time to get proposals done.
 - Dallas is not a fan of just one sentence proposal, put the time to get proposal well written with an intent behind it, etc.
 - There's a process in place to follow the proposal form, process, etc. then the proposal shouldn't be entertained, it's a waste of everyone's time to discuss it.
 - Stockert calls for vote – Yes is deadline change, No means deadline stays March 1st – absent affiliates were left out of voting
 - WF – no
 - Hazen - no
 - Langdon – no
 - GFYHA – abstain

- Mandan – no
 - Stallions – no
 - Williston – no
 - FYH – no
 - Mayport – no
 - Angels – no
 - Minot – no
 - Dickinson – no
 - DL – no
 - Northstars – no
 - Wahpeton – yes
 - Rugby – no
 - Sidney – no
 - Bottineau – n
 - VC – no
 - Bismarck – no
 - Crosby – no
- Proposal 4 fails
- Stockert requested a motion to push through Proposal 5, 7, 8
 - Northstars motioned, Hazen seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
 - Proposal 9 make second weekend prior to state tourney for weather related make up games only (close to threshold and also was tabled by a district)
 - Chad discussed the need to get league games done 2 weeks prior to state so hosts and families can prepare for state and get things ready for tournament.
 - You can schedule non-league games during this time but you may have to cancel those for makeup league games.
 - Stockert called for a vote, no vote means this won't be pushed ahead, yes vote means this will be pushed ahead (3 weeks)
 - VC – no
 - Sid – no
 - Rug – n
 - Northstars – no
 - Minot – no
 - Mayport 0 no
 - Willi 0 no
 - Mandan – no
 - Lang – no
 - WF - no
 - Hazen – no
 - GF – no
 - Crosby – no
 - FYH – no
 - Angels – no
 - Dickinson – no
 - DL – no
 - Wahp – no

- Bott – no
- Bism – no
- Stallions – no
- Proposal 9 fails
- Proposal 10 – fair play points
 - Stockert requested motion to not accept this proposal
 - FYHA motioned, VC seconded, no further discussion had, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed and Proposal 10 is removed
- Proposal 12, 13, and 14
 - Proposal 14 passed at 78%, is a discussion needed? This proposal regulates jr gold moving from 20 minute periods to 17 minute periods. Stockert opened for discussion – none had
 - Stallions motioned to push to approve
 - WF seconded the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, Sidney opposed, motion approved.
 - Proposal 12 and 13 were tabled by some districts
 - Proposal 12 – Zach Feltman discussed the intent and understanding that 15U was pilot league and it made sense to move forward with 15UA league.
 - Bauman suggests getting rid of A and B leagues and just stay with 12U and 15U and if you have an A team and a B team then you have those. Keith thinks we need to come back and rename the leagues for girls because it's confusing. MN is in year 2 of their 2-year trial of going 16U and 13U.
 - Minot motioned to amend to change it to 12U and 15U and VC seconded, further discussion had for and against the motion. Yes vote will be to approve the amendment to go 12 and 15
 - Minot – y
 - DL – y
 - Waph – abstain
 - Bis – no
 - Man – no
 - VC – y
 - Stallions – n
 - Dickinson – y
 - Crosby – no
 - Hazen – n
 - Bot – n
 - Will – y
 - Sid – n
 - FYH – y
 - Langdon – y
 - GFYHA – y
 - WF – y
 - Rugby – y
 - Northstars – y
 - Motion passes on affiliate count

- Take 12 and 15 verbiage and plug it into the proposal and now voting
 - WF – y
 - Hazen – n
 - Langdon – y
 - GF – y
 - Mandan – y
 - Stallions – y
 - Will 0- y
 - FY – y
 - Mayport – abstain
 - Angels – abstain
 - Minot -y
 - Dickinson – y
 - DL – y
 - NS – y
 - Wah – abstain
 - Rugby -y
 - Sidney – y
 - Bott – y
 - VC – y
 - Bis – y
 - Crosby – n
 - Motion passes
- **Proposal 13** – youth league game times (within threshold to discuss)
 - All PW and 12U is 15 min games with 1:30 penalties, all Bantam and 15U is 17 min games with 2 min penalties
 - Stockert calls vote
 - VC – Y
 - Sid Y
 - Rugby Y
 - NS Y
 - Minot N
 - Mayport Y
 - Will Y
 - Man N
 - Lang Y
 - WF Y
 - Hazen N
 - GFYH N
 - Crosby
 - FYH Y
 - Angels Y
 - Dick Y
 - DL N
 - Wahp Y
 - Bott Y
 - Bis Y
 - Stallions Y

- Motions passes by affiliate count
- Proposal 20 – passed 100% Stockert requested motion to push this through
 - VC motioned, Hazen seconded, no further discussion had, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed
- Proposal 21
 - Hazen moved to approve amendment, Sidney seconded the motion, no further discussion (Jerry amended the proposal with online version)
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion approved
 - Proposal 21 vote as amended
 - WF – y
 - Hazen y
 - Langdon – y
 - GFYHA – y
 - Bis – Y
 - Mandan – y
 - VC – y
 - Stallions – y
 - Bott – y
 - Will – y
 - Sidney – y
 - FYH – y
 - Mayport – abstain
 - Rugby – y
 - Angels – abstain
 - Wahpt – abstain
 - Minot – y
 - NS – y
 - Dick – y
 - DL – y
 - Proposal 21 passes
- Proposals 15-19 failed
 - Opened discussions regarding state tournaments and Bauman gave summary overview of the discussions the board of directors had the night prior to this affiliate meeting
 - Not every team in AA and A will go to state tournament
 - Move Bantam AA and A move to first weekend to be with PW's, only do it on the years you have to due to the national tournament dates
 - Move tournament discussions to fall meeting instead of waiting until winter meeting
 - Some concern of the smaller associations expressed that will associations place teams in lower levels in order to go to a state tournament
 - Discussion is about a one-year trial and if successful then the rules will trickle down to the B1 level
 - Stockert requests motion to have in writing to affiliates a proposal for state tournaments and to call a special meeting to happen the first part

of June and affiliates can make decision there as well as BOD. NDAHA wants to move on this topic one way or another for the 23-24 season (zoom meeting)

- Registration for Bismarck is June 15 so sooner the better

- President notes

- USAH proposal going to the youth council regarding 8U, wording at 8U level makes it mandatory that there are zero full ice hockey games, there are some affiliates having issues in keeping 8U USAH registered players because there are other programs running full ice hockey
 - Stockert suggested a date, such as January 15 and after 8U teams can play full ice hockey
 - NDAHA can vote if they are going to agree with the change or stay the same
- Culture and Sports is a topic of discussion on a committee Stockert sits on
 - Several meetings and will continue to meet with this committee, they will be pushing an idea that wherever you register your kid to play the parent has to watch a video regarding conduct, culture, etc

Fall Meeting – **September 16, 2023** – Bismarck, ND
Schedulers meeting and Fall NDAHA Board Meeting

Adjournment – 2:58pm