

SDAHA Spring Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2013
Brookings, SD

Meeting was called to order at 9am by Dan French, President SDAHA. Introductions were made and roll call was taken.

Voting delegates in attendance were Mike Carrels (Aberdeen), Todd Stratmoen (Brookings), Mike Hunter (Huron), Dave Tronnes (Mitchell), Tony Leif (Oahe), Jeremy Walla (Rushmore), Jeff Visser (Sioux Center), Mark Arndt (Sioux Falls), Jack Rasmussen (Watertown), Mike Stoll (Yankton), Gary DeYoung (SDAHA Treasurer), and Randy Honkomp (SDAHA Vice President). Absent was Denise Niehoff (SDAHA Secretary).

Also in attendance were Dan French (SDAHA President), Maxine Tronnes (SDAHA Exe Asst), Dawn Magee (SDAHA Risk Manager), Annette Stensgaard (SDAHA Registrar), Doug Sorensen (SDAHA RIC), Tom Hitchcock (SDAHA Past President), Steve Salwei (SDAHA CIC), Kevin Miley (SDAHA NGIN), Jody Sterrett (SDAHA Officials Scheduler), Cherry Hunter (Sioux Falls), Kevin Erlenbach (USAH), Scott Riddle (National Teams), Gerry Rounds (Brookings), Bryan Seaver (President-Brandon Valley), Mark Sjoberg (Watertown), Dane Yde (SDAHA Officials), Doug Solem (Huron), Scott Schelske (Brandon Valley), Rhonda Schenkel (Yankton), Steve Neuman (Brookings), Bruce Palmer (SDAHA Officials), Eric Rapp (SDAHA Officials), Neil Deering (Huron). ***After lunch, additional attendees included Rob Kittay (SDAHA Player Dev/Oahe), Vince Foley (Watertown).

Agenda was adopted. Meeting Minutes from Fall 2012 regular board meeting were briefly discussed. Mark Arndt (1st) and Tony Leif (2nd) motioned to approve the fall minutes. **Motion carried**

SDAHA Reports

Treasurer's report and updates were made by Gary DeYoung, acting Treasurer. (see attached reports pages 13 and 14) Background check expenses and allocation of boys varsity tournament monies was discussed. There was a correction made regarding at what point the 15% of gate monies was allocated to the associations. It was discussed that it should be after the \$3000 was deducted, so that correction will be made. A motion was made by Mark Arndt, second by Tony Leif to make that clarification in the tournament rules. **Motion carried**

Mitchell is doing their own background checks, so their background check bill should be applied to their 2013-14 charges. Discussion on what those costs included. A motion was made by Gary DeYoung, second by Randy Honkomp to credit some or all of charges to next season for Mitchell. **Motion carried.**

Noted was that Sioux Center's expenses were handled differently. Also discussed was the use of the advertising budget money. Tom Hitchcock recommended that Associations should apply to use this money. Dawn Magee has some small expenses for materials on her programs she would like to receive money for. Discussion on why each association pays officials without a central payment being done by SDAHA. Reasons given included too much work for one person, 1099's would have to be issued, officials changing at last minute, time to issue checks. This area will be looked into further before the fall meeting.

Mark Arndt (1st) Dave Tronnes (2nd) made motion to approve treasurers report with changes. **Treasurer's report approved.**

Annette Stensgaard gave a brief registrars report, giving numbers from associations. No action required.

Dawn Magee, Risk Manager, is invited to Colorado Springs to train on the SafeSport handbook. A brief SafeSport handout was included in the packets (see page 17) and copies of the handbook were handed out to delegates. They will want a representative from each association to handle the Safesport issues. It was recommended that each local use their local risk manager, if they have one. Dawn gave a brief report on implementation of these policies, and mentioned locker room monitoring as one of the issues. She recommended that everyone read the handbook. She also discussed how to streamline the background check process in the future, as we will be going to 100% next year, and then to 100% every other year after that for those previously screened. New volunteers, etc. should have a background check completed prior to interaction with children or before going on the ice.

Randy Honkomp, Acting Vice President/Discipline Director gave his report on discipline problems last season. There were 69 game misconducts reported online, but some may have been missed as we changed to a new system at the beginning of the season. He reminded everyone that out of state game misconducts must be reported manually by the locals. Most game misconducts involved

checking from behind and abuse of officials, and most were on the JV/Varsity teams. Four coaches were also suspended due to failure to complete their CEP certifications.

Doug Sorensen, RIC had 170 attendees at his official's clinics, but only 135 completed the process to become officials in 2012-2013. Brief discussion was held on recruiting and retention. Also discuss zero tolerance, as problems have become more evident this past season. Some areas discussed included crowds behaving poorly, minor officials not remaining neutral, player and coach behavior. We cannot keep good officials if we continue to abuse them. Dane Yde discussed the new award the officials organization issued this year to varsity players, Sportsman of the Year, chosen by officials. Different officiating systems were also discussed, including two officials, one linesman, etc. Payment for officials who arrived for games that were cancelled late discussed.

Jodi Sterrett, Officials Scheduler likes the online scheduling process. Timely cancellation and passing this information on to officials is always an issue. She also mentioned that associations should contact her to set up officials for non-league events, as she could be a help in that area.

Steve Salwei, CIC (clinic handout see page 20) discussed the coaches being suspended for non-completion of modules and how to verify your coaches have completed their requirements by going on line. He said the level four clinics are rotated within each district, and South Dakota is scheduled to have one in 2014.

Rob Kittay is not yet in attendance and his Player Development report will be later. Printed report attached(see page 18). Paul Bachand, Girls Development, is not in attendance. His report is attached (page 19). Dave Tronnes noted that Northern Plains District is targeting girls development at the district meeting next fall at Spearfish Canyon. Information will be sent out as received.

Scheduling report was given by Maxine Tronnes, Scheduler. (See pages 15-16). There was discussion on what to do when two traveling teams from an association make their games, but one doesn't. It was emphasized that league games should be emphasized and cancellations should be only if necessary. However, final traveling decisions must be made by the traveling team.

Maxine is asking that tournament dates for all tournaments be reset, based on the SD Basketballs tournament schedulers. Recommended dates will move the boys varsity state hockey tournament to 3/14-16/2014. There was a motion by Tony Leif (1st) Mark Arndt (2nd) to approve the recommended change in tournament dates beginning in 2014. **Motion Carried.**

Dan French, SDAHA President, asked for possible host associations to have their proposals to him by July 1st regarding hosting the boys varsity state tournament next year. A telephone conference and decision will then be made in July.

Kevin Miley, NGIN would like direction on how SDAHA wants to use the NGIN site in the future. Eliminating paper score sheets was discussed, but there are too many issues with accuracy and timely game recording to do that at this time. Much more training, more accurate rosters, more official's involvement, etc. need to be done before this type of consideration. This issue will be tabled until more information and identifying of issues is completed.

Association Reports

Aberdeen: Building is paid off, working on player retention, has had good growth over the past year. Brandon Valley: new President is Bryan Seaver, working on growing their program, liked the winter weather as it allowed them to use outside ice, used the Sam Tronnes Memorial Foundation money to buy jerseys.

Brookings: Having the Blizzard in Brookings has helped grow their program, have enlarged their Risk Manager responsibilities and are working with the schools to become a school club sport.

Huron: New president is Mike Hunter, had a great Girls Varsity tournament in 2013, numbers are low at this time and they are working to increase these.

Mitchell: Hoping to have their new ice in by Fall 2013, City is paying \$2 million, association is raising \$500 Thousand. Hotels are supporting.

Oahe: Numbers are growing, Let's try Hockey a great success, working on putting in a new scoreboard in the center of the ice.

Rushmore: Good numbers and are working on getting a second sheet of ice.

Sioux Center: New President is Jeff Koops. Girls programs went very well this year, working on recruitment and have used try out hockey and split programs in younger groups to help.

Sioux Falls: A late season try hockey event brought in 30-40 girls, one year away from new ice and are breaking ground in 2014.

Geographic split for bantams for 2013-2014 season.

Watertown: New President is Jack Rasmussen. Numbers are holding steady, lower programs are very strong (not USAH but city program), looking at second sheet of ice.

Yanton: New President is Bryan Schoenfelder. Thanks Sam Tronnes Memorial Fund for monies, their facility will be debt free this year so they are working on remodeling and concessions area.

Scott Riddle, Player Development, reported that these programs are strong and growing for the boys U-14 and U-16. Is planning to add a U-18 team if possible, but needs financial support commitment from SDAHA for start-up funds before he can actually develop the team. Discussion was held on this issue. Mark Arndt (1st) and Dave Tronnes (2nd) motioned to put \$4000 in SDAHA Budget to cover these start-up and jersey costs if the team is created. **Motion Carried.**

SDAHA Presidents Report

Dan French discussed the possibility of setting up a specific concussion program for SDAHA. He mentioned some issues he became aware of this year regarding players being sent back out on the ice when a concussion was suspected. It was discussed that this area does need to be considered and reviewed. Dan also stated he needs 2-3 persons to bring a portion of our by-laws into accordance with USAH by-law #10, which would be a procedural clarification and better for South Dakota. It was mentioned that Vince Foley might be willing to do this, but he was not currently in attendance. No decision made.

USAH

Guest Kevin Erlanbach is involved in programs for "growing the game" for USAH. He presented a talk about a new program called the 2 and 2 Challenge, which targets the 8-Under group and explained what tools and resources were available for us. NHL is a big part of the program and the Olympics this coming year will also be a boom to it. He passed out an explanation brochure, and discussed some ideas like handing out "learn to skate" information at Halloween, and having a "learn to skate" event after the Olympics in March which seems to bring in more people than fall events. NBC will also be pushing winter sports this year, and Kevin presented even more ideas to help grow the program. The brochure and information is available on the USAH website also.

Pro-Hockey Hunt

Dave Tronnes announced that, in addition to 11 scholarships totaling \$12500, the Sam Tronnes Memorial Foundation also gave a \$500 grant to each of the 11 associations, and three \$1500 grants to three associations, asking for ideas on how to grow your numbers and retain them. Enclosed in packets was a handout with the ideas given when applying for the \$1500 grants to share with all associations.

Player Development Report

Rob Kittay discussed his written report (see attached) and the development camp they are currently running in Brookings. Comments from Vince Foley included information on the difficulty of getting girls for their camps. SDAHA needs to try to work on recruiting more girls for these types of camps.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion held on television coverage for the boy's varsity state tournament, and several options were brought up. Dan French said that SDAHA would be much more involved in getting the broadcast set up for the games, and then the local host would just have to worry about the logistics of actually setting up for whoever is doing the broadcasting. Webcast did a great job this year, broadcasting all the games, where other companies have usually only done some of the games.
2. Tabled until later in meeting
3. There are currently no proposals regarding how to deal with the squirt division rules and how teams are split/determined within each association. Discussion was held discussing setting up criteria so there is more conformity and consistency at the squirt age group within the state. Dan French asked for an active group to help set up some sort of criteria for this age group.

Committee members will be Tony Leif (Oahe-Chairperson), Jeremy Walla (Rushmore), Randy Honkomp (SDAHA) and a representative from Sioux Falls and Aberdeen.

4. This issue was discussed earlier during Doug Sorensen's report. A possible change might include putting 4 officials on the ice to help mentor, but any other changes must follow the USAH guidelines, which does not recognize the 2 referees/1 linesman system.
5. This item was also discussed during Kevin Miley's report.

- 6. The peewee survey results are included in the handouts from the meeting. Conference play decisions will be made during the July telephone conference. It was discussed that conference splits be either north/south or east/west but not both within one level. Dan has some specific ideas on how to handle our peewee situation and would like to set up a committee to help work on the issues. Gary De Young reviewed the findings of the peewee survey. The peewee survey may be found on-line (link available upon request)

Committee members will be Dan French (Chairperson), and one person from Sioux Falls, Oahe, Brookings, Sioux Center, and Rushmore.

- 7. See Girls Development Report
- 8. Discussed during CIC report
- 9. Discussed during Association reports

Randy Honkomp would like an additional discussion issue to be added to the Fall Meeting agenda. Randy says our standings system, using the OTL point, is flawed and needs to be changed. We have too many issues with teams that have more losses but more points than teams with more wins due to the OTL points. This issue will be reviewed and added to the fall agenda.

BY LAW PROPOSALS

By Law Proposal #1

By-law Article 8.1 Establishment of a Finance Committee

Proposal was explained by Gary DeYoung, Treasurer and discussed. There is currently very little in writing that covers the treasurer's responsibilities. There were three parts (A,B, C) for this by law proposal (see attached). It was amended as follows:

- A. Insert as section as Section 8.1.D of the bylaws.

***Finance Committee:** The finance committee shall consist of the treasurer and other individuals appointed by the President of SDAHA in consultation with the board of directors. The finance committee is chaired by the treasurer. The role and scope of the finance committee is help the treasurer supervise and monitor all financial aspects of SDAHA including **all financial aspects of programs sponsored by SDAHA** in accordance with bylaws and policy set by the board of directors (see bylaw 6.5.C¹).*

- B. In accordance with bylaw 11.3² additional individuals authorized to transact business are the treasurer and past president.

Motion to pass A made by Tony Leif (1st) and Dave Tronnes (2nd) **Motion Carried**

The "B" portion was discussed and the word "past" should be eliminated.

Motion to pass B, with change, made by Gary De Young (1st) and Jeremy Walla (2nd) **Motion Carried**

Part of this proposal included a Playing Rule proposal #1 (see attached). There was much discussion on how this proposal would affect the National Teams and their difficulties in handling expenses with their coaches, etc. and other money issues. They need a way to advance monies and get payments quickly to keep their coaches funded while traveling. It was decided that this proposal needed to be reviewed and worked on more during the summer to make it effective.

A motion to table this playing rule proposal until the fall meeting made by Mike Carrels (1st) and Mike Stoll (2nd) with the understanding that it would be reworked and brought back to the fall meeting. **Motion Carried**

By Law Proposal #2 is basically a housekeeping proposal that follows changes made previously.

4.4 Game Protests: A Participating Member may protest any SDAHA league or tournament game. All protests of league games must be submitted to the SDAHA Secretary within 2 days of the completion of the game involved. Protests of league games shall be decided, following an expedited hearing, by the SDAHA ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board of Directors**, which shall serve as a Protest Committee. All protests of league games shall be decided within 10 days following receipt of the protest by the Secretary. All protests involving District, Regional or State tournament games must be

submitted to the Tournament Director no later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the game, but at least six hours prior to the starting time of the next game affected by the protest. Protests of tournament games shall be decided by the Tournament Protest Committee following an expedited hearing. The Tournament Protest Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the SDAHA Participating Members, designated by the local association and approved by the SDAHA President. Provided, however, that the Tournament Director shall be a member of that Committee representing his/her participating member and other committee members shall attend the tournament for which they represent. The SDAHA President or designee in attendance at the tournament shall serve as chair of the Tournament Protest Committee.

A Motion to pass made by Mark Arndt (1st) and Jeremy Walla (2nd) **Motion Carried**

BY-LAWS PROPOSAL #3 (Basic Policies Article 14) – Dan French
Addition to current policies: Article 14.15

SDAHA Conflicts of Interest Policy

Whenever a director or officer has a financial or personal interest in any manner coming before the board of directors, the board shall ensure that:

1. The interest of such officer or director is fully disclosed to the board of directors.
2. No interested officer or director may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting of the board of directors at which such matter is voted upon.
3. Any transaction in which a director or officer has a financial or personal interest shall be duly approved by members of the board of directors not so interested or connected as being in the best interest of SDAHA.
4. Payments to the interested officer or director shall be reasonable and shall not exceed fair market value.
5. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.

Discussion revealed this was a proposal that was recommended by the auditors when SDAHA was audited this year as a policy we need to include in our bylaws.

Motion to pass made by Tony Leif (1st) Mark Arndt (2nd) **Motion Carried**

BY-LAWS PROPOSAL #4 (Basic Policies Article 14) – Dan French

Addition to current policies: Article 14.16

SDAHA Whistleblower Policy

The South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association requires directors, officers, employees and volunteers to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As volunteers and representatives of SDAHA, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Reporting Responsibility

This whistleblower policy is intended to encourage and enable volunteers and others to raise serious concerns internally so that SDAHA can address and correct inappropriate conduct and actions. It is the responsibility of all board members, officers and volunteers to report concerns about violations of SDAHA" code of ethics or suspected violations of law or regulations that govern SDAHA" operations.

No Retaliation

It is contrary to the values of SDAHA for anyone to retaliate against any board member, officer or volunteer who in good faith reports an ethics violation, or a suspected violation of law, such as a complaint of discrimination, or suspected fraud, or suspected violation of any regulation governing the operations of SDAHA. A volunteer who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from SDAHA.

Reporting Procedure

SDAHA has an open door policy and suggests that volunteers share their questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints with their local organization. If you are not comfortable speaking with your local organization or are not satisfied with your local's response, you are encouraged to speak with a member of the Executive Committee of SDAHA. Local organizations are required to report complaints or concerns about suspected ethical and legal violations to SDAHA's SafeSport Director or other designated individual.

SafeSport Director

The SDAHA SafeSport Director or other designated individual is responsible for ensuring that all complaints about ethical or illegal conduct are investigated and resolved. The SafeSport Director or other designated individual will advise the Executive Board and/or Board of Directors of all complaints and their resolution.

Acting in Good Faith

Anyone filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

Confidentiality

Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

Handling of Reported Violations

The SDAHA SafeSport Director or other designated individual will notify the person who submitted a complaint and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation. All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

Discussion revealed this was also a proposal that was recommended by the auditors when SDAHA was audited this year as a policy we need to include in our bylaws.

Motion to pass made by Jeremy Walla (1st) and Mike Carrels (2nd) **Motion Carried**

PLAYING RULES PROPOSAL #2 – Randy Honkomp/Maxine Tronnes

PLAYING RULES #4) Players/Teams

Determining team levels within the state league:

This would be added to Playing Rule 4) and become "H". It will also change the deadlines on A) Scheduling Games IV

Criteria listed below will be used to determine at what level each association should be playing their teams each season, unless petitions to play at lower levels are made to the SDAHA Board of Directors.

Petitions to the Board of Directors to play teams at a lower level than listed in criteria below must be made before **August 15th for Varsity levels and decided before September 1st** of each year for varsity levels (this includes all jr. varsity levels). Petitions regarding all other level teams must be made **before September 15th and decided before October 1st** of each year. Reasons for petitions may include low registration numbers and skill levels/ages of involved players.

NEW SDAHA ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WILL BE REVIEWED REGARDING THEIR SKILL LEVELS. THOSE THAT ARE DETERMINED TO BE AT LEVEL BELOW THE SDAHA SKILL LEVELS MAY PETITION TO PLAY **ANY** TEAMS AT LOWER LEVELS ONLY FOR A MAXIMUM OF THEIR FIRST 5 YEARS AS MEMBERS OF SDAHA. After 5 years, or earlier if the SDAHA Board determines it is necessary, each level must be petitioned and determined individually.

Unless a petition has been made by an association and decided upon by the SDAHA Board of Directors prior to the listed deadlines, the following criteria shall be used:

- When an association has one team at any one age group, that team shall be determined to play at the A or Varsity levels.
- When an association has two teams at any one age group, the second team may play at either the A or varsity level, or at the B or Jr. Varsity level.
- When an association has three teams at any one age group, two teams shall play at the A or Varsity level and one may play at the B or Jr. Varsity level. **
- When an association has four teams at any one age group, two teams shall play at the A or Varsity levels, and two may play at the B or Jr. Varsity levels. **
- When an association has more than four teams, the determination of levels of these additional teams may be determined by the local association and the SDAHA Board.

***Associations may always petition to play one team at the A level and other teams at the B level, but it must be approved by the SDAHA Board of Directors.*

During discussion on this proposal, it was brought up that not having a written policy and some sort of deadline has created numerous scheduling problems and inconsistencies over the past few years. This would help control those issues. It was asked that one word be changed from "ALL" to "ANY".

A Motion was made to pass with the one word change by Todd Stratmoen (1st) and Tony Leif (2nd) **Motion Carried**

PLAYING RULE PROPOSAL #3 WAS Tabled UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING AS IT RELATES TO TWO OTHER PROPOSALS.

PLAYING RULES PROPOSAL #4 – Mark Arndt, Sioux Falls

CURRENT REFEREE COMPENSATION – ADOPTED SEPT. , 2011

	Ref	Line
Boys Varsity & JV	\$60/game	\$45/game
Girls Varsity & JV	\$60/game	N/A
Bantam	\$50/game	\$35/game
Pee Wee	\$40/game	\$25/game

**Proposal-
REFEREE COMPENSATION – 2013-14 Season**

	Ref	Line
Boys Varsity & JV	\$90/game	\$60/game
Girls Varsity & JV	\$90/game	N/A
Bantam	\$75/game	\$45/game
Pee Wee	\$60/game	\$35/game

REFEREE COMPENSATION – 2014-15 Season

	Ref	Line
Boys Varsity & JV	\$120/game	\$90/game
Girls Varsity & JV	\$120/game	N/A
Bantam	\$90/game	\$60/game
Pee Wee	\$80/game	\$45/game

No change to current Travel Compensation.

There was extensive discussion regarding this proposal, with many comments from the officials currently in attendance. Much of the discussion related to abuse of officials/zero tolerance being an area that needs more improvement rather than a salary increase. It was decided to take no action at this time, with more information and possibly another proposal coming from the SD Officials group at the fall meeting. Gary De Young will also look at doing a study to help with determining needs of officials for a future proposal. No motion was made.

For the following proposals, discussion started pertaining to the JV/Varsity levels and how to handle those players floating from JV to Varsity. Two proposals (see following) pertained to age groups and Jr. Varsity rosters. The third proposal pertained to freezing varsity players only. These proposals are all presented in an attempt to help the Jr. Varsity teams remain an option, but keep them for the legitimate JV players instead of varsity players.

PLAYING RULES PROPOSAL NO. - 3 SUBMITTER NAME: Tom Hitchcock and Gary DeYoung

RULE/REGULATION (Heading): 1) Age Classification

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

1) Age Classifications: SDAHA will follow USA Hockey age classifications. These classifications will be updated each season as necessary. The following are the 2013-2014 age classifications of teams for the September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 USA Hockey playing season:

Player's Year of Birth	Age Category	Youth Teams Age Division	Girls' Teams Age Division
1994	19 Years		19 or Under
1995	18 Years	Midget 18 & Under *	19 or Under
1996	17 Years	Midget 18 & Under *	19 or Under
1997	16 Years	Midget 16 & Under *	16 or Under
1998	15 Years	Midget 16 & Under *	16 or Under
1999	14 Years	Bantam 14 or Under	14 or Under
2000	13 Years	Bantam 14 or Under	14 or Under
2001	12 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under	12 or Under
2002	11 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under	12 or Under
2003	10 Years	Squirt 10 or Under	10 or Under
2004	9 Years	Squirt 10 or Under	10 or Under
2005	8 Years	Mite 8 or Under	8 or Under

No USA Hockey registration fee 2007 and younger (6 & Under)

* All players in the Midget age divisions will be registered as High School Varsity or Midget 18 & Under for SDAHA league play. League play will consist of Boys Varsity and Midget A levels. The maximum number of players on a league team roster is twenty-four (24). Dual rostering will be allowed, up to a maximum of 30% of total players (rounded down), between a Boys Varsity and Midget A combo-team on the initial team rosters. Once the initial team roster is made, only new players may be added during the season. All players on a roster can participate in their team's respective state tournament. Locals can field Boys Varsity or Midget A teams without dual rostered players. Midget A will follow the same playing rules as Boys Varsity (length of periods, delayed off sides, etc.). Locals can continue to field Jr. Gold A and B rostered teams for non-league play, jamborees and tournaments.

There was much discussion on how this proposal would affect individual associations and the state play with other states. South Dakota currently does not follow USAH guidelines, but does follow guidelines set up in their playing rules and these guidelines follow the same rules as North Dakota and Minnesota. This change would affect everyone in different ways, helping some associations but creating problems for other associations. It was discussed that anyone can move their players to the USAH age groups within their association without a change, but if we change to USAH age categories, everyone must follow the rules.

Motion made to change age groups to the USAH age groups made by Gary De Young (1st) and Dave Tronnes (2nd). More discussion followed. A vote was called; with 7 no votes and 5 yes votes. **Motion Failed**

Discussion was then held on Proposals #5 and #6 (See below)

PLAYING RULES PROPOSAL #5

JV Proposals & Rationale
From the ad hoc JV Study Committee

The committee was formed at the spring SDAHA meeting 2012. The original members were Brain Davidson (Huron Varsity Coach), Mark Arendt (SF President), Gary De Young (SC President), and Ben Tronnes (VP SDAHA).

Most of the problems in the end come down to not enough players in smaller associations to adequately field two teams at the high school level and the desire to provide opportunity and development for the players who are not skilled enough to always play varsity. If there were completely separate teams most of the existing problems would be removed.

Major concerns identified were:

- 1 Player safety--too many games in a weekend or too many periods in a day for individual players.
- 2 Issues surrounding the JV State Tournament (Stacking the team to win—essentially with 18 to 24 players using current rules all players can qualifying to play in the JV State Tournament. A team can then use the regular season for developmental purposes and the play very different line ups during the state tournament).
- 3 How to providing opportunity for program and player development at the high school level.

The following proposals are being put forward as changes to playing and tournament rules to address the issues. Actual wording changes are listed after the proposals.

- 1 **Change age categories to follow boys USAH ages.**
 - a This would have the effect of making all teams an average of 6 months younger while providing a 3.5 year age span for high schools teams—for smaller association this may mean 3 to 4 more players at the high school level.
 - b This is the only real way to increase the number of players at high school level in the short term. I would most likely provide player at the JV level.
- 2 **JV league plays a two game series unless there are 6 or fewer teams, with 6 or fewer team they play a three game series.**
 - a This happens most of the time but in certain circumstance with current rules, JV teams can have three game series while varsity has a two game series. Example: 10 varsity teams and 8 JV teams.
 - b This will reduce the number of weekends where players have the potential to be overplayed.
- 3 **60% Rule: Limit the number of JV players who can be double rostered on the varsity roster to not more than 60% of the JV roster. Rosters for JV shall be limited to at most 24 players.**
 - a By stating the number of double rostered players as a fraction of the JV team, SDAHA is allowing local associations to determine if they have sufficient players for a JV team without stating a minimum number of players needed at the JV-Varsity level.
 - b It is enforceable at the roster level which is clear and indisputable.
 - c Limiting rosters at the JV level to 24 prevents abuses such as having 30 players in high school and listing them all on JV, which would allow 18 for Varsity all of whom are double rostered.
 - d Examples with various player counts for league teams
30 total players—roster 15 as JV and 24 as Varsity (9 double rostered)
29 total players—roster 12 as JV and 24 as Varsity (7 double rostered)
28 total players—roster 12 as JV and 23 as Varsity (7 double rostered)
27 total players—roster 12 as JV and 22 as Varsity (7 double rostered)
26 total players—roster 12 as JV and 21 as Varsity (6 double rostered)
26 total players—roster 10 as JV and 22 as Varsity (6 double rostered)
25 total players—roster 10 as JV and 21 as Varsity (6 double rostered)
24 total players—roster 10 as JV and 20 as Varsity (6 double rostered)
23 total players—roster 10 as JV and 19 as Varsity (6 double rostered)
- 4 **Delete from the tournament rules the section “Jr. Varsity player selection.”**
 - a This section is not needed if proposal 3 is adopted since eligible players will be listed on rosters.
- 5 **Association may have league or non-league teams. Non-league JV teams are not subject to the 60% rule, do not have regularly scheduled league games and are not eligible for the JV state tournament. To have a non-league JV team an association must have a varsity team. Exceptions may be granted by the SDAHA president to help a developing program establish a high school age hockey team and need to be granted annually.**
- 6 **SDAHA sponsors two JV jamborees for JV teams, one in the preseason and one mid-season. The preseason jamboree for any JV team and mid-season for non-league JV teams and “JV only” associations. Any other non-league games will have to be scheduled between the two affiliates.**
 - a Sponsoring by SDAHA means selection of locations games scheduling considerations, then letting the host association set up the game schedule and format. The format may not necessarily be a tournament format.
 - b Suggested preseason is mid to late November, the mid-season is late January. The late January jamboree could be open to non-SDAHA U16 or JV teams if the hosts association so desires.
 - c This could help provide opportunity for new association, such as Brandon Valley, when they start to have players at high school age.
 - d This provides JV players and coaches the opportunity for comparison against other JV players
 - e Depending on roster deadlines, the late November jamboree can help coaches decide who to double roster.
 - f Associations with both league JV and varsity can still play games on the January Jamboree weekend.
 - g Jamboree may help place an appropriate emphasis on the league JV state tournament in comparison to the Varsity state tournament.

Wording changes for implementing the above proposals.

SDAHA PLAYING RULES

The 2009-2011 Edition of the OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES of USA Hockey, Inc. shall govern all play in the SDAHA with the following exceptions:

1) Age Classifications: SDAHA follows USAH age classifications as found in the USAH annual guide, except SDAHA does not officially recognize the Midget classification. All players in this group will be registered as Varsity/Jr. A waiver permitting a player to participate in a younger age classification shall be permitted only for medical reasons and upon approval by the SDAHA Board of Directors and USA Hockey, Inc.

~~These classifications will be updated each season as necessary.~~

~~The following are the classifications of teams and the earliest birth date for eligibility in each classification:~~

<u>Youth</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<u>2012-2013 Season</u>	<u>2012-2013 Season</u>
<u>Mites born on 7/1/2003 or thereafter</u>	<u>12-under born on 1/1/2000 or thereafter</u>
<u>Squirts born on 7/1/2001 or thereafter</u>	<u>14 under born on 1/1/1998 or thereafter</u>
<u>Peewees born on 7/1/1999 or thereafter</u>	<u>16 under born on 1/1/1996 or thereafter</u>
<u>Bantams born on 7/1/1997 or thereafter.</u>	<u>19 under born on 1/1/1993 or thereafter.</u>
<u>Midget* born on 7/1/1994 or thereafter.</u>	<u>Varsity/Jr. Varsity born 1/1/1993 or thereafter</u>
<u>Varsity/Jr. Varsity born on 7/1/1993 or thereafter</u>	

~~*SDAHA does not officially recognize the Midget classification. All players in this group will be registered as Varsity/Jr. Varsity.~~

~~A waiver permitting a player to participate in a younger age classification shall be permitted only for medical reasons and upon approval by the SDAHA Board of Directors and USA Hockey, Inc.~~

5) Games

- A. Number of League Games - If there are seven teams or less in the peewee or bantam league, they will follow a three game schedule. If there are more than seven teams, a two game schedule will be used. (4/06). If there are eight or fewer teams in a varsity level, either youth, ~~youth jr, girls,~~ or girls-jv, they will follow a three game schedule. If there are nine or more teams at ~~a level, that a varsity level they~~ will follow a two game schedule. Boys and girls jr play a two game schedule unless there are 6 or fewer teams, with 6 or fewer teams, jr levels plays a three game series.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following are administrative rules of the SDAHA

1) Players/Teams: "A" league would consist of those players with the highest level of skill. If an association has only one team, it would be placed in this league. "B" would consist of those players with the lower level skill. Any association has the right to apply to the SDAHA board of directors seeking permission to play at the "B" level.

- D. Varsity/Jr. Varsity - Within SDAHA league play, a varsity/jr. varsity format will be used. At most 60% of the JV rostered players may also be rostered on the varsity. Rosters for Varsity and Jr. Varsity shall be limited to 24 players.

~~For each scheduled SDAHA league game, each association shall field a varsity and a jr. varsity team, each comprised of no more than 20 eligible players from their respective SDAHA varsity rosters. SDAHA will provide league schedules and team standings/statistics for all league levels, and individual statistics for any youth varsity television coverage. Games played outside of SDAHA league play must be played with teams registered in accordance with USA Hockey, Inc.~~

- ~~I. This special rule was adopted to specifically allow an 'open' roster, allowing movement of players between the varsity and jr. varsity teams for SDAHA league games only. This special rule recognizes that some players may dress and play in both the jr. varsity and varsity games, as the team coaches deem necessary. Jr. Varsity players must participate in at least 50% of the JV games (see tournament rules) to participate in the JV state tournament. A goalie with participation in less than 50% of regular season youth jr varsity games can be rostered to participate in the jr. varsity state tournament but can only play in games under emergency circumstances and with permission of the SDAHA president. (9/06)~~

~~E. Junior Varsity Rule Violation Consequence (September 28, 2003 (Revision 5))~~

~~The primary purpose of the SDAHA Jr. Varsity Tournament is to provide a state tournament for the Jr. Varsity players. Coaches, players, parents and board members need to be ethical and use integrity regarding state Junior Varsity tournament players.~~

~~In order for a player to play in the State Junior Varsity Tournament, a player must be present on the bench or participate in 50% of the JV state league games as validated by the scorekeeper. JV Varsity Coaches and the President from each local association will sign off on the roster that those players listed have participated in 50% of the JV league games during the year. The roster will then be sent to the SDAHA President.~~

- ~~I. 1st Association Violation: Junior Varsity Head Coach will receive a suspension of 6 state league games. Each ineligible player will receive a 3 game suspension. The local association will be fined up to \$800.~~
- ~~II. 2nd Association Violation: Junior Varsity Head Coach will receive a suspension of 10 state league games. Each ineligible player will receive a 6 game suspension. The local will be fined up to \$1,600.~~
- ~~III. 3rd Association Violation: Junior Varsity Head Coach will receive a one-year suspension. Each player will receive a suspension of 10 state league games. The local will be fined up to \$2,000. They will also lose their rights to host any state tournaments the next year.~~

~~IV. Violations would be enforced during or after the State Tournament depending on when the association is found to be in violation. Teams found to be in violation during the tournament will have all games forfeited.~~

~~E. Association may have league or non-league teams. Non-league JV teams are not subject to the 60% rule, do not have regularly scheduled league games and are not eligible for the JV state tournament. To have a non-league JV team an association must have a varsity team. Exceptions may be granted by the SDAHA president to help a developing program establish a high school age hockey team and need to be granted annually.~~

~~F. SDAHA shall designate locations for two JV jamborees for JV teams, one in the preseason and one mid-season. The preseason jamboree is for any JV team and mid-season for non-league JV teams and "JV only" associations. Any other non-league games is to be scheduled independently between the two associations.~~

SDAHA STATE TOURNAMENT RULES

Deleted section

~~Jr. Varsity player selection: The SDAHA board came up with the following rules to consider when you are selecting your Jr. Varsity players for the Jr. Varsity State Tournament:~~

- ~~a) The primary purpose of the SDAHA Jr. Varsity Tournament is to provide a tournament for Jr. Varsity players.~~
- ~~b) Coaches, players, parents and board members need to be ethical and use integrity regarding state Junior Varsity tournament players.~~
- ~~c)a) Players must be present and on the bench and participate in at least 50% of the Jr. Varsity games, as validated by the scorekeeper. Jr. Varsity coaches and the president of each local association will sign off on the roster that those players listed have participated in at least 50% of the Jr. Varsity games during the year. The roster will then be sent to the SDAHA president. The Disciplinary Committee will investigate any violation. (4/03)~~

PLAYING RULES PROPOSAL # 6

Submitted By: Todd Stratmoen, Brookings

Rule/Regulation Impacted: Administrative Rules 1D - Varsity/Jr. Varsity

Rationale: The Jr. Varsity playing level is intended to provide an opportunity for development and competition for players that may otherwise have limited or no opportunity for significant playing time at the Varsity playing level. Furthermore, the Jr. Varsity state tournament is intended to provide a season-ending competition for those players whose skill or ability level is consistent with other players in the Jr. Varsity playing level. The intent of this proposal is minimize the potential for players that should most appropriately play at the Varsity level from playing at the Jr. Varsity level or in the Jr. Varsity state tournament.

Proposal:

SDAHA associations fielding both Varsity and Jr. Varsity teams must, by January 15 of each season, identify players that are will be "frozen" at the Varsity level and will play only at the Varsity level for the remainder of the season, including state tournaments. Frozen players that play at the Jr. Varsity level at any point during the remainder of the season or Jr. Varsity state tournament will become ineligible to play at the Varsity level for the remainder of the season, including the Varsity state tournament.

The number of players frozen shall be determined by subtracting 12 from the combined number of players on the Jr. Varsity and Varsity teams, thereby ensuring at least 12 players will remain eligible to play at the Jr. Varsity level. The number of players to be frozen shall be capped at a maximum of 10 players.

This requirement shall apply to both Boys and Girls Jr. Varsity and Varsity teams.

Discussion held on these proposals, with options considered. Some felt there was no motivation if players are frozen permanently for the season. It was discussed that the players frozen should be their first and second varsity lines.

Proposal #5 received no motions and died, but proposal #6 received a motion to pass made by Todd Stratmoen (1st) and Mark Arndt (2nd). At this time, it was motioned that the proposal #6 be substituted with the following by Tony Leif (1st) and Jeremy Walla (2nd):

1. Throughout the season, the varsity coach will "freeze" 10 varsity players for each Jr. Varsity and Varsity regular season league game. These may be different players for each game, but must be always be a total of 10 players.
2. The names of these frozen players will be **clearly designated** on the JV score sheets for those games and they may not play the Jr. Varsity game being played on that date.

3. *For the Jr. Varsity State Tournaments, each varsity coach must designate which 10 players will be designated "varsity only" prior to the Jr. Varsity State Tournament. Those 10 players may not participate in the Jr. Varsity State Tournament.*
4. *This rule shall apply to both girls and boys Jr. Varsity and Varsity teams.*

These rules will eliminate the Tournament Rule and Administrative rule currently in effect requiring that players playing the JV State Tournaments must have played in at least 50% of JV games. Frozen varsity names for the Jr. Varsity state tournaments must be presented to the SDAHA President at a date to be determined by the state president.

Vote called for the substitute motion. **Motion Carried**

ELECTIONS

Due to the current Vice President (Randy Honkomp) and Treasurer (Gary De Young) being appointed during the past season, board approval is required for them to remain in office for the last year of their current terms.

Motion to confirm their appointments as Vice President and Treasurer made by Unknown (1st) and Mike Carrels (2nd) **Motion Carried**

Nominations for Secretary include Rhonda Schenkel and Lynda Wagner. Hand vote was called by Dan French. Rhonda Schenkel was elected Secretary for a two year term for SDAHA.

Only one nomination was made for SDAHA President. Dan French was elected President for a two year term for SDAHA.

The site of the Fall Meeting was confirmed as being at Sioux Center, final date in September to be announced. The Northern Plains District meeting in Spearfish will be held 9/29/13, so the SDAHA Fall Meeting will be scheduled around that meeting.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes completed by Maxine Tronnes, Exe. Assistant
April 25, 2013

SDAHA FINANCES - Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2013 Financial Information
Change in Fund and Cash Balances
Interim Update as of March 31, 2013

Fund / Description of Fund Account	9/1/2012 to 3/31/2013		Change in Fund Balance	Beginning Fund Balance	Ending Fund Balance	Budget FYE 8/31/13		Actual vs. Budget Variance	State Tourney Variance	Other Gen. Fund Variances
	Income	Expense				Income	Expense			

Player Assessments (\$1.25 per player)	2136.25	0.00	\$3.75 of \$5.00 player fee go to other funds			2500.00	0.00	-363.75		-363.75
Background Check Assessments	3720.00	3720.00	Pass-through of cost to locals			0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Team Assessments-General	13320.00	0.00				14245.00	0.00	-925.00		-925.00
Team Assessments-State Tournaments	23346.25	0.00				25260.00	0.00	-1913.75		-1913.75
Varsity State Tournament Gate	23240.11	23240.13	Pass-through of income to locals			0.00	0.00	-0.02		-0.02
USA Hockey Block Grant	0.00	0.00	@ \$3 per player rate			6000.00	0.00	-6000.00		-6000.00
Office Phone and Website Expense	0.00	2257.58				0.00	3700.00	1442.42		1442.42
Goal Judges - State Tournaments	0.00	300.00				0.00	2500.00	2200.00		2200.00
Referee Development (50% to Referee Fund)	0.00	769.00				0.00	2000.00	1231.00		1231.00
Meeting Expense (travel and other arrangements)	0.00	2367.94				0.00	3300.00	932.06		932.06
Officials Fees - State Tournaments	0.00	18837.00				0.00	18525.00	-312.00		-312.00
Sales Tax (July and January)	0.00	388.00				0.00	948.00	560.00		560.00
Executive Assistant Pay	0.00	2850.00				0.00	5700.00	2850.00		2850.00
League Scheduler Pay and Expense	0.00	750.00				0.00	1500.00	750.00		750.00
Referee Scheduler Pay and Expense	0.00	3600.00				0.00	3600.00	0.00		0.00
Interest Income	1.27	0.00				3.00	0.00	-1.73		-1.73
Advertising / Promotions	0.00	0.00				0.00	1000.00	1000.00		1000.00
Trophies, Medals, etc. - State Tournaments	0.00	38.16				0.00	2700.00	2661.84		2661.84
Travel - State / District Tournaments	0.00	1175.80				0.00	1535.00	359.20		359.20
Northern Plains District Assessment	0.00	2300.00				0.00	1000.00	-1300.00		-1300.00
General	65763.88	62593.61	3170.27	22132.73	25303.00	48008.00	48008.00	-1300.00	2995.27	175.00

Player Development (Funded \$1.75 per player)	56408.75	48463.25	7945.50	23340.15	31285.65	Varsity State Tourney Gate Allocation:				
Referee (Funded \$1.00 per player)	1709.00	769.00	940.00	10549.37	11489.37	Total Gate				
Coaches (Funded \$1.00 per player)	1709.00	1484.40	224.60	5821.77	6046.37	Brookings Base				
						Excess				
						Brookings 15%				
						Local				
						Aberdeen				
						Brookings				
						Huron				
						Mitchell				
						Osage				
						Rushmore				
						Souix Center				
						Souix Falls				
						Wabtown				
						Yankton				
Total All Funds	125590.63	113310.26	12280.37	61844.02	74124.39					

Reconciliation to Cash Accounts:	41364.00	41152.00	Change
Income Minus Expense - All Funds	12280.37		
Less: Undeposited Funds	-41253.83		
Less: Interest Income	-1.27		
Beginning Checking Cash	40013.15		
Ending Checking Cash	11038.42	40013.15	-28974.73
Interest Income	1.27		
Beginning Savings Cash	21830.87		
Ending Savings Cash	21832.14	21830.87	1.27
Plus: Undeposited Funds	41253.83	0.00	41253.83
Total Fund Balances	74124.39	61844.02	12280.37
Total Cash and Savings	32870.56	61844.02	-28973.46

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SDAHA League Assessments 2012-13

Association	Team Assessment	Player Assessment*	State Tournament	Background Checks	Conference Calls	Total Assessment	Varsity Allocation Credit	Net Owed SDAHHA	Paid w/ Check #
ABERDEEN	1,110.00		1,751.25	399.68	100.31	3,361.24	1,211.56	2,149.68	
BRANDON VALLEY				27.85		27.85		27.85	
BROOKINGS	1,480.00		2,742.50	404.60	27.69	4,654.79	(15,265.60)	19,920.39	
HURON	925.00		1,692.50	211.31		2,828.81	1,211.56	1,617.25	
MITCHELL	1,110.00		1,962.50	407.87		3,480.37	1,453.87	2,026.50	
GAHE	1,480.00		2,742.50	342.35		4,564.85	1,938.49	2,626.36	
RUSHMORE	1,665.00		2,932.50	560.21	50.50	5,208.21	2,180.80	3,027.41	
SIOUX CENTER	925.00	640.00	1,405.00			2,970.00	1,211.56	1,758.44	
SIOUX FALLS	2,220.00		3,915.00	764.96	49.10	6,949.06	2,907.73	4,041.33	
WATERTOWN	1,480.00		2,742.50	280.11		4,502.61	1,938.49	2,564.12	
YANKTON	925.00		1,460.00	321.06		2,706.06	1,211.56	1,494.50	
TOTAL	13,320.00	640.00	23,346.25	3,720.00	227.60	41,253.85	0.00	41,253.85	

* Player assessments for all players living in SD are collected via USAH in the fiscal year they register.

Please review the spreadsheet tabs below to see details of the assessments

Please remit final "Net Owed" to:
Gary De Young
1109 6th ST NE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

Comparison Information

FY	Count	Team Assessment	Per Team	Player Assessment	Per Player	State Tournament	Background Checks	Total BV Gate
2012-2013	72	13,320.00	185.00	8,500.00	5.00	23,346.25	3,720.00	23,240.11
2011-2012	68	14,620.00	215.00	11,465.00	5.00	21,525.00	2,715.00	17,873.61
2010-2011	64	19,600.00	300.00	7,104.50	3.25	21,637.50	4,815.00	15,120.00
2009-2010	67	20,500.00	300.00	5,232.50	3.25	23,612.50	4,515.00	N/A

Notes on Comparison

- 1) Player Assessment 2011-2012: \$1130 was of FY2012 received in FY2011
- 2) 2013 BV state tournament @ Brookings
- 3) 2012 BV state tournament @ Oakhe
- 4) 2013 BV state tournament @ Aberdeen
- 5) 2010 BV State Tournament @ Brookings; revenue sharing not in place in 2010

Schedulers Report:

April 2013

Thanks to all the local schedulers for being so flexible while we rescheduled numerous games due to Boys JV changes and weather.

Areas to think about:

Determine a method/criteria for determining team levels, so we are not rearranging dozens of games at the whim of locals at the last minute.

Maintain definite deadlines for varsity levels regarding dropping a team, so we are not rearranging games at the last minute around home and away tournaments and events that were scheduled because teams and locals thought the varsity schedule was set. We had to schedule games where ever we could find time, and not what was best for teams and players. It created many three game week ends that normally could have been avoided. And because there were then JV only teams, we were unable to use those cancelled varsity game days for the additional varsity games when we went to three games(see below).

Mandate that varsity games scheduled on JV game days must be played regardless of the JV games. This season, we were forced to shift all varsity games off most weekends where the JV teams were also playing games and off the JV State Tournament weekends, which created even more problems for the varsity schedule. The usual reason given for not wanting to play games on JV game days? They did not have enough players. This effectively eliminated many open weekends.

Change or eliminate the JV state tournaments so SDAHA can schedule varsity games on those weekends for those teams with limited numbers.

Re: paper score sheets

Several associations did not put all of their games on NGIN live. They would either enter those games in the days following the actual game day, or I would enter them when I received the score sheet. On several occasions, I sometimes had to ask associations three or four times to get a game on, or had to ask to get the paper score sheet to me so I could enter it. I did enter 10-11 games myself, in addition to making many corrections on other games.

Another issue to consider is corrections – who do we accept them from and how often? We could be changing entire game stats if we open it up to everyone that I get requests from. Whereas, currently, we use the score sheet to limit corrections to what the score keeper also saw, or accept corrections from a limited number of people.

We currently can only track game misconducts (when they sit the games) with the paper score sheets.

I also had to make copies of the score sheets for everyone if there was any dispute on a call, action or such. They did not accept the NGIN score sheet.

We would need to look at all these areas (plus some I probably did not think about) before we eliminate the paper score sheets.

Risk Manager's Report

Submitted by: Dawn Magee, SDAHA Associate Risk Manager

B. SAFESPORT POLICY

The safety of its youth participants is of paramount importance to USA Hockey. This includes not only on-ice safety, but also off-ice safety in any part of USA Hockey's programs.

USA Hockey has long had safety systems in place to protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of abuse and misconduct that can be harmful to youth hockey players. These include, without limitation, physical abuse, sexual abuse, screening, locker room supervision and hazing policies, in addition to codes of conduct applicable to administrators, coaches, officials, parents, players and spectators. USA Hockey has created a SafeSport Program Handbook that collects USA Hockey's various policies to protect its youth participants from all types of misconduct and abuse.

USA Hockey has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct.

USA Hockey's SafeSport Program Handbook addresses the following:

• **SafeSport Policies** – including policies prohibiting:

- sexual abuse
- physical abuse
- emotional abuse
- bullying, threats and harassment
- hazing

The policies also address areas where misconduct can occur and are intended to reduce the risk of potential abuse, including:

- a locker room policy
- a social media, mobile and electronic communications policy
- a travel policy
- a billeting policy
- an education and awareness training policy

• **Education and awareness training**

• **Screening and background check program**

• **Reporting of concerns of abuse**

• **Responding to abuse and other misconduct**

• **Monitoring and supervision of the SafeSport Program**

These specific policies are of paramount importance to USA Hockey and may be modified or amended as needed.

A USA Hockey member or parent of any member who (1) violates any of the SafeSport Policies or (2) fails to consent to, and pass a screening and background check in compliance with the Screening and Background Check Program, may be denied eligibility within any USA Hockey programs and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension, permanent suspension, and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.

SDAHA needs to be more diligent in having affiliates having **ALL coaches and volunteers do the background check. My proposal is as follows:**

1. That all affiliates have a preliminary list of coaches and volunteers to the SDAHA Associate Risk Manager by September 15. (*Most affiliates have their coaching staffs for the upper levels already in place.*) *If this is not received, then the affiliate will be assessed a \$500.00 fine. If the affiliate contacts the Risk Manager prior to that date then the fine will be waived.*
2. All Affiliates will have a listing of all volunteers to the SDAHA Risk Manager **before any coach is on the ice with participants and have a completed background check on file.**
3. All volunteers will do an online background check form and submit it. (*I am still looking into this for efficiency and a way to make the checks more confidential.*)
4. If a volunteer is allowed to have contact with youth participants without a completed background check form the Affiliate will be fined \$1,000 per any unchecked volunteer. (*This will be waived if the affiliate contacts the SDAHA Associate Risk Manager.*)

The purpose is for SDAHA Affiliates to be in compliance with USA Hockey Policies and to protect affiliates from law suits.

Player Development Report – Rob Kittay

A committee was formed in the fall with all associations being encouraged to have someone on the panel. The Development Program conducted three events this year.

Junior Exposure Event

A group of juniors and seniors were invited to a session hosted by the Brookings Blizzard coaches held in Brookings on March 16, 2013. Players had a practice session and a classroom session concerning junior hockey. They then scrimmaged the U-16s national Team. 11 attended this event.

U-10 Event

Hockey players ages 7-10 were invited to an ADM type event hosted by the U-16 National Team in Brookings on March 23. 23 attended this event.

Boys Players Development Camp/National Team Tryouts

This event is being held this week end in Brookings. There are two objectives for the camp-Allow for development of SD players and to evaluate/select players for the Northern Plains District Development Camp (NPDDC). It is again a combination development camp and tryouts for the U14/U16 National Teams. This weekend was chosen based on ice availability as there are numerous demands for ice in the spring with a limited number rinks being available and to allow national teams to compete and be home for a few days. Howie Borden of the Granite City Lumberjacks (St Cloud) wil again be the lead on-ice instructor. He has been well received by players/parents for the couple years. Exact ice time is not known at the time of this writing as there may be a Brookings Blizzard playoff game on Saturday night. Two separate panels of evaluators (national teams and development advancement) have been arranged. Player numbers are as 100 total.

Players from the 1996-1999 groups will be advanced to the NPDDC. The NPDDC will be held in Fargo on May 9-12. At least four coaches from SD have been invited to participate at the camp.

If you have any concerns or ideas on boys development, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Rob Kittay
SD Boys Development Committee

Girls Development Director Report

Paul Bachand, Girls Development

- Started position the end of January 2013.
- Coordinated efforts with the Wyoming director for South Dakota girls to participate in the NIT Tournament.
- Worked on securing two South Dakota Teams to participate in the President's Cup Tournament
 - Over 30 South Dakota girls divided between two teams.
 - Plan to increase the tournament to 10 teams with 3 teams from South Dakota.
 - Increased participation in President's Cup with teams comprised of players from other hockey organizations in South Dakota.
 - Teams no longer solely comprised of players from a single team.
 - Plan to utilize the 2014 President's Cup Tournament as the try-out for the NIT team
 - Eliminate South Dakota players traveling to Gillette, Wyoming for NIT try-outs and then to Rapid City for President's Cup
 - Goal to increase participation in NIT Tournament
- May 2013 Northern Plains Development Camp – Fargo
 - Poor participation in the past in pre-camp
 - Limited number of girls attended NPDC in the past
 - Implemented application process for NPDC for the 2013 camp
 - Currently 21 South Dakota players have submitted applications
 - Coaches had to approve player application
 - Goal was to increase participation in NPDC.
- Future
 - North Dakota wishes to play summer games
 - Possible creation of a South Dakota team for summer pick-up games
 - Increase participation in:
 - NIT Tournament
 - President's Cup
 - NPDC

From Steve Salwei, CIC
Coaching Clinic Report

<u>Location</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Number Of Attendees</u>	<u>Preliminary Count</u> <u>Per Association needs</u>
Watertown	1	23	
Rapid City	1	27	
Sioux Falls	1	41	
<u>Level 1 Clinic Totals</u>	4	91	49
Aberdeen	2	9	
Sioux Falls	2	27	
Rapid City	2	8	
<u>Level 2 Clinic Totals</u>	3	44	54
Aberdeen	3	6	
Sioux Falls	3	33	
<u>Level 3 Clinic Totals</u>	2	39	40
<u>All Clinics Total</u>	9	174	143

4 Associations did not respond with counts when planning the clinics