

**NDAHA 2026 Winter Meeting**

Sunday February 15, 2026  
Eagles Club ~ Rugby, ND ~ 10:00 am

10:00 AM –

- Girls & Boys League Governance ~ Seeding & Bracketing ~ NDAHA State Tournaments

**Jr. Gold** (Chad Arendt)

7-team bracket

Watford City, ND Mar 5-7

**Girls H.S.** (Dan Frei)

6 teams, pool play format, same as last year

Watford City Mar 6-8

**Girls Seeding** (Dan Frei)

15u (West Fargo Mar 6-8) – 4 teams, double elimination

12uA/14uB (Williston Mar 13-15) – 10-team bracket

12uB (Williston Mar 13-15) – 14 teams, 8-team gold (4E/4W), 6-team silver, 3-game guarantee bracket.

**Youth League** (Chad Arendt)

BAA (Bismarck Feb 27-Mar 1) – 4 team tourney, top 3 auto-qualify, #4 and #5 qualifier game, 4-team double elimination tournament.

BA (Bismarck Feb 27-Mar 1) – 8 team tourney, 4 teams qualify for East - #1 auto-qualify, #2 v #7, #3 v #6, #4 v #5 play qualifier games, higher seed home. West - #1 and #2 auto-qualify, #3 v #6, #4 v #5 play qualifier games, higher seed home. 2-game guarantee.

BB1 (Mandan Feb 27-Mar 1) – 8 team tourney, 4 teams from E and W, #1 and #2 auto-qualify from E and W, #3 v #6 and #4 v #5 play qualifier games. 2-game guarantee.

BB – (Mar 13-15) 18 teams, 10-team gold hosted in Grafton, 8-team silver hosted in Bismarck.

PWAA (Grand Forks Mar 6-8) – 5 team tourney, double elimination, seeded per standings

PWA (Grand Forks Mar 6-8) – 13 teams, 8 team gold – top 4 teams E and W, 5 team silver – 5 team bracket.

PWB1 (Minot Mar 6-8) – 16 teams, first play-in to determine which tourney you go to (gold or silver) then 8 team gold bracket, 8 team silver bracket.

PWB (Mar 6-8) – 8 team Gold in Mandan, 8 team Silver in West Fargo, 8 team Bronze in Devils Lake. 4E and 4W for each bracket.

**GameSheets** – Zachmeier asked how will GS be used, or will they be used for state tournaments? Some associations will not use them. Stockert stated associations hosting state tournaments will have to use GameSheets for state tournament. Stockert will discuss with these associations.

## Lunch Break

### NDAHA 2026 Winter Board Meeting

- Call to Order – President Matt Stockert called meeting to order at 11:58am
- Roll Call

Matt Stockert  
Jared Olson  
Betty Triplett  
Cassie Scheving  
Margot Miller  
Dan Frei  
Darrin Voeller  
Mike Parnell  
Don Walz  
Leif Mattson

#### Also present:

Chad Arendt  
Grant Paranica  
Scott Berge  
Jerry Zachmeier

Not Present – Terry Halstengard, Dean Thompson, Greg Bender, Bob Gillen, Brian Bauman, Dallas Kuntz, Keith Holland, Greg Evenson

- Additions to Agenda ~ Old Business  
2025 Winter Board Meeting needs to be “2026” and 2025 Spring Affiliate and Board of Directors Meetings needs to be “2026”  
Jr Gold, Girl High Schools, Elections,  
OT for state tournaments  
USAH Update  
Rules & Regs
- Treasurer’s Report & Approval of Financials – Triplett  
1099’s went out, bad addresses were returned 30 days later, less 1099’s will go out next year with new tax rules. Money spent to law firm for Tehan’s arbitration case (SE district). \$8,062 to ABST Law. Olson motioned to approve financials, Voeller seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, financials approved. Financials are attached and incorporated into these minutes.
- Hall of Fame – Stockert  
NDAHA inducted Dave Hanson November 2025 (Watford City). Great turnout. Stockert and Frei attended. Jr Gold game was played after ceremony. Nominations are due in

the fall of the year each year so if you have people in your districts that should be recognized let Gillen know or others on the Hall of Fame committee.

- Approval 2025 Fall NDAHA Board Meeting Minutes  
Olson motioned to approve Fall 2025 meeting minutes, Walz seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Committee Updates from those present  
*Berge* – update on growth and development, Warriors hockey program, disciplinary matters around the state.  
*Zachmeier* (IT) – scams are still going around by email so beware  
*Arendt* – State tournament hats/beanies almost done, banners done, need to know which NDAHA representatives are going to which state tournament(s). Stockert will send email to gather that information.  
*Paranica* – Team ND playoffs set for March 5-7 in Fargo; NIT programs underway and invites out; Team ND tryouts are scheduled for May 1-3; HP camp split into two weekends again this year. NP Districts are moved from Grand Forks to Fargo due to accommodation costs and logistics to get to Fargo instead of GF.
- Jr. Gold Report ~ Ratification Jr Gold State Tournament ~ Arendt  
Ratification of Jr Gold state tournament from above, Triplett motioned to approve as noted above, Parnell seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Girls Section Report ~ Ratification Girls State Tournaments ~ Arendt  
Ratification of Girls state tournament from above, Olson motioned to approve as noted above, Leif seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Youth League Report ~ Ratification of Youth State Tournaments ~ Kuntz  
Ratification of Youth state tournament from above, Walz motioned to approve as noted above, Voeller seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Overtime during State Tournaments  
Discussion regarding how OT will be handled during state tournaments. Discussion had to leave both sides of the bracket (winning, losing) to what the State Handbook currently lists. Walz proposed a change in the handbook to goalies/teams changing ends during OT and alternate with subsequent OT's. Walz motioned based on his proposal, Triplett seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion approved. Stockert will update the State Tournament Handbook to reflect this change.
- Spring Meeting Proposals ~ Stockert  
Proposal deadline is March 1, 2026. Affiliate meetings to take place the week of April 20, Scheving to attend at the beginning to note the results of the voting. Spring Affiliate and Board Meeting set for Saturday May 9, 2026, in Williston, ND. Stockert will have

hotel accommodation for Friday night for those traveling. Proposals can be emailed to Scheving and Stockert by or before March 1, 2026.

- Elections

Positions up for election this Spring 2026: President – Matt will rerun, Betty will rerun, Terry is undetermined, Bender will rerun, Dean will rerun, Parnell is undetermined, Walz will not be seeking another term. Girls, Jr Gold/HS, and Youth directors are all up for election Spring 2026, nominations and voting to occur at the Spring 2026 BOD meeting for these director positions.

- President's Update – Stockert

Rules and Regulations – Scheving will send redlined draft to Stockert with all changes and Stockert will circulate to the board and various directors for review/approval.

NDL starting 2027-2028 season, 15u and 17u for boys only will be the initial season, that will still leave current programs to hold 14u, 16u, and 18u teams. Big concern is who is going to apply and the logistics, where these teams will be, play, etc. A lot of missing parts and pieces as far as Stockert is concerned. MN is not happy about this as they think it will dip into the high school hockey talent. Sioux Falls will apply for DL status. Application opening is May 1, 2026. This can affect ND high school players; we could lose some. Anticipate more ND high school players will be leaving than they are now. NDAHA will review the application once it is released to determine if this is an option for ND to apply to.

- Girls Committee – Miller

Miller is developing a Girls Committee and is seeking volunteers at each district, can be board members or non-board members, untapped potential for growing girls' program (growth and retention will be the focus). Margot, Berge, Stockert, Scheving, Frei, Zachmeier, and Mattson all will currently serve on this committee. Miller is looking for about 8-10 members by May 2026 spring meeting to start working through the summer. Stockert requested Miller to consider putting together a girl's NIT. More to come on this.

- Fargo Angels Program

Need to discuss Fargo Angel's program, residency vs. school of attendance discussion. Stockert discussed that work needs to go back to the metro area of Fargo/WF and discuss and re-work the affiliate agreement. May need to go back to the "opt-in" provision. Arbitration recommendation was to revise affiliate agreement to reflect the ruling to align.

- NDAHA 2026 Spring Affiliate & Board of Directors Meetings - May 9, 2026 – Williston, ND
- Adjournment  
Olson motioned to adjourn, Voeller seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.