

SDAHA Spring Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 2021

Attending the meeting as voting delegates were Randy Honkomp (SDAHA President), Tony Leif (SDAHA Vice President), Jeff Scheel (SDAHA Treasurer), Duke Witte (Aberdeen), Sam Johnson (Brandon Valley), John Kahle (Brookings), Curtis Bales (Huron), Mark Zens (Mitchell), Nathan Sanderson (Oahe), Dan Laughlin (Rapid City), Bill Waring (Sioux Center), Adam Gorra (Sioux Falls), Lucas Deutsch (Watertown), & Sarah Thoms (Yankton).

Also attending the meeting were Jenni Wirkus (SDAHA Executive Director), Cherry Hunter (SDAHA Risk Manager), Curtis Egan (SDAHA Growth & Retention), Ron Dobesh (SDAHA Webmaster), Rob Kittay (SDAHA CIC/Boys Development), Shelby Edwards (SDAHA Girls Development), John Sievert (Team South Dakota), Vince Foley (USA Hockey HS Section), Shane Wirkus, Shane Hartman, Justin Kirchhevel, Perry Schneekloth, Jeremy Van Den Berg, Terry Pederson, Roger Kasa, & Jared Ahlberg.

Shane Vandiest & Dane Yde joined the call via zoom for parts of the meeting.

A Quorum was determined and President Honkomp called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

President Honkomp asked for approval of the agenda, motion was made by OHA & 2nd by AHA to accept the agenda as written. Motion Passed!

Fall 2020 Meeting minutes were reviewed, motion by WHA and 2nd by BVHA to approve the minutes as written. Motion Passed!

Treasurer Jeff Scheel presented the treasurer report with a detailed review of the financials. Motion was made by VP Leif and second by SFYH to accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion Passed!

President Honkomp gave a brief Presidents report sighting that USA Hockey was down about 30% with registration numbers last season. SDAHA did not take that large of a hit during COVID and our numbers were down less than 5%. Associations should be actively recruiting for the future of their program and SDAHA.

Registrar's report was included in the meeting packet. In addition it was noted that USA Hockey increased sanctioning fees for tournaments from \$50 to \$250 for the upcoming season.

An officials report was submitted by RIC Cade Bloomerader. This report also noted Cade's resignation effective 5/31/21. USA Hockey conducted interviews for this position and notified President Honkomp via email that as of 6/1/21 Jared Ahlberg will be the new SDAHA RIC.

President Honkomp reviewed a report from Dan French that was included in the packet regarding his committee's meetings with the SDHOA (South Dakota Hockey Officials Association). The committee's recommendation was to continue discussions with SDHOA to work on a partnership for the future. Committee members are Dan French, Curtis Bales, Adam

Gorra & Robert Steffy who will continue to meet with members of SDHOA in an effort to strengthen officiating in SDAHA.

SDAHA Executive Director Jenni Wirkus recapped the season's officials numbers and reminded associations of the importance of recruiting for new officials in the off season.

Shellby Edwards spoke on Girls Player Development in SDAHA. Shelby noted she is willing to work with the local associations to help with growth & retention of players. She is available for group presentations and associations just need to reach out to her with questions.

Rob Kittay spoke on the Boys Player Development side and recapped the development camps that recently took place in Sioux Falls. Next year's camp will be held in Sioux Falls on April 22-24, 2022.

Coach in Chief, Rob Kittay reported on our current coaching numbers and last seasons CEP Clinics. There is a level 5 clinic coming up August 19-22, 2021 in Duluth and SDAHA is looking to partner with local associations to help send a group of current level 4 officials. Rob will reach out to the coaches and see how much interest there is to attend.

Curtis Egan reported on the importance of growing & retaining players in each association. He is interested in knowing what each association is doing to help with this and would like the locals to reach out to him by July 31, 2021 so he can compile a list and share it with the associations to help with ideas for all of the locals.

John Sievert, TSD Boys Coordinator, reported on the 14U/16U Boys TSD seasons and their run at the National Tournament last week. Discussion was also had about a Tier I Team SD. Executive Director Wirkus gave a report on the Girls side for the 2020-2021 season and discussed the June 4-6th tryout dates and asked the locals to encourage their players to get registered.

Cherry Hunter, SDAHA Risk Manager, encouraged associations to have a local Risk Manager that is independent of their board. It was also encouraged that locals have a strong person in charge of their local SafeSport. Background screenings changed last season and are more in depth and take a little longer to approve!

VP Leif, Discipline Chair, recapped his report on the Game Misconducts & discipline in SDAHA for the season.

Executive Director Wirkus touched on scheduling for the 2021-2022 season and noted that the season will begin the weekend before Thanksgiving. She will be in contact with the local schedulers throughout the summer and will be asking for Tournament requests and Team Counts.

Local Association reports were given by all 11 Delegates. Delegates discussed team counts for 2021-2022, upcoming fundraising, rink improvement information and goals for next season.
Old Business:

Executive Director Wirkus discussed the Friends of SDAHA Scholarships, 13 were awarded for year one with amounts totalling \$16,000. SDAHA is looking for opportunities to continue growing the scholarship fund and suggestions are welcome.
Also discussed was the SDAHA Girls weekend which was a huge success and the dates for 2021 are November 12-14 in Sioux Falls.. The SDAHA Senior Showcase will also be held this same weekend!

SDAHA will resume Varsity Teams warming up on dirty ice and handshakes which had been removed due to COVID.

New Business:

Discussion was had on exploring the option of hosting both Varsity Tournaments together in the future. A poll was taken from the voting delegates and the vote was in favor of considering this option and moving forward with additional talks on this subject!

A scholarship fund, the Dave Stahl All Star Fund, is in the process of being set up with SDAHA to help players with a financial need to request assistance for items such as camps, an equipment need or registration costs. Dave has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and this fund has been set up for him to help leave a legacy for youth in SDAHA. Currently 26 Friends/Family Members have donated to this fund in the last week and the balance is \$3825. A committee is being formed to help finalize the details on awarding these scholarships and monitoring this fund! Dave's Friends & Family are working on a plan to help direct money to this fund annually to keep it going well into the future!

SDAHA has formed a committee to start an Alumni Membership with a goal of unveiling it in the Fall. Current committee members are Randy Honkomp, Curtis Egan, Chad Manshiem & Executive Director Wirkus. Anyone wishing to join this committee was asked to contact Jenni.

Proposals:

- 1: Playing Rule 6 Officials/Referee System: Request to change GV officials to 3 man system
Motion was made by SFYH and 2nd by WHA to accept proposal as written. Motion passed!
Playing rules should now read:
 - ii. Girls Varsity and Girls Junior Varsity, Girls 14U: Girls Varsity/Jr. Varsity, and Girls 14-U will use a two-referee system.
 - iii. Girls Varsity and Bantams: The one referee and two linesman system will be used for Girls Varsity and Bantams.

- 2: Playing Rule 7a Equipment: Request to clean up helmet verbiage

Motion was made by VP Leif and 2nd by HHA to accept proposal as written. Motion passed!
Playing rules should now read:

7. Equipment

a. Helmets: All helmets will be uniform same color for teams at the peewee, bantam and varsity levels. All coaches/on ice instructors must wear helmets during practices and scrimmages. Penalties for non-compliance with this rule will be handled within the associations.

3. Playing Rule 8 Game Play, letter b Period length: Request for GJV periods to be 17 minutes
Motion was made by WHA and 2nd by SFYH to accept proposal as written. Motion passed!
Playing rules should now read:

i. The Youth Varsity/Jr. Varsity and Girls Varsity/Jr.Varsity will have 17 minute stop time periods.

ii. The Squirt/U10 Level will have 12 minute stop time periods.

iii. All levels except the Youth Varsity/Jr. Varsity, Girls Varsity/Jr.Varsity and Squirt/U10 will have 15 minute stop time periods.

4. Playing Rule 8 c Resurfacing: Request to resurface between period 1 & 2 at Youth JV
Motion was made by BVHA and 2nd by AHA to accept proposal as written. Motion passed!
Playing Rule should now read:

c. Resurfacing:

i. When the players leave the ice, the clock should be set at 15 minutes for resurfacing.

ii. Play is to resume at the end of the 15 minutes. When players return to the ice there shall be NO warm-up time.

iii. G14U, Peewee, and Squirt/U10 games shall be started on clean ice and need not be resurfaced during the course of the game. Resurfacing will be at the local association's choice and must be declared prior to game time. (Section Updated 05/2020)

iv. Bantam and Girls Jr. Varsity games shall be started on clean ice and need only be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods.

v. If the ice is not resurfaced between periods, a 2-minute rest period shall be allowed.

vi. All varsity games shall start on clean ice, following warm-ups, which shall also be resurfaced between the periods but not between the end of the 3rd period and the start of an overtime period.

vii. All Youth JV warm ups shall start on clean ice with the game immediately following warm ups and shall be resurfaced between the periods but not between the end of the 3rd period and the start of an overtime period.

vii. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the on-ice officials shall have the discretion to direct that the ice be resurfaced between periods if they shall deem the same necessary for the safety of the participants.

5. Playing Rule 8 C Resurfacing: Request to change 2 minute rest to 5 minutes

Motion was made by OHA and 2nd by BISA to accept proposal as written. Motion passed!

Playing rule should now read:

v. If the ice is not resurfaced between periods, a 5-minute rest period shall be allowed.

6. Playing Rule #10 Game Misconducts/Suspensions: Request to remove 3 penalty rule and use USA Hockey 5 penalty rule. Motion by OHA and 2nd by AHA to accept as written. Motion Failed!

7. Playing Rule 11. Video Review Policies: Request to clean up verbiage

Motion was made by AHA and 2nd by SC to accept as written. Motion passed!

Playing rule should now read:

11. Video Review

a. The SDAHA Video Review Committee (VRC) is hereby authorized to take disciplinary action under the authority of USA Hockey Playing Rule 410(a).

b. The VRC shall be comprised of members appointed by the SDAHA President that shall include the SDAHA Disciplinary Committee Chair and SDAHA Referee-in-Chief.

c. Requests for video review must be submitted to the SDAHA Disciplinary Committee Chair by an Association President within 3 days of the date of the incident.

c. The VRC should notify the President of the association of any player being considered for supplemental discipline.

d. The VRC may impose a suspension of up to 3 games or schedule a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee if a submitted video depicts a clear and definitive infraction regardless of whether or not the infraction was penalized by an on-ice official.

e. Discipline imposed by the VRC may be considered if the offending player comes before the Discipline Committee for future incidents and past disciplinary actions may be considered in VRC decisions.

f. VRC decisions are subject to appeal to the SDAHA Disciplinary Committee under USA Hockey By-law 10.

8. Admin Rule #9 Zero Tolerance: Request for identifiable security at games

Motion was made by AHA and 2nd by YAIA to accept proposal as written. Motion Failed!

9. State Tournament Rule 1b: Request to remove JV State Tournaments

Motion was made by OHA and 2nd by SC to accept proposal as written. Motion was table proposal until Fall meeting by SFYH and 2nd by SC.

10. State Tournament Rule 1B: Request to clarify minimum number of teams to host a State Tournament

Motion was made by OHA and 2nd by MSHA to accept proposal as written. Motion Passed!

Playing rule should read:

b. All Tournaments other than Youth Varsity: All Tournaments other than the Youth Varsity will be assigned by the SDAHA Board of Directors. No local association may host two (2) tournaments, so if after the bid process for the Youth Varsity Tournament the winning local was already scheduled to host another tournament, that other tournament shall be assigned to a local not hosting a tournament based upon a process similar to the bid process above (excluding the minimum criteria. State Tournaments will be held for all the following divisions provided a full league season with a minimum of 5 teams in the division has been played: Peewees (A, B, C), girls 12U, Bantams (A,B), Girls 14U, Youth Varsity/Girls Jr Varsity & Youth Varsity/Jr Varsity division.

11. State Tournament Rule 5 On Ice Officials: Request for 4 officials at GV State Tournament

Motion was made by BVHA and 2nd by MSHA to accept proposal as written. Motion Failed!

Election of Officers:

President Honkomp advised he was notified of one interested party for the position of SDAHA Secretary, Mike Hunter. Nominations from the floor were opened and hearing none, a

unanimous vote was cast for Mike Hunter. Motion was made by HHA and 2nd by SC. Motion Passed!

President Honkomp advised he was notified of one interested party for the position of SDAHA President, Tony Leif. Nominations from the floor were opened and hearing none, a unanimous vote was cast for Tony Leif. Motion was made by OHA and 2nd by SC. Motion Passed!

Fall Meeting Saturday September 11th, 2021 in Watertown.

Motion to adjourn @ 3:11 PM by OHA second by WHA, Motion Passed!