

**North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association
2025 Affiliates & Board - Annual Meetings
May 10, 2025 – Minot Civic Auditorium, Minot, ND**

**2025 NDAHA AFFILIATE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
Saturday May 10, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order – President Matt Stockert called meeting to order at 10:01 AM

II. Roll Call - Affiliates

Bismarck	Mandan
Bottineau	Mayport
Crosby	Minot
Devils Lake	Richland
Dickinson	Rugby
Fargo Angels	Watford City
Fargo Youth Hockey	West Fargo Youth Hockey
Grand Forks Youth Hockey	Williston
Langdon	

****Absent** – Cando, Grand Forks Stallions, Hazen/Beulah, Jamestown, Manvel, Northstars Youth Hockey, Northwood, Valley City

Board Members Present:

Matt Stockert	Greg Bender
Jarrold Olson	Dean Thompson
Betty Triplett	Margot Miller
Cassie Scheving	Don Walz
Terry Halstengard	Darrin Voeller
Leif Mattson	Mike Parnell
Brian Bauman	

League Directors and Support Staff Present

Chad Arendt	Bob Gillen
Dan Frei	Scott Berge
Grant Paranica	Jerry Zachmeier

****Absent** – Dallas Kuntz, David Hoff, Keith Holland, Thor Nelson, Greg Evenson

III. Agenda – Additions / Changes

Stockert raised 2 additions: Update on GameSheet, Waiver for Bantams and Girls 15U Lane (Bismarck) added girl's hockey in general

IV. Minutes - Approve Fall 2024 Affiliate Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from affiliate district meetings were provided to affiliates by email

prior to the meeting. Minot motioned to approve minutes, Crosby seconded, all in favor, none opposed, minutes approved.

V. Treasurers Report – Approve Financials

Financials were provided to affiliates by email prior to the meeting. Langdon motioned to approve financials, Rugby seconded, no further discussion had, all in favor, none opposed, financials approved. Triplett asked that the financial statement be attached to every board meeting and minutes are noted as such so they are incorporated in the minutes.

VI. NDAHA Reports

- Treasurer – Betty Triplett: USAH audited NDAHA and received favorable remarks. A couple requests came from the auditors, one being to supply financial statement at every board meeting and incorporate into the minutes and provided online. Other request was to inventory all items and come up with a value so that process is underway. Audit occurs every three years at end of Sept/beginning of Oct. Olson updated the affiliates that every month after Triplett reconciles the bank records then she sends out to the finance committee and a committee member reviews all records and completes an informal internal audit each month.
- SafeSport – Terry Halstengard: Overall, a good year compared to previous years. U.S. Center for SafeSport handled 11 cases this year, NDAHA handled 16, and about 50 that NDAHA helped out statewide. NDAHA averaged less than 12 days to turn around a complaint matter. Bullying is still the largest issue in the state. Emotional abuse (yelling) is number 2 in the state. Locker room monitors will help reduce these numbers. The USAH handbook outlined that a family is not entitled to be in an affiliate. However, if you remove a family or player mid-season then you have to comply with ByLaws but if it's pre-season or out of season then you don't have to let the family back into the association and no need to comply with Bylaws are required. This will help associations deal with really difficult players and/or parents. Stockert will set up another call in August/Sept for SafeSport education and discussion for affiliates/board.
- Player Development – Grant Paronica: HP camps finished in GF with boy's camp held April 10-12, 491 registered and 30 coaches, girls camp held April 25-27, 252 registered and xx coaches. First year with the split of the two camps, girls up about 40 and boys roughly the same numbers. This worked well and ran smooth and received good feedback. Girls summit 70 girls in Jamestown, good feedback and first time doing this. Phase II in Dickinson went well also. Trying to add 16U girls to the fall summit. Adding boys 12u fall summit for a weekend as well. Boys NIT finished up two weeks ago in Plymouth, MN, and played in championship and won. This is a good opportunity for the boys and seeing them improve and playing on this state on par with some of the top of MN, WI, and MI kids. TND boys and girls 17 teams auto-bid or qualify, girls T1

went to semi-finals for the first time. Tryouts for TND finished up in Fargo last weekend. 469 kids registered, 349b and 129g. Down 7 boys from previous years. Invites to rostered positions are underway and almost done. August will have training camps. No change in the team makeups this year. Numbers are strong in terms of tryouts. NPHL fall bantam league, 4 teams, SD came up and played one weekend. Eliminating the 3on3 weekend as it's not going so well and kids aren't committed to it but will continue with 5on5 weekends. HS NPHL league with 6 teams and 15 game schedule and that will continue. NDAHA took on a few MN kids because MN didn't have enough interest for a team/league. 460 kids over 20 teams for the PD groups. In 2021 we had 14 teams and about 200 players. Future events: hosting NP camp next weekend in GF, some of ND kids will be attending. This has been pared down to more finite number to reduce team sizes. This has changed a bit. NP goaltending camp is Aug 1-3 in Dickinson, all are welcome. Working on amateur goaltending camp for this upcoming fall, dates TBD. PD will host MN NIT for girls (12 teams) in Sept. HP camp booked boys will be April 10-12 and girls will be April 17-19 (the following week after boys). Paranca wants to stress at NP district camp Duane Dillenger is international chair for USAH, Duane says to Grant and Bob that there are people calling and want to model their camps to our District camps so it tells us that we are on the right track (combining development with selection process). This is thanks to the affiliates, coaches, volunteers, etc. There is something for everyone in player development within ND, keep promoting this to your affiliates and players. HS coaches are now able to help with these state camps. Margot raised holding a coaching development component or mentorship especially on the female side. Stockert will get with David Hoff for some type of CE and education component.

- D&I/Discipline/Growth– Scott Berge: D&I – with Bottineau, Belcourt, and Dunseth 5 year plan with 3 years to go, USAH provides block grants for these programs. Discipline – received 212 incident reports received this past year between TND, regular season. Top infractions were penalties for player or overall for coach, head contact, and fighting. SE district had 71, NW had 54, NE 38, SW 36, TND 13. By month was slow start in the begging and picked up. There are times that NDAHA didn't receive an incident report. Oftentimes we hear about something but receive no incident report. This can also be informal such as “this happened this weekend and he's sitting next game” and then no report. Rule is NDAHA needs to receive report within 24 hours from incident. Growth – warrior hockey trying to grow in ND, warriors from St. Cloud coming up to GF to play a game Sunday, August 24th at ICON 11am. KNOX, GF Herald will be present and plugging the event. Adult hockey tournament – themes/concerns/questions received – age and levels, residency, no checking, standings, older tournaments are poorly run so there is a want/need, equipment requirements, locker room refreshment requirements, trophies or awards. Parent/athlete training course – nothing received from anyone this

year.

- Hall of Fame – Bob Gillen: Off season for the committee, HOF committee re-elected for a three-year term. Sheets provided for HOF nominations and a list of everyone that is already in the HOF.
- Youth Leagues – Dallas Kuntz: Dallas was not present, Stockert addressed conversation for B/B1 league intentions discussion but will leave to Bauman and Parnell and others to discuss with affiliates. Rather than throwing intentions out as B or B1, maybe ask upper, middle, or lower and the affiliates can define where their teams will fall. Dallas thought to add B2 divisions at Bantam and Pee wee levels, smaller programs would be expected to play in B but could be in B2, this will allow programs with single team programs could play B and be competitive instead of having to register B1. Goal is to get 5-6 B2 teams in E and W. Further discussion had regarding pros/cons, concerns, benefits.
- Girls Leagues – Dan Frei: concerns with 15uA, there were 4 teams. 22 teams at 12u feeds 18 HS and Varsity programs. The number of girls players is lower and this is concerning. Adding JV will also impact the girls program. There is growth to do and promoting girls in their organizations. All of the leagues were pretty and competitive, there was one team that struggled more than the others. State tourneys fell into place with how the leagues went. Fall weekend in Dickinson 12u14u and played MT and WY. Girls HS league has played a showcase in St. Louis and that went away, Stockert worked hard to get the select team into Tier 2 girls tourney and that didn't work out. Kleven went above and beyond to get ice in Minot and invited select team from girls HS league to play scrimmages against LRSC and some recruits. Lane (Bismarck) addressed JV not an option for Bismarck, capping rosters at 26, eval in July.
- Junior Gold – Chad Arendt: JR Gold would like to wear color jersey at home and whites away. Same number of teams expected this year. Jr Gold showcase team went to TX and went 1-2-2.
- 2025 State Tournaments Recap – Chad Arendt
State tournaments went well, a lot of overtime and close games. Play-in games were competitive. 211 games, 65 were 1-goal, 30 2-goal. 23 OT games, 2 2OT, 1 4OT, 1 5OT. No complaints received from state games.
- 2026 State Tournament Dates / Host Sites – Chad Arendt
 - i.
 - ii. Host Sites and Dates
 1. Jr. Gold – TBD 3/5-3/7
 2. Girls HS/19u – TBD 3/6-3/8; possible host JG and HS together in GF or will be separated. If separate, Langdon will have JG, and WF would take Girls HS and 15u March 6-8.
 3. BAA/BA – Bismarck 2/27-3/1
 4. BB1 – SE (Jamestown willing) 2/27-3/1
 5. BB Gold – NSYH 3/13-3/15
 6. BB Silver – NW TBD 3/13-3/15

7. PWAA/PWA – GF 3/6-3/8
8. PWB1 – Minot 3/6-3/8
9. PWB Gold – Mandan 3/6-3/8
10. PWB Silver – SE TBD 3/6-3/8
11. PWB Bronze – Devils Lake 3/6-3/8
12. 12u/14u Williston 3/13-3/15
13. 15u – SE TBD 3/13-3/15

VII. Elections –

- None – this is an off-year

VIII. 2025 Proposals

- Four (4) proposals – results from District Meetings were discussed
 - i. Tied games – pulled by submitter
 - ii. Automatic waivers – at least 1 district tabled so this needs to be addressed at meeting. Leif withdraws proposal at meeting. Mayville motioned to pull, GFYHA seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
 - iii. Period length – pulled by submitter
 - iv. Mandatory league scheduling – at least 1 affiliate tabled so discussed at meeting. Bender discussed the intent and purpose of the proposal. Bender motioned to pull proposal, Langdon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

IX. Stockert Updates

- GameSheets update: \$140/team for GameSheets for all PW, B, Girls, JR Gold, July 15th deadline to opt in
- Bantam/Girls 15u Waivers – Stockert asked for waiver for B and 15u to allow for icing on pk and tag up offsides. MN is asking for the same waiver.

X. Fall Meeting – Member and Board meeting set for Saturday, September 13, 2025, Fargo, ND

XI. Adjournment – Williston motioned to adjourn, West Fargo seconded, meeting adjourned at 1:13pm.