

SDAHA Spring Meeting
Saturday, April 21, 2012
Crossroad Event Center
100 4th Street SW, Huron, SD

- Sign in 8:30 a.m. (Juice, coffee and rolls will be provided)
- Call to Order 9:00 a.m.
- Welcome – Introductions
- Count of Voting Delegates and Determination of Quorum
- Adoption of Agenda
- Approval of Fall Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Treasurers Report and Financial Updates
 - Randy Honkomp, Treasurer
 - Tom Hitchcock
 - Acceptance of Treasurer's Financial Report
- Registrars Report – Mary Held, State Registrar
 - In attendance – new registrar, Annette Stensgaard
- Risk Managers Report – Dawn Magee, Risk Manager
- Discipline Report – Ben Tronnes
- Officials Report – Doug Sorensen, RIC
- Officials Scheduling – Jodi Sterrett
- Coaching Report – Steve Salwei, CIC
 - Varsity Coaches – Rob Kittay / Brady Pinney
- Player Development Report – Vince Foley
 - Development Committee
 - National Tournament Committee Representative
- Girls Development – Brady Pinney
 - Girls Development Committee
- Scheduling Update – Max Tronnes
- Pro Hockey Celebrity Hunt Updates – Dave Tronnes
- Website update, Ron Dobesh
- Local Association Reports
 - Aberdeen, Big Stone Lake, Brandon Valley, Brookings, Huron, Mitchell, Oahe, Rushmore, Sioux Center, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Yankton
- Northern Plains USAH Director Report – Dave Tronnes
- SDAHA President's Report – Dan French

Discussion Items:

- SDAHA presence at state tournaments
- ADM rule consistency
- Reconfigure JV Program (also see Proposal # 6)
- SDAHA Officer conference calls
- Pay Raises
- Head Contact issues
- Rules changes for joint state (girls and boys) varsity state tournaments, Sean O'Connor, Rushmore
- Having Peewees/Girls Varsity travel together for games, Sean O'Connor, Rushmore

Proposals:

- **(1) Increase referees to three for Girls Varsity**
- **(2) Use 4-man system for BJV**
- **(3) Change warm-up times for Peewees**
- **(4) Add delayed offsides for Bantams**
- **(5) Allow SDAHA elected officials to have voting capacity**
- **(6) Create committee to revise JV format**
- **(7) Develop fee program to help support National Tournament teams**
- **(8) Establish new boundaries for Brandon Valley/Sioux Falls**

Meeting Handouts:

Copy of September 2011 board meeting minutes (All attendees)
Registrar's Report (Provided at meeting)
Risk Managers Report (Provided at meeting)
Schedulers Report (Provided at meeting)
Proposals (All attendees)
Financial Report (Provided at meeting)
Copy of By-Laws, Playing and Tournament Rules (One copy at meeting site)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Submitted by Dan French, President

1. SDAHA currently puts on 8 state tournaments. I believe it to be critical that SDAHA has a larger presence during these tournaments. One officer shall be in attendance at each of the PW, bantam and JV tournaments. We must set an established time for SDAHA official to be available to meet parents, answer questions, etc. The officer attending said tournament will be the one local tournament directors will work with as well as Max Tronnes. The SDAHA official shall make any on-site decisions that pertain to play. I suggest some type of SDAHA apparel to be easily identified. The SDAHA official will also be present for opening ceremonies and trophy presentations.
2. SDAHA rule (mandate) relating to ADM. Should we control team sizes/ split teams by age vs. ability? Trying to make each local consistent as many teams travel to enter other's tournaments. USAH is moving towards mandating ADM through "ADM Standards)
3. Forming JV committee to address possible re-configuration of our youth JV program. Representation from coaches, small association and large association along with me and Ben.

Tournament vs. Jamboree(s)

Shorter season to put more emphasis on Varsity late in year

Order of games (JV then Varsity vs. Varsity then JV)

Hope to come to fall 2012 meeting with a recommendation to be implemented for 2013-2014 season, and possibly yet 2012-2013 season if recommendation meets everyone's approval.

4. Monthly conference call amongst SDAHA officers, from time to time may include RIC, CIC, registrar, others.
5. Pay raise for Max and Jodi. They spend a lot of time doing what they do. They do a wonderful job and are very dedicated
6. Dave T., Doug S. and myself met with Dr. Sanchez from Pierre during the Varsity tournament. He showed video of specific plays where violent checks with head contact were made. All but 1 of these plays were called penalties, but all were called as 2-minute minors. Better education for officials to protect players from violent hits will be taking place. You will see more 5-minute majors called. We need to eliminate the injury potential hits that involve the head contact or violent head movement such as blind sided hits, etc.

Submitted by Rushmore, Sean O'Connor, President

7. Discussion of rules changes to allow joint state (girls and boys) varsity state tournaments (see next page)

SDAHA STATE TOURNAMENT RULES

Following are the rules and general information relative to the SDAHA State Tournaments. Please pass this information on to anyone else in the host associations that have a need for this information.

change to "joint state tournament"

The Boys Varsity Tournament will be assigned through a "bid" (application) process. (7/10)

eliminate "Bid" and change to "rotation"

A. Minimum requirements for the bid process are:

- Must be at rink located in South Dakota;
- Must be at rink with 1,500 permanent seats (with standard architectural definitions) with open, unobstructed site lines (does not include obstructions caused by rink and benches) which can include collapsible seating which meets safety criteria for small children which are;
- Must be in town with at least 180 reserved motel rooms within city limits, or in city limits of city contiguous with host city;
- Must be in rink with clean facility with no dirt or sawdust floors in concourse, locker room area or main rink room;
- Must be in rink with sufficient lighting for television coverage;
- Must in rink with concessions to provide hot and cold drinks, and hot and cold food, with personal service.
- Must block 24 rooms per team at time of submission of bid, based upon estimate of teams to be registered.
- Rink facility must have sufficient requirements for provision of television coverage such as power, access and parking for satellite feed truck.

add verbiage for min 3000 seats for championship games

300 rooms?

with commitment to televise boys and girls games

B. The Gate Receipts shall be the property of SDAHA.

C. The State shall reimburse the hosting local a base reimbursement of \$3000 plus a 15% incentive of gate for expenses based on a formula considering tournament expenses and incentive to attract additional gate. This reimbursement amount is determined by the executive board or at the fall meeting by the board of directors.

D. The balance of the receipts shall be allocated among the numbers of league teams.

E. No local may host two (2) tournaments, so if after the bid process for the Boys Varsity Tournament the winning local was already scheduled to host a tournament, that other tournament shall be assigned to a local not hosting a tournament (2010: Sioux Falls, Sioux Center, Yankton) based upon a process similar to the bid process above (excluding the minimum criteria).

Joint state tourney participants will eliminate themselves from rotation of other state tourneys (JV, BA, PW), eliminate "no local can host 2 state tourneys"

Additional requirements:

- No local can host 2 state tournaments in one season;
- Revenue sharing on 2011 Boys Varsity gate
- Date bids due and awarded to be determined by the Executive Committee

1. **Tournament Format:** Tournament formats should be distributed to local presidents in a timely basis by the SDAHA president. The host association should complete the format by inserting the game times and then returns the format to the SDAHA. Also, a copy should be forwarded to the Referee-in-Chief for referee assignments. The SDAHA will provide the final tournament schedule. The final tournament schedule can be then distributed to the media, other associations and to the Referee-in-Chief.

Change to Joint State Tournaments

Additional requirement: joint state tournament shall be scheduled on a weekend that does NOT conflict with any other high school sanctioned state tournaments

In establishing

A. The youth varsity/jr varsity games (time is from the start of one game to the start of the next game). During the medal games (usually Sunday), there should be a minimum of 2 1/2 hours between peewee games to allow time for awards, etc. (9/05)

8. Discuss Peewee teams and Girls Varsity traveling together for games.

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL #1

SDAHA Playing Rules 2A currently reads:

Referee system- in SDAHA play, the one referee-two linesman system will be used for all levels but GV/GJV. They will use the two-referee system. A two referee system will not be used at other levels except under extenuating circumstances, such as failure of the third official to show.

RE-WRITE:

Referee system- in SDAHA play, the one referee-two linesman system will be used for all levels. A two-referee system will only be used under extenuating circumstances such as failure of the third official to show.

PURPOSE: the speed and quality of the game has increased at the GV level. The 3-man system will allow better coverage of the blue lines and also allow the referee better positioning for goals and allow the lineman to assist during breakaway situations. The referee for a GV game will be a level 3 official. The referee for a GJV game may be a level 2 official. Linesman for a GV game may be level 2 officials. This will allow continuing training of level 2 officials.

DISCUSSION POINT:

PW – 3-man system	Bantam – 3 man system
GJV – 3 man system	GV – 3-man system/ level 3 referee
BJV – 3-man system/level 3 ref	BV – 3-man system/level 3 referee

PROPOSAL #2

SDAHA Playing Rules 2A

RE-WRITE:

Youth JV/Varsity shall use the 4-man referee officiating system.(2 referee/2 linesman). The referees shall be level 3 officials while the linesman may be level 2 officials (age and ability dependant upon RIC discretion)

PURPOSE: this will allow mentoring to continue at the higher levels for officials as well as assist some of our more senior officials to aid in better positioning. The “2nd set of eyes” will allow better coverage and penalty calling for those plays that occur away from the puck and/or behind the play.

DISCUSSION POINT:

PW – 3 man system	bantam – 2-man system
GJV – depends on proposal #1	GV – depends on proposal #1
BJV – 4-man system/level 3 refs	BV – 4-man system/level 3 refs

PROPOSAL #3

SDAHA Playing Rules 5A currently reads:

1. Warm-ups shall not exceed 8 minutes for PW and 10 minutes for bantam and JV/Varsity levels

RE-WRITE:

In SDAHA play, warm-ups shall be 5 minutes for PW, 8 minutes for bantam and 10 minutes for JV and Varsity levels.

PURPOSE: consistency throughout the league as questions were even raised during state tournaments.

PROPOSAL #4

SDAHA Playing Rules 5E currently reads:

Delayed offsides – at the JV/Varsity levels, a delayed offsides will be allowed.

RE-WRITE:

Delayed offsides – at the bantam, JV and Varsity levels, a delayed offsides will be allowed.

PURPOSE: USAH has added bantam level for delayed offsides. It was observed this past season during SDAHA league play.

PROPOSAL #5

Proposal to the SDAHA Board of Directors:

Said proposal is an attempt to allow elected officers of the SDAHA to be held in a voting capacity. An effort was made at the 2011 SDAHA meeting to reduce the size of the SDAHA Board of directors, which was accomplished by reducing the number of voting Directors from each local from 3 to 1. The new by-law that was proposed and adopted also eliminated the voting capacity of the elected officers. The proposal I am submitting would change the wording in Article 5.5 of the SDAHA By-laws which currently reads:

5.5 Voting Directors: The only voting members of the Board of Directors will be the Directors elected under the provisions of Section 5.4 or their named and approved alternates.

The President shall be entitled to vote only in the event of a tie vote on any matter.

REWRITE:

5.5 Voting Members: Members eligible to vote on SDAHA matters at hand shall include the Elected Directors outlined in article 5.4 of the SDAHA by-laws or their approved alternates, as well as the Elected Officers of SDAHA as outlined in Article 6 of the SDAHA by-laws. The President shall vote only in the event of a tie on any matter at hand.

Proposal submitted by Officers, SDAHA

PROPOSAL #6

The President shall appoint a committee of association coaching directors and Presidents to study and propose revised boys junior varsity scheduling and format, and revised scheduling state tournament scheduling for the boys' league divisions.

This proposal arises out of discussions amongst boys' Varsity Head coaches. The report shall be presented at the State meeting in the fall for consideration as amended in Spring 2013. Proposal submitted by Vince Foley, Watertown

PROPOSAL #7

From National Tournament Team Committee: A per head fee of \$__.00 shall be assessed against league registered players for the use and support of national tournament bound teams as the SDAHA entry in Tier II Youth, Tier II Girls, and High School Nationals.

This discussion actually arose from the Boys Varsity Tournament discussion and the problems with fundraising faced with any of the teams representing the state. The National Tournament Team Committee was segregated from the Boys Development Committee and the Girls Development Committee this past winter to manage independently that process and selection. Proposal submitted by Vince Foley, Watertown.


PROPOSAL #8

Joint Resolution

In the interest of promotion of the game of hockey and the spirit of cooperation between the two organizations, the Brandon Valley Hockey Association and Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association agree that the geographic boundary of the Brandon Valley Youth Hockey Association should be changed to the geographic boundaries of the Brandon Valley and Garretson School Districts. Children residing outside the geographic boundary of the Sioux Falls or Brandon Valley/Garretson School Districts will have the option of choosing which association they wish to belong to. Attached is a drawing of the BVHA boundary.



3/19/12
Brant Behrend, BVHA President



3/19/12
Vince Jones, SFYHA President

