

SDAHA Fall Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2011
Mitchell, SD

Meeting attendees:

Dan French: SDAHA President
Tony Leif: Oahe
Gary DeYoung: Sioux Center
Nick Magera: Sioux Falls
Laura Baumeister: Yankton
Vince Foley: Watertown
Brian Nash: Mitchell
Doug Solem: Huron
Sean O'Connor: Rushmore
Duke Witte: Aberdeen
Dave Zerfas: Brookings

Non voting attendees:

Brandt Behrend: Brandon Valley President
Rob Kittay: SDAHA Varsity Coach Representative
Jodi Sterrett: SDAHA Officials Scheduler
Mary Held: SDAHA State Registrar
Brady Pinney: SDAHA Girls Development
Maxine Tronnes: SDAHA Executive Assistant
Tom Hitchcock: SDAHA Past President
Dave Tronnes: SDAHA NPD Director
Ben Tronnes: SDAHA Vice President
Denise Niehoff: SDAHA Secretary
Doug Sorenson: SDAHA Referee in Chief
Steve Salwei: SDAHA Coach in Chief
Dane Yde: SD Officials Representative

Dave Vanderwerf- Sioux Center, Cherry Hunter-Sioux Falls, Scott Reed-Brandon Valley, Steve Jorgenson-Aberdeen, Brian Davidson-Huron, Chuck Jones-Mitchell, Rhonda Schenkel-Yankton

10 voting delegates were identified by SDAHA President Dan French.

Adoption of Agenda with one addition was moved by Tony Leif of Pierre, second by Gary DeYoung of Sioux Center. So moved.

Minutes from SDAHA Spring 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Gary DeYoung of Sioux Center, second by Duke Witte of Aberdeen. So moved.

SDAHA Conference Call on July 19, 2011: Dan French stated that they Boys Varsity Tournament was awarded to Oahe. There was discussion on when the bids for the Boys Varsity Tournament should be due. Some concerns were if SD events would be known and if we would award one Association two years. It was decided to have the bids submitted by the Spring Meeting.

Financial Report

Randy Honkomp SDAHA Treasurer not present, report given by Tom Hitchcock.

(see next page)

SDAHA FINANCES - Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2011 Financial Information
Change in Fund and Cash Balances
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2011

| Fund / Description of Fund Account | 9/1/2010 to 8/31/2011 | | Change in Fund Balance | Beginning Fund Balance | Ending Fund Balance | Budget FYE 8/31/11 | | Actual vs. Budget Variance |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Income | Expense | | | | Income | Expense | |
| Player Assessments (\$1.25 per player) | \$ 2,478.90 | \$ - | | | | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ (21.10) |
| Background Check Assessments | \$ 4,815.00 | \$ 4,815.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Team Assessments | \$ 41,910.01 | \$ - | | | | \$ 39,685.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,225.01 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 3,067.58 | \$ 4,334.13 | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,266.55) |
| Varsity State Tournament Gate | \$ 15,120.00 | \$ 15,120.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| USA Hockey Block Grant | \$ 1,837.25 | \$ - | | | | \$ 1,900.00 | \$ - | \$ (62.75) |
| Administrative Expense (office supplies, etc.) | \$ - | \$ 1,189.26 | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ 610.74 |
| Goal Judges - State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 550.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ 2,350.00 | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Referee Development (50% to Referee Fund) | \$ - | \$ 1,601.29 | | | | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 398.71 |
| Meeting Expense (travel and other arrangements) | \$ - | \$ 2,838.39 | | | | \$ - | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 1,661.61 |
| Officials Fees - State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 14,527.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ 14,655.00 | \$ 128.00 |
| Sales Tax (July and January) | \$ - | \$ 708.05 | | | | \$ - | \$ 400.00 | \$ (308.05) |
| Executive Assistant Pay | \$ - | \$ 3,270.50 | | | | \$ - | \$ 4,800.00 | \$ 1,529.50 |
| League Scheduler Pay and Expense | \$ - | \$ 1,250.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,250.00 | \$ - |
| Referee Scheduler Pay and Expense | \$ - | \$ 3,135.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ (635.00) |
| Phone / Website | \$ - | \$ 883.39 | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,055.00 | \$ 171.61 |
| Jerseys for National Tournament Team | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - |
| Scoring System Fees | \$ 4,960.00 | \$ 4,960.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Interest Income | \$ 3.63 | \$ - | | | | \$ 5.00 | \$ - | \$ (1.37) |
| Advertising / Promotions | \$ - | \$ - | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Trophies, Medals, etc. - State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 2,781.97 | | | | \$ - | \$ 2,280.00 | \$ (501.97) |
| Travel - State / District Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 1,247.96 | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 252.04 |
| Northern Plains District Assessment | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - |
| General | \$ 74,192.37 | \$ 67,211.94 | \$ 6,980.43 | \$ 11,817.87 | \$ 18,798.30 | \$ 44,090.00 | \$ 44,090.00 | \$ 6,980.43 |
| Player Development (Funded \$1.75 per player 11/12) | \$ 25,971.80 | \$ 80,207.49 | \$ (54,235.69) | \$ 45,943.56 | \$ (8,292.13) | | | |
| Referee (Funded \$1.00 per player) | \$ 1,984.00 | \$ 1,601.28 | \$ 382.72 | \$ 8,498.65 | \$ 8,881.37 | | | |
| Coaches (Funded \$1.00 per player) | \$ 5,237.60 | \$ 3,654.14 | \$ 1,583.46 | \$ 3,419.65 | \$ 5,003.11 | | | |
| Total All Funds | \$ 107,385.77 | \$ 152,674.85 | \$ (45,289.08) | \$ 69,679.73 | \$ 24,390.65 | | | |

Reconciliation to Cash Accounts:

| | 8/31/2011 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Income Minus Expense - All Funds | \$ (45,289.08) |
| Less: Interest Income | \$ (3.63) |
| Beginning Checking Cash | \$ 62,473.98 |
| Ending Checking Cash | \$ 17,181.27 |
| Interest Income | \$ 3.63 |
| Beginning Savings Cash | \$ 7,205.75 |
| Ending Savings Cash | \$ 7,209.38 |
| Total Cash Available | \$ 24,390.65 |

| Description of Fund Account | Base Period Actual 9/1/2010 to 8/31/2011 | | Adjustments to Base Period Actual | | Proposed Budget 9/1/2011 to 8/31/2012 | | Approved Budget 9/1/2010 to 8/31/2011 | |
|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense |
| Player Assessments (\$1.25 per player) | \$ 2,478.90 | \$ - | \$ 21.10 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - |
| Background Check Assessments | \$ 4,815.00 | \$ 4,815.00 | \$ (4,815.00) | \$ (4,815.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Team Assessments | \$ 41,910.01 | \$ - | \$ (41,910.01) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 3,067.58 | \$ 4,334.13 | \$ (3,067.58) | \$ (4,334.13) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Varsity State Tournament Gate | \$ 15,120.00 | \$ 15,120.00 | \$ (15,120.00) | \$ (15,120.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| USA Hockey Block Grant | \$ 1,837.25 | \$ - | \$ 62.75 | \$ - | \$ 1,900.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,900.00 | \$ - |
| Administrative Expense (office supplies, etc.) | \$ - | \$ 1,189.26 | \$ - | \$ 395.74 | \$ - | \$ 1,585.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Goal Judges - State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 550.00 | \$ - | \$ (550.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Referee Development (50% to Referee Fund) | \$ - | \$ 1,601.29 | \$ - | \$ 398.71 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Meeting Expense (travel and other arrangements) | \$ - | \$ 2,838.39 | \$ - | \$ (338.39) | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ 4,500.00 |
| Officials Fees - State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 14,527.00 | \$ - | \$ (14,527.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Tax (July and January) | \$ - | \$ 705.05 | \$ - | \$ (8.05) | \$ - | \$ 700.00 | \$ - | \$ 400.00 |
| Executive Assistant Pay | \$ - | \$ 3,270.50 | \$ - | \$ 1,529.50 | \$ - | \$ 4,800.00 | \$ - | \$ 4,800.00 |
| League Scheduler Pay and Expense | \$ - | \$ 1,250.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,250.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,250.00 |
| Referee Scheduler Pay and Expense | \$ - | \$ 3,135.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,135.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Phone / Website | \$ - | \$ 893.39 | \$ - | \$ 171.61 | \$ - | \$ 1,055.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,055.00 |
| Jerseys for National Tournament Team | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ (3,000.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Scoring System Fees | \$ 4,960.00 | \$ 4,960.00 | \$ (4,960.00) | \$ (4,960.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Interest Income | \$ 3.63 | \$ - | \$ 1.37 | \$ - | \$ 5.00 | \$ - | \$ 5.00 | \$ - |
| Advertising / Promotions | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Trophies, Medals, etc. - State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 2,781.97 | \$ - | \$ (2,781.97) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Travel - State / District Tournaments | \$ - | \$ 1,247.96 | \$ - | \$ (1,247.96) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Northern Plains District Assessment | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Total General Fund Totals | \$ 56,165.48 | \$ 50,162.73 | \$ (51,750.48) | \$ (26,857.73) | \$ 4,405.00 | \$ 19,025.00 | \$ 4,405.00 | \$ 23,305.00 |
| Net General Fund Expense to Collect in Team Fees | | | | | | \$ 14,620.00 | | \$ 18,900.00 |
| Estimated League Teams | | | | | | 68 | | 63 |
| Team Fee Assessment Proposed - General Expenses | | | | | | \$ 215.00 | | \$ 300.00 |

| Tournament Trophies, Medals, Travel, Etc. Cost | Base Period Actual 9/1/2010 to 8/31/2011 | | Adjustments to Base Period Actual | | Proposed Budget 9/1/2011 to 8/31/2012 | |
|---|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------|
| | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense |
| Trophies, Medals, etc. - State Tournaments | | \$ 2,781.97 | 1/ | \$ (1.97) | | \$ 2,780.00 |
| Travel - State / District Tournaments | | \$ 1,247.96 | 2/ | \$ 52.04 | | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Net General Fund Expense to Collect in Team Fees | | | | | | \$ 4,080.00 |
| Estimated League Teams | | | | | | 68 |
| Team Fee Assessment | | | | | | \$ 60.00 |

| Tournament Officials and Goal Judges Cost | Peewee | Bantam | Girls JV | Girls Varsity | Youth JV | Youth Varsity | Totals |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Linesman Fee per Game (Includes Travel) | \$ 40.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 |
| Referee Fee per Game (Includes Travel) | \$ 55.00 | \$ 65.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 |
| Goal Judges Fee per Game | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Linesman per Game | 2 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Referees per Game | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Goal Judges per Game | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Number of League Teams | 20 | 14 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 68 |
| Number of Tournament Games | 30 | 21 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 100 |
| Linesman Cost - Total State Tournaments | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 2,100.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,560.00 | \$ 1,560.00 | \$ 7,620.00 |
| Referee Cost Total - State Tournaments | \$ 1,650.00 | \$ 1,365.00 | \$ 1,650.00 | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ 975.00 | \$ 975.00 | \$ 8,415.00 |
| Goal Judges Cost - Total State Tournaments | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 580.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 2,450.00 |
| Total Officials and Goal Judges Cost | \$ 4,050.00 | \$ 3,465.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 3,185.00 | \$ 3,185.00 | \$ 18,485.00 |
| Cost per Game per Team | \$ 67.50 | \$ 82.50 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 122.50 | \$ 122.50 | |
| Officials and Goal Judges Cost per Team (3 games) | \$ 202.50 | \$ 247.50 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 367.50 | \$ 367.50 | |
| Trophies, Medals, Travel Cost, Etc. per Team | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 60.00 | |
| Total Fees per Team - Tournament Expenses | \$ 262.50 | \$ 307.50 | \$ 360.00 | \$ 360.00 | \$ 427.50 | \$ 427.50 | |

Tom stated there was some timing issues with the actual numbers. Question asked as to why the player development fund was a negative \$8,200.00? It was a combination of 2 National Tournament teams and the transfer of money for jerseys. This year there is no funding for the National team—they are hoping to break even.

Move to approve Financial report by Gary DeYoung of Sioux Center, second by Duke Witte, of Aberdeen.
So moved.

Proposed Budget: The proposed Team Fee Assessment is down \$85 for local Associations. The State is basically the same. Discussion as to whether or not to assess teams who have to play into the Boys Varsity State Tournament \$400.00. No decision was made at this time as was decided needed to decide the play in games first.

Summary of proposed budget—increase player fee to \$5.00 with \$1.75 going to player development. Proposed budget would have \$1 to coaches, \$1 to refs, \$1.75 to player development, and \$1.25 to player assessment.

Move to approve Proposed Budget by Gary DeYoung of Sioux Center, second by Duke Witte, of Aberdeen. So moved.

Registrars Report

Mary Held, SDAHA Registrar

Mary included numbers by year. Questioned whether to use player counts off of rosters she receives or USA Hockey registered. The numbers are different as some kids register with USA Hockey and don't make a team or quit and are not put on a roster. Was decided to go with USA Hockey numbers. Online registration is 100%.

Associations do not need a sanction form if they want to do something on November 5 for the Try Hockey for Free day. If Associations want to host a couple of nights of trying hockey for free, they will need a sanction form and the skaters must wear a helmet.

Birthdate Verification is up and running. She has sent to USA Hockey. Don't have to carry birth certificates anymore. She needs a certified copy and she will verify. Make sure if you have an "in house" team that they don't play any games outside your organization.

Mary announced that this will be her last year as Registrar. Discussion about kids from South Dakota playing in another state. Mary stated that you have to claim the online registration for these kids to count.

PLAYER COUNTS - 2010-2011 SEASON

| | JV/Varsity-Girls | JV/Varsity-Boys | Bantam | Peewee | Squirt | Mite | Termite | U12 | TOTAL: |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|------|---------|-----|--------|
| Aberdeen | 17 | 24 | 14 | 15 | 25 | 37 | 44 | | 176 |
| Big Stone | | | | | 9 | | 5 | | 14 |
| Brookings | 27 | 32 | 25 | 23 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 11 | 220 |
| Huron | 20 | 40 | 14 | 9 | 17 | 21 | 26 | | 147 |
| Mitchell | 27 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 38 | 32 | 14 | 193 |
| Oahe | 20 | 29 | 18 | 28 | 27 | 19 | 14 | | 155 |
| Rushmore | 30 | 24 | 23 | 27 | 29 | 57 | 75 | | 265 |
| Sioux Center | | 19 | 22 | 13 | 28 | 22 | 17 | | 121 |
| Sioux Falls | 18 | 82 | 37 | 51 | 55 | 40 | | | 283 |
| Watertown | 18 | 22 | 22 | 29 | 24 | 24 | | | 139 |
| Yankton | 15 | 20 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 22 | 12 | | 117 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL: | 192 | 308 | 205 | 234 | 292 | 314 | 260 | 25 | 1830 |

| House Teams | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--|----|--|----|----|----|----|--|-----|
| Brookings* | | | | | 34 | 38 | | | 72 |
| Rushmore | | | | 19 | 8 | | | | 27 |
| Sioux Falls | | 38 | | | 27 | 49 | 91 | | 205 |

*Brookings - 34 of the House mites are also on travel teams/33 of House Squirts are also on travel teams Dated 4-15-11

SDAHA REGISTRATION NUMBERS

| | 98-99 | 99-00 | 00-01 | 01-02 | 02-03 | 03-04 | 04-05 | 05-06 | 06-07 | 07-08 | 2008/2009 | 2009/2010 | 2010/2011 |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Aberdeen | 286 | 260 | 244 | 214 | 212 | 225 | 191 | 201 | 202 | 162 | 147 | 159 | 176 |
| Big Stone | 53 | 56 | 59 | 48 | 30 | 47 | 44 | 46 | 48 | 36 | 24 | 8 | 14 |
| Brookings | 216 | 217 | 227 | 247 | 240 | 215 | 239 | 259 | 262 | 245 | 224 | 220 | 225 |
| Huron | 136 | 167 | 151 | 172 | 180 | 169 | 163 | 165 | 163 | 166 | 156 | 126 | 147 |
| Mitchell | 168 | 179 | 177 | 177 | 178 | 172 | 183 | 182 | 153 | 165 | 161 | 166 | 193 |
| Oahe | 142 | 161 | 188 | 191 | 196 | 207 | 230 | 224 | 225 | 224 | 199 | 163 | 155 |
| Rushmore | 73 | 72 | 84 | 174 | 180 | 149 | 171 | 147 | 236 | 220 | 209 | 260 | 292 |
| Sioux Center | | | | | | | | | | | 43 | 111 | 121 |
| Sioux Falls | 328 | 363 | 405 | 410 | 435 | 437 | 395 | 375 | 408 | 427 | 443 | 456 | 488 |
| Watertown | 188 | 178 | 209 | 182 | 183 | 191 | 202 | 196 | 188 | 165 | 155 | 154 | 139 |
| Yankton | | | | | | | | 50 | 73 | 99 | 100 | 105 | 117 |
| Total | 1590 | 1653 | 1744 | 1815 | 1834 | 1812 | 1818 | 1845 | 1958 | 1909 | 1861 | 1928 | 2067 |

*Total numbers include both Travel and House players

TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Aberdeen | 5 |
| Brookings | 10 |
| Huron | 3 |
| Mitchell | 6 |
| Oahe | 5 |
| Rushmore | 6 |
| Sioux Falls | 0 |
| Watertown | 5 |
| Yankton | 1 |

Risk Managers Report

Dawn Magee, SDAHA Risk Manager not present, report given by Dan French.

Dawn would like background checks in a timely and efficient manner. She received some background checks in March for last year. If background checks are not done, coaches will not be put on a roster until done. The background check forms are available online. October 15 set as deadline for background checks.

Rob Kittay spoke about a concussion seminar he attended. Biggest concerns are identifying symptoms of a concussion and putting the skaters back in to soon. Identifying concussions isn't easy. The symptoms alleviate in a week or so—need to be on the safe side. Make sure all parents and coaches know the symptoms. Good information to share.

Officials Report

Doug Sorenson, SDAHA Referee in Chief

Rule change year, main change will be PW age group now being a no check classification. All seminars will receive training, USA Hockey has provided video to help educate refs on body contact vs. checking. We've made good progress on understanding the difference for the GV league, will work to continue that and help educate all levels.

Other major change for us will be to decide if to switch systems for GV league and BV/JV leagues (3 or 4 official system). Hope to have guidance from board of directors as this info needs to be put out and mechanics taught at seminars starting next weekend. Doug expressed his opinion that changing systems just for a state tournament wouldn't be a good idea, as officials need to work in a system to get comfortable, just as players do.

Problems with a 4 man system—Can SDAHA afford the higher cost? Do we have enough officials to cover games (already a problem), or will we need to modify guidelines for assignment?

South Dakota will be hosting a level 4 referee seminar this fall. Seminar will be in Brookings on Nov 6 along with a Level 3 seminar.

Peer evaluation program was more successful. Received almost 100 evaluations. Working on full time evaluators—problem is, not enough officials to fill these slots.

Continued emphasis at seminars to enforce Zero Tolerance. Referees will be available for rule change classes as in the past and will discuss new rules as well.

SDHOA is being organized. Association is being formed to help provide opportunities to develop officials in SD. Dan Yde will talk about this.

Dan Yde: The mission for refs is to serve to recruit, develop, and mentor officials across the state, as well as, serve as a partner to SDAHA to promote and grow the game of hockey. The primary focus is (1) to recruit more officials--only 18 Level 3, (2) development—Doug has made great strides on this, and (3) communicate—among members as well as local Associations and SDAHA. To be a true partner.

Officials Scheduling report

Jodi Sterrett, Officials Scheduler

New system is great!

Coaches Report

Steve Salwei, SD Coach in Chief

Went to Denver to train. All clinics are 8 hours long—Level 1, 2, 3. Online modules are \$10.00 each. Modules take 5 to 6 hours to complete. Modules must be completed by December 31. Don't have to have CEP to do module.

Coaching clinics are set up. Would like a contact person in each city.

Question asked if you are Head Coach at Varsity and Asst. Coach at Squirts, do you have to do both modules? Must do modules for both levels. USA Hockey will not police this but if someone doesn't do them and gets hurt, there will be no insurance.

Question asked about girls ranging from 18 to 10 years old. There is Girls U18 module and a Girls U14 module to cover the ages of girls.

What about player development coach that is only there part time? This is a gray area—how to treat kids over 18 who help once a week. Treat them like a student coach.

Anyone attending the coaching clinics must register online.

Age module is a one time deal. It is not redone each season. Level 4 coaches must still do modules.

Question about if SDAHA mandates that must have module on all coaches. Not SDAHA, USA Hockey does.

Steve stated that Doug Pietz is listed as Ace Director. This position no longer exists.

Player Development

Vince Foley

Brady Pinney—Girls director has a plan for a different approach for the girls camp. Running the girls as boys is not working.

Development Spring camp had a fair showing. Ran separate from the National try outs this year. The design is to do this again next year. District Development camp was in Grand Forks at the Ralph. Coaches from the NHL, D3, and Junior Leagues were there. Goal is to have our camp be this destination. The Spring camp is back at the Ralph and during the school year. Need more of our top end players to attend to get slots on filled on the National team with SD players.

National Team Process: Had tryouts in August. Our thought was to have it between baseball and football. Only team to have tryouts was U16. They are struggling to get games in. Must come up with plan for future.

There will be an ADM Clinic the weekend of the Hockey Hunt. Guy Gosland will be there. Will be a presentation in the stands while coaches and players are on the ice. Comments were to watch Guy do this and you will learn to maximize the ice. Take part in this and learn.

Comments on the National Tournament Teams that a 10 game rule for player and 20 games for a team hurts South Dakota. National Tournament Teams are geared toward bigger regions.

National High School Tournament is in Salt Lake and a spot is available. Rob Kittay is to get with coaches to develop selection process and raise funds.

Girls Director

Brady Pinney

Not enough quality players signing up to compete at the National level. Need to grow the game. Develop U12 teams. Having trouble finding games.

Comments were to grow Girls hockey we need to develop more women coaches. Maybe sponsor initiative to get women coaches. Rushmore stated that they split the practice and have the older girls run the practice. Yankton stated that they use discover events. Girls are showing up to open skate and then joining hockey.

Coaches Committee

Rob Kittay

Fielding a National High School Tournament team—declare if interested in going by November, use League games to determine who goes. Decide in January or February. Can't use League champs as there is no time to fund raise.

Order of games for 1st day of Boys Varsity State Tournament—has proposal to change to 3 vs. 6, 2 vs. 7, 4 vs. 5, and 1 vs. 8. Has had no negative comments from coaches on this.

10 teams for State Tournament—would like to have only 8 teams. Have 2 play in games. 7 vs. 10 and 8 vs. 9 with the higher seed hosting.

Discipline Report

Ben Tronnes, Vice President SDAHA

Number of misconducts is down. 68 last year. There were 4 match penalties which is up from previous years. Need to stress to keep kids under control. He will get carry over game suspensions to each Association. If Associations changed disciplinary member, get that change to him.

State Scheduler

Maxine Tronnes, SDAHA Executive Assistant

Schedule was pretty much done until mishaps this last week with BB levels. Asked that deadline to change games and tournament weekends be earlier. 1 game is still unscheduled. Requested that the date to drop or add a team be moved up.

Ron and Kevin are working to get NGIN set up. We lost some stats as Point Streak shut our access off when we did not renew the contract. In the process of copying and pasting the stats from Point Streak to NGIN.

Motion to have Boys & Girls Varsity have all changes to the State scheduler by September 1 and all other league levels have all changes done by October 1 was made by Gary DeYoung of Sioux Center, second by Duke Witte, of Aberdeen. So moved.

Senior Showcase

Dave Zerfas-Brookings

The showcase will be held the 3rd weekend in November, 18th and 19th. October 15th is deadline for all forms. Presidents please get this information to your seniors.

Web Site Update

Ron Dobesh –not present

Association Reports

ABERDEEN – Expect growth to continue. Purchased new seats for the second level at the facility. Hosting a camp in November. Went to online registration. Changed website to NGIN. At lower levels will have a split season of in house teams and then travel teams.

BRANDON VALLEY – Purchased boards for outdoor facility and are planning to install in a couple of weeks with the city's cooperation. Interest from local kids will be player development. 15 new kids to play in Brandon. Have agreement with Luverne to share travel kids to supplement numbers. Targeting the under 8 kids.

BROOKINGS – Will have a league team at every level and a U12 girls team. Have positive feedback from the online registration. Had some issues with a compressor this summer. Hosting a Stampede game as a fundraiser.

HURON – Had about 60 kids for Planet Hockey camp. Held registration last week and numbers are good. Will have ice October 1st. They are going to piggy back with the high school for concussion testing. PeeWee level has 10 players and would like to play at B level instead of A level.

MITCHELL – Separated registration this year. Had a league registration and numbers at Varsity Boys are low. Non-league registration is coming up. Have a lot of growth in the younger levels.

OAHE – Numbers are steady and have retention at the upper levels. Going to try lower level rec team for no fee. Then pay half way through if want to continue. Modified Bylaws and Board. Putting guidelines on Mite and Squirt travel. Thanked everyone for receiving the Boys Varsity Tournament. They are working on rink modifications and building the extra seating.

RUSHMORE – Will have team at every level except maybe Bantam B. Have a new President and new volunteer process. Lots of new changes.

SIOUX CENTER – Registration is complete. Have a new Rink Director. Ran first budget surplus last year. Hosting a coaching clinic in October. Going to offer a Mini Mite/Mite Jamboree.

SIOUX FALLS – Crazy summer, a lot of changes and a lot of turmoil. Team counts are accurate. Numbers are off 30%. Can't wait to get season going and be competitive. Still moving forward working with Brandon Valley on the boundaries.

WATERTOWN – Numbers as laid out are accurate. Will not have a Bantam B team. Having 8 weeks of Learn to Skate then transition to League. Will have a U12 team but may cost the JV team. Rink project is proceeding. Should finalize in the next couple of weeks.

YANKTON – Has a new President. Revised the bylaws. Got a lot of girls from "discover" events. They have doubled the number of teams they have. Hoping to have a building in 2 years.

SDAHA Past President

Tom Hitchcock

Tom has enjoyed the last 5 months. He is currently helping with the finance side of things. Would like each local to find something to donate to the auction for the Pro Celebrity Hockey Hunt.

Northern Plains USAH Director

Dave Tronnes

Growth is nice in the 8 & under age level. North Dakota and South Dakota are in the upper %. Keep up the good work!

Going to Gillette, WY on October 1st for a district meeting.

Over 100 rule changes. No checking at the PeeWee level was not popular but the smart thing to do at that age. 5% of PeeWee age receive a concussion.

Dave works for Toshiba who is donating a copier. Rushmore won.

Have 14 confirmed celebrities for the hunt. Would like to double the scholarships this year. In need of help either from donations or volunteers. Working on getting 501c3.

SDAHA President report

Dan French, SDAHA President

Very turmoil filled 5 months. Working with Sioux Falls and Brandon Valley on the geo split. Subcommittee is in place to look at future years.

Growth in 8 & under is higher than National due to 2+2 programs. Two associations did a good job. We met our goal as a State for 2 + 2 so have 20 sets of one goal gear to give away.

Rushmore---31% increase in 8 & under and will receive 7 sets of gear

Mitchell----14% increase in 8 & under and will receive 5 sets of gear

Watertown and Aberdeen will receive 4 sets of gear each.

Old Business

SFYHA/Brandon Valley geographical split

Nothing prepared at this time. Will be addressed later before the Spring Meeting.

ADM Discussion/Recommendations

Vince Foley

There is serious discussion on mandating cross ice for Squirts and below at the National level. What is the State to do?? Mandate or grow up with?? Show people the ADM concept and they will buy into it. Mitchell, Huron, Aberdeen have jamborees forcing cross ice. State can't mandate cross ice at this time so is left up to the locals. Possibly have the Squirts grow out and Mites play cross ice.

Bylaws- House Keeping changes per previous meeting.

3.9 Player Transfers: Players may be transferred from one affiliate to another, but only with the written consent of the releasing and receiving member. Any refusal to permit a transfer may be appealed to the SDAHA ~~Executive Committee and~~* Board of Directors. Such appeals shall be made and determined pursuant to Section 4.3 of these Bv-laws.

4.3 Administrative Appeals: Any member, including any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official, may appeal a disputed matter under Sections 4.1 or 4.2 to the SDAHA Board of Directors by filing a written notice of appeal (if a member, made by an executive officer of that member) with the SDAHA Secretary. That notice of appeal shall set forth a detailed statement of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the appeal, the Article, by-law, rule or issue concerning the appeal, the position of the appealing member and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$100 plus teleconference costs. Such notice of appeal shall be made within 7 days following the event giving rise to the appeal. That appeal shall be considered by the ~~Executive Committee of~~ the Board of Directors ~~(unless that Committee issued the original decision under Section 4.1),~~ which shall hold a hearing and issue its written decision within **14 30** days of the receipt of the appeal. ~~Any decision of the Executive Committee may be appealed within 10 days thereafter to the SDAHA Board of Directors which shall consider the appeal and issue its decision within 30 days thereafter. The*~~ Any decision of the Board of Directors ~~shall~~ will be final, unless overruled by USA Hockey.

4.6 Referees and Other Game Officials: Any referee or game official may be disciplined or suspended by the ~~Executive Committee or the~~ Board of Directors. In addition, any referee may be disciplined or suspended by the Referee-in-Chief. The procedure for any appeal of either of those actions shall be as set forth in Section 4.3 and 4.5 above.

No more Executive Committee with reduction to the Board. Changes are part of vote taken in April 2011.

New Business

ITEM #1 – Dan French (Possible Action Required)

- Changes to the Referee System: (2-man, 3-man, or 4-man)
 - GV coaches have asked for 3-man system at state tournament
 - 4-man system approved by USA Hockey. Do we utilize at Varsity/jv level?
 - Possible switch to 2-man system at PW's to help offset increased cost if switches are made at GV/Var/JV

Much discussion on this matter. Everyone thought would be a good idea but came down to that we don't have enough referees to do this. Was decided to leave the referee system as is and look at in the Spring or Fall. Will try to recruit more referees.

ITEM #2 – Sean O Connor (Discussion)

- Discussion on criteria to allow an association to host more than one state tournament at the same location/date

Was decided to bid for just the Boys Varsity tournament but may change in the future. A committee of Sean, Duke, Tom H., and someone from Brookings was formed to put proposal together to see if having more than one State Tournament in the same town is viable.

ITEM #3 – Youth/Boys Varsity Coaches(represented by Rob Kittay) (Possible Action Required)

The varsity state boys tournament will be an eight team event. In the event of more than eight team in the league, there shall be play-in games on the Sunday (or another day if the SDAHA President decides) before the tournament. For 2011-12 with ten teams in the league, team #7 (according to regular season standings) shall play #10 and #8 shall play #9. The higher seeds will host the games unless the SDAHA President determines that there is such a large distance between the two teams that he will assign a neutral site. The winner of the #7/#10 game will remain in the #7 seed slot for state tourney and the winner of the #8/#9 game will remain in the #8 seed slot for state tourney. The loser of those play-in games will not participate in the state tournament.

Reason-Tournaments with more than eight teams need a number of extra games in both the winner's bracket and losers bracket versus an eight team tourney. These extra games are played at all hours (usually early in the morning), perhaps played on Thursday, and before very small crowds of mostly parents. With more than eight, teams may have to play more than one game in a day. The extra games also put more pressure on the ice facility where there are large crowds for the winners' bracket games. With sometimes having warm weather in March, that in itself can makes it difficult to have good ice. That does not make for a very good state tourney experience.

More than 8 teams, the Varsity coaches feel still should be 8 with 2 play in games. This would give a team that doesn't do well in the season a chance to make the State Tournament. Much discussion as to how to schedule these games and who would host them.

A motion was made by Vince Foley, Watertwon to accept as proposed in Item 3 and seconded by Duke Witte, Aberdeen.

Motion died due to more discussion. A motion was made by Gary DeYoung, Sioux Center to eliminate Sunday and put in as designated by the President of SDAHA and was seconded by Laura Baumeister, Yankton. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

More discussion on this matter. A substitute motion was made by Brian Nash, Mitchell to play the play in games on Thursday of the State Tournament and at the State Tournament location and was seconded by Gary DeYoung, Sioux Center. Motion passed with 2 opposed.

Need to make sure rooms are available for Thursday night also.

ITEM #4 – Youth/Boys Varsity Coaches (represented by Rob Kittay) (Possible Action Required)

The order of games on the first day of the boys varsity and JV state tourneys shall be #3 vs #6, then #2 vs #7, then #4 vs #5, then #1 vs #8

Reason-On day two of the tourney, the winners and losers of the #1/#8 and #4/#5 games play as do the winners and losers of the #3/#6 and #2/#7 games. As the tourney is currently played, the participants of the #4/#5 game have many more hours of rest as opposed the participants of the #1/#8 game that is the last game of the day. This proposal will serve to "level the playing field" as much as possible for the second day's games.

Motion to accept this proposal was made by Gary DeYoung, Sioux Center and seconded by Nick Magera, Sioux Falls. So moved.

ITEM #5 – Current Procedure

We have had a player transfer procedure in effect for many years that was part of the Minnkota transfer request procedures. Due to the changes in the district division, this procedure was "lost" in written form at some point. We would like to re-establish it in a written form.

By-Law update:

3.9 Player Transfers: Players may be transferred from one inner state affiliate to another, but only with the written consent of the releasing and receiving member and the President of SDAHA. Any out of state/out of district transfer should then be sent to the District Director for final approval. Any refusal to permit a transfer may be appealed to the SDAHA Board of Directors. Such appeals shall be made and determined pursuant to Section 4.3 of these By-laws.

Transfer procedure criteria:

Players must complete a request for each season. Each player should initially register in their home state/association. Their local association would be the affiliate geographically closest to their place of residence in their state of residence.

Player Transfers within South Dakota: If a South Dakota player wishes to play in different association within the state, then the two local affiliates need to agree to allow the player to transfer to the other affiliate. If both affiliates within South Dakota agree, the transfer request shall be sent to the SDAHA state president for his approval. This will allow the transfer to be completed.

Player Transfers from South Dakota to another State: If both affiliates involved agree, and it has been approved by the SDAHA State President, the approval process needs to go to the district director level. Once that approval has been received, the transfer is authorized.

Copies of all transfers/approvals must be sent to the state registrar for record keeping purposes.

If a player wishes to appeal a decision made by the local associations, they may request a review by the SDAHA Board of Directors. Their decision will be final. No review may be requested of state BOD decisions.

Much discussion from Yankton on this as they have 25 players in the geographic area. USA hockey states that they have to play in the geographic closest in state. Will be hard to enforce. Need to work on issues of working with other organization.

Motion made by Nick Magera, Sioux Falls to strike register in their home state/association and accept form and was seconded by Tony Leif, Oahe. So moved.

ITEM #6 - Question asked by several associations (Possible Action Required)

Currently, South Dakota has no policy on requiring South Dakota players to pay a "fee" to allow them to play outside of the state. This is a normal practice in other states.

A fee portion of the transfer request has not been a requirement in the past. We currently do charge a fee to teams to play outside our state. We should also require players to pay a fee for this release, as other states do.

A fee of ??? (amount to be decided) each season shall be charged any South Dakota player to be released to transfer to play in another state at levels below the junior/semi pro teams.

This fee varies from state to state—anywhere from \$30-\$50. Just enough to cover administrative costs. Midwest League fee is \$20 per kid. Some opposed to fee and would like to change USA Hockey fees to \$35 instead of \$30.

Motion was made by Tony Leif, Oahe to assess \$5 per player charge on and was seconded by Gary DeYoung, Sioux Center. So moved.

ITEM #7 - Playing Rules 5 Games C (II)

Jr. Varsity, Bantam and Girls Jr. Varsity games shall be started on clean ice and need only be resurfaced between the 2nd and 3rd periods. (4/05)

Remove Jr. Varsity?

This is correct as written.

Keep this rule and make sure the locals do.

ITEM #9 - Administrative Rules 1 B

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.

Amend rule to read "Any player playing in the state Jr Varsity tournament must have played in at least 50% of the Jr. Varsity games during the season. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a game forfeit at the state tournament."

The rule as it currently reads is unenforceable and confusing.

Leave the way it is now. Be prepared to discuss at the Spring Meeting.

ITEM #10 - Administrative Rules 1C

Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Policy - Each local association will adopt a drug, tobacco and alcohol policy for its association and send a copy to the secretary of the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association.

Delete portion in red or add: "If the association fails to send this copy, the secretary will contact the association president for compliance."

This is not being done by most associations and has not been done for years. Most associations are maintaining and enforcing their rules without SDAHA intervention. Do we want to continue to monitor??

Need to get copies from all locals.

Huron Request

Huron would like their PeeWee team to be allowed to play level B instead of A. They realize they moved a team a few years ago and won state. These players are not of the same playing level. Would be better to play B and give them a chance.

A motion was made by Laura Baumeister, Yankton to allow Huron to play at the PeeWee B level and seconded by Vince Foley, Watertown. So moved.

Referee Pay

Dan Yde would like to see a change in the referee reimbursement for travel based on mileage instead of zone. Reason being is to cover the cost of gas. Was talk to add a zone but this would add to the cost for Rushmore, Oahe, etc. Need an incentive to travel to get good refs all over.

Motion was made by Gary DeYoung, Sioux Center to change our rate of pay from \$.15 to \$.20 per mile and was seconded by Sean O'Connor, Rushmore. So moved.

Steve Salwei talked about the ADM modules and the changes in coaching evaluations. He will need more equipment to do the coaching clinics. He is requesting 4 projectors, screens, and lap top computers. Is there any money allocated for this? Was decided to give a list to the locals and see if they could furnish what was needed. Can use from Tom's work. Steve is to get a proposal together and let us know how much money is needed.

Motion to adjourn by Ben Tronnes of Mitchell second by Vince Foley of Watertown. Meeting adjourned.