

## 2017 Fall SDAHA Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2017

Watertown SD

Meeting was called to order by SDAHA president, Randy Honkomp. Voting delegates in attendance were Tony Lief (SDAHA VP), Jeff Scheel (SDAHA Treasurer), Mike Hunter (SDAHA Secretary), Jon Lord (Mitchell), Jason McCloud (Huron), John Sievert (SF), Eric Skott (Watertown), Jared Ahlberg (Aberdeen), Wendy Myer (Brookings), Rob Kittay (Oahe), Chris Dietrich (Rushmore), Eric Bartels (Sioux Center) and Gwen Wenisch (Yankton).

Others present: Jeni Wirkus SDAHA Director, Tom Hitchcock (past president), Cade Bloomenrader (referee in chief), Jeremy Smutz (Freemont), Scott Riddle (SD national team), Dave Mannes (SD national team), Wendy McDonnel (SF), Michelle Bouchard (Brookings), Dave Roberts (Brookings), Tim Vanderloo (Omaha), and Chris Hoerichs (Spirit Lake).

It was determined that there were 14 voting delegates in attendance so a quorum was determined.

Motion was made by Eric Bartels, second by Gwen Wenish to add proposal of a new reimbursement form for National and Development teams to the agenda. Motion passed and it was added to the agenda.

Motion was made by Wendy Myer, second by Rob Kittay to discuss rules on associations with four teams to the agenda. Motion passed and was added to the agenda.

Motion was made by Mike Hunter, second by Jeff Scheel to approve agenda. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Eric Skott, second by Gwen Wenish to approve 2017 spring minutes with a change in Proposal 1 of the 2017 fall meeting to read:

14U born on 1/1/2003 or thereafter

16U born on 1/1/2001 or thereafter

19U born on 1/1/1998 or thereafter

Varsity/JV to be 19U

14U and 19U will be scheduled together as players may be rostered on both levels.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Wendy Myer, second by Eric Bartels to approve minutes from the May 31 conference call on the hometown rule and the 1A and 2B proposal. Motion passed.

#### **SDAHA Executive Director**

Randy introduced Jenni Wirkus as the new executive director of SDAHA.

#### **SDAHA Treasurer**

Jeff Scheel gave the board a report/explanation of finances along with inserts in packets and a motion was made by Tony Lief, second by Wendy Myer to approve the Treasurers report. Motion passed.

Jeff also worked with Tom Hitchcock on the proposed budget and Tom explained the inserts in the packet. Jeff Scheel made a motion, seconded by John Sievert to approve the proposed budget. Motion approved.

#### **SDAHA Registers report**

See attachment

#### **Risk Management report**

See attachment

#### **Officials Report (Bloomenrader)**

Cade proposed to purchase some arm bands, helmets, whistles and jerseys for each local association to have on hand at their rinks. Cade stated that this may potentially help young officials to get started and keep their initial cost down. Cade also stated that there may be some funds available by USA HOCKEY to help purchase the equipment as well.

Motion was made by Tony Lief, second by Eric Skott for \$5000.00 to purchase said equipment with the understanding some funds may be reimbursed to SDAHA by USA HOCKEY if they approve funds to help with this purchase. Motion passed.

Cade also explained the rule changes for the upcoming year.

**Coaching report**

See attachment

**Player Development**

**Boys: see attachment**

**Girls: see attachment**

**National Teams**

Dave Mannes updated the board on where the national teams are playing and their upcoming schedule.

**Coaches committee**

Rob Kittay updated the board on some of the coaching discussions that he has had with varsity coaches.

**Discipline report**

Tony Lief updated on disciplinary changes for the upcoming season and had discussion on some of the suspensions that are still pending from last season.

**Scheduling report**

See attachment

**Senior showcase**

Senior showcase is in Brookings on November 10, 2017. Registration is due by October 13. Information is on the SDAHA website.

## **President's report**

Randy reported on Oahe being host of the 2018 youth varsity state tournament. Midcontinent cable will televise all games on Friday and the semifinal games on Saturday and championship game on Sunday.

Randy also informed the board that the executive board is in the process of rewriting the rules in a format that will be presented to the full board at the spring meeting. Tony will work on getting this out to the locals prior to the spring meeting.

## **New business**

Discussion on 4 team rule:

Sioux Falls was asking that the fourth youth varsity team they have would be able to play at the youth JV level. Sioux Falls stated that their fourth team was to be slated to play at the Junior Gold level in SDAHA. It was determined that there were not enough teams to create a Junior Gold level for SDAHA.

Eric Skott made a motion, second by Jon Lord to allow Sioux Falls to put their fourth team at the JV level and not divide teams three and four by equal ability (see rule I,VI of SDAHA playing rules).

Further discussion on the topic discussed rule I,IV of the SDAHA playing rules. With this motion in place it would also allow Sioux Falls request to have three JV teams to be an exception to this rule (I,IV). The motion was denied.

## **Proposals**

Player transfers:

Two players from Mitchell to Sioux Falls: Parents live in between Mitchell and Sioux Falls and their jobs moved to Sioux Falls. Motion was made by Eric Skott, second by Eric Bartels to accept the transfer. Motion passed.

Omaha player transfer: Girls that live in Lincoln to play in Omaha. Lincoln does not offer girls hockey so this is approved by hometown rule.

Omaha transfers to Freemont: 4 players did not make teams in Omaha and we received references from the Omaha coach on the players in question. Motion was made by Eric Skott, second by Wendy Myer to accept transfers. Motion approved.

Reimbursement form:

Eric Bartels made a motion, second by Jason McCloud to approve a new reimbursement form for SDAHA national and development teams to coincide with playing rules. Jeff Scheel (SDAHA Treasurer) will have the form. Motion approved.

Play down request:

Yankton:

Request to have 2 JV teams rather than one varsity and one JV. Motion was made by Jason McCloud, second by Eric Skott to approve play down request. Motion denied

Request to have one bantam "B" team. Motion was made by John Sievert, second by Jason McCloud to approve one bantam "B" team for Yankton. Motion denied.

Request to have two peewee "B" teams instead of one "A" and one "B" team. Motion was made by Eric Skott, second by Rob Kittay to approve the request for two "B" teams for Yankton. Motion denied.

Watertown:

Request to have one bantam "B" team and no "A" team. Eric Skott made a motion, second by Wendy Myer to approve Watertown request. Motion approved.

State tournaments:

Peewee A:

Tony made a motion, second by Jon Lord to have the Peewee A state tournament in Brookings. Motion approved.

14U Girls:

The tournament will be February 15 through 17, 2018 with the location to be in Sioux Center.

Eric Bartels made a motion, second by Jon Lord to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

**Spring meeting will be in Huron**

