

**NDOA Board Meeting
Valley City
Sept. 11, 2011**

President Huber called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm with Richard Peterson, Mike Anderson, Don Martindale, Larry Grondahl and Jason Dockter attending.

Grondahl moved to approve minutes of the March meeting. Second by Anderson and motion carried.

A discussion concerning the upcoming board vacancies and representation was held. One board position is to be filled from the Northeast region as Brad Nold has moved to a different region. Don Martindale (Southeast) and Mike Anderson (Northwest) are both eligible to run for a 2nd term. Anderson moved to have Huber and Grondahl serve as NDOA nominating representatives. Second by Dockter and motion carried.

Anderson moved to eliminate sport-specific portfolio assignments. Second by Dockter and motion carried. Board noted that they will continue to focus on regional representatives as liaisons for any issues that arise.

Active Officials' Awards – Baseball, Brad Nold, Fargo; Boys' Basketball, Dale Weston, Fargo; Girls' Basketball, Jeff Fiechtner, Fargo; Football, Glenn Boyeff, Williston; Gymnastics, Lora Fisher, Jamestown; Hockey, Tim Polzin, Bismarck; Soccer, Tim Green, Bismarck; Swimming, Jim Ballantyne, Bismarck; Volleyball, Jennifer Bogden, Minot; Wrestling, Rod Volk, Casselton; Softball, Craig Hahn, Grand Forks. Dockter moved to accept the Active Officials' Awards. Second by Peterson and motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the officials' fee schedule. Grondahl moved that the 2012-13 officials' fee schedule for all sports be increased 2.5% and all sub-varsity rates for basketball to be raised \$5.00. Second by Anderson and motion carried.

Dockter moved to induct Ed Baker of Minot, Gary Jones of Westhope, and Cal Collins of Bismarck into the North Dakota Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2011-12. Seconded by Grondahl and motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the NFHS concussion course. No official action was taken, but in accordance with North Dakota State Law it was recommended that all NDHSAA registered officials for fall sports complete the NFHS online concussion course by Oct. 1, 2011 and then the registration deadline in future seasons.

A discussion was held on recruiting new officials and whether or not registration fees should be waived. Grondahl moved to waive or at least reduce registration fees for new officials that are first time registrants, second by Martindale and motion carried.

A discussion was also held on creating a "for sale" option on MVP for officials in order to help new officials purchase used gear. No action was taken, but Matt Fetsch indicated that he would check on options with the NDHSAA technology director.

3-whistle coverage in basketball was discussed. It was agreed that 3-whistle cover creates a great training ground to work in new officials. Martindale moved to require all schools to contract at least

one-third of home contests as 3-man crews for boys and girls basketball, seconded by Anderson and motion carried.

Grondahl moved to allow NDOA volleyball officials to wear a long-sleeved officiating shirt that is a Sport-Tek ST657 model or other NDHSAA approved type. Second by Dockter and motion carried. It was also noted that partners on each crew should match.

A discussion was held on online game film access for officials. This could be used as a training tool for officials, when available. Matt Fetsch will research further and report back at the March 2012 meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at noon via teleconference. Board meetings are open and people are welcome. Please contact a board member or Matt Fetsch in advance to be on the agenda.

President Huber declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Fetsch