NDOA Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
Thursday, March 22, 2012

President Troy Huber called the meeting to order with Richard Peterson, Mike Anderson, Jason Dockter, Larry Grondahl, Don Martindale, and Brad Nold attending.

Anderson moved to approve minutes of the September 2011 meeting. Second by Martindale and motion carried.

Board action from the January 2012 NDHSAA Board of Directors meeting was discussed. The shortage of officials, particularly in the western part of the state, was discussed at length. Recruitment of new officials was also discussed, along with registration fees for new officials. Grondahl moved to waive registration fees for new officials who are first time registrants. Second by Dockter and motion carried.

The basketball postseason official selection process and the number of officials contracted to work state tournaments were discussed. The possibility of having officials apply to work specific region tournaments in order to reduce the number of names that appear on coaches ballots was also discussed. Board members will visit with officials in their areas about an application process and report back at the September meeting. Grondahl moved to contract twelve (12) officials at each basketball state tournament and switch the sit-out from three years to four years. Second by Peterson and motion carried unanimously.

The number of state wrestling tournament officials was discussed. Nold moved to add four (4) state wrestling tournament officials to be assistant referees only. Anderson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The placement of the basketball coaching box was discussed, as the board was notified by Secretary Fetsch that recommendations were headed to the NDHSAA Board of Directors through Class B district chairs and possibly basketball coaches advisory regarding the placement of the box. The NDOA went on record that if home schools are allowed to alter the placement of the 14-foot coaching box in basketball it should be done only with prior NDHSAA office staff approval. It was also mentioned the referee should be able to alter the placement if the box is deemed to interfere with the workers at the scorer’s table. Another recommendation was any altered placement remains as close to the original coaching box placement as possible.

Grondahl moved allowing gray and black wide striped basketball officials shirts, provided the crew has exact matching shirts. Second by Nold and motion carried.

Grondahl moved wrestling officials are allowed to wear polo shirts at regular season tournaments as part of their uniform with prior NDHSAA approval. Second by Anderson and motion carried.

The rate for junior varsity hockey was discussed and will be re-visited in September when rates for all sports are reviewed.

The board expresses its gratitude to the 20 and 25 year officials recognized below for their service. It was recommended a letter from a NDHSAA staff member accompany recipients of the 20 year plaque encouraging them to have it presented prior to a regular season contest they work in 2012-13.
20 Years
Bradley Olson - Mandan
Bryan Klipfel – Bismarck
Casey Smith – West Fargo
Cindy Sperle-Gee – Jamestown
David Hodgson – Wyndmere
Dorothy Lick – Bismarck
Eric Musland – LaMoure
Guy Hatlestad – Velva
James Stallard – Thompson
Jason Dockter – Bismarck
Jeff Stein – Hankinson
Jennifer Bogden - Minot
Kelly Larson – Williston
Lee Ziegler – Bismarck
Mark Luther – Minot
Mark Wisnewski – Lidgerwood
Peter Sykora – Ellendale
Ron Thompson – Fargo

25 Years
Dale Weston – Fargo
Dr. Steve Swiontek – Devils Lake
Gerald Buck – Bismarck
Mitch Parker – Fargo
Paul Wilhelmi – Langdon
Randy Myers – Parshall
Renee Aalund – Bottineau
Rick Tweeten – Washburn
Stuart Dolan – Ray
Tim Kilgore – Grand Forks
Tim Radloff – Fargo
Troy Huber – Dickinson

The ballot for this summer’s NDOA election was discussed. Martindale moved to place Scott Privratsky from Devils Lake on the ballot from the Northeast region, Brad Nold of Jamestown from the Southeast region, and Mike Anderson of Minot from the Northwest Region. Peterson seconded and motion carried.

Grondahl moved to have Troy Huber remain as 2012-13 NDOA President and Richard Peterson as 2012-13 Vice President. Second by Anderson and motion carried.
2012-13 meeting dates were set for 12:00 pm CT on Sun. Sept. 9th, 2012 at the NDHSAA office and for 7:00 pm CT on Sun. Mar. 24th, 2013 via conference call.

Secretary Fetsch and board members thanked outgoing board member Don Martindale for his service to the NDOA.

President Huber declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Fetsch
NDOA Secretary