

**NDOA Meeting
Conference Call
Sun. March 27, 2011**

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

Martindale moved to approve minutes of the February meeting. Second by Huber and motion carried.

Post-season selection process for all sports was discussed. A lengthy discussion was held on the basketball selection process. The unanimous consensus was that the current policy of working one region tournament per season should continue.

3-whistle coverage in basketball was discussed. A 3-whistle rate, requiring officials to work a minimum of eight 3-man games, and requiring schools to hire 3 officials for at least half of their home games were all discussed. No action was taken. Topics will be re-visited at the Fall 2011 meeting. It was noted that the regular season is the time to become comfortable with 3-man mechanics for new officials. It is also encouraged that basketball associations attempt to schedule as many 3-man games as possible.

The board expresses its gratitude to the 20 and 25 year officials recognized below for their service:

20 Years

Carlen Thorson – Dickinson
Darren Sheldon – West Fargo
David Moody – Dickinson
Dennis Beck – Bismarck
Don Warren – Oakes
John Blada – Minot
Karla Michaelson – Carrington
Kevin Harmon – Minot
Laurie Good – LaMoure
Owen Stockdill – Mandan
Patrick Adair – Lisbon
Penny Nash – Lidgerwood
Randy Hill – Langdon
Rob Kueneman – Fargo
Robert Peterson – Rock Lake
Rock Messerschmidt – Fargo
Rollie Hochstetler – Valley City
Steve Rehak – Williston
Terri Lundberg (Greenwood) – Westhope
Todd Tschosik – Mandan

25 Years

Brett Lambrecht – Wahpeton
Darwin Wilke – Bowman
David Holm – Fargo
Dennis Reep – Bismarck
Dennis T. Dockter – Harvey
Jeff McKay – Grafton

Jim Haussler – Bismarck
Joel Heitkamp – Hankinson
Ken Willmann – Bismarck
Kenneth Vetter – Minot
Michael Pickett – Bismarck
Mickey Jordan – Dickinson
Mike Crouse – West Fargo
Steve Palmiscno – Grand Forks
Tim Polzin – Bismarck
Tom Suelzle – Watford City
Wayne Piche - Manvel

Making baseball workshops available and possible day camps were discussed. The consensus was that this would be a good recruiting tool and learning opportunity for new officials. Nold moved to require annual baseball workshops and a day camp at least once every 3 years for state tournament eligibility, beginning in 2011-12, seconded by Grondahl and motion carried.

Adjusting the sub-varsity rate for basketball officials was discussed. It was noted that sub-varsity rates for basketball are disproportionate to the varsity rate compared to all other sports. Huber moved to increase the sub-varsity rates in basketball by \$5.00 each next time fees are adjusted, seconded by Peterson, and motion carried.

Online rules clinics were discussed. It was noted that all rules clinics will be online in 2011-12, and having face-to-face clinics every three years was discussed. No action was taken.

Recruitment and retention of officials in different areas of the state was discussed. Huber moved that the NDHSAA consider waiving officiating registration fees for first year officials beginning 2011-12 to help with recruiting, seconded by Grondahl, and motion carried. It was also noted that area associations should consider waiving their local fees for first-year officials, as some are already doing.

Martindale moved that Justin DeCoteau and Jason Dockter be placed on the NDOA ballot from the Southwest region and Richard Peterson from the Southeast region, seconded by Huber, and motion carried.

Nold moved to nominate Huber as 2011-12 NDOA President, seconded by Grondahl, and motion carried.

Grondahl moved to nominate Richard Peterson as Vice President in 2011-12 (if re-elected), seconded by Anderson, and motion carried.

2011-12 meeting dates were set for 12:00 pm CT on Sun. Sept. 11th, 2011 at the NDHSAA office and 12:00 pm CT on Sun. Mar. 25th, 2012 via conference call.

Secretary Matt Fetsch and other board members thanked outgoing board member and President Dennis Reep for his service to the NDOA.

President Reep declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Fetsch
NDOA Secretary