

9/22/09

**NDOA Board Meeting  
Valley City, 9/13/09**

President Ron Wright called the meeting to order @ 11:57 AM with Richard Peterson, Don Martindale, Brad Nold, and Troy Huber attending.

President Wright welcomed all and especially new board members who were present, Don Martindale and Brad Nold.

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

A discussion concerning the upcoming board term vacancies and representation was held. Geography, sport representation and registration in one sport of a board member's portfolio were brought forward for consideration.

**The board welcomes nominations or personal requests from individuals who would like to serve on the NDOA Board (Nominations will be from the NE or NW).** One board position is to be filled from the NW or NE as Ron Wright will have completed two terms.

Brad Nold and Ron Wright will serve as the NDOA nominating representatives.

The Board reviewed some efforts regarding the Recruiting Officials' Blitz (ROB) as described in the 2009 February Minutes:

- The cooperation of the North Dakota State Media outlets was terrific
- Troy Huber's development of a ROB Brochure

With the winter clinics beginning October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board recognizes ROB is a "journey" versus a "destination" as help is needed from all parties to create a new awareness for winter sports officiating. Please do what YOU can.

The board noted that officials in smaller towns are needed and that will be promoted through the ROB presentations and encourage athletic directors to set up more sub-varsity workshops.

Active Officials' Awards – Baseball, Perry Olson; Boys' Basketball, Rob Kueneman, Fargo; Girls' Basketball, Mark Ukestad, Jamestown; Football, Steve Conley, Bowman; Gymnastics, Tara Hofmann, Bismarck; Hockey, Mike Eslinger, Minot; Soccer, Dave Maier, Bismarck; Swimming, Lori Hahn, Williston; Volleyball, Jackie Walby, Dickinson; Wrestling, Justin DeCoteau, Bismarck. Peterson moved to accept the Active Officials' Awards. Second by Martindale and motion carried.

Martindale noted the cost of living increase according to Social Security Income Cost of Living Adjustment is 5.8% and moved the officials' fee schedule be increased 2.5%. Second by Huber. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning the basketball fee for sub-varsity where more than 16 minute halves are played; no action was taken.

Peterson moved to induct Ron Thue, Williston, ND into the NDOA Hall of Fame. Second by Nold and motion carried.

Next year's portfolios are assigned as follows:

Mike Anderson	- Boys' Basketball
Brad Nold	- Hockey & Baseball
Don Martindale	- Swimming & Gymnastics
Richard Peterson	- Girls' Basketball
Troy Huber	- Volleyball & Softball
Dennis Reep	- Football
Ron Wright	- Soccer & Wrestling

A discussion was held concerning whether or not the workshop agenda addresses the needs of the inexperienced AND experienced officials. The consensus is that each group has different needs so sometimes the agenda works and sometimes not. The Board encourages workshop supervisors for ALL sports to “view the field” to determine the needs of the group each is serving.

Some suggestions for workshops:

- Use scrimmages for workshops
  - Lower level intra-squad scrimmages work well for inexperienced officials
  - Upper level intra or inter-squad scrimmages work well for experienced officials
- Utilize expertise of the experienced officials to help teach
- Encourage workshop supervisors to join NASO for teaching and other resources
- Film study

North Dakota has a number of people serving on NFHS Rules committee:

Hockey	– Rick Majerus, Chairman, Fargo
Hockey	– David Hoff, Bottineau
Baseball	– Brian Midthun, Enderlin
Soccer	– Dave Maier, Bismarck
Gymnastics	– Kim Pladson, Fargo
Football	- Dave Carlsrud, Valley City

The board supported the idea of football camps similar to the Sioux Empire Camp held in Sioux Falls the past few years (next year’s camp is June 20 – 21). Officials are provided classroom opportunities with peers and guest speakers as well as on-field work.

An officials’ camp opportunity with clinicians of national prominence will be available in conjunction with the VCSU Team Camp the weekend of June 11 – 13 if there is enough interest. If there are officials who would be interested in helping develop such a camp, please contact Dave at the NDHSAA Office.

The next board meeting will be held Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon via teleconference. Board meetings are open and people are welcome. Please contact a board member or Dave Carlsrud in advance to be on the agenda.

President Wright declared meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Carlsrud