

## NDOA Winter Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday April 6, 2022

3:00 pm – Mandan – FUI

Members present – Paul Mellum, Jeremy Mehlhoff, Perry Smith, Todd Fisher, Kevin Sundre, Mark Ukestad, Wade Zahn, Dean Klier, Secretary Fletschock

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda – Motion by Mehlhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fisher
3. Approval of Fall 2021 minutes – Motion by Sundre, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith
4. Review 2021 NDHSAA Board of Directors action – Both topics approved by NDHSAA Board.
5. Nomination committee report
  - a. Adjustment to nomination process to include other sports. Discussion on requirements set by the NDOA Constitution.
  - b. Sundre, Ukestad, Mellum final meeting.
  - c. Nominations - Chad Palmer and Whitney Aberle will run, Mehlhoff will seek other nominations.

Name	Term 1	Term 2	Geography
Mellum, Paul	15 - 18	19 - 22	Northwest
Mehlhoff, Jeremy	16 - 19	20 - 23	Northwest
Smith, Perry	21 - 24		Southwest
Fisher, Todd	20 - 23		Southwest
Sundre, Kevin	15 - 18	19 - 22	Northeast
Ukestad, Mark	15 - 18	19 - 22	Southeast
Zahn, Wade	21 - 24		Southeast
Klier, Dean	16 - 19	20 - 23	Northeast

6. Agenda items
  - a. Discussed distribution of coaches ballots in all sports.
  - b. Discussed Arbiter and postseason payments.
  - c. Discussed how people could add a workshop or a daycamp. They must work through the NDHSAA office in both cases.
  - d. Discussed recruitment and evaluation of officials. Consensus was each region should be in charge of their recruitment and evaluation.
  - e. Discussion of expanding to full coaches box in basketball. All in favor.
  - f. Officials recruitment, NDOA would like to have coaches submit names of players to seek out for recruitment. Justin will talk with BB Coaches Advisory.
  - g. BB Officials pre-game jackets. NDOA logoed officiating jacket required for the fall of 2024, until then current jackets are only acceptable jacket. Motion by Mellum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mehlhoff.

- h. Discussion on officials supervisors at State Tournaments. Used in most of our team sports.
  - i. Letters of reprimand for current registered officials. Mellum will submit to President Ukestad.
  - j. Discussed the earlier and earlier start times of varsity games due to the elimination of some subvarsity games. Schools set varsity game times, but if officials should make clear to schools about the availability issues that may cause.
  - k. Discussed whether vote totals should be publicized. Overwhelmingly no.
  - l. Discussed contracts between schools and officials.
  - m. Picture for the official profile on the NDHSAA site so schools can recognize the face if they do not know their name. This may come in the next few years with the planned update of NDHSAA and NFHS system.
  - n. Mileage is not part of the game fee and should not be included in any W-2's received from Schools. It is not income.
7. Secretary Report
- a. Winter registration numbers.
    - i. 611 registered bb officials this year, 90 more than last year, 30 more than any year since 2005
    - ii. 88 registered wr officials, 32 more than last year, most since 2003
    - iii. 58 registered swim officials, 1 more than last year, most ever
    - iv. 133 registered hockey officials, 7 more than last year, most ever
    - v. Already 204 registered baseball officials, most ever
    - vi. Already 141 registered softball officials, most ever
  - b. Jeff Risk – NFHS Hall of Fame (9<sup>th</sup> North Dakotan ever, 3<sup>rd</sup> ND official ever – Jack Brown, Del Gab)
8. Select next year's officers – President Dean Klier, unanimous ballot. Vice President Mehloff, unanimous ballot
9. Heartfelt thanks and congrats to our outgoing board members.
10. Schedule next year's meeting – Conference Call – September 21, 2022 – 7:00
11. Other
12. Adjourn