



1 with a vote. The Chair called for a roll call vote, and the motion carried by a margin of 7  
2 ayes, three nays, and one abstention  
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4 On January 14, 2021 the NBA received the following notice from the Dakota Territory  
5 Buffalo Association regarding the action DTBA was taking regarding this issue:

6 The Winter Conference was discussed. The DTBA Board of Directors feels that masks  
7 should not be mandatory. If people are concerned about Covid-19, then they should  
8 exercise the option to view the conference virtually.  
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10 Donnis Baggett noted that virus infection rates are increasing nationwide and new variants of  
11 the virus were a concern. He felt it was prudent for the board to consider its options:

- 12 1. Moving to a totally virtual conference.
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- 15 2. Staying with an in-person conference with a virtual option as planned.
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- 17 3. Staying with an in-person conference with a virtual option, along with a notice to  
18 members that some attendees will not be wearing masks.  
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20 He called on Mr. Carter to review some data regarding COVID cases in South Dakota, and in  
21 the Rapid City area specifically. Mr. Carter shared information from the South Dakota  
22 Department of Health. Discussion was held. Consensus was expressed to move forward with  
23 the third option — an in-person conference with a virtual option, as planned, with the NBA  
24 providing members COVID information, informing them that masks will not be mandated, and  
25 informing them there will be no financial penalty should in-person registrants want to change to  
26 virtual attendance. Kristopher Kelley still objected to an in-person conference. There being no  
27 additional information to come before the board, and upon motion made, seconded and carried,  
28 the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.  
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30 Respectfully Submitted,  
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34 Joe Graham, Secretary  
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3 Dave Carter, Recording Secretary