

District 5

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2007

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 6:40 PM. All associations in attendance, Buffalo arrived late.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano. **MAML motion; Hutch. second – secretary's report approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Doug Kephart, distributed register report, balance \$19,550.61, referee's account \$2,276.12 and savings account \$4,638.81. All playoff ice paid for, distributed playoff bills to associations. **Crow River motion; Cold Spring second – Treasurer's report approved.**

MN Hockey Report: Presented by Tim Sweezo.

- 1) State 12uA – thank you to all the volunteers, Buffalo did a fantastic job!
- 2) Regions and State next season – we have (Regions) Bantam A Willmar, Bantam B Sartell and recently added 12uB, will look for a host. State is PW A at Willmar.
- 3) Girls – Doug – will have an August meeting; get any new contact information to Doug.
- 4) Tournaments – new process for next season, all Minnesota tournaments will be on MN Hockey website.
- 5) Tournament Dates – distributed important dates for next season.
- 6) Have a great summer and remember to look at how much ice time you get for your money!

Coaches' Report: Presented by Paul Willett.

- 1) Advanced 15 – away game next Wednesday against D10 in Elk River, 7:00 PM. Saturday April 14, against D11, will host in Buffalo, 7:00 PM. April 21 and 22 is the festival in New Hope. Come out and see some great hockey.

Referee's Report: Presented by Steve Kirshbaum and Mike Mooney from WSOA.

- 1) All went well with State Tournament in Buffalo. Thank you to Rick Regan who helped supervise State.
- 2) Mike stated 116 evaluations done this season, more than double amount in any past season. Mentoring was very successful and evaluation forms were sent out to all members. WSOA will try to get out to all associations for comments and feedback over the summer.

Old Business:

- 1) Playoff Format – discussion occurred at executive board meeting during State in Buffalo. Criteria from the D5 board a number of years ago were that all teams participate in playoffs. After review of a double elimination format with 11 teams, would take 2 ½ weeks of playoffs. Decision was to keep as is, unless board determines all teams would not participate, at which time it could be revisited. Note, playoff format would apply to all levels.
- 2) Amendments to By-Laws – this is the fourth meeting since changes distributed, again questions or comments were requested from directors, there were none. **1st VP Brian Johnson motion: second MAML – amendments to by-laws as distributed approved on a unanimous vote.**

New Business:

- 1) Elections – president, 1st VP and treasurer are open. Asked for any nominations or interested people from the floor, there were none. All current officers will run again (Tim Hanson president, Brian Johnson 1st VP and Doug Kephart treasurer) on an unopposed "white ballot". **2nd VP Doug Foster motion: second MAML – approve white ballot of officers, unanimous approval.**
- 2) District Awards – distributed all awards, congratulations to all teams.
- 3) D-5 Hats – Tim S. distributed D-5 hats, in "honor" of Doug and D10 hat fine.
- 4) Team Slotting – new administrative policy was developed at executive board meeting, starting with 2007/08 season, all associations that field more than one team at any level of play that the district offers will field a team at the highest level of play.
- 5) Mandatory Meeting for Presidents, Coaches and Team Managers. A new mandatory meeting will be held next season, please get this date out to all members at this time for planning purposes. Saturday October 27, 2007 at Dassel-Cokato High School, time TBD. Will try to be no longer than 3 hours, more to come at August and September meetings. Minimum head coach required, mite coaches not required.
- 6) Scheduling – thank you to Mike Graham for handling scheduling this season, excellent job!
- 7) Mite Jamborees – asked which arenas that didn't have them this season were interested in next season. East – Mound and will ask if Buffalo is interested, West – Hutch. and Sartell. Discussed mite requirements at executive board meeting, will have in writing the start of next season.

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- 8) Squirt Playoffs – a question was asked as to why there are not Squirt playoffs. Discussed, generally not wanted by associations in past discussions due to ice needs and it counts towards 35 game maximum. Reminder, all scrimmages count towards 35 game total.
- 9) First Meeting Start Time – discussed, no longer have a need to start first meeting at 7:00 PM. **MAML motion: Hutch. second, approved to start all meetings at 7:30 PM with the exception of the year end meeting.**
- 10) Buffalo E-mail – an e-mail was received from Bob Jernberg (Bantam A coach) to play each PW and Bantam A level team once for 4 points each. Tim read e-mail to board. There was a similar proposal voted down last year by the board. Discussed the issue and concern that for the past two meetings we have been asking associations for any change proposals for next season which could have been brought back to association boards and voted on at this meeting. None were received. This is our standard practice for policy changes in the district. An exception was made last fall for Buffalo's [original request](#) which was voted down. No further action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM, Cold Spring motion. Next meeting is the first meeting for the 2007/08 season 7:30 PM at Daniel's in Cokato.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano