

## **District 5**

### **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 5, 2007**

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:30 PM. Introductions and welcomed everyone. He also welcomed our guests from Minnesota Hockey: Dennis Green, President of MN Hockey; Mark Jorgensen, Executive Director of MN Hockey; Terry Evavold, ACE Director, MN Hockey.

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by Tim Hanson for Kurt Lofrano. **Crow River motion; LDC second – secretary's report approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Doug Kephart. Register report was distributed. Checking account balance \$29,029.55. Savings account \$4,646.43. Referee account \$2,276.12. **LDC motion; MAML second – treasurer's report approved.**

The appointment of Robert Hantge from Hutchinson was made to take over the final year of Doug Kephart's treasurer term. **MAML motion; Hutch second – Hantge unanimously approved as treasurer.**

**MN Hockey Report:** Presented by Doug Kephart.

1. The special guests from MN Hockey were asked if they wanted to present:
  - a. Dennis Green congratulated Doug on his new position and welcomed him to the MN Hockey Board of Directors.
  - b. Mark Jorgensen commented that questions on waivers, try-out policy, move-up policy, etc should stay with associations **NOT** Mark Jorgensen. Dennis Green also agreed with this point.
  - c. Terry Evavold, who was newly appointed to his position, met with other regional directors in Lake Placid last spring. MN Hockey is way ahead of other regions.
  - d. Terry also mentioned that all local ACE coordinators have a State ACE event in St. Cloud in September. Skill development, creating a fun environment, and competing at a higher level will be discussed.
2. Communication Process – reminded local reps to relay information from these District meetings back to local associations. This is how the critical information is relayed from the District to the local association levels.
3. E-Directory – Hutchinson, Mound, Sartell, and Crow River still need supply their information. Instructions are on the D5 web site. This must be completed before roster signing day, otherwise, rosters will not be signed.
4. Roster Signing Day – Saturday, November 3, 8:00 AM at Daniel's in Cokato. Each association will be given a designated time slot to have its rosters signed.
5. Host Packages – 12UB National Regional at Hutchinson; Hutchinson, Sartell, and Willmar – Regions and State.

6. Girls Coordinator – Doug Foster
  - a. Needs information for local girls coordinators. He only has about half of these now.
  - b. State meeting will be at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud for A leagues on October 7.
  - c. D10 scheduling meeting for D10 A league will be on October 14.
  - d. 8U Jamboree – Hutchinson and LDC offered; LDC was granted the Jamboree. LDC will work on a date.
7. Tournaments – email Tracy Gurneau association tournament schedule at [tracyhockey5@yahoo.com](mailto:tracyhockey5@yahoo.com).
8. Scorebooks, MN Hockey handbooks, waiver forms, etc were available for local reps to obtain after the meeting.
9. Buffalo Squirt B Tournament – Doug sat down with the Buffalo Hockey Operations Committee after his announcement last month. He has decided to allow the tournament to take place this year, but will change it for next year.
10. Fall MN Hockey Meeting – Doug will be attending these meetings in Moorhead.

#### **Coaches Report – Presented by Paul Willett**

1. District 5 ACE Director position is open. TJ Phillips resigned. Paul is looking for more names ASAP. He has already received a couple of names.
2. Welcomed Terry Evavold to his new position.
  - a. D5 and D3 were first on board with ACE program. The program has been up and down, but will get stronger.
  - b. MN Hockey is the envy of the rest of the country because of our programs.
3. Level 4 clinic in Duluth will be on October 12-13. Spots are still available.
4. Clinics dates are very close to being set. Final dates will be on the D5 web site.
  - a. Metro area will have clinics every weekend from October through the end of November.
  - b. All coaches must be certified by December 31 or they will not be allowed on the ice or the bench.
5. Online level 3 recertification can be found at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)
6. Roster will show certification date.
7. Remind coaches of the helmet rule.

#### **Referees Report – Presented by Steve Kirshbaum**

1. Clinics were listed in last month's minutes. They are filling fast.
2. Still looking for more officials.
3. Steve and WSOA are happy to come out to local associations and talk to players, coaches, and parents at any level.
4. Mike Mooney – WSOA President – emailed all presidents of each association and mentioned WSOA is willing to hold off-ice officials clinics. Each association can do it on your own time frame.

#### **Old Business**

1. Scheduling meeting – September 26 at 7:00 PM at Daniel's. Scheduling packages have been sent to local associations.
2. President, Head Coaches, and Team Manager meeting – October 27

- a. Dassel-Cokato High School Auditorium (East end of building complex – by the football field).
  - b. 8:30 AM check-in.
  - c. 9:00 AM until noon – meeting.
3. Team Slotting
  - a. No 8U for Hutchinson and STMA.
  - b. Sartell may have a 10UB.
  - c. No BC for Mound.
  - d. No Jr. Gold for MAML.
  - e. PNLS may have a 10UB.

### **New Business**

1. Rules for Mites will be in the D5 Handbook.
2. Home team will furnish game and warm-up pucks for games.
3. Mite Jamborees for this year:
  - a. West: Hutchinson and Sartell.
  - b. East: Mound and Buffalo.
4. Mark Jorgensen mentioned USA Hockey webmaster will be at MN Hockey Fall Meeting in Moorhead. They are offering free web site hosting. Doug Kephart will have more information at the next District 5 meeting.
5. Willmar and Crow River have been selected for the Wild program sales this year.
6. MN Hockey offering skill development clinics to local associations.
  - a. They will come to your rink.
  - b. Email Gary Gregus at [skills@minnesotahockey.org](mailto:skills@minnesotahockey.org) if interested.
7. January 4 the MN Whitecaps will be playing at Thaler Arena in Mound at 8:30 PM after the Mound girls high school game.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. LDC motion, Hutchinson second. Next meeting is October 3, 7:30 PM at Daniel's in Cokato. Executive Board will meet the same evening at 6:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by Brian Johnson for Kurt Lofrano.**