

District 5

Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2007

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:32 PM. STMA absent.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano, minutes last month taken by Doug Foster, thank you. **Hutch. motion; MAML second – secretary's report approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robert Hantge. Distributed register report, balance \$20,241.67, referee's account \$2,276.12 and savings account \$4,673.12. Robert delivered a number of bills to associations, \$15,000 check sent for officials. **CR motion; LDC second – Treasurer's report approved.**

MN Hockey Report: Presented by Doug Kephart.

- 1) Jamboree update – schedule on website.
- 2) Roster changes – deadline is 12/31/07.
- 3) Leagues outside D-5:
 - Know the rules (notify the officials)
 - Participate in required meetings
 - Be a good representative of D-5.
- 4) Arena improvements – nice job, Willmar and Delano!
- 5) Zero tolerance handout – distributed to all – please distribute to all parents and spectators. We have seen too many incident reports for parents being ejected so far this season.
- 6) Girl's – Doug absent – well run Buffalo tournament last weekend.

Coaches' Report: Presented by Paul Willett.

- 1) Coach's certification – must be certified by 12/31/07, a few options still remain, L1 in Litchfield Sunday, 8 AM. Check USA Hockey website.
- 2) Advanced 15 – discussions will start in January.
- 3) Coaches scrimmages question – rules in handbook, coaches must be on ice, follow the rules.

Referee's Report: Presented by Steve Kirshbaum.

- 1) Thank you to Mike Mooney and Doug for handling issues last weekend due to weather.
- 2) On ice clinic – Sunday 12/9, Buffalo, 1:45 PM, on ice clinic for first year officials by WSOA, arrive by 1:15.
- 3) Game reports – a few received, nothing out of the ordinary.
- 4) A few questions – sticks must be plugged.

Old Business:

- 1) Game cancellations – weather conditions – will be adding a feature to the website to announce any cancellations. District officials will call the arena, traveling team and officials, not the home team. Just call if questions.
- 2) Score sheets – reminder to fill out completely and properly, fair play points not required to be completed, can be confusing for minor officials. Use a second page if you run out of room, include game numbers.
- 3) Open enrollment – motion from last meeting, no current comments, vote at end of the season. The motion and second is to rescind our current policy.

New Business:

- 1) Photos on website – e-mail to Mike Graham and he can post, ensure you have a release.
- 2) "Web cast" games – question has come up regarding web casting of games, may need a release form? MN Hockey should have some direction in a few days. Regional and State tournaments are definitely not allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM, Hutch. motion, Cold Spring second. Next meeting is January 2, 2007, 7:30 PM at Daniel's in Cokato. Happy Holidays!

Executive Board Session – occurred immediately following regular meeting to address conduct concerns of a local referee, based upon public record conviction in the local paper. Unanimous decision to suspend official for all D-5 games this season.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano