

District 5

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2008

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:35 PM, Mound absent.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano, **Crow River motion; River Lakes second** – secretary's report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary, transactions for past month and most recent certified tax returns. Checking balance \$2,124.44, savings \$15,000. Distributed billing envelopes, need to collect fees by end of December at the latest. **Sartell motion; Hutch. second**, approve treasurer's report.

Based on advice from our accountant, articles of incorporation need to be amended to include what happens to funds if corporation is dissolved. **River Lakes motion; Crow River second**, approved to for go the 30 day notice to amend articles of incorporation. **Hutch. motion; STMA second**, approved to amend articles of incorporation as proposed by Robert in writing; funds would go to another nonprofit organization.

MN Hockey Report: Presented by Doug Kephart, distributed summary.

- 1) Housekeeping items:
 - A. Committee structures – let committees within associations do their jobs and not the board involved in everything
 - B. Board meetings – confirm dates, times and location for Doug
 - C. Tax returns – please copy Doug on most recent tax returns for each association at year end.
- 2) Roster signing day Saturday November 8. Registrars have done an excellent job, board screen forms are needed to approve rosters, only Hutch. and Willmar is in so far.
- 3) Jamborees in D5 for 2008/09, handout distributed, opening remains on east side.
- 4) Zero tolerance policy reminder.
- 5) Girl's report, presented by Doug Foster, distributed below summary:
 - A. *"A" Teams-All meetings have taken place with District 10, with the last one (10UA) tonight. Schedules have been handed out, and season is ready to start. Doug's goal for the season is to see all 12UB and 10UB teams play at least one game this season, if not more.*
 - B. *Advance 15 team: Please let Doug know if these are the still the Head Coaches for each Girls HS and 14UA*

HIGH SCHOOL

NWC River Hawks- Tim Hanson-Yes
Mound Westonka-Bob Kuehl-
Hutchinson-Mitch Fabel
LDC-Brian Johnson-Yes
Willmar-Rick Dahle
River Lakes-Kirby St. John
Sartell-Gary Clifton

14UA

STMA/MAML-Kevin Theis-Yes
River Lakes-

- C. *Recruitment Meeting- Doug was invited to by Shari Olson/Tito Elumba to attend this meeting. During this meeting they broke it down to two parts that we need to focus on: Recruitment and Retention of players. It started out as a meeting for Girls Hockey, but by the end, it was decided after looking at numbers, that it should be for all youth players.*

Next Meeting: Will include one person from each District in the State.

When: December 14

Where: Kelly Inn-St. Cloud

Time: 11:00 am.

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Coaches' Report: Presented by Brian Johnson.

- 1) Clinics – all on MN Hockey website, prefer to pre-pay/register on-line. L1 27 coaches attended, went well. L2 November 22, still openings, 8:30 start. L3 December 6, all in Litch. starting at 8:30 AM.
- 2) Reminders – coach's helmets, need to strap. For scrimmages, contact Jeff Carlin WSOA or Tom Hanson in Willmar. 10U and 12U certification change requirements.
- 3) Rink Writer – District agreed to pay up to \$400 per association for software, 5 associations are piloting: Hutch., LDC, Sartell, STMA and Willmar. Training was occurring downstairs, contact Roger Carstens if a question, rinkwriter.com is website. If not using this season, check it out. "Point Streak" is boy's MHSL endorsed system, trying to make mandatory.

Referee's Report: Presented by Mike Mooney, distributed below summary:

1) Seminars

The seminars went well. We conducted five seminars three level 1 & 2's and two level 3's.

MONTICELLO	Level 1,	32
	Level 2,	31
Total		63
Litchfield	Level 1	13
	Level 2	13
Total		26
Willmar	Level 1	26
	Level 2	20
Total		46
Buffalo	Level 3	46
Hutchinson	Level 3	71
Total		117

Total For All Seminars 252

*Seminar Instructors Included; Mike Mooney, Steve Kirshbaum, Chris Theisen, Matt Deters, Nick Ungero, Rick Nelson, Brandon Geyen, Kris Moran, Scott Oeffling, Brian Johnson. **Thanks to all who helped.***

2) Off Ice Officials Clinic

We have several associations taking advantage of this program. Associations Mike has already spoken with are Hutchinson, Litchfield, Richmond, and Paynesville. Scheduled meeting with STMA, on Monday 11/10; Willmar, on Thursday 11/13. The balance of the association are encouraged to set a date for one of these meeting.

It has come to Mike's attention that one association asked a level two official to address their coaches meeting and to answer any question they may have. For purposes of consistency and correct information, please contact Mike to conduct any meetings concerning officiating issues. Please be careful assigning officials to your scrimmage games, you may get an official who thinks his/her abilities are greater than they actually are. Even for scrimmages we need to put the proper personal on the ice, and in many cases you may get an extra official because this is a good time to evaluate a newer official with very experienced officials on the ice with the newer official.

3) General Info

The season is upon us, games are being assigned; WSOA has assigned games through December 21. Mike will work with Mike Graham, and Tom Hanson for the Willmar schedule to plan my rink rotation for the season. We are identifying officials that would like to extend their officiating careers further than youth hockey and working with resources to advance their careers to the level these officials would like to take them. We are being aggressive with our mentoring and evaluation program again this season, that program has already begun. We will be conducting a level 1 on ice seminar again this season, it will be held at the Buffalo Arena on December 7, at 1:15 – 3:15. We will have several WCHA officials working games in our district this season to help younger officials progress and to create contacts for our officials who would like to advance their careers. I will be attending two coaches' clinics with Brian Johnson on November 22, and December 6, both in Litchfield.

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Old Business:

- 1) Weather policy – reminder, in handbook.
- 2) Jr. Gold – Mound comments, 3 past year players now in HS program.

New Business:

Nothing

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM, Hutch motion, LDC second.

Next meeting is Wednesday December 3, 2008, 7:30 PM at Daniel's in Cokato.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano