

# District 5

## Meeting Minutes

### December 3, 2008

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:40 PM.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$35,438.94, savings \$15,000. Upon approval of November minutes, amended Articles of Incorporation will be documented and then filed with Secretary of State. **MAML motion; Mound second**, approve treasurer's report.

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

- 1) Welcome Mike Snee, new Executive Director MN Hockey. Mike is attending his 7<sup>th</sup> district meeting, "he loves it", currently coaching two teams, Mite and Termite levels.
- 2) Troy Lenarz from Hutch. did a presentation this evening on girl's hockey, very good, Troy has a passion for promoting girl's hockey. Thank you.
- 3) "RFA" – "Ready, Fire, Aim" – "It's gotta change!" Doug expressed frustration the executive board has recently experienced with many recent issues, such as roster signing, late team cancellations, tournament sanction delays, mite move up violations, to name a few. \$2,700 in fines to associations has been levied. The overall communication process is breaking down; attention needs to be paid to the D-5 and MN Hockey handbooks. Local associations need to leverage the committee process for decisioning making. Don't assume, call Tim or Doug if questions.

Lengthy discussion followed, individual associations own the responsibility. Frustration also expressed from a couple associations. Many challenges with continuity process and turnover of volunteers. Ask D-5 exec. board members for help, questions, assistance, etc.

- 4) Important dates – 12/31 rosters close, 1/15/09 tournament registrations due.
- 5) Game observations – neck guard reminder and ensure helmets are on when leaving the ice.
- 6) Zero tolerance policy reminder.
- 7) Mite jamborees – financials due within 14 days of completion and follow what is printed in the handout from last meeting.
- 8) Clarification on referee fees – WSOA bills for scrimmages and tournaments directly and not through D-5.
- 9) Bill Gable, VP tournaments is battling lung cancer, our thoughts and prayers are with him.
- 10) Girl's report from Doug Foster – distributed handout, copied below:

- 1) Advance 15 Girls Meeting: January 10, 2009 at Kelly Inn-St. Cloud at 12:00 for lunch and meeting starts at 1:00 pm.
- 2) Recruitment Meeting- I was invited to by Shari Olson/Tito Elumba to attend this meeting. During this meeting we 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.

- 3) 10UB and All Squirt Managers- The District 5 Handbook is incorrect for my address. My address below is correct. I live in St. Michael, not Albertville.

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- 4) I don't need game sheets against other Districts, only games within District

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- 1) Rink Writer contact information for Roger Carstens, [carstens1@charter.net](mailto:carstens1@charter.net). Currently cannot upload to website, enhancement for next season. Can e-mail to Brian or mail to Tim or Doug. Bring signed hard copy to D-5 meeting each month. Need signed sheets for patches or awards. In attendance slot on score sheet, insert game #. For Rink Writer, home team submit score sheet and bring in hard copy. **Buffalo motion, River Lakes second, have home team submit score sheets next season.** Table motion, bring back to boards and will vote on at April meeting.
- 2) Remaining clinic information.
- 3) Level 5 clinic in St. Paul at RiverCenter Aug 12-15, 2009, \$425 registration fee, 400 people max, 55 already registered.
- 4) USA Hockey Goalie Skills Challenge, [www.usahockeygoaltending.com](http://www.usahockeygoaltending.com)
- 5) No Name Hockey Kid of the Year, reviewed details, due by 1/3/09, [www.nonamehockeykid.com](http://www.nonamehockeykid.com)
- 6) Parent and coach behavior towards officials – please review Code of Ethics for both parents and coaches
- 7) All coaches must be certified no later than December 31; copies of cards should be in team books.

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

- 1) Seven game misconducts so far, all associations have been notified and taken care of. Four incident reports so far, one cast issue, need doctor approval and ¼" minimum of foam padding.
- 2) On ice seminar, 46 participants planned, Sat. Dec. 7 at Buffalo, 1:15 to 3:15 PM.
- 3) Total of 173 officials in WSOA and approximately 20 in Willmar.
- 4) WSOA – Rick Regan resigned as VP and official development. Both positions have been filled, Darrel Leur and Tom Luckin.
- 5) 34 applications to work the post season so far.
- 6) Mentoring program going well.
- 7) If concerns with officials, coaches to contact Mike, use the 24 hour rule.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Fair play points – a couple teams have not been getting ½ of fair play points, taking many penalties, will be monitoring teams.

### **New Business:**

- 1) 12U girl's game length discussion. Has been discussed a number of times in the past, would need a motion to change.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM, Hutch. motion, STMA second.**

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

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano