

District 5

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2009

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:37 PM.

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

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$33,480.38, savings \$15,000. **MAML motion; Sartel second**, approve treasurer's report.

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

- 1) All fines must be paid before an Association is allowed into the post season.
- 2) Mite Jamboree Reminders
 - A. Game time sheets to Doug
 - B. Financials within 14 days
- 3) Weather Policy – announcement on website. Reminder – traveling teams call Doug, Tim or Glenn if last resort. Discussion followed, there have been some abuses. Coaches, team managers, presidents should call, NOT parents.
- 4) Game Observations
 - A. Helmets, keep on while on the ice.
 - B. Clock operation, minor officials need to be proficient, discussed a couple examples, LDC's PW C team doing very well.
- 5) Zero Tolerance – going well.
- 6) Regional Tournaments (Youth)
 - A. South Region
 - B. 3 Teams
- 7) Rosters Closed – NO changes.
- 8) Girls Coordinator – Doug Foster absent, Doug covered.
 - A. Reminder on game sheets.
 - B. Advanced 15, 1994 birthdates.
- 9) Tournament Coordinator Position – Tracey will not be doing next year, if anyone is interested, contact Doug.

Coaches' Report: Presented by Brian Johnson.

- 1) All coaches should be certified and providing copies of cards.
- 2) Advanced 15 letters going out within 2 weeks.
- 3) Level 5 reminder – St. Paul August 12-15, \$425, go to MN Hockey website.

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

Spring/Summer Camps

Instructor Camp Colorado Springs, Co April 16-19, 2009

I would like to send Scott Oeffling and Bill Breeden. In the past the district has paid for the officials travel expenses (usually airfare, as of today the round trip airfare is \$280.00 including tax) I am asking the district to continue with this assistance. We need instructors; we have had a few of our instructors stop officiating so we are short instructors now. If the district pays for the travel expense's it would be only fair that the district would get a return on their investment, so the officials would be required to sign an agreement stating they would be required to instruct for a minimum of three years with a minimum of two seminars per year. I would like to open this subject to discussion now.

West Regional Camp; Sault Ste Marie MI June 13-20, 2009

I will recommend Darren Glur attend this camp, he will be applying to Steve Tatro the Minnesota RIC who will decide who he will send after looking at all the applications.

Minnkota Camp

With USA Hockey moving the select camp out of St Cloud to Rochester NY Minnkota Camp will be different this summer. We don't know the dates or how many participants will be involved. I will give you more information as it becomes available.

MHOA Camp; St Cloud MN, June 13-18, 2009

I have three candidates for this camp but due to the uncertainty of Minnkota Camp we may only be able to send one, it will be a very difficult decision.

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Game and Incident Reports

As of today we have had 17 game misconducts reported, the break down is below

Six went to coaches

Four under rule 601 abuse to officials and other misconducts, Two under rule 404 the 15 penalty rule

Eleven went to players

Two under rule 404 5 penalty rule, Two under rule 601 abuse to officials and other misconducts, Four under rule 607 checking from behind, One under rule 608 butt ending, Two under rule 613 fisticuffs

Six Incident Reports

Including fan ejection, Coaches bench minors, and injuries.

Evaluations/Mentoring

Tom Lucken is the new Evaluation/Mentoring coordinator. We have 67 mentoring slots filled. Rick Nelson will be heading up the mentoring of our new officials, including our on ice clinic for new officials next season, and our mentoring during the mite jamborees. Rick is a D5 official; he works high school games for the St Paul Association and is currently a linesman for the WCHA Division 1 college hockey. We are fortunate to have his experience; Rick is excited about the potential of this very important program. We will once again use the Mite Jamborees as a mentoring tool. The host association will pay the normal fee for one official (\$17.00) the West Suburban Officials Association will add \$3.00 and will send two officials, each official will receive \$10.00 per game and WSOA will add the mentor and pay his fee. I will be in Willmar this weekend and will ask about working a similar program for their mite jamboree.

We have 60 evaluations completed; we will include our evaluations on The Arbiter now. This will allow us to post the evaluation on a secured area of the web site. This will be helpful, on the multiple evaluations we will be able to view what the last evaluator identified as areas that the official needed to improve. We will be able to see if the official is working those areas.

MHOA Meeting

The Minnesota district has 2733 registered officials that is an increase of 74 officials or 2.7%. We have 2351 officials that have completed all the requirements to officiate during 2008-09 season. This makes Minnesota the number one District for officials in USA Hockey.

We are planning a District Officiating Seminar late next summer. Tentatively the dates will be August 28-30; we are also tentatively looking at the Schwan's Super Rink.

Post Season Officiating

I will be putting together our crews for district, regions and state playoffs starting next week. We have the region playoffs for the 12UA, and 12UB. We will host the 14UA state tournament, and will send a crew to the JR Gold A tournament in Richfield, and the 14UB.

Rule Change Proposals

I have a list of 20 plus rule change proposals if you would like we can review them after the meeting. There were a total of 68 proposals submitted to USA Hockey

Respectfully Submitted

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Old Business:

- 1) Reminder from last meeting – for next season, home teams will submit score sheets.

New Business:

- 1) Elections in April, Tim, Brian and Robert.
- 2) Mound requesting ice time reimbursement from River Lakes, coach called and cancelled game due to weather, executive board will discuss.
- 3) 15 minute periods for 12uB, discussed in length. **LDC motion; MAML second – go to 15 minute periods for 12uB, without resurface.** Tabled and will be voted on at April meeting.
- 4) PeeWee C – reminder, current 15 minute period pilot, will also need to vote on in April.

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- 5) Mites playing outside district, discussed in length, Sartel has concern it cannot scrimmage local St. Cloud area teams. **Sartel motion; STMA second – allow Mite level to scrimmage outside district.** Tabled and will be voted on in April.
- 6) Mite move up policy, discussed in length, MN Hockey base requirement is proportional numbers, 2/3 of team must be age appropriate, D-5 policy is 3 players' maximum and play at lowest level. **Buffalo motion; STMA second – amend D-5 policy to follow MN Hockey policy but retain must play at lowest level.** Tabled and will be voted on in April.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM, MAML motion, STMA second.

Next meeting is Wednesday February 4, 2009, 7:30 PM at Daniel's in Cokato.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano