

# District 5

## Meeting Minutes

### February 4, 2009

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:32 PM, Mike Graham and Tracy Gurneau present.

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by Kurt Lofrano, correction noted, new business #6, STMA motion and Buffalo second, reverse was noted. **Crow River motion; Hutch. second** – secretary's report approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$41,442.35, savings \$15,000. **MAML motion; Sartel second**, approve treasurer's report.

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

- 1) MN Hockey winter meeting (Jan. 23-25)
  - A. Region format ideas, D1, D4 and D5 in South Region this year, this is the last year of the current format, take back to associations for feedback.
  - B. District Directors re-examining district alignment, much discussion, likely nothing for next season.
  - C. USA Hockey Playing Rule Proposals – initially over 80, approximately 20 passed along. Proposal on the floor within USA Hockey to prohibit youth and girls from icing the puck during a short handed situation. Doug would like association feedback for next meeting.
  - D. Player Numbers – 60,417 total MN Hockey registered players and coaches, 2,771 players in D-5, 31 less than last season.
- 2) All fines must be paid before playoffs – 1 week prior, currently River Lakes and Buffalo outstanding.
- 3) Mite Jamboree Reminders
  - A. Doug needs to see game sheets.
  - B. Financials to Doug within 14 days.
- 4) One Goal Equipment program ([www.minnesotahockey.org](http://www.minnesotahockey.org)), Red Baron Hockey Mom info. has also been sent to association presidents.
- 5) Regional Tournaments
  - A. Information on MN Hockey website, including costs, expectations, etc.
  - B. ASK questions BEFORE they become problems.
- 6) Mite Committee – 3 person committee has been formed to report back to D-5 executive board with observations/recommendations. Members include Brian Johnson (co-chair), Kevin Dulin (co-chair) and Rich Martin (prior D-5 director from Hutch.).
- 7) Girl's report by Doug Foster, the below summary was distributed:
  1. Advance 15 Girls: Have nominations from all High School/14UA teams, except River Lakes. Invitations will go out in the next two weeks. Games and practices will be at STMA Ice arena. Seed in games will be at District 10 and 11.
  2. Recruitment Meeting:  
When: February 8, 2009  
Where: Kelly Inn-St. Cloud  
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
  3. 10UA teams: District 10 overtime rules for playoff-Buffalo and STMA (NWC). Final Rankings are due Tomorrow 2/5 to league coordinator.
  4. District 10 Playoffs: Start February 21<sup>st</sup> and end on March 1<sup>st</sup>. 14UA and 12UA will only play on the two Weekends. 10UA will play all week. 14UA and 12UA must qualify in top 8 teams. All 10UA teams qualify.
  5. District 10 Fees still owed:  
River Lakes-14UA-\$300.00 +\$220.00 if qualify for District Playoffs  
Buffalo-12UA-\$300.00+\$170.00 District Playoffs. 10UA-\$300.00+\$140.00 District Playoffs  
Mound-12UA-\$300.00+\$170.00 District Playoffs.  
STMA-All paid. District Playoffs 14UA-\$220.00, 12UA-\$170.00, 10UA-\$140.00  
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6. 10UB and All Squirt Managers: Games missing  
Squirt B: 12/20/08-SBX 78 River Lakes East vs. Buffalo 3, 1/12/09 SBW 49 Hutchinson vs. River Lakes E.  
Squirt C: 12/18/08-SC12 Crow River vs. STMA Blue, 1/3/09-SC29 Mound Westonka vs. STMA Blue  
10UB: 12/15/08-G10U52 Hutchinson vs. Sartell White, G10U56-12/19/08-Willmar vs. Sartell White
7. 12UB District Playoff Change: Two Teams to Regional.
8. District 12UB teams vs. District 12UA Teams.
- 8) Tournament Coordinator – Tracy Gurneau – Tournament registrations were due Jan. 15, a few have shown up in the past week or two. Question came up regarding D-5 year-end Squirt tournament, reminder games would be included in 35 game limit and teams would see each other another time. Generally consensus is that teams prefer to go to an invitational tournament.

#### **Coaches' Report:** Presented by Brian Johnson.

- 1) Advanced 15 – information sent out to ACE coordinators, 1994 birthdays, Sartell, MAML, Willmar and STMA have not yet responded, can take up to 40 players. Doug Runke and Kevin Dulin coaching.
  - a. Tryouts Monday March 30 and Thursday April 2 from 6:45 to 9:45 PM at Buffalo Civic Center.
  - b. Seeding Games:
    - District 10 – weeknight at D10 during week of April 13-17, likely the 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - District 11 – Sunday, April 19 at Heritage Arena in Duluth.
  - c. Spring Festival – April 25-26 at New Hope Arena.

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

##### **Spring/ Summer Camps**

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

Due to the date change Scott Oeffling will not be to attend instructor training this year, Rick Nelson will be going in Scott's place.

##### **Game Reports**

*We have added nine new game reports.*

One to a coach, under rule 404, the 15 penalty rule.

Eight of the new game misconducts went to players.

Four under rule 607 checking from behind.

Three under 613 Fisticuffs (one of these was a third man in rule).

One under rule 617 High Stick with an injury.

This brings our total of game misconducts for the season to 26. The most phone calls I receive are to dispute a check from behind call. This is a serious injury potential penalty that needs to be reduced, so my comments to anyone disputing a check from behind call is, would we be having this conversation if the player that was checked is being carried off the ice on a stretcher with the possibility of not walking again. Please ask your coaching staff to cooperate with all of USA Hockey in trying to remove this check from the game.

##### **Evaluating/Mentoring**

I was able to make it to Willmar again last weekend to evaluate a two younger officials and to watch a several others work. The Mite Jamborees will have a rotation of five officials at each game rotating through three games. Two young officials will be on the ice with a mentor, while one young official will be in the stands with another mentor discussing what is going on during the game. This was suggested by Rick Nelson, we are hopeful we will have enough officials and mentors to make this work well.

##### **Post Season Games**

We have a total of 40 District Playoff games scheduled, 39 officials have been assigned to these games. We are hosting the 12U A, and 12U B regional tournaments this season on the weekend of March 7 - 9, each tournament will have 15 games. I have all of Friday's games scheduled; I am waiting on two officials to commit to working that weekend before I can schedule the balance of the tournament.

We are blessed in D5 to have many good and young officials so choosing the state tournament crews was very difficult. I am happy to announce our four state tournament crews.

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Brandon Geyen	Referee	301616	blgeyen@yahoo.com
Dominic (Dom) Clements	Linesman	836824	dclements@hydrologic.net
Patrick Sebey	Linesman	737751	patrick@yfcminnesota.com

#### 14U B Buffalo Crew 1

Anthony F (Rick) Nelson	Referee	1669742	wrekwear@mac.com
Michael Kephart	Linesman	5291	Dougk@larsonbuilders.com
Ryan Szymanski	Linesman	903048	szry0601@stcloudstate.edu

#### 14U B Buffalo Crew 2

Brian McAvoy	Referee	1371339	alanmcavoy@mchsi.com
Matthew Stephens	Linesman	483299	mattstephens25@hotmail.com
Robert (R.J.) Cripps	Linesman	1169160	rjcripps387@hotmail.com

#### 14U B Marshall

Kody Schantzen	Referee/Linesman	456770	kody.schantzen@hotmail.com
Brutger Mrozek	Referee/Linesman	1533370	longballhitter2004@yahoo.com

If you see any of these officials around the rink please congratulate them on their appointment. Also Rick Nelson has been assigned to work the Minnesota Girls State High School tournament as a linesman.

Respectfully Submitted

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Please note: officials for Regional tournaments should be paid at the tournament.

#### Old Business:

- 1) Playoff reminder – weather policy, check website early and often!
- 2) Elections in April, Tim, Brian and Robert.
- 3) Current motions on table, any questions? Limited discussion, **ALL TO BE VOTED ON AT APRIL MEETING:**
  - a. 15 minute periods for 12uB. Friendly amendment by LDC- all 12u teams included, not just “B” if D-5 has a league at any 12u level.
  - b. PeeWee C – reminder, current 15 minute period pilot expires, will also need to vote on for continuation in April.
  - c. Allow Mite level to scrimmage outside district. Validated motion is for entire district, no mileage restriction.
  - d. Amend D-5 Mite move up policy to follow MN Hockey policy but retain must play at lowest level, (2/3 of team must be age appropriate).

#### New Business:

- 1) Willmar presented, **motion**, if 15 minute periods for 12u passes, add a 15 minute resurface between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods. Motion died, no second was made.
- 2) Buffalo opened discussion that they would like WSOA to handle all scheduling of officials within D-5. Initially a motion was made by Buffalo and second by STMA. Floor was open for discussion; Tim H. and Doug K. feel this would classify D-5 as an employer under MN law, MN state contractors of sports officials, researched in depth a few years ago. Motion dropped, not feasible based on state law.
  - a. Additional discussion continued with WSOA and Willmar concern. Perception of assignment of officials in Willmar. Due to location of Willmar, WSOA may have minimal impact on officials being scheduled. Scott Oeffling will try to get a WSOA representative to contact the Willmar board and report back to D-5 board.

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- 3) Willmar presented, **motion Willmar, second STMA, add 15 minute resurface to 14u games**, table for now, vote on at April meeting.
- 4) Willmar presented, **motion** follows: "The District and associations shall provide equal treatment to boys and girls teams according to their age classification, which includes but is not limited to scheduling number of ice hours and time of day, equipment usage (such as goalie equipment provided by the association), number of tournaments teams are allowed to participate in, use of jerseys, and any other rules or restrictions the association places on teams". Motion died, no second was made.
- 5) Final score sheets – have coaches/team managers review all standings, get score sheets in for last the last weekend. E-mail in last weekend scores and fair-play points to Tim Hanson and Mike Graham, follow up with hardcopy. Same for playoffs, all info. on website.
- 6) STMA presented, B1/B2 proposal. Discussed, MN Hockey will not allow or recognize. D-5 can adjust Squirt schedules if needed. Initial motion retracted.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM, Hutch. motion.**

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

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano