

District 5

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2009

Meeting called to order by Time Hanson at 7:30 PM.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano, correction - WSOA motion not dropped, still to be voted on, also referee's report, State in Buffalo is 14U"A" and not "B". **Crow River motion; Hutch. second** – secretary's report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robbert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$24,292.75, savings \$15,000. CD renewal end of March, paid WSOA for playoff officials, will be invoicing associations for playoffs, thank you for a great year! **MAML motion; Sartel second** – treasurer's report approved.

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

- 1) Championship Weekend – Thank you to all for the rescheduling effort due to the snow on Thursday, special thanks to Mike Graham. LDC did an excellent job with Championship Weekend; the arena was in great condition.
- 2) Regional play this weekend – 12UB Regional at Buffalo, 12UA Regional at STMA.
- 3) Comments from Associations – e-mail sent to all association presidents regarding MN Hockey proposed rule changes and draft residency rules (allow open enrollment state wide, also allow waivers PW and above if team is not offered), to be voted on at April MN Hockey meeting. Written comments by March 15.
- 4) Mite Jamborees – reminder – financials due within 14 days of completion.
- 5) 14UA State at Buffalo – March 20 – 22.
- 6) Disabled Hockey – a growing branch of MN Hockey, Doug would like to see D-5 make a donation for a "sled" or two, can cost about \$1,000.
- 7) Girl's report by Doug Foster, the below summary was distributed:
 - A. Advance 15 Girls: Letters went out. So far 12 have accepted, 4 declined and waiting on 13 players.
 - B. Recruitment Meeting:
When: March 29th
Where: Kelly Inn-St. Cloud
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
New Position in Associations: Recruitment Coordinator-Send to Doug Foster by May 1, 2009
 - C. Congratulations to all Girls teams to qualify for regions: River Lakes East 12UB, Willmar 12UB, Buffalo 12UA, STMA/MAML (NWC) 12UA, and STMA/MAML (NWC) 14UA.
 - D. 10UB and All Squirt Managers: Games missing
Squirt A
SAX56 1/31/09 River Lakes vs. MW SAX55 2/22/09 MW vs. Hutchinson
SAX47 2/22/09 LDC vs. Buffalo SAW24 2/27/09 River Lakes vs. LDC
SAE19 2/28/09 Crow River vs. MW
Squirt B
SBX78 12/20/08 RLE vs. Buffalo 3 SBS97 2/14/09 RLW vs. Buffalo 2
SBX87 2/19/09 Hutchinson vs. CR Black SBW62 2/27/09 RLW vs. LDC
SBW73 2/28/09 Sartell vs. LDC SBE1 2/28/09 CR Orange vs. MW Black
Squirt C
SC12 12/18/08 Crow River vs. STMA Blue SC29 1/3/09 MW vs. STMA Blue
SC25 2/6/09 STMA Gold vs. MAML SC 3 2/28/09 Crow River vs. MAML
10UB
G10U 52 12/15/08 Hutchinson vs. Sartell White-Sartell can't find score sheet, so can Hutchinson check.
G10U 28 2/7/09 Hutchinson vs. MW G10U 34 2/15/09 Hutchinson vs. Buffalo
G10U 37 2/28/08 Sartell Blue vs. LDC
 - E. District 12UB teams vs. District 12UA Teams on March 15 at STMA Ice Arena
2:15-3:15 Willmar 12UB vs. NWC 12UA
3:30-4:30 River Lakes East 12UB vs. Buffalo 12UA
4:45-5:45 LDC Green 12UB vs. Mound Westonka 12UA
- 8) Tournaments – Doug has two interested people in taking over as tournament coordinator, if any others, let Doug know.

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Coaches' Report: Presented by Brian Johnson.

- 1) Advanced 15 – information on D-5 website. Tryouts Monday March 30 and Thursday April 2 from 6:45 to 9:45 PM at Buffalo Civic Center. Seeding games, D-10 on April 9, D-11 Sunday April 19 at Heritage Arena in Duluth. Festival April 25 and 26 at New Hope Arena.
- 2) Mite Committee – will be presenting at April board meeting.

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

Spring / Summer Camps

No word on any of these camps yet.

The District Playoffs

All went well no incidents, and many compliments. Most of our experienced officials were involved. Litchfield did a very nice job hosting the championships; all the associations hosting the play-off games also did a very nice job.

Game and Incident Reports

This month's game reports are as follows.

Three went to Coaches.

Two for 404 (d) the 15 penalty rule

One for 601 (i) abuse to officials

Six Game Reports went to players, four game misconducts and two match penalties.

Game Misconducts

Three for 607 (b) checking from behind

One for 617 (a) high stick (b)

Match Penalties

One for 601 (g) physical abuse to an official

One for 623 (b) kicking

The season has ended, we had a total of 35 game reports this is down seven reports from last season when we had 42 game reports. The break down is below.

Season Totals

Ten went to coaches.

Five under rule 404 (d), the 15 penalty rule.

Five under rule 601 (i) abuse to officials

Twenty Five went to players.

Two for rule 404 (d) the 5 penalty rule

Two for rule 601 abuse to officials

Eleven for rule 607 (b) checking from behind

One for rule 608 (c) butt ending

Five for rule 613 (e) fisticuffs

Two for rule 617 (b) high sticking

Match Penalties

One for 601 (g) physical abuse to an official

One for 623 (b) kicking

Officials Game Fees Review

Separate document distributed summarizing current and proposed game fees.

Old Business:

- 1) Elections – Tim, Brian and Robert's positions are up for election in April, if interested, let an exec. board member know.
- 2) Neck guards – observation from playoffs, approximately half of goaltenders did not have neck guards. If D-5 wants to continue policy, coaches and officials must enforce.
- 3) Plaques – first and second place league winners, Glenn is missing names for a few teams, Bantam A Mound, PW B West River Lakes, 12UB, 3 way tie for second, need LDC Green and STMA, get names to Glenn.
- 4) Review of current motions, all to be voted on at April Meeting:
 - A. Implement 15 minute periods for all 12u level games within any league being offered within District 5.

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- B. On a go forward basis, implement 15 minute periods for the Pee wee C level, piloted this past season.
- C. Allow Mite level to scrimmage outside of district. Doug is asking motion to be removed as it is a direct violation of MN Hockey policy. Doug will work with Sartel on a situation waiver, **Sartel removed motion.**
- 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).
- E. WSOA to handle all District 5 scheduling of officials. Significant discussion, Tim distributed copies of information from Minnesota state labor statutes and the legal opinion received 4 years ago that D-5 would be considered an employer if mandatory use of WSOA officials. Doug also concerned with D-5 and mandatory use, Willmar has a mentoring program in place and Mike has been out 3 times for evaluations. Will look at game sheets and compare, such as penalties and fair play points. Motion remains for now.
- F. Add a resurface between 2nd and 3rd periods for 14u.

New Business:

- 1) Playoff ice complaint from Crow River, time and driving location of some games. One possible way to alleviate for next season is to not post dates and times until teams are set, trying to keep teams closer to home (east/west sides of district).
- 2) A Grievance has been filed against the District 5 board, which includes a representative from each association and the executive board. The grievance was reviewed regarding the perceived disparity between girls and youth hockey. The grievance was heard by the grievance committee this evening.
- 3) **Motion by River Lakes, Willmar seconds:** If 15 minute periods for 12u passes; add a resurface between 2nd and 3rd periods. Will be tabled until April meeting to be voted on with other motions.
- 4) **Motion by MAML, Crow River seconds:** Accept Official's Game Fee Summary increases presented during the referee's report. Will be tabled until April meeting to be voted on with other motions. (please note, executive board members will abstain from this vote)
- 5) **Motion by Robert Hantge, Hutch. seconds:** District 5 to purchase one "sled" to donate to MN Hockey for use in disabled hockey league. Will be tabled until April meeting to be voted on with other motions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM, motion by MAML, STMA seconds.

Next meeting Wednesday April 1, 2009 at Daniels in Cokato. Dinner at 6:30 PM – all are invited to bring a guest. General meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano.