

# District 5

## Meeting Minutes

### December 2, 2009

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:04 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by Doug Foster for Kurt Lofrano, October minutes on Website and distributed to Presidents week after meeting. **Crow River motion; River Lakes second**--secretary's report approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Doug Kephart for Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$1,969.19 Savings \$15,343.89. WSOA Officials Fees will be dispersed this month. D5 will pay the team fees for Youth teams playing outside the District, then will bill the appropriate Associations. Girls Teams can still pay their team fees to D10. **Crow River motion; Mound second**—treasurer's report approved

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

1. Introduced Jim Cooper, who will be the Metro League Rep from District 5.
2. Rosters Close 12/31/09. Get them done. Coaches will be checked for appropriate Certification.
3. Neck Guards: All players must wear them in D5 including goalies. Jr. Gold teams are excluded.
4. Out of State Tournaments.
  - a. Buyer Beware: Be careful.
  - b. Inter level/classification play: A can't play B, B can't play C.
5. Weekly Updates to Presidents. Doug Kephart has been giving weekly updates on Monday/Tuesday on the previous weekend games, if there are any problems.
6. Feedback from Associations regarding scrimmages after tryouts, before official roster signing.
  - a. STMA 4-5, MAML 2-3, Hutchinson 4-5, River Lakes 2-3.
7. Re-Districting Update: Second meeting a week ago. Details are being worked out. Below has been only agreed on by the committee, but hasn't been approved by MN Hockey.
  - a. Dissolve D1-Allowing D1 teams to have a say in what District they are moved.
  - b. New District 5 will be: STMA, MAML, Buffalo, Becker/Big Lake, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Sartell, River Lakes, LDC, Willmar, Hutchinson, Little Falls?
  - c. Crow River and Mound will move to D3
8. Girls Coordinator Report-Doug Foster:
  - a. Recruitment Meeting: Still Waiting
  - b. Important Dates For District 5 Girls Leagues
    1. December 4, 2009-League Play can Start for 10UA and 10UB
  - c. Advance 15 meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud
  - d. Need High School Coaches and 14U coaches to turn in names of players eligible: Girls born in 1995. Need: Name, Address, Parents name, Phone # and email.
9. Tournament Coordinator Report-Jeff Carlen
  - a. Registrations are coming in, but just ahead of the 21 day limit.
  - b. Willmar Bantam and Hutchinson Peewee tournaments have been cancelled.
10. **Coaches' Report:** Presented by Brian Johnson.
  - a. All Clinics in D5 are done. Last minute email from Mike MacMillan was sent out asking for certification at Level 1,2,3 in the Metro area be offered. It received a second. Look for new classes on the USA Hockey website.
  - b. Referee Reports on Coaches: Too Many already this season.

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

1. **District 5 on Ice Clinic Officials Clinic**
  - a. Rick Nelson has put together a nice program. We will have four circuits, on ice, video review, off ice critiquing, and signals and pre-game activities.
  - b. Between the two clinics we are expecting about 60 officials, we have invited some second year officials that we felt could use this instruction.
  - c. The instructors are Rick Nelson, Tim Clements, Dom Clements, Scott Oeffling, Michael Kephart, Ryan Szymanski, Jeff Carlen, and Mike Mooney.

2. **Scheduling Problem**

- a. We discovered a problem in transferring the D5 schedule onto the Arbiter. The Arbiter did not recognize more than one team from one level and association. In other words, if Crow River has a Pee Wee C Orange, and Blue the Arbiter couldn't determine a difference in the two teams so the games did not show up on the schedule. Jeff Carlen has gone through the schedule and manually added any of these games. This was discovered when there were no officials for a Pee Wee B game in Delano. Rick Ragan was at the arena as was Travis Peterson they both agreed to work the game, so the game was officiated by two certified officials. Thanks to Rick and Travis.

3. **Evaluations/Mentoring**

- b. We have begun working on our evaluations, we are setting up a meeting for evaluators, so we can all be consistent in the way we evaluate each official.
- c. Mentoring is going well; I appreciate the cooperation of the association in allowing us to conduct our shadow mentoring program during Squirt B and C games. The shadow is on the ice to protect the young official. As we all know there are coaches that can't control themselves and feel they need to yell and scream at young players and officials. Because this type of adult has gone undetected by the associations the shadow will take the proper action on the ice to protect all the young participants.

4. **Officials in District 5**

- a. We do not have all the numbers in yet, but we have increased the number of officials in District 5 again this season. There are 130 people in Minnesota that registered as Officials with USA Hockey but did not attend a seminar, four are from District 5. MHOA is considering adding a last chance seminar but an overwhelming majority of Supervisors are against adding a seminar. We held 51 seminars over 81 days, if these people are not responsible enough to attend one of these may opportunities I don't think I want to trust they will attend a last chance seminar and worse I don't think I would trust them to show up to an assigned game.

5. **Game Reports**

- d. I have received a total of seven game reports.  
Three; for rule 607 (b) Checking from behind.  
One; for rule 604 (b) Boarding.  
One; for rule 610 (b) Elbowing, with an injury.  
One; for rule 601 (i) (2) Abuse to the Officials.  
One; for rule 404 (b) 15 penalties during a game.

6. **Incident Reports**

I have received four incident reports.  
All four for bench minors to the coach, rule 601.

7. **Rule 304 (e)**

We are seeing many cases where hockey pants are not being worn in the manner they were designed. Some inseams have zippers, if they have zippers the zippers will be zipped all the way down anytime the player is on the ice. Pants that are frayed to the point the seam is open are illegal. Please be sure your players are in compliance with this rule as with all USA Hockey rules.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Score Sheets
  - a. Send in White Sheets Only
  - b. Make sure Game # is on sheet and both teams involved and what level
  - c. Only rinkwriter email sheets to Brian Johnson. Scanned sheets can go to Doug Foster. Other levels must be mailed to Tim Hanson.
- 2. Game Conduct: Needs to improve especially with coaches.
- 3. Year End Squirts/G10U-B Tourney
  - SQA: MAML, Hutchinson
  - SQB: MAML, Hutchinson

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G10U-B: Hutchinson Gold, Hutchinson Black

**New Business:**

1. Buffalo made a motion for D-5 to not mandate, but recommend use of neck guard, Mound Second. Discussed. Bring Back to the Associations and will have further discussions
2. MN Hockey-Doug Kephart asked the associations to review if they want to keep the same game times for next season. For example-Pee wee and 12U having 1.5 hour games. STMA asked for clarification by levels and equal by Youth and Girls.
3. Double Elimination year end tournament brackets will be posted in the next two weeks. Games at Hutchinson, Litchfield, Buffalo and Richmond.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM, motion by River Lakes, second Crow River.**

**Next meeting Wednesday January 6, 2009, 7:00 PM at Daniels in Cokato.**

Submitted by Doug Foster for Kurt Lofrano