

**District 5**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Tim Hanson at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** 10 of the 11 District 5 teams were in attendance (LDC).

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the January 5, 2011 meeting were prepared and posted on the website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Buffalo. Seconded by River Lakes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** An itemized written report as to the District finances was provided (See attached). A reminder was given that outstanding balances due to the district must be paid **prior** to the beginning of the playoffs. It was pointed out that many associations had balances due. Also, Treasurer Robert Hantage announced that he will not be seeking a third term. Motion by Buffalo to approve. Seconded by Hutchinson. Motion carried.

**MN Hockey Report:** MN Hockey D-5 Director, Doug Kephart, had a separate Minnesota Hockey agenda for the meeting and the agenda was followed.

1. Affiliate Accounts with District 5.
  - a. All affiliate accounts with District 5 must be current prior to District playoffs.
  - b. One irresponsible team = the whole association sitting.
  
2. MN Hockey Winter Meeting - PeeWee Checking-
  - a. Minnesota directors are against removing checking at PeeWee level. Other states are motivated. Decisions are based on injuries and high profile concussions. Some wanted to stop checking as of last Sunday.
  - b. Send e-mails regarding the topic from your association to Doug.
  - c. MN Hockey discussion to explore leaving USA Hockey if checking is removed.
  - d. Directors are 100% against removing checking in PeeWee.
  - e. Concerns about removing checking are that it may destroy out of state girls hockey and AAA in-season checking option programs would take away from PeeWees.
  - f. Big vote June 2011 in Colorado.
  
3. Local Board Transitions.
  - a. Important that this year's leadership stay involved.
  - b. Don't want to lose knowledge.
  - c. Need to teach higher level of Civility and respect for the game.
  
4. District 5 Leagues. To be completed by the end of next week.
  
5. Girls' Hockey. No one is proud of how Mn Hockey treated mixing District 5 and District 3. Next year find way to stand alone.
  
6. Minnesota Hockey coaching reimbursement.

- a. \$10.00 per coach.
  - b. Credit toward playoff ice.
7. Girls Coordinator. Doug Foster was not in attendance. See handout attached. Working to get District 3 to update so we can determine playoff seeds.
8. Tournament Coordinator. Tournament Coordinator Jeff Carlen said that applications for the season are done and that one late fee was assessed. He said there were 37 tournaments this year, up three (3) from last year.

**Coach's Report:** Brian Johnson advised that only two (2) associations have provided names for the Reebok High performance team try-outs. Need to e-mail them by February 14, 2011, the drop deadline date if you want to participate in the try-out.

Ace Coordinator or highest Bantam Coach needs to contact Brian. The website has information. They have 60 jerseys waiting for kids with 1996 birthdays. His staff is ready. St. Cloud inquired about the cost and Brian indicated that it would be around \$40 for the first round with additional fees for the next rounds.

**Referee's Report:** A separate report from Michael Mooney was provided (See attached). He indicated that there have been too many game reports. Also, Official of the Year has been selected for levels 1, 2, & 3.

Playoff games are being assigned for right people at the right times.

#### **Old Business:**

- (a) Playoffs. The playoffs will start 15 minutes early if ice is available.
- (b) Elections of Officers in April. Positions were set at the last meeting. Contact the board to throw a name into the hat for a position.
- (c) EMTS. President Hanson took a vote and it was 6-5 on favor of EMTS so they will be available at district playoffs. Tap volunteers or pay people. Buffalo asked if there was a rule for District 5 to enforce the paying of EMT costs. It was clarified that the Association pays the EMT, and then bill District 5.

#### **New Business:**

- (a) Score Sheets. Swain clarified the score sheet from a St. Cloud scrimmage game that caused confusion. Swain addressed issues with 14U STMA home game on December 30, 2010 and a 14U St. Cloud issue from January 2, 2011.

There are score sheets missing from some games:

December 6th - 14U North Metro  
December 19th - 12UB River Lakes v. STMA  
January 23rd - 12UB Buffalo v. STMA  
January 26th - 12UB LDC v. STMA

It was also noted to remind Squirt & U10 teams that the white sheet should be sent to the district. It has been the wrong sheet roughly 50% of the time.

- (b) Game Scores. It is important the game scores are turned in sooner than later so that Playoffs can be set. E-mail last week's games immediately then send the original score sheet in like normal.
- (c) A question was asked about going to a B1 and B2 format and if there is a single team at that level whether they need to declare if they are B1 or B2. Doug Kephart said that MN Hockey is not taking a position right now. The league needs District 5 teams to be practical. Currently, the associations can declare themselves, whether they are B1 or B2.

A plea for **civility** and **respect** for the game was made by Director Kephart. More to come on this topic.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**, upon Motion of Buffalo, and seconded by Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tim Reuter