

District 5
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2012

Meeting call to order by President Tim Hanson at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance- All District 5 Associations were in attendance.

Secretary's Report- Tim Reuter- The minutes from the December 7, 2011 meeting were posted on the D-5 website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by STMA and seconded by River Lakes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Jeff Swenson- Written report attached. A \$500 playoff ice advance statement was sent out for each travel team. Adjustments will be made later based on games and costs per team. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Buffalo and seconded by MAML. Motion carried.

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

1. Rosters- December 31, 2011 Rosters frozen. Still working out some last minute Mite issues. This years group of Registration Coordinators were outstanding.
2. Play offs-
 - a. 12UA teams in descending order of finish will choose the district to play (2 to D2, 1 to D3, and 1 to D6).
Teams then follow that district protocol for the District they end up in.
 - b. Other team's look at website
3. Game Limits at Squirts/10Us-
 - a. 35 limit hard number
- 34 games coming into D-5 tournament
 - b. no results posted for this level
 - c. Sanction for violating game limit or posting results may be to punish entire Association with playoff game forfeits.
4. January historically has issues- ZERO tolerance
5. MN Hockey Realignment Proposal- Extended discussion
 - a. Send Hutchinson, Willmar, and LDC to D4
-concern expressed about effect on these Associations. The affected Associations expressed dire consequences if proposal passes.
 - b. Little Falls and Crow River to join D-5
 - c. Vote on weekend of 1/21/12.

- d. Explanation given that MN Hockey is redistricting to improve hockey across the state. The proposed move of Associations does not mean an Association is not competitive in current District.
- 6. Tournament Coordinator- Jeff Carlen
No late fines so far and relatively smooth
- 7. Girls Coordinator & Retention/Recruitment Coordinator- Doug Foster
-See Handout

Coaches Report- Brian Johnson- High Performance 15, 1997 DOB. (15 year olds)

- Check website.
- (Tryouts 3rd week of March)
- Same coaching staff as last year

Referees Report- Mike Mooney-

- Separate written report. Attached.

Old Business-

- A. Playoff Ice Time on website
- B. Drawing tonight-Squirt/10U- check website for bracket

New Business

- A. River Lakes Proposal- See Handout. Extended Discussion over proposal and current evaluation process. Proposal did not receive a second.
- B. STMA- Concerned over what confirmation exists that a sheet is sent in on time.
A: If dispute time, Association can send confirmation from an email sent box to address compliance.
- C. St. Cloud- Q: When are handbook issues to be addressed?
A: Doug- February meeting should bring requests.
Q: Multiple Coaches/Coordinators see little difference this year in officiating. Questioned if Mike Mooney agreed?
A: Mike-Head contact point of emphasis. Intent to injure point as well. Body contact will happen.
-Mike will accept telephone calls without emotion to discuss issues.
- D. Tim Hanson- Q: What can communities do to affect MN Hockey's decision on District assignments?
A: Doug- Quantitative evidence (mileage chart, etc)
Hard tangible evidence needed.
MN Hockey trying to alter for integrity of the entire state.
Explained again that none of the affected Associations were singled out for competitive reasons.

E. Swain

Q: Does residency apply to Board members?

A: Doug was not aware of a MN Hockey residency requirement for Board positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. upon motion from Sartell and seconded by Sauk Rapids. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tim Reuter



Jeff Swenson - Treasurer

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Best of the Best - Blue Chip - Golden Gate - Golden Gate - Golden Gate
Morongo Valley - Morongo Valley - Morongo Valley - Morongo Valley - Morongo Valley
St. Cloud - St. Cloud - St. Cloud - St. Cloud - St. Cloud

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Swenson

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Checking Account (Citizens Bank)	\$62,273.82
Catastrophic Failure Savings (CD - Citizens Bank)	\$16,097.38
renewed 3/4/10 31 mo. 2%	

Action Items:



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GIRLS NOTES JANUARY 4, 2012

1. Advance 15 Meeting: Need names in the next week. By January 10th. All Girls Coordinators have been emailed.

Nothing from the following Programs:

St. Michael ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Hutchinson

River Lakes

LDC

~~Willmar~~

- A. 1997 Birthdates: I need the Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers, Parents Names for each girl born in 1997 for both 14UA and High School Teams

- B. Send to: Doug Foster
dougfooster@mwpsales.com
612-281-5732

RETENTION/RECRUITMENT

1. In October, I sent out a note to each President to reach out and contact each player/parent that didn't sign back up this season and to report back some of their findings. Please send back to me at dougfooster@mwpsales.com
I STILL NEED TO HEAR RESULTS.

Supervisor of Officials Report 1-4-2012

Bantam A Games

Due to some on ice concerns, all Bantam A games played in District 5 arenas will use a three official system (one referee two linesmen). This will include scrimmages.

Mentor/Evaluating

Tim Clements has distributed the list of mentees to 15 mentors. They will be responsible for between 12 to 15 officials. This is a WIP that may take many different routes. It will give each official an experienced official that they can rely on for evaluations and advice. I am optimistic that this new program will continue to improve officiating in D5.

Playoffs

District 5 brackets are posted; I will begin assigning officials this week.

Bantam regional playoffs will be assigned within the next couple of weeks.

State playoff assignments will be distributed this weekend.

Official of the Year Award

Once again we will be awarding this to a level 1, 2, and 3 officials. We will be attending the St. Cloud State vs. UMD game on March 3rd. Greg Sheperd will allow our officials to have access to the game officials for that evening. It is a very fun evening for all participants.

Game Reports

We have added 10 new Game Reports to the file this month, nine game misconduct penalties and one match penalty. Our totals for this season are 19 game reports, of which 17 are game misconducts and two match penalties.

- Two for rule 627 (a) Kicking, defined as a push off.
- One for rule 401 (b) Fifteen penalties during one game (coach).
- One for rule 620 (b) Head Contact.
- One for rule 601 (e) Abuse to Officials and Other Misconducts.
- One for rule 611 (b) Elbowing.
- One for rule 603 (b) Boarding.
- Two for rule 615 (a) Fighting.
- One Match Penalty for rule 627 (b) Kicking, defined as using a swinging motion with his leg.

Incident Reports

Seven new Incident Reports this month, three bench minor penalties on coaches, three fan ejections, and one off ice official. We now have a total of 14 Incident reports this season.

Head Contact Report

We have two new Head Contact Reports this month to bring the season total to five.

Respectfully Submit,

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New business

Ref Evaluations:

As an association, we are in charge of conducting coaching evaluations each year. This process is not looked upon as punitive but rather an opportunity for all of our coaches to acknowledge their strengths as well as develop any areas of need that were brought forth. As a district, what is our process for evaluating referees?

Clearly aware that we do not want to lose any refs with a process, but as the same with our association, good coaches are at a minimum and we must adhere to high standards both for the benefit of our players but as well as the association as a whole.

Evaluations can be conducted in a fashion that provides opportunities for the District administrator to gather evidence and at the conclusion of the season, have a conversation with the refs to go over the evaluations. Consistently poor performing refs should not be allowed to continue refing for the district.

Currently there is very little accountability for refs in the district. There are several examples throughout the year, where both coaches have struggled with a referee but is left with very little options in order to address it.

The high school league gives coaches an opportunity to evaluate refs after each game why should we not do the same? We want our refs to be able to develop and improve and a system needs to be created that allows for consistent and fair evaluations for all of our referees.

A simple phone call to the district is not enough and with a proper evaluation system, the district will be able to gather a great deal of evidence to support a great ref and address a ref that may have some deficiencies.

Most organizations that aspire to be great, have a system of evaluations and accountability for its members. We need to consider an evaluation format for our referees.

Thanks

River Lake
Hockey