

District 5
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Tim Hanson at 7:21 p.m. following the end of year dinner.

Attendance- 10 of the 11 District 5 Associations were in attendance. (No attendee from Hutchinson)

Secretary's Report- Tim Reuter- The minutes from the March 7, 2012 meeting were posted on the D-5 website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by STMA and seconded by Sauk Rapids. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Jeff Swenson- Playoff ice billing went out. (Approximately \$50,000 in playoff ice) Written detailed report provided. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Buffalo and seconded by MAML. Motion carried.

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

1. Congratulations to D5 teams that advanced to State:
BB: St. Cloud Red
PWA: STMA & MAML
PWB: Buffalo Black
2. USA Hockey increase of \$10 per registrant. Likely will go through, despite MN Hockey trying to prevent increase.
3. Registration numbers for 2011/2012. Sheet Attached. If double digit increase or decrease for your association explore why.
4. AA/A Format- Pee-Wee & Bantam pilot program. President received information.
AA- Buffalo, River Lakes, MAML, BBL, STMA, St. Cloud
A- Hutch, LDC, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Willmar
-If AA association, could have 2nd group play A level rather than B program. (ie. AA, A, B, C teams)
5. Tournament Coordinator- Jeff Carlen- Nothing to report.
6. Girls Coordinator- Doug Foster- 15s went well. Not the same volume of sign-ups as prior
7. Retention & Recruitment- Doug Foster- Meeting a week from Sunday.
-Doug Foster willing to travel to Associations.

8. District Director Awards

-Duncan Ryhorchuk did a great job. Score sheets electronically

-Brian Johnson- Great contributions to D-5.

-Reebok 15 outstanding

-letters to coaches

-Verbal recognition to Steve Gapinski- for his effort in organizing squirt tournament and Regions same weekend.

Coach's report- Brian Johnson-

- River Lakes & Buffalo only 2 Associations that complied with both Boys & Girls requests for list of kids for Fall Development Camp
- Goal to open opportunity for kids. Info on D-5 website.
- 51 invites, (46 accepted) to High performance 15.
- Brian is excited about the group of kids.
- Spring festival is coming.
- Do not expect level 4 clinic waivers. May clinic in Rochester.

Referees Report- Mike Mooney- Written report. See attached.

Q: Tim Hansen- Is the 3 man system here to stay?

A: Likely to continue to use 3 man system. Able to see the game better, and for safety likely here to stay.

Old Business-

A. Vote on Proposals. Ballot for each of the 6 proposed changes. All Passed. See attached.

Q: STMA- Question on injury reports.

A: Limited data, more to come.

New Business-

A. Election of Officers:

-2nd Vice President

-Floor nomination Steve Gapinski.

-Secretary

-Floor nomination Tim Reuter.

Seeing no other nominations, motion to waive ballot and proceed with voice vote made by BBL and Seconded by Buffalo. Motion carried unanimously. Both nominated candidates were elected.

B. League Plaques handed out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. upon motion from Sauk Rapids and seconded by St. Cloud. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tim Reuter



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*Becker, Big Lake, Buffalo, Hutchinson, Mitchell,assel, Corato,
Monticello, Argandale, Maple Lake, River Lakes, Sartell, Saul Rapids,
St. Cloud, St. Michael, Albertville, Wadena*

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Swenson

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Checking Account (Citizens Bank)	\$6,452.88
Catastrophic Failure Savings (CD – Citizens Bank) renewed 3/4/10 31 mo. 2%	\$16,097.38

Action Items:

District 5 Player Registration numbers 2011/2012 Season				
Association	2010/2011			Change
	2010/2011	2011/2012	Change	
St. Michael/Albertville Youth Hockey	403	397	-6	
St. Cloud Youth Hockey Association	416	383	-33	
Buffalo Youth Hockey Association	385	369	-16	
River Lakes Hockey, Inc	259	268	25	
Sartell Youth Hockey Association	256	264	8	
Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato Youth Hockey	218	223	5	
Sauk Rapids Youth Hockey	230	221	-9	
Monticello-Annandale-Maple Lake	243	220	-23	
Hutchinson Hockey Association	216	201	-15	
Becker/Big Lake Youth Hockey Association	148	124	-24	
Willmar Hockey Association	105	96	-9	
Totals	2879	2766	-105	

District 5 Girls' Registration Numbers 2011/2012					
Association	14U	12U	10U	9U	Total
STMA	15	22	25	24	86
Buffalo	17	22	17	27	83
St. Cloud	0	26	15	28	69
LDC	19	16	12	20	67
River Lakes	16	11	9	30	66
Sartell	7	11	19	23	60
Hutchinson	0	22	15	22	59
Sauk Rapids	8	8	18	22	56
MAML	4	4	7	18	33
Willmar	6	9	8	7	30
BBL	3	6	5	11	25
Totals	95	157	150	232	634

Supervisor of Officials Report 4-4-2012

State Tournament Crews

All our crews represented District 5 very well in the state tournaments.

National Tournaments

Mickey Moran and Kris Moran officiated the Girls Tier II National Tournament in Frisco TX. Ryan Szymanski and Duncan Ryhorchuk officiated the Tier II Pee Wee National Tournament in Ashburn VA. Rick Nelson officiated the 18 U Tier II National Tournament in Lansing MI. All five officials officiated the 2AA National Championship game at their respective tournaments!

Game Reports

No reports were submitted against any D5 players during the state tournaments. The final report is the same as the report last month. We finished with 37 game reports; this is down again slightly from last season. I have included the final reports from the three previous seasons for a comparison. All but one season we are trending down, but we seem to always have about 40 game reports each season. Checking From Behind and Fighting are the two top, on ice, game misconducts called. Three associations had only one game misconduct during the season. Becker/Big Lake, Hutchinson, and MAML. We had 25 Incident Reports this season. We had eight incidents involving Head Contact that were deemed by the officials to be serious enough to make the coach aware that the player hit his/her head and should be looked at before returning to the ice.

Game Misconducts 2011-2012

- Five for rule 615 (a) Fighting
- Six for rule 401 (b) Five Penalty Rule (player)
- Eight for rule 601 (d) & (e) Abuse to Officials and Other Misconducts
- Five for rule 608 (b) Checking from Behind
- Four for rule 603 (b) Boarding
- Two for rule 627 (a) Kicking (push off)
- Two for rule 401 (b) 15 Penalty Rule (coach)
- Two for rule 620 (b) Head Contact
- One for rule 611 (b) Elbowing

Match Penalties

- One for rule 602 (a) Attempt to Injure
- One for rule 627 (b) Kicking

Game Reports for the 2010/2011 season

We had a total of 41 game misconducts; this is down slightly from last season.

- Abuse to Officials 6, (Coaches 4, Players 2)
- Boarding 3
- Checking from Behind 7
- Elbowing 2
- Fisticuffs 7
- Kicking 6 (Match 3, Game 3)
- Fifteen Penalty 1
- Five Penalties 5
- Kneeing 1
- Slashing 2 (Match 1, Game 1)
- Unnecessary Roughness 1

Game Misconducts, 2009-2010

We had 44 game misconducts this season, this up from 35 last season.

- Ten for rule # 613 (a) Fisticuffs.
- Ten for rule # 607 (b) Checking from Behind
- One for rule # 608 (b) Cross Checking
- One for rule #610 (b) Elbowing
- Three for rule # 608 (c) Butt Ending.
- Four for rule # 604 (b) Board-Checking with injury.
- Six for rule # 601 (f) Abuse to Officials.
- One for rule #617 High Stick.
- Two for rule 616 (a) Head Contact.
- One for rule 633 (b) Slashing.
- One for rule 610 (b) Kneeing
- One for rule 404 (b) five penalty rule.
- Three for rule 404 (b) 15 penalty rule

Match Penalties Six

- Five for rule 623 (b) Kicking.
- One for rule 601 (g) (3) Abuse to Officials.

Game Misconducts 2008-2009.

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

Fall Seminars

- Monticello Level 1 & 2 September 29th 8:00 am (ice time 2:30 – 4:00 pm)
- Hutchinson Level 3 October 1st 6:00 pm
- Buffalo Level 3 October 4th 6:00 pm
- Paynesville Level 1 & 2 October 6th 8:00 am (ice time 2:30 – 4:00 pm)
- Sauk Rapids Level 1 & 2 October 7th 8:00 am (ice time 2:30 – 4:00 pm)
- Sauk Rapids Level 3 October 7th 12:00 pm (noon)

Proposed changes to District 5 2012/2013 season

1. Require all Associations in D5 to use one "central" officiating Association. (See below)
2. Appoint a Mite Coordinator.
3. Super Sunday for all district Championship Games.
4. Game Scheduling. Change how games are scheduled, do not schedule district games until after team declarations.
5. Not automatically require all associations that have more than one team to field an A team if they cannot provide adequate competition. This could also help with the competition at the B level.
6. Add Code of Conduct Agreement to governing documents of D-5. (This would require the Executive Board, the District Director, and all appointed positions sign and adhere to the terms of the Code of Conduct.)

6.0 Officiating Requirements

Insomuch as MN Hockey empowers the District to oversee operations of its' leagues, District 5 will operate with one central Officials Association

Each year, prior to the scheduled District 5 February meeting, the District 5 Executive Committee will accept applications from officiating associations interested in being recognized as the exclusive Officiating Association of District 5. The Executive committee, with the recommendation of the District 5 Supervisor of Officials, will announce its decision no later than the scheduled April meeting of District 5. Under the direction of the District 5 Supervisor of Officials the chosen association will be responsible for all, on ice officiating activities in District 5, including but not limited to scheduling officials to all games, including league and non-league contests, and tournament games, held within the geographic boundaries of District 5. In accordance with the District 5 By-Laws Article VIII Section 6 (2), the Supervisor of Officials will have sole authority in regards to the person(s) appointed to assign officials to games within the chosen official's association. In all matters regarding on ice officials in District 5 the District 5 Supervisor of Officials will be the ultimate authority.

If no other officials association should make an application to the District 5 Executive Committee by the date listed above the current association will be assumed to continue in its duties without application. The current association may be relieved of its duties at anytime without cause by the District 5 Executive Committee.

In compliance of the Minnesota Hockey By-Laws Article 17 sections 1 and 2, the District 5 Director will have complete authority concerning all decisions within District 5.

**MN HOCKEY
DISTRICT 5
CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

1. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish general standards of conduct required of members of the Minnesota Hockey District 5 Executive Board. Any other applicable federal, state and/or local law, including MH/D5 Bylaws, shall govern in the event of any conflict between such applicable law and this policy.

2. General Standards of Conduct: In order to fulfill its responsibility and support the vision, mission, values and goals of MN Hockey District 5 the Board must function as a collegial unit. The Board functions well as a unit when the individual members act ethically and are committed to working together, operate in a non-partisan manner, and speak with one voice. The Board creates a positive climate when it focuses on the future, acts with integrity and civility, and uses its influence appropriately.

3. Authority to Act: Each Board member is strongly encouraged to contribute his or her talents and perspectives to the Board. Although Board members are free to respectfully voice their personal opinions, no Board member has the authority to act on his or her own to further a personal agenda. Furthermore, no board member has the authority to direct or influence volunteers or operations, unless otherwise provided for in the MH District 5 Bylaws.

4. Informed Decision-Making: Board members strive to make informed decisions based on sufficient information, thoughtful deliberation and comprehensive understanding of issues. To achieve that goal, board members gather information by listening, asking questions, analyzing materials and exploring issues thoroughly.

5. Support for all policies/rules in MN Hockey District 5 Handbook: Administrative and playing rules are detailed in the District 5 Handbook. In addition, MN Hockey District 5, as an affiliate of MN and USA Hockey, follows MN/USA Hockey rules as outlined in its handbook. Board members are to uphold the rules adopted by all organizations and outlined in each handbook. However, as District 5 evolves, changes to the rules outlined in these handbooks may be necessary and, to that end, expression of ideas and opinions are also necessary. Expression of such ideas and opinions should be done with respect for the existing rules, their creators and the current Board members.

6. Official Spokesperson: Board members are the stewards of the organization and advocates of its policies and programs. The official spokesperson for MN Hockey District 5 shall be its Director to MN Hockey, or his/her designee. Whenever a Board member issues a written or oral statement to anyone that could conceptually become public information, the statement should be identified as the personal opinion of the Board member and not the official position of MN Hockey District 5, unless specific permission to speak officially was granted by the Board.

7. Removal: If the Board determines that the conduct of a Board member has violated the member's professional or fiduciary responsibilities, Board policies or other governing law, the Board may recommend that the member be removed from the Board, for cause, or establish such other discipline as the Board deems appropriate.