



*Player Development Meeting  
July 18, 2012  
Queen Bee's, Paynesville*

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## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **1. A/AA State Tournament Option for Pee Wee/Bantam**

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the pilot program from Minnesota Hockey for the 2012-13 season. Districts can “opt” to have their post season play in an A division or an AA division. There will be two state tournaments for the Pee Wee/Bantam levels this year so smaller associations will have an opportunity to play in a state tournament. RLS is automatically placed in the AA division due to their high school status but may choose to opt out and play in the A division. PDC was fairly split on the initial decision and there were pros and cons for each decision. Tami will be gathering more information from District 5 this week and it was agreed that PDC would call an electronic vote to make the decision this week.

### **2. Gold Division**

District 5 has created a “Gold Division” for the Pee Wee and Bantam level this year. RLS is included in that grouping and it involves the scheduling of games. RLS may have a little more travel but we will only be playing some of those teams only once.

### **3. Initial Team Declarations**

With the registration numbers not yet finalized, PDC begins to look at the numbers from last year and try to start formulating some teams for the upcoming season. These are preliminary and will be finalized at the August PDC meeting.

Junior Gold – 1 Team

Bantams: 1 – A Team, 2 – B Teams

Pee Wee: 1 – A Team, 2 – B Teams

Squirts: 1 – A Team, 2 – B Teams, 1 – C Team

14U: 1- Team

12U: 1 – Team

10U: 2 – Teams (Potentially A and B)

### **4. Away Tournaments**

Each Year PDC identifies 2-3 away tournaments for each of the teams. (The girl's coordinator handles the girl's teams) The association pays for the first away tournament and parents pay for the others.

Squirt A Team  
December 14-16 Moorhead  
January 5-6 Brainerd

Squirt B Red  
November 30 – Dec. 2 Rogers  
February 9-10 Albert Lea

Squirt B Black  
November 24 -25 Duluth  
February 15-17 Delano

Squirt C  
December 1 – 2 Sartell  
February 8 – 10 Walker

Pee Wee A  
December 7-9 Moorhead  
February 1- 3 Cloquet  
November 25-27 Eden Prairie

Pee Wee B Black  
February 8 – 10 Duluth  
December 8-9 Alexandria

Pee Wee B Red  
February 8-10 Duluth  
December 8-9 Delano

Bantam A  
November 30-December 2 Bemidji  
December 15 – 16 Fergus Falls  
February 1 – 3 Cloquet

Bantam B Red  
November 23-25 Albert Lea  
December 8-9 Brainerd

Bantam B Black  
November 23-25 Roseau  
January 5-6 Alexandria

## **5. IP Program Needs:**

Elite Hockey Camp has asked if there are any needs they can help with regarding the IP program. PDC created a list of items that were identified as being “needs”.

1. Goalie equipment
2. Full sets of equipment
3. Cones – both rinks having the same
4. Pucks
5. White Boards on bench
6. Shooting tarps – that go over the nets when a team does not have a goalie

#### **6. Coaching Assignments**

Each summer PDC goes through the preliminary list of potential coaches at each level. If there are any potential issues or shortages PDC wants to get ahead of the issue prior to the start of the season. (No action on this just discussion)

#### **7. October Fall Camp and Tryout Calendar**

See Attached

#### **8. Junior Gold**

PDC strongly recommends RLS begin a Junior Gold Team for the 2012-13 season. We are working with the high school program to identify potential issues and work out the logistics. Most associations do not form Junior Gold Teams until after the high school “tryout” process. We are working with the high school program to finalize a schedule for this.