

District 5
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2012

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

Attendance- All of the District 5 Associations were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report- Jeff Swenson- Provided a written report. A motion to approve the report was made by Buffalo and seconded by Sauk Rapids. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report- (Brian Johnson started to take the minutes as Tim Reuter was 3 minutes late)- The minutes from the September 5, 2012 meeting were posted on the D-5 website. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hutch and seconded by LDC. Motion carried.

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

1. Roster Process

- a. Screening- See MN Hockey website for screening.
- b. Coaching requirements- US Hockey requirements
- c. Red line- NO exceptions if coaches do not comply by January 1, 2013.
- d. Pre roster scrimmage
 Prior to scrimmage Doug needs list of players and to approve.
- e. Play up waiver- Document available on website
 Mom & Dad & President must sign & be with book.
- f. Rosters are frozen December 31, 2012.

2. Residency Issues-

- More issues than usual. (Minnesota Hockey is a community Program-stake where reside unless school attendance circumstance.)
- MN Hockey Rule- ineligible player disqualification.(be very careful)

3. Out of State Travel-

- Prior to attendance need Doug's approval

4. Officials/Scrimmages/etc.-

- Official pay ran through WSOA billing procedures & D-5 if scrimmage within D-5 borders

5. Handbook- Confirm you have the most recent version

6. Girls- Report given by Doug Kephart.

- No-one stepped up yet to be coordinator. May be done by committee this year.
- 9 Associations signed up for Girls Fun Day.
- T-shirts
- 30 teams in girls hockey- still need to invest time to make it work.
- Girls up in D-5

Mite Coordinator-

Steve Gapinski appointed 2012-2013

Steve needs BBL, MAML, Litchfield, STMA, Willmar mite coordinator's names.

-Questionnaire being sent out.

-Sauk Rapids only Association to date to desire Jamboree.

-Q: St. Cloud- can requests be made for playing out of District?

-A: Doug- Yes. On case by case basis.

7. Recruitment & Retention- Doug Foster

- Separate handout. Attached

- St. Cloud- Fun Day experience

o 35 new signed up

o Mass marketing

o Referral credit for families who recruit

o Face Painting, etc.

8. Tournament Coordinator- Doug Kephart gave report

- 1 request to date. (Still need \$50 D-5 check to be complete)

- Do early applications for processing

Coach's report- Brian Johnson

- Clinics on line.

Level 3- near capacity

Level 2- 10 or so left

Level 1- Still openings

- 2012 Level 4 clinic- went well. 272 coaches attended.

D-5 will host May 18-19, 2013 Level 4

Break-out sessions for girls' teams planned.

-Mite coach-if certified at some point in career, acceptable to coach

-still need module

-check website for the mite rule

Referees Report- Mike Mooney-

-See attached report.

- Q: STMA- Studies on Bantam for effects of Pee Wee checking?

- A: Brian- USA Hockey will monitor.

Doug- D-5 member associations dropped the ball on tracking injuries. Doug tried to gather information.

Mike- Officials will be monitoring for head hits and note on game sheets.

Mike always willing to hear from coach or board member provided cooling off period happens first.

Old Business-

- A. League play extended 1 weekend for Pee Wee A and Bantam A.
- B. Reviewed Leagues & Interleague play for Pee Wee A, B, and C and Bantam A and B. Too lengthy and complicated of a discussion to take notes. Will be emailed to schedulers. Check with them.

New Business-

- A. Ice Scheduling Meeting/Playoff Ice Date
Monday, October 15, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Triple R in Kimball
-Good Luck.
- B. D-4 Rules vs. D-5 Rules
-D-4 will adopt D-5 Rules for games involving D-5 teams.
- C. Mark Jacob out of Marshall added for weather cancelations.
-Traveling team initiates call.

STMA- request regarding rink writer

- Please send roster to rink writer folks to help it work.
- Doug will assist with getting names imputed.

Buffalo- request Reps get added to President emails

- Doug started weekly President emails, will consider when, if add Reps as some emails are more President specific.

STMA- Q: on Squirts

A: A- Home & Home

B- No B1 or B2 distinction so play each other 1x

C- 1x play

Hutch- Q: How to schedule officials for scrimmage.

A: Email from Head Coach, President, Scheduler (Contact WSOA)

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. upon motion from Willmar and seconded by Sauk Rapids. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tim Reuter



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Recruitment & Retention Notes October 3, 2012

1. Minnesota R & R Manual
 - A. On MN Hockey Website-Tab half way down for R & R area.
 - B. Hard copies being printed and will be sent to all Association Presidents.
2. Important Events
 - A. IIHF Girls Hockey Weekend October 13-14
 - B. Try Hockey For Free Day-November 3rd
3. R & R Coordinator-Has any Associations appointed this position-Multiple years suggested.
4. Recruiting Programs
 - A. Reading Program-Brady Brady Books
 1. Sartell has set up a program with HS Players and the Elementary School
 - B. Hockey Moms Program-Teaching Mom's the game of Hockey
 1. Recruit to play hockey in WHAM-Women's Hockey Association of Minnesota
5. 8U Recruiting Drive-20,000 players by 2014
 - A. Girls are Social Beings-Girls want to be with other Girls.
 - B. Need to grow the base at the 8U level.
6. Welcome Back Program-Are you checking on players not coming back?

Girls Annual League Meeting: October 7th, 10:00 am at Kelly Inn in St. Cloud

Referee Report

Seminars

Seminars are started over all attendance is lower than last season but not by much. Level 1 & 2 at Paynesville Saturday. Level 1, 2 & 3 at Sauk Rapids Sunday. Anyone interested in officiating should register for a seminar very soon.

Rules and enhanced rules.

Pee wee no check went very well last season. I testament to coaches and officials being able to handle the changes. I am a believer. Tag up offsides also went well for 14 U/ Bantams and above.

The enhancement rules in MN Hockey are continuing this season. Checking from behind will be a 5 min major with either a 10 min or game misconduct. Boarding will be a minimum of 5 min major with the option of a game misconduct.

Level one clinic.

Rick Nelson will be heading up the D5 level one clinic again this season. We will be at the MAC for the morning session and Hutchinson for the afternoon session.

Mentoring/Evaluating

Rick Nelson will also be in charge of our mentoring/evaluation program. USA hockey will utilize the on line evaluation program this season. This will be an upgrade in many ways.

Each official will have a mentor; not only for evals but the mentor will be required to have weekly contact with the officials in their group