

District 5
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance- All of District 5 Associations were in attendance.

Secretary's Report- Tim Reuter - The minutes from the meeting were posted on the D-5 website. A motion to approve the September 4, 2013 minutes was made by Sauk Rapids and seconded by Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Jeff Swenson – Written and oral report was given. Attached is written report. Membership fee going out soon. A motion to approve the report was made by Sauk Rapids and seconded by MAML. Motion carried.

Coach-in-chief- Brian Johnson-

High Performance Fall Festal 14-15 last weekend.

-D-5 Team 3-0 in festival

ACE coordinator needs to confirm received Mark's e-mail

-ADM model clinic opportunity.

Pee Wee & Bantam plans

-Each Association needs a rep or five

-See Attached

Player Development- Paul Berning-Nothing to report at this time.

Officials Report- Doug for Mike Mooney-
-Seminars this weekend

Tournament Coordinator- Jeff Carlen-

-Get dates in early

-Doug Kephart: if questions about teams trying to enter tournament ask him.

-only USA sanctioned teams

-no other teams

-may affect future tournament in future years if accept improper team.

(not a wrist slap- 2 year sanction)

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

1. Screening. Serious safety of kids.
2. Registration. Pre-Roster scrimmages
-5 total games.
Get Doug dates and names **PRIOR**
If issues or questions call Doug

3. Fair Play Points and the beginning of the season.
 - New rules, read them.
 - First year Bantams inexperienced at checking
4. Protective Equipment Memorandum.
 - See attachment
5. Move up Policy
 - Follow your association Handbook
 - 2/3 age appropriate skaters per rostered team
6. Tournaments-
 - earlier report
7. Girls Coordinator-
 - Dena Walters approved and present (Sartell Association)
8. Recruitment & Retention. – Doug Foster
See attached handout.

Q: On safe sport- Are the coaches in D-5 required to watch video to be locker room attendants?

A: Coaches, no. Others are required to watch video. Get your monitors in place.
-Read USA Hockey requirements

Old Business –

1. Team Declarations-
 - Discussion on AA and A playing each other in regular season. Effect on AA playoff and AA Associations playing District 4 Associations.
 - Discussion on U-12 H and A games with D-10 and D-5
 - Will be a year end 4 team playoff.
 - Discussion on 14u league and potential of 14u playoffs.
2. Scheduling Policy (see website)-
3. Mite Coordinator-still needed

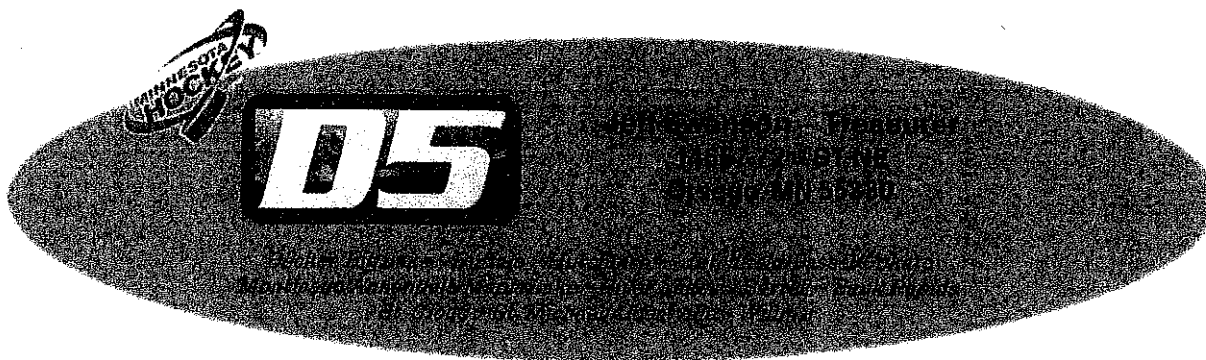
New Business –

Q: on when referees will know games.

A: Doug believes Monday & Tuesday following scheduling meeting

1. Playoffs
 - likely have Super Sunday
2. Cross Ice Boards-
 - Handout Attached.
 - Look for rink dividers.
 - D-5 will also award \$500 rebate if buy boards and receive grant.
\$750 if grant turned down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. upon motion made by Sauk Rapids and seconded by Hutch.
Motion carried.



Treasurer's Report

Jeff Swenson

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October 2, 2013

Checking Account (Citizens Bank)	\$18,177.34
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Catastrophic Failure Savings (Citizens Bank)	\$26,459.56
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Action Items:



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District 5 American Development Model Clinic

When: November 3rd; Classroom 10:00-11:00; On-ice 11:45-1:15

Where: National Hockey Center, St. Cloud

Who: Association Presidents, Level Coordinators, Coaches, etc.

Each association can bring up to 5 people for the clinic. The names of those people and their position (Pres, Coordinator, Coach, etc) should be emailed to ACE Director Mark Nordvall (marknordvall@yahoo.com) as soon as possible. If your association would like to bring more than 5, please let Mark know. **It is mandatory for each association to have at least 1 representative in attendance.**

USA Hockey Coaching Education Clinics

All clinics are held at Halenbeck Hall on the SCSU campus.

Saturday, November 16th – Level 2 (only 11 registered)

Saturday, November 23rd – Level 3 (only 21 registered)

Saturday, December 7th – Level 1 (only 23 registered)

All coaches need to register online at www.usahockey.com at least 24 hours prior to the clinic.



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MEMORANDUM

September 26, 2013

RULE 304(c) Protective Equipment - Enforcement Guidelines

In June 2013, the USA Hockey Board of Directors passed rule changes that will evolve our game through the 2013-17 seasons. Among the changes is a strong theme of player safety and prevention of injuries. One such change was a NOTE added to Rule 304(c) related to helmets that acknowledges that HECC stickers now include an expiration date that de-certifies the helmet if the date has passed. This added language has created additional confusion in regards to the mandate that all youth players are wearing a properly certified HECC helmet -- the following information will clarify the expectations as it relates to enforcement.

USA Hockey has mandated for over 30 years that youth players wear a HECC approved helmet and the added NOTE to Rule 304(c) does not change the rule. However, the NOTE does draw attention to, and create awareness, that HECC has recently added an expiration date to the sticker and designates that any helmet that has outlasted this date is no longer considered HECC certified and is ineligible for use in USA Hockey sanctioned games where HECC approved helmets are required. The purpose of the expiration date is to acknowledge that time and use may have an effect on the protective qualities of the helmet that would prevent it from continuing to meet the minimum standards of protection. HECC has established the 6 and ½ year lifespan of the certification to coincide with the length of time that the helmet maintains its necessary protective qualities.

While the HECC standards are critical to player safety, the spirit and intent of the rule has not changed in regards to enforcement by officials. A player's participation in a game should not depend on whether the HECC Sticker is in place or missing from his/her helmet. The guidelines the USA Hockey Officiating Program encourages its officials to follow are outlined in the *Officials Rules and Casebook* in addition to the following key points:

- Are all the components of the helmet in place (ear pieces, face-mask J-clips, etc.)?
- Is the helmet free of excessive wear and in good condition?
- Does the helmet look similar to models worn by other players?
- Is the helmet worn properly (fit, chin-strap buckled, etc.)?

If the official can answer these questions with a "yes" then the helmet is likely safe and legal for play and the game does not need a long delay to complete this check. If in doubt, the presence of the current HECC sticker, with valid expiration date, along with the good condition of the helmet, will be the final indicator as to the eligibility for use in USA Hockey sanctioned games. Provided the official(s) have performed this due diligence, it is important to acknowledge that **USA Hockey firmly places the responsibility on the individual player to wear the proper protective equipment in the manner in which it was intended.**

The USA Hockey Playing Rules will always promote fair play, skill development, and above all player safety. A firm understanding and application of the "spirit and intent" of all the playing rules by all on-ice officials will assist in creating a positive environment for all participants.



USA Hockey, the national governing body for the sport of ice hockey, is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation and the United States Olympic Committee





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Membership Growth Notes October 3, 2013

New Membership Growth Committee Chair Person Named-Jeff Wright from Highland Central Hockey Association. First Conference Call is October 7th at 9:00 pm.

2 & 2 Challenge-Four keys to completing -Complete and receive 4 starter sets of equipment

- 1) Welcome Back Week participation October 14 – 20.
- 2) Host a THFF event on November 2.
- 3) Host a THFF event on March 1.
- 4) Offer a low-cost, low time commitment transition program for new skaters.

Sign up for the 2 & 2 Challenge can be found here: <http://survey.usahockey.com/wsb.dll/s/7gdf>

If you fulfill the four steps above, you can earn starter sets.

Attached is Grow the Game in PDF and Word. Links to answer all you questions

2013 World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend-October 12/13-add this and receive 8 sets of starter equipment

This is a weekend set aside for girls by the International Ice Hockey Federation(IIHF) to celebrate girls hockey around the world. It can be a THFF, or off -ice event to recruit girls. There are two attachments: one with information and a registration form.

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14/15 Girls Fall Training- Pilot Program

Festival was this past weekend in Anoka. Overall the festival was very successful. D10 did an excellent job. Mike MacMillan announced that this is no longer a Pilot Program and will be a full program next year. Sent a survey out, and so far the reactions are all positive.

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At the request of the majority of ice schedulers in District 5, a new scheduling process will be followed during the 2013/2014 season. This change is driven by the large increase in rescheduled games during the 2012/2013 season and to improve the process of scheduling with associations outside of District 5.

All scheduling will now take place on one day. Saturday, October 26, 2013 will commence at 8:00am at the RRR Grill and Bar in Kimball, MN. Plan for a long day, as no one will leave the meeting until ALL leagues are scheduled. The following policies and rules will be strictly adhered to:

- No scheduling will take place prior to 10/26/13
- If an Association expects to participate in D5 league play they MUST attend this meeting. (No exceptions) If your Association is not represented at the scheduling meeting your Association will not be allowed in the league.
- No Association Rep will be allowed to leave the Scheduling Meeting until ALL league games have been scheduled.
- Once the scheduling for that day has been completed, the Official Schedule of all D5 league schedules will be frozen and no changes will be allowed until 11/15/13.
- Any changes after 11/15/13 will be required to follow the D5 Rescheduling Process, and Associations will be responsible to pay any/all associated fees.

District 5 Team Slotting Chart

2013-2014 Season

Association	10UB	10UA	12UB	12UA	14UB	14UA	SQ C	SQ B	SQ A	PW C	PW B	PWA	B C	B B	B A	JR A	JR B
Buffalo	1		1	1		1	1	2	1		2 tier	1		2 tier	1		1

Becker/Big Lake						1	1	1	1	B2 B1							
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MAML						1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1		
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River Lakes	1		1					1	1	1	1 B2 1	2 AA/A		1	1		
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Minnesota Hockey, Rink Systems Provide Hard Divider Program

10/01/2013, 10:00am CDT

By Minnesota Hockey

Apply now for a one-time \$2,500 subsidy to purchase a hard divider system for the 2013-14 season

The Minnesota Hockey Hard Divider Program, presented by Rink System's Inc., is currently offering associations a one-time \$2,500 subsidy to purchase a "hard divider" system for the 2013-14 season. The Hard Divider Program is designed to promote the growth of our community-based associations through the implementation of cross-ice hockey.

With the subsidy, 20 Minnesota Hockey affiliated associations will now be able to purchase a set of boards, valued at \$7,900, for just \$5,400 plus shipping. Minnesota Hockey will work with approved associations and Rink Systems on coordinating the delivery of the hard ice dividers. A free clinic will also be provided to assist coaches in setting up practice plans that take advantage of the association's new dividers. **As of October 1, seven Minnesota Hockey associations have been awarded grants.**

The main benefit of hard dividers is offering participants with a more realistic playing area. They are very comparable to the boards surrounding a typical rink. They are about the same height, give similar bounces, have rounded corners, can fit standard or Olympic ice sheets and even come with the option for nets. By providing a better look and feel, the Minnesota Hockey Hard Divider Program gives all of our associations an opportunity to improve their players' cross-ice experience.

"It was important to Minnesota Hockey to find a partner that understands the value of providing a fun, game-like experience for our young hockey players," said Dave Margenau, President of Minnesota Hockey on partnering with Rink System, Inc. "It's outstanding to be able to work with a committed partner that understands the Minnesota Hockey culture and is based right here in the State of Hockey."

Not only a major component of player development through the American Development Model, cross-ice hockey also provides a more efficient way to use ice time and space. Most importantly, the smaller playing surface gives children a greater sense of enjoyment when playing hockey. Cross-ice hockey allows players to increase the number of times they touch the puck, their puck possession time and overall speed in playing situations – all of which translate into quicker development of individual skills and a passion for the game.

This season associations will also have the ability to use cross-ice hockey at the Mite/8U levels to introduce competition and the experience of playing in a tournament, as the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors has adopted a rule to allow for sanctioned cross/half ice tournaments at the Mite/8U Girls level.

The Minnesota Hockey Hard Divider Program is currently accepting application online or by mail. Interested associations are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as these grants are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Apply now!

Rink Systems, Inc. is a family-owned and operated business based in Albert Lea since it was founded in 1993. The goal of Rink Systems, Inc. has been to increase the popularity of skating and hockey in this country and throughout the world. In order to accomplish this objective, it has developed and gathered products of the best technical specifications available in the industry. Rink Systems, Inc. is a proud member of STAR: Serving The American Rinks.