

**District 5**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 5th, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

**Attendance:** All of District 5 Associations were in attendance except River Lakes and MAML, fines will be assessed.

**Secretary's Report-** Dena Walters The minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting were posted on the D-5 website. A motion to approve the October 1, 2014 meeting minutes was made by Sartell and seconded by STMA. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Jeff Swenson- written and oral report given.

Fees have been sent out for league play and reffing fees. Please pay when invoice is recd.

Attached is the written report. A motion to approve the report was made by St. Cloud and seconded by LDC. Motion carried.

**Coach-in-chief-** Brian Johnson - not present

Goalie clinics offered for players and coaches, free, see attached sheet.

Nov 15 there is a level 3 clinic at SCSU and there is still spots avail.

**Official Report-** Mike Mooney- not present no report

**Tournament Coordinator** – Jeff Carlen - make sure that Jeff has the tournament information for your associations.

**MN Hockey-** MN Hockey District Director, Steve Gapinski-

MN hockey updates:

-Is it a tournament, scrimmage fest, jamboree?? If 3 or more teams are involved Steve needs to know about it and it is an event. Waconia participated in scrimmage fest and their district fined them.

-Reminder 35 event day limit for Squirts/U10's (district tournament counts as 1 event day)

-roster deadline is Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Let Steve know of any issues.

-Coaches no excuses. Get current 12/31 deadline No extensions

-THFF day Saturday 5 associations hosting.

-League policies, read review and understand, IE: game rescheduling, weather policy, score sheet procedure.

-League Coordinator Bill Breeden contact info in the handbook page 9.

\*game sheet policy enforcement begins Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Bill tracks, Steve and Tim fine and assess penalties, based on facts, with \$ going to pay for the position.

-Reminder penalty for game misconduct are served in D5 league games unless in a tournament, if happens on Sunday in a tournament it will be the next D5 league game.

-Redistricting update, leagues.....no changes at this time other than BBL is now in D10. Possible hybrid leagues for AA BNTM/PW hopefully next year.

Burnsville is trying to leave D6 to go to D8.

Schedule day went well, mostly veteran schedulers, please make sure you are training new ones and sending a helper in the future schedule dates. Will think about moving this up one week next year.

**USA Hockey Girls Coordinator-** Doug Foster - see attached information on membership growth notes.

Thanked Steve and Dena for attending the MN Girls meeting to coordinate the leagues.

#### **Old Business-**

1. Bylaw change: Article 5 section 4 ....this was voted on and will be changed, rep that starts in the district can stay if they move. Motion to vote St. Cloud and seconded by Hutchinson, motion carried.
2. Playoffs for D-5 MAML RL SARTELL STCLD LDC so far, please let Steve know ASAP what ice is avail or if you want districts in your rinks.
3. Rosters: keep sending them in

#### **New Business-**

1. Squirt –U10 game day limit allow 1 for District tournament
2. Familiarize game day policy for Squirt/U10...controlled scrimmages count and anything after tryouts.....if you go over your whole association could be DQ'd for playoffs.

**Open Floor-** nothing

**Formal Adjournment:** ended at 7:34pm upon motion by Sartell and seconded by Buffalo. Motion carried.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday December 3rd, 2014 @ RRR Bar and Grill, Kimball



**FREE GOALIE INSTRUCTION  
FOR ALL D5 GOALIES & COACHES**

*Burich Arena East  
Hutchinson, MN*

*7:45-9:15 am*

*November 15  
December 6 & 20  
January 3, 17 & 31  
February 7 & 14*

*Attend any or all sessions. Choose which ones work for  
your schedule!!*

*Instructor: Terry Dvorak, D5 Head Goalie Coach*

*Goalie clinic is sponsored by Hutchinson Hockey Assoc.*



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## Membership Growth Notes November 5, 2014

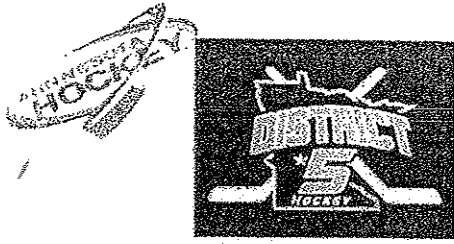
We know many of you have hosted these events in the past. Nonetheless, we wanted to send out a few best practices that we have learned over the past couple of years. We hope you will find at least a couple of ideas you can implement going into the weekend. 77 Associations are having a THFF.

- **Coaching**
  - Before taking the ice, spend 5-10 minutes teaching the kids how to get up from their knees. This enables them to pick it up quicker once they get on the ice.
  - Coaches should have a practice plan. The most common plan involves starting with about 10 minutes of open ice and then running the participants through some basic hockey drills. See attached for drill ideas.
  - If you are using older players as helpers, inform them of your expectations and their duties before taking the ice.
  - Plan on having several skating aids on-hand for first-time skaters.
- **Parents**
  - Include a flyer or handout in player goodie bags with more information on how to get involved in youth hockey, especially your transition program.
  - Host a parent informational session. This can be done while the kids are on the ice or after they are done. Make sure to cover the next steps for those interested in getting involved, equipment opportunities and addressing any questions they have.
  - Encourage them to share photos and highlights by using #TryHockey4Free or by tagging @MinnHockey!
- **Follow Up**
  - Make sure all participants that register on-site are entered into your online system so they receive the USA Hockey membership discount code. This needs to happen as soon as possible as the code is sent out only a few days after the event.
  - Follow up with families the week after event. Email can be effective, but personal phone calls have the most significant impact.

Thank you for all of the work you have done to organize these events! Minnesota continues to be a world leader in growth initiatives, and that is made possible by the dedication of volunteers like you.

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY GRANTS:** Just one grant now "Pass The Puck". Up to \$2,500. Online application.

**LEARN TO SKATE PRACTICE PLAN:** Sent to all Presidents. 27 page agenda for Try Hockey For Free.



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Treasurer's Report

Jeff Swenson

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Checking Account (Citizens Bank)	\$24,842.87
Catastrophic Failure Savings (Citizens Bank)	\$26,481.35

Action Items:

Team fees have been billed.