

MN D2 Hockey

April Meeting Minutes 4/26/15

Role Call: Present - Mahtomedi, Roseville, White Bear Lake, Forest Lake, Stillwater, Tartan, Moundsview, Hudson, River, Baldwin, Somerset, New Richmond. St. Paul
Not present – River Falls, N. St. Paul

Meeting Called to Order
6:37 called to order

Guests –
Hudson, St. Paul, WBL Presidents in attendance

March Meeting Minutes – WBL motion to approve, Tartan 2nd. Minutes approved

Treasurers Report – Stillwater motion to approve, Tartan 2nd. Treasurer's Report approved

- Reminder from Jake to give Treasurer's report to your association board members.

President Report – Dave Hursh
No report

Director Report – Jake R
MN hockey meeting –

- Working on AA options. Still in discussion. 3 options being discussed:
 - Go off last year's standings and make 3 leagues. Difficult demographically. Still use the current seeding process
 - Try to break it up demographically – no district playoff. 4 regions. Still use current seeding process
 - Put districts together. 3 leagues that seed into 3 regions. Each district would get a certain number of seeds.
- With non-profit, can not vote by proxy. Is that true at district and association level per 501C3 rules?
- Defined a school
- Did bring up that Forest Lake wants to move to D10. MN hockey has no interest. Burnsville wants to leave D6 and move to D8. MN hockey has no interest in moving teams around and will not let Burnsville move.
- Another MN Hockey meeting in July.
- Girls – discussion of having just one level of U14 rather than A and B teams.

Open Forum Discussion –

FL moving to D10 – Discussion with association presidents. Schedule discussion for Sunday, May 17th

Safe Sport Coordinator – all Associations need one. Don't let it default to president

Parity Rule – 14U and boys. Roseville wants to keep it. Balance teams if you have more than one at a level. Would like mutual agreement across district that we all use the same format to create 2 balanced teams. If we keep it, how do we enforce it? When there are issues at U14 level, what is the consequence? Chris would like language added that the D2 rep is at the draft to ensure there are 2 balanced teams. Several possible consequences were discussed including fining the association, taking away post-season play, suspending the coach, and taking away invitational tournaments for the following year. **Go back to your boards and discuss - How to enforce and Consequences**

D2 Playoffs – C and B2s – Follow up discussion Keep C and B2s. Move Cs to various associations and add 3rd place game. Move B2s to other associations. Can go on week nights and spread officials out.

Trophies – Roseville, St. Paul, MV, Tartan FL in favor of traveling trophy. Associations return trophy to D2 at playoffs. Stillwater and WBL want to keep it as is. Stillwater wants to keep District trophy.

- Individual medals – keep them.
- League trophies – 1 yes, all the rest no.

2-man ref system – Keep as is. Roseville, Tartan, FL, MV, WBL in favor. \$40 savings/game. No further discussion.

3-man vs. 4-man JG – Keep as is. No further discussion.

Invitational tournament forms submitted by Nov 1st. Big help to MN hockey. MN hockey needs it 21 days prior to tournament. Complete form online and mail to invitational tournament coordinator. Associations have up to 10 days prior to change bracket.

Waiver rule – District Directors role in this – Use discretion? **Doug will head up a committee to define criteria. Present to D2 board at June meeting.**

Game Times 1.5 vs. 1/25 hours – eliminate resurfacing to go with 1.25 game duration. Feedback from associations. – Keep as is. No further discussion.

Goalie Substitution forms – form is online. As long as reps and coaches and associations presidents sign off, Jake is copied on it. Dave will have Jim Sass send all reps a copy of the form to look and approve.

Additional discussion of Parity Rule from Stillwater regarding St. Mary's Point-

Background info - St. Mary's Point is part of SAHA but heavily subsidized so much cheaper. It is part of SAHA bc it's in the same school district. Regarding parity, more of a challenge. At higher levels, Stillwater has pushed kids to SMP – bantam C for example. In 2015-2016, SMP wants to have a U16 team. Looking for input. Is it possible to eliminate the affiliation with SAHA. SMP has to follow the rules of SAHA/Stillwater hockey. Affiliation cannot be eliminated. Question of removing Parity between SAHA and SMP. All players are evaluated together. If we could remove parity between 2 groups, the evals would be separated. 10 Bantams pushed from Stillwater to SMP this year. **Doug would like reps to go back to associations and get feedback about idea of removing parity between 2 groups – asking for an exception.** Looking ahead if SMP wants to field U16 team – that's a metro league rather than D2 so no parity issue.

Tag up off-sides for PW/U12 – Doug brought from Stillwater board. This is a USA hockey rule so not up for discussion.

BOARD REPORTS

Nominating chair –

Nominee for treasure – Dave Benck

VP – Joe Vanguilder and Rachel Flattum

AGE LEVEL REPS -

Girls -

Finished spring HP festival today. All but one association represented. Finished 3rd overall. Hoping for good showing in St. Cloud. D2 girls poised to do well. Getting ready for the fall 14/15 Festival. Info coming out shortly. **Kristi needs to know of any changes in girls' director as soon as possible. Need contact info.**

Some discussion at Girls director's meeting about changing format from U14 to U15 for youth. Jake mentioned it was discussed at MN hockey meeting. Goal is to keep girls playing and it might help to have the U15 level to keep girls playing one more year and possibly transitioning into a U19 team.

Bantam Rep-

Pewee Coordinator -

Squirt Rep-

Waiting to hear about the tournament of champions. Heard it wasn't well run this year. Jake heard that D10 will host it next year.

Junior Gold Rep

Discussion about one of JG state tourneys being held in Duluth next year. **Jake asks you to go back to associations with that decision and fight to host it at Plymouth instead.** Only 1 JG team in north region. Bruce wants to thank all volunteers who were at Super Rink. He was very appreciative. Couldn't believe how great volunteers were.

Initiation -

Jim Sass -

REFEREE IN CHIEF - TERRY

- 2,972 games officiated in D2. A little strained late January, early February between tourneys and games. 86 games in 1 day. Looking to add more referees.
- Major penalties - 9,977 game reports filed. 13% from MN 772. D2 had 81. 91/2 % of MN penalties.
- Checking from behind - 19
- Boarding - 18
- Abuse of officials - 9
- Fighting - 8
- Head contact - 5
- Individual association reports will be handed out.

MN hockey discussion on ways to recruit new officials (Jake)

- **Idea to put together scholarship fund for youth - high school or college. Sponsor the kids - helmet, shirt, whistles etc. Potentially outfit 5 kids to help them get into it. Bring that idea back to your boards and see what their thoughts are.**
- Doug's son started officiating this year. Large investment up front.
- Is USA Hockey doing anything to help with recruitment - similar to 2 and 2 challenge?

D2 Metro East hockey officials Association REP- RON

- Ron - only 19 new officials applied in 2014-15 vs 50 or 60 a few years ago.
- Annual meeting in March - Ron is in his last year with the board.
- Metro East Hockey Officials Association - new name.
- One of schedulers resigned - Brian. Currently looking to find new one...
- Contract with D2 needs a wording change.

OLD BUSINESS - no old business

New Business

D2 paying \$200 to teams going on to regions - St. Paul motion to eliminate D2 paying \$200 to teams going to regions. Roseville 2nd.

Discussion - \$5200 paid out in 2015. All player fees went to this. Breaks down to approx.. 1.75/player. 5 teams went to regions from Stillwater. Mahtomedi 1, FL

Vote – WBL request role call vote

Mahtomeid – no

Roseville – yes

Tartan – no

MV – no

Stillwater – yes

WBL – No

FL - Yes

NSP – not present

St. Paul – yes

Tie vote, motion fails.

D2 Parity Rule - WBL makes motion that D2 gets rid of parity rule. Stillwater 2nd.

Discussion - Stillwater doesn't feel it needs to be governed at the district level. Mahtomedi – Would you feel ok having one team beat up on another from the same association? Do the best you can. We aren't there to monitor it but the rule is to have us do the best we can. Jake – it would be easier for members and for Jake to get rid of it. It comes down to philosophy of association. We are the only district that has parity rule.

Vote – WBL role call vote

M – No

Roseville – no

WBL – yes

FL – no

Still – yes

Tartan – yes

NSP

MV – yes

St. paul – no

Tie vote, motion fails.

Concussions – question from Tartan. All athletics throughout state have to follow same concussion guidelines. New training every 3 years.

Association Comments:

Mahtomedi – Had a meeting last Sunday and we will have Bantam and PW AA teams.

FL – next meeting we will have 2 members of board to address desire to move to D10 - Motion by FL for special meeting with all association presidents to have discussion of moving to D10, 2nd by St. Paul. 1 no, motion passes. Jake reminds rep that if president can't attend, the VP can attend.

St. Paul – Looking for clarification on AA? Are we obligated to be AA? Clarified that St. Paul is single A because of high school. Can choose to petition up and it should get approved. Can do just one level up, Bantam or PW for example.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, May 17th

Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Roseville at 8:22