

**District 15 Winter 2017 Meeting
February 08, 2017
Elks Lodge, Wadena MN**

I. Meeting was called to order by District President Carmen Johnson

Roll call showing the following associations present: Alexandria, Benson, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, Long Prairie, Moorhead, Morris, Northern Lakes, Park Rapids, Sauk Centre, Wadena

Absent: Walker

II. Secretary Report – No secretary report was available.

III. Treasurers report – Balance at end of January, 2017; checking \$3,417.76 and savings \$7913.71. We are still waiting on dues to be paid but there has not been any activity since the fall meeting. We are getting an \$8.00 a month service fee because we don't do online banking, bill paying or have anything automatically withdrawn. No resolution for this so will just have pay the service fee. All associations were emailed the beginning of December regarding their district dues. Only have payment from 4. Invoices were mailed out last week for the remaining associations.

**IV. Tournament Director Report – Cindy Young
There have been a lot of changes over the last couple of weeks with the games. Cindy has been looking at the standings for the last couple of weeks preparing for the tournaments. We really need to keep the website up to date! 4 point games are not being put in correctly and there have been a lot of questions regarding how to handle these. There were also discrepancies in forfeited games. If both games are forfeited you need to put them both in on the district site as a 1-0 or 0-1 game.**

Bantam/Peewee tournament play for all levels in the district will be 15 minute periods and 2 minute penalties.

Squirt District tournament will be held this weekend. There has been discussion regarding the upper and lower brackets. Only 3 teams requested the upper bracket so Cindy did a lot of research to split the teams to form 2 brackets and still try and make it competitive. Both brackets are being held in Detroit Lakes.

Dennis asked about trophies for the Bantam and Pee wee levels since we will have 3 teams advancing from our district. It was decided that there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophy given out at each level of Bantam and Pee wees. There are no trophies for the consolation Pee wee bracket. Squirt A will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophy as well.

Tournament operations – discussed the use of a google doc to report the scores for the tournaments on because last year the scores were not getting reported timely to Shane for the website.

Discussed again about associations that have multiple teams in a division having to play each other to be discussed in the spring.

- V. District Director Report – Dennis Bushy**
Fair play points discussion, Denny would like to not use fair play points for standing but rather keep track of them for the end of the year in the event there is a need for a tie breaker. This is just an idea that he has that can be discussed at the spring meeting. Question was raised if we are the only district that is using fair play points and it was answered that no all districts are using fair play points it is part of MN hockey.

Hockey Directors conference will be held April 22 & 23rd at the Marriott West in St. Louis Park. This will focus on player development.

Hockey Leadership conference will be held May 5th & 6th, this is for running a volunteer youth hockey program. There will be \$50 travel vouchers given per person to anyone who travels over 100 miles to attend. There is a small registration fee but you will get it back.

Safe sport – going pretty good in our district but have heard of some other instances of issues. Make sure you have someone in the locker rooms with the kids to prevent problems. This year over 5000 coaches were screened and only 9 disqualified. And 12,406 volunteers were screened and only 2 were disqualified.

Play downs - our district had 6 requested play downs this year. Next year we will have to tighten down and they will have to have some disability in order to be approved.

Mites can have 6 full ice games after 12/31 this year, next year it will be down to 3 and hopefully after that none.

VI. Coaching Director Report – Andy Shriver no longer with District 15 looking to replace this position, if interested please contact Dennis Bushy.

VII. John Rice – Not as many game reports as before which is a good thing! Coaches and players are doing a great job. Have had 3 or 4.

Tournaments – if you need help with referees please call John and he will see what he can do to help. He is currently coordinating with Brainerd for the region tournament officials. Region tournaments run a 3 official crew for Bantam B and a 2 official crew for Peewee B.

Please let John know if you or someone you know is interested in officiating at regions or state tournaments. He is in the process of recommending officials for these levels.

There will be 2 MHOA camps held this summer in St. Cloud in June. He has 3 individuals who have already expressed interest. Applications are due 4-15-17 and they will be notified in May if they have been accepted.

Seminars for the fall – anticipate the same or similar schedule for this next fall.

VIII. HP program update - Chris Robinson

Girls HP 14 (born in 2003) and 15 (born in 2002) will be eligible to play in the summer camp this year. There are 120 slots for the HP14 which is more than for the HP 15. Tryouts will be held in Wadena on March 25th. The prefestival will be held April 15th weekend in Edina for the HP15 and April 21st weekend in Duluth for the HP14s.

Request for district to support additional funds for both the girls and boys HP programs. Request for \$350.00 per team for both programs for a total of \$1400.00 dollars. Sauk Centre moves to approve the request, Alexandria second the motion. Motion carried.

Denny shared that Andy Shriver is no longer with District 15 and is looking to replace him but is filling in for the boys program until a replacement is found.

HP boys phase 1 will be held in Wadena on March 25th. All of the information is posted on the District website. He has contacted some coaches but is continuing to look for more. If interested please contact him.

IX. Open Forum/New Business

At the spring meeting we will have elections; there are three positions that will be open, President, District director and Coach director. Check the handbook for tournaments next year, our district will have regional tournaments for Bantam A and Pee wee B.

X. Spring Meeting May 7, 2016 @ 6pm at Wadena.

Park Rapids moved to adjourn the meeting. Wadena second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.