



***Minnesota Hockey District 5  
Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2021***

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. following a match penalty disciplinary hearing. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Reuter.

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

**Secretary's Report** – Dena Walters – Secretary Walters was not in attendance as was previously arranged. The preliminary minutes from the January meeting was posted on the District Website. A motion was made by Buffalo; seconded by Moose to accept the secretary's report as posted. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jeff Swenson – Written and oral report was given. A motion was made by Sartell and seconded by Willmar to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. The summary of Treasurer Swenson is attached with these minutes.

**Coach-in-Chief Report** – Derrick Brown – The District Coach-in-Chief indicated that there was nothing to report prior to the meeting and indicated he would not be in attendance.

**Official Report** – Michael Kephart – The Supervisor of Officials provided a written and oral report. Written report attached. It was additionally provided that the District is down to 110 officials. Of those 110, 30 are new officials. The District is losing officials because of the mask requirements ordered by the Governor of the State of Minnesota.

**Tournament Coordinator** – Nate Wold – The Tournament Coordinator indicated there was nothing new to report.

**Girls Coordinator** – Kim Monahan – The Girls Coordinator indicated that there was nothing new to report.

**Hockey Operations** – Sean Dunn – No report, nor attendance.

**MN Hockey District Director** - Steve Gapinski – Director Gapinski provided a written outline that is attached. To supplement his report, it was also provided that the District Directors are expected to clean up confusion of the two-thirds / one-third age-appropriate peer move-up per team. The manner in which the District Directors are considering is consistent with how District 5 has been implementing the rule so there should be no change.

In 15UA and 15UB, both have been deemed to participate in the Olympic Region. Both of our 15UA teams will participate in regions as well as all of our 15UB teams.

### **Association Update –**

LDC – Nothing special to report on.

River Lakes – They are participating in a gun sale and try-hockey-for-free day.

Hutchinson – They plan on hosting their hockey day outside with a raffle. The fairgrounds third sheet of ice has gotten lots of use playing pond hockey.

Sauk Rapids – They are having a virtual jamboree with prizes. Registration will be on their website. More details to come.

STMA – Implemented Hockey TV to their arena. Hockey TV will allow you to view certain games as well as listen to local commentators as announcers for the games.

St. Cloud – Nothing special to report on.

Willmar – Glad to be back. The adult Christian League took a year off so that has opened Sunday nights for skating. They have implemented Sunday night skating clinics.

Sartell – Sartell has one team in quarantine for COVID. The outside structure of their second sheet of ice is up. Still planning on an April completion date for the opening of the facility.

Buffalo – Arena staff is helping out with COVID traffic. Their charitable gambling has been down significantly. They recently received a County grant to offset some of their costs.

Moose – Looking at COVID assistance to offset loss of revenues. They lost two skaters due to the Governor's COVID restrictions.

### **Old Business –**

**Elections April, 2021 (President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Treasurer)**

**Tier I & II Excused absent tryout handbook change (Vote in April)**

**District Playoffs** - District Playoffs are set to be posted in the next few weeks. Review the website for those details on each respective league.

### **New Business –**

Open Floor – Buffalo asked a question with regard to Squirt Coach-controlled scrimmages. The controlled scrimmage procedure was outlined and indicated that nothing has changed. Review your Handbook and the Minnesota Hockey/USA Hockey Rules regarding controlled scrimmages.

Meeting adjourned upon motion made by Moose seconded by STMA. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augusta Legion.



**Jeff Swenson – Treasurer**

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*Buffalo/Annandale ~ Hutchinson ~ Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato  
Monticello/Maple Lake ~ River Lakes ~ Sartell ~ Sauk Rapids  
St. Cloud ~ St. Michael/Albertville ~ Willmar*

**Treasurer's Report**

**Jeff Swenson**

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Checking Account (Citizens Bank)	\$ 42,167.00
Catastrophic Failure Savings (Citizens Bank)	\$ 38,021.73

**Action Items:**

### January Officials Report

In January we had a total of 244 games, quite different than last year at this time where we had about 125 in one weekend. We still are only running at about 110 officials 30 of that being 1<sup>st</sup> years. This is compared to our normal 200. Of that 110 active officials my veteran officials are working 2, 3 or even 4 games a night between college, juniors, youth, and high school. Unless we put very inexperienced young officials out there, we still just do not have to guys to cover any more games.

Of our 30 new officials this year we have graduated 8 of them already so they no longer need a mentor. Mentoring continues to be a major success this the growth of our officiating program. With this year the way it is, mentoring and evaluations are the only training options for our officials. Unfortunately, this does not help me move guys up faster to help cover higher level games. With that being said, we have completed about 15 evals within this last half a month of hockey being back. I hope by the end of the season to get to around 50 evals, a smaller number that years past but with the year the way it is I am finding myself having to skate more games to help fill gaps.

Masks... We continue to see issues with players not knowing how to properly wear a mask. I have sent an email out to my staff telling them to start sending kids back to the bench if they come to the faceoff with their mask improperly worn. We will continue to address this issue as best as possible without becoming the mask police. This is ultimately the COACHES responsibility to make sure their players are properly equipped. If players or coaches neglect this policy, we as officials will write that player or coaches name on the score sheet, they will then report that player or coach to me. From there Gapinski and I will review this and assess suspensions.

Game times... squirts and 10us get 60 minutes. Pee wee/12u - Junior gold get 75 minutes. These times are set in place by Minnesota Hockey. ALL game must finish close to that time. If in the 3<sup>rd</sup> our officials notice they are running out of time they can tell the timekeeper to run the clock to finish on time. The Timekeeper is apart of our officiating team and must listen when we tell them to run the clock. Even if there is not a game after and the rink guy says they have time we still must run the clock as this is a Minnesota Hockey rule.

### Game Report Summary

639(b) Tripping/Clipping/Leg Checking/Slew Footing – 5 and GM (injury)

Fan Ejection – 3 game suspension

608(b) Checking from Behind – 5 and GM (injury)

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601(e1) Persisting in any conduct where previously assessed Misconduct or Bench Minor (Team Official) - GM

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601(c1) Persists in conduct where previously assessed minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Player) - GM.

601(f3) Behaving in any manner that is critically detrimental to the game (Team Official) - Match.

615(b) Fighting – 5 and GM 3 game suspension

615(d) Fighting, First to Intervene during an altercation – 5 and GM 3 game suspension.

**Steven Gapinski**

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District 5 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday February 3, 2021

**Reminder:** Penalty for game misconduct are served in D5 league games. Getting late into season. Can and will be served during playoffs if needed.

**Sub Goalie Definition:** MN Hockey gives Director some latitude for league play, read rule for playoffs. Read the rule carefully in light of definitions.

*For playoffs- Example: "A" goalie from Squirt may not do Pee Wee "B" game.*

**MN Hockey Updates:**

-MN Hockey Winter Meetings Jan 23-24<sup>th</sup>.

Not much to report.

- 2/3 – 1/3 age appropriate peer move up rule cleaned up for June/July/August birthdates.
- Right to refuse/revoke membership rule passed through District Director Committee and passed on to Rules Committee for full board vote in April.
- Regional and State Spectator rules and gate fees being discussed by Tournament Committee

**District Director Meeting:** Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

- Discuss how to fill slot in Regions or State if team is unable to participate due to Covid quarantine.

**District 5 Updates:**

- Huge thanks to Mike Graham, Bill Breeden, Ice Schedulers, Michael Kephart and Jeff Carlin for all their hard work with the rescheduled league game schedule.
- H.P. General Manager Thomas Johnson sent email to Association Presidents for player nominations. We need to do a better job getting our best players to participate in D5.
- Elections/Board Members. We need new board members to step. Current board has many years in, and turn over needs to be prepared for.