

District 5
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. as everyone was ready. This meeting was held in the basement of the Legion as there was water damage in the meeting room.

Attendance - All of District 5 Associations were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Dena Walters – Dena was unable to attend. President Reuter acted as the Secretary of the meeting. The minutes from the December, 2020 meeting were completed and posted on the D5 Website. A motion to approve the December, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Willmar and seconded by Litchfield. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Jeff Swenson – Jeff provided a written and oral report. Attached is the written report. A motion to approve the report was made by Buffalo and seconded by STMA. Motion carried.

Coach-in-chief - Aaron Johnson – Aaron provided no report.

Official Report – Michael Kephart – Michael provided a written and oral report. The written report is attached. A discussion of scrimmages and available referees was held. See written report for details. Michael also informed that 911 games have been officiated so far in the district this year.

Tournament Coordinator – Nate Wold – Nate provided no report.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan – Kim provided no report.

MN Hockey - MN Hockey District Director - Steve Gapinski – Steve provided a written and oral report. His written report is attached. An additional discussion was held regarding scrimmages. The realities of available officials, and desires of associations ensued. No additional scrimmages were set in addition to the previous authorized scrimmages. A quest for scrimmages continues. If arrangement/solution reached, Steve will email Presidents.

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



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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)	\$ 44,065.46
Catastrophic Failure Savings (Citizens Bank)	\$ 20,098.83

Action Items:

St Cloud has not paid any of their invoices this year. This has been a problem for the past few years. Total outstanding \$7,647.50

Officials Report December 2021

Officials' numbers are improving but now have a lot of first years. Thank you to the associations that stepped up and helped recruit officials. Although to late for much this season, as long as they all come back, it will help for 2022 season. We have 216 officials on Arbiter, 80 are inactive or not ready. This puts us at 136 officials on our roster. Of the 136, about 45-50 are new officials putting us at roughly 80 officials to work with. Of the 80 about half work High school, Juniors and College.

This season were averaging 110 games a weekend. So far, we have schedule 911 games WITHOUT SCRIMMAGES. With being about Half way home that puts us at roughly 2000 games for the season. To put it into perspective in 2019 the last normal season we had 2400 game with scrimmages and in 2020 the COVID year we have 1200 games only district games. If you think your not getting game you truly are your just not working together but yet against each other. River Lakes and Hutch have had a tournament almost every weekend.... If we as a whole in D5 would have planned this better, we may have had more room to open up more scrimmages into weekend. You don't realize what one tournament does to your number in a weekend. (11/19 weekend we had BB in SR and BB in Willmar, 12/3 10u in Hutch and PB in SR and SC in River Lakes, 12/10 PB/PA in Hutch SQ in Richmond and BAA/PAA in STMA, 12/18 BA/BB in Paynesville. (Weekend game totals from 11/1-today 41,101,128,82,117,120,1,39,116,107) WE NEED TO PLAN BETTER WITH TOURNAMENTS

We need Tournament schedule to us ASAP when you wait it doesn't help the cause. Please send any in if you haven't already.

Reminder 1- With Scrimmages opening up make sure that you get a snip back from Smig of the game on arbiter. Then double check the times to make sure that they are in Arbiter Correct. If it looks good reply all with your team manager and ice scheduler on it as ok.

Reminder 2- ALL previously schedule scrimmages are cancelled and any new ones need to be resubmitted

Reminder 3- DON'T call my officials to work a non-approved game. They work for WSOA and you put them in a spot when you do this. We will find out

Reminder 4- We are getting into the grind part of the season. Coaches are ONLY to ask questions to my officials. The second that it becomes more than a question they have every right to assess a bench minor penalty.

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District 5 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

MN Hockey Updates

1.) Affiliate/Redistricting Committee

Committee has been formed to review MN Hockey from top to bottom.
Exploring Affiliate boundaries, District make up, effects of school waivers, etc.
(I am a member of this committee)

2.) GTS ELITE

GTS Elite is NOT a USA Hockey registered organization/team
They have been attempting to schedule Squirt games around the state.
Playing unsanctioned teams is a violation of USA Hockey/MN Hockey rules.
Will lead to severe repercussions

3.) Controlled Scrimmage Violations

-Two Associations Willmar and River Lakes have been fined \$500.00 each.
-Rules for conducting Controlled Scrimmages is posted on front page of D5 website as reminder.
-Violating the Controlled Scrimmage rules violates USA Hockey/MN Hockey rules as an Unsanctioned Hockey event which can lead to fines, coach/team/association suspensions.
-Violations in D5 will result in the following:
1st Team Violation- \$500.00 Association fine.

2nd Team Violation- \$1000.00 Association fine, 3 game Head Coach Suspension and NO POSTSEASON play for team.

3rd Team Violation- \$2000.00 Association fine, NO POSTSEASON FOR ENTIRE ASSOCIATION.

4.) USA HOCKEY AND MN HOCKEY MEETINGS

-USA Hockey meetings are this weekend. I will be in attendance.
-USA Hockey is looking to raise registration fees once again. We will vote against.

-MN Hockey meetings are January 22-23.
-Virtual Zoom meeting.