

District 5

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2010

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:06 PM.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano, December minutes on website and distributed to presidents week after meeting. **Crow River motion; LDC second--secretary's report approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$12,815.13, savings \$15,343.89. Officiating fees in the mail, any outstanding invoices need to be paid for playoffs, WSOA official's fees will be distributed this month (approx. \$10k). **Hutch. motion; Mound second—treasurer's report approved**

MN Hockey Report: Presented by Doug Kephart, distributed summary.

1. Rosters – finalized past weekend, checked against coaching certificates, coaches have until 1/31 if not yet certified. Hats off to Mound and STMA, very few non-certified coaches.
2. MN Hockey Winter Meeting – January 22-24
 - a. Reviewed and distributed the redistricting proposal, create new SE district, Becker, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud and Little Falls into D-5, Crow River and Mound into D-3, reminder still a proposal.
 - b. Age Change – looking at changing birth date cutoff, more kids are starting school later.
3. Non-league game officials – information requested at last meeting, discussed, read and review D-5 book and by-laws.
4. Willmar Mites – originally not registered with MN Hockey, a park and rec. program. River Lakes had a scrimmage scheduled resulting in a non-sanctioned event. Issue has been resolved, 20 players have been registered as Mites, Termites are still park and rec.
5. Zero tolerance reminder – a coach was dealt with tonight.
6. Girls Coordinator Report, distributed by Doug Foster:
 - a. Recruitment meeting - still waiting.
 - b. Advanced 15 meeting – January 9, Kelly Inn in St. Cloud.
 - i. Need high school coaches and 14U coaches to turn in names of eligible players, born in 1995, need name, address, parent's name, phone # and e-mail address.
 - c. 10UB/Squirt score sheets – reminder, turn in the white sheets, make sure complete including team names.
 - d. Player patches – should go to MN Hockey website.
 - e. Girl's Regionals – distributed handouts.
7. Tournament Coordinator Report-Jeff Carlen
 - a. Forms due 21 days prior, most are coming in late.
 - b. Reminder - January 15 is the cut-off date.
 - c. Only a couple tournaments have cancelled due to lack of participation, Hutch. PW and two in River Lakes.
8. **Coaches' Report:** Tim presented for Brian Johnson.
 - a. Advanced 15 – distributed handout, detail for both boys and girls, contact Brian for boys, Doug Foster for girls.

Referee's Report: Presented by Mike Mooney, summary below:

Video concerning having the wrong officials working games.

- Number 11 Hip Check no call
- Number 21 Body Check no call
- Player Shooting the Puck is Called for the Checking Penalty

Post Season Crews

- Pee Wee B Regional Sartell
- Boys 16U Wayzata
- Bantam A Richfield

Level One Clinics

On December 6th District 5 conducted two clinics at opposite ends of the district, one at Paynesville and one at Buffalo. Rick Nelson designed the curriculum and acted as the lead instructor. We utilize four circuits at each location. One group would watch a video we made on how to work the two official system properly, one group was instructed on proper attire for official's signals and blowing their whistles, one group was on the ice while a squirt team conducted a very controlled scrimmage, and one group sat in the bleachers discussing everything that happened on the ice. All four circuits had two instructors to help the officials in all aspects of the game. We had 29 officials attend the Paynesville Clinic, and 19 attend the Buffalo clinic. Some level two officials were invited to attend but most were first year level one officials. Instructors included Rick Nelson, Jeff Carlen, Tim Clements, Dom Clements, Scott Oeffling, Tom Hanson, Michael Kephart, and Ryan Syzmanski. I could not be happier with these clinics. With that being said I have challenged all the instructors to come up with ideas that will improve the clinics for next season.

Mentoring/Evaluating

We have a very good start on our mentoring; all of our first year level one officials have been mentored. It is a struggle to find games for the level ones but we are working very hard to get them games and keep them interested in officiating. A concern of MHOA is we have more officials than games. We have added warnings on the MHOA web site to contact the Supervisor in your district before registering as an official.

Evaluating is also going very well we have approximately 70 evaluations completed.

District 5 Officials of the Year

We will be awarding three District 5 officials, one from each level, as officials of the year this season. The criteria for the officials is availability, appearance before during and after the game, promptness, and game management. The officials will receive a ticket to the North Dakota at St. Cloud State game on February 13th. Greg Shepherd, the Supervisor of WCHA Officials, will set up a meeting with the game officials for that evening. Our officials will be invited to the official's room to meet all four officials and have a short photo session before the game.

Game Reports

We have had 11 game misconducts called on District 5 participants and one called in a District 5 tournament against an out of district player.

- Six for rule 607 (b) Checking from Behind.
- Two for rule 604 (b) Boarding.
- One for rule 610 (b) Kneeing.
- One for rule 610 (b) Elbowing.
- One for rule 404 (d) 15 penalties.
- One for rule 601 (i) (2) Abuse to Officials

Incident Reports

We have had 9 Incident Reports this Season.

Seven bench minors on coaches.

One fan/parent being ejected.

One fans engaging in a fist fight.

Discussion: If issues come up, contact Mike, coach or board member but not parent. Make sure emotion is gone from situation before contacting Mike. Regarding enforcement of "cut" breezers, difficult for officials to enforce, will try to start monitoring. Individual coaches and associations should also be enforcing.

Old Business:

1. Weather reminder from Tim.
2. Tim's score sheets are getting better.
3. Double elimination brackets for playoffs will be posted shortly.
4. Squirt/10U D-5 Tournament – discussed, very disappointed at lack of participation after such a big issue was raised by the presidents. As of Jan 1, only MAML, Crow River and LDC "A" had signed up. As of right now, has been cancelled. Bring back to boards for discussion, reasons noted have been too late in the season or nearing 35 game limit and did not want to play the same teams. John from Mound volunteered to try to get it set up for this season and will meet with other reps.

New Business:

1. Advanced 15 ice – if any on west end, let Doug and Brian know, need through April.
2. Neck guard discussion – for April vote, Steve from Buffalo noted specific reason for proposal to removal of requirement is local control. The requirement was put into place in '96/'97.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM, motion by Hutch.

Next meeting Wednesday February 3, 2010, 7:00 PM at Daniels in Cokato.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano