

District 5
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Tim Hanson at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: All of the District 5 teams had a representative in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 30, 2010 special meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Buffalo. Seconded by Hutchinson. Minutes approved as drafted.

Treasurer's Report: A written report and spreadsheet was presented for review. Treasurer Hantge explained which accounts exist and why balances of certain sums were maintained in each of the accounts (see attachment). Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented was made by St. Michael/Albertville. Seconded by Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato. Motion approved.

MN Hockey Report: MN Hockey D-5 Director, Doug Kephart had a separate Minnesota hockey agenda for the meeting and went through the agenda items (see attachment).

1. Welcome. Director Kephart welcomed everyone to the 2010-2011 season and strongly encouraged individuals present to communicate what they learn at these district meetings with their associations to avoid issues that may arise when associations are not kept apprised as to why the district is acting in such a fashion.

2. Housekeeping items.

- a. Associations were reminded to complete their affiliate agreements.
- b. Sartell, St. Michael/Albertville, and St. Cloud were selected as regional hosting sites. These three associations need to ensure that they have their agreements signed prior to the September meeting. Sartell - 12UB; St. Michael/Albertville - 12UA; and St. Cloud - PeeWee A and B.
- c. The District 5 Handbook is posted on the website so make sure that your association has the most recent copy.
- d. The waiver process has new forms and there are specific steps on how to properly conduct a waiver.
Step 1 - Mom and dad;
Step 2 - Release from releasing president;
Step 3 - Receiving president;
Step 4 - Release from the releasing director; and
Step 5 - Receiving director.

3. Important League Changes.

- a. Refresher penalty minute changes will be in play this season
- b. Explanation that Marshall 12UB, Marshall PeeWee A, and Redwood Falls PeeWee A will be assigned games in our league for 2010-2011.

4. Interstate Waiver. The interstate waiver protocol was explained. If a skater who desires to play out of State exists in your Association, immediately contact Director Kephart. There is an agreement between Minnesota Hockey, Wisconsin Hockey, and USA Hockey that essentially an individual is to play in the State they reside, unless the program is not offered in a specific State.

5. Mandatory Registration Coordinator Meeting.
A reminder went out for the mandatory registration meeting.
6. Girls Coordinator/R&R Coordinator. Doug Foster presented two separate agendas, one for girls coordinator and one for R&R coordinator (see attachments). Each agenda was gone over.
7. Tournament Coordinator. Tournament coordinator Carlen advised that there will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the next District meeting.
8. New Business/Questions.
 - a. Willmar requested on whether kids from Granite Falls can participate with the Willmar Association this year. Director Kephart said he would work with Willmar and speak with them some time after the meeting.
 - b. A reminder about the locker room policy was given to the Associations.

Referees Report: A written report was provided by Mike Mooney and the information contained in said written report was presented at the meeting (see attached report). Mr. Mooney has contacted most of the associations to touch base, some of the meetings/visits have been held, and others are yet to come.

Coach's Report: Brian Johnson presented the Coach's Report. The MN Hockey website will post coaching clinics at the end of August. Brian indicated he will travel if associations want Level 1 at home arena, otherwise, he will be at Litchfield hosting a Level 1 clinic.

There will be a Bantam Fall developmental camp. Check the website and handout was available. .

Brian indicated money was available for skills clinic. Skills clinic is for coaches to learn skills and drills. Two or three of these clinics were desired for District 5 this year.

Old Business: The level 4 coaching clinic is available in Duluth on September 17, 2010. Check the District 5 website for more details.

New Business: The District 5 team slotting was discussed. President Hanson went through each of the associations and confirmed the preliminary fielding of teams (see attached). Associations were advised that the slotting chart will be finalized in September.

Discussions were held regarding PeeWee A league. Consideration was discussed about going Tier I/ Tier II, or determining an appropriate schedule for Redwood Falls and Marshall. It was explained that Redwood Falls and Marshall are not in our playoffs, but are being presented with scheduled home and home games to assist them in finding associations to play. It was explained that games played against Redwood Falls and Marshall are not counted in the standings. Hutchinson, Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato, Willmar, and River Lakes are the geographically closest D-5 associations. It was deemed these associations are to play home and home series with Redwood Falls and Marshall. As an enticement to these associations, 17 minute periods are available for the games they will be playing at Redwood Falls and Marshall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49p.m., upon Motion of Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato, and seconded by Hutchinson.

Submitted by Tim Reuter



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Recruitment & Retention Notes August 4, 2010

1. Had a meeting on June 22nd. Below are some items discussed.
 - A. Mission Statement: TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR RECRUITING PLAYERS AND RETAINING EXISTING PLAYERS THROUGH COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND THE PROMOTION OF THE GAME OF HOCKEY.
 - B. Dedicated R & R Coordinator for each Association: Need a person responsible for only Recruitment & Retention to be selected by all affiliates July meeting. I want this to be the only position that they hold, and are committed to perform their duties.
 - C. Develop a plan and set goals
2. Where do we lose the most numbers? We lose most numbers from 8 to 9 years old.
Reasons: When the bill goes up to play traveling, and decision between other sports.
3. Recruitment and Retention Handbook Handed out.
4. Brady Brady Books reading program-Use the HS Kids to read to the classes. 11 books were handed out in a package.
 - A. Use the HS coaches and Athletic Director-HS players read to kids
 - B. Can be early season also-Start now and get players for this season.
5. Equipment Donations
 - A. Wild Equipment-\$10,000
 - B. Total Hockey-\$40,000 (Not a done deal)
6. Future Recruiting Programs.
 - A. Hockey Weekend in MN.-2/12/11-Form in Handbook to get involved in Advertising-Due September 15th.
 - B. Friday-Wear your Jersey to school day
 - C. Saturday-Invite a friend to the rink. Watch the games.
 - D. Sunday-Try hockey for free event
7. Grants-Due August 31st.
 - A. Pass the Puck Grant Program. New Programs-\$30,000 annually Up to \$2,000/Association
 - B. Jerry DeMeo grant program is being looked at for new original ideas-\$500.
8. Survey being put together-Out in September/October.
9. Ice Time: Mite Rink, Bubble on outdoor rink, etc.



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GIRLS NOTES AUGUST 4, 2010

1. Had a meeting on June 22nd. Some of the items that we covered:
 - A. My contact information and Duties
 - B. Each of their duties.
 - C. Preliminary Teams and Leagues-Subject to Change with Declaration
 1. 10UB-District 5-8 teams
 2. 10UA-District 10-4 teams
 3. 12UB-District 5 (Marshall may be included)-8 teams+
 4. 12UA-District 10-4 teams
 5. 14UB-City League-3 teams
 6. 14UA-District 5-5 to 7 teams
 - D. Reebok High Performance 15 Team
 1. History-Sent 3 players to National Program
 2. Emily Achterkirch-NWC 14UA Team this year
 3. Start getting names for '96 players
2. Girls State Meeting-Should be Sunday October 3rd in St. Cloud

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Off Season Meetings

- I have contacted most of the youth hockey associations in District 5 to ask for a few minutes at their next board meeting. I have met with St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids and Sartell.

Summer Happenings

- We sent four officials to camp this off season. Travis Hanson and Robert Beckl attended MHOA camp, Brian McAvoy and Michael Kephart attended Minnkota camp. All our officials skated on the last day of camp. I could not be more proud of the way all our officials represented District 5. Ken Thielman also attended MHOA camp as a District 10 official, Ken is a District 5 guy but D10 need a good official to send to camp so they took one of ours! When you see these officials please congratulate them on having a great camp.
- Three of our officials have received invitations to the Junior Development Camp in August, Ryan Syzmanski, Michael Kephart and Brian McAvoy. The camp will be held in St Paul during the week of August 16th, it will be great to see some of our guys advancing their careers in the junior ranks.
- Kelli Rolstad and Ed Zepeda have been instrumental in setting up a new development program in D5. We will have as many as four out of state Women's Division III College Officials working with D5 officials next season. When the women come in to work a college series they will also work youth games in D5. These young women are very accomplished officials so they should help the development of any official they work with, but I am especially looking forward to our young ladies benefiting from these college officials's expertise.
- We have some other programs in the development stage that will be announced in the near future.

Registration

- USA Hockey has opened the registration process for officials. We have many officials registered and signed up for seminars already, one has already completed his open book test!
- If you know anybody interested in officiating please have them contact me we are always looking for new young officials.
- The registration process can be confussing, if you are contacted by anyone having trouble registering please have them contact me.

Seminar Schedule 2010

- Level 1 & 2 September 25th 8:00am – 4:00pm Monticello Middle School (ice time 2:30-4:00)
- Level 3 October 6th 6:00pm – 10:00pm Hutchinson Event Center
- Level 1 & 2 October 9th 8:00am – 4:00pm St Cloud State Halenbeck Hall (ice time 2:00-3:30)
- Level 3 October 13th 6:00pm – 10:00pm Buffalo Civic Center (Buffalo Arena)
- Level 3 October 20th 6:00pm – 10:00pm Wapicada Golf Club (Sauk Rapids)
- Level 1 & 2 October 24th 8:00am – 4:00pm Willmar Civic Center (ice time 2:00-3:30)

- Level 3 October 24th noon - 4:00 pm Willmar Civic Center

Level 1 Clinic

- D5 will host a two Level 1 clinic again this year. The date will December 5th we will be at the MAC in St Cloud from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm and at Buffalo from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. I have Rick Nelson to conduct this clinic again this year. We are working on some improvements to this very important program.

New Associations

- We are looking at a net gain of about 300 games with the addition of the three new associations, and we will be adding about 55 new officials, mostly level 1 and 2's.

Game Reports

- Last season we had 44 game misconducts and six match penalties, this was up from the previous season of 35 game misconducts and three match penalties. Our goal this season will be to have less than the 2008-2009 season.
- In keep with the MN Hockey theme of reduced penalty times, we are hopeful that next season game misconducts will be reduce to ½ game
- misconducts!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mooney

Supervisor of Officials District 5 of Minnesota Hockey