

D2 Meeting Minutes July 20, 2014

6:35

Role Call -

Board Members: Dave, Dave, Jake, Maureen

Associations:

Mahtomedi - X

Stillwater - X

Forest Lake - X

North St. Paul - X

Roseville - X

Tartan - X

White Bear Lake - X

New Richmond

Hudson - X

Somerset -

Baldwin -X

St. Paul - X

Mounds View – Peter Brownlee for Dave

River Falls - X

D2HOA representative - X

Call to order – meeting called to order at 6:35

Amend/Approve June Meeting minutes

Meeting minutes amended and approved.

MN Hockey

Glen Andresen, Executive Director of MN Hockey introduced Steve Hentges from LifeTouch, largest youth photography company in country.

Steve Hentges – Lifetouch – specialize in team photos. Kick money back to MN Hockey and Associations. Information was passed out to reps and reps were asked to bring back to associations and compare with other companies before making decision. Steve would also be available to present information at Association board meetings.

Glen Andresen – Discussed 2 & 2 challenge program – major push to promote. 73 associations hosted event in November, as part of the try hockey for free day. 58 associations hosted an event in march. Very successful. 13.1 %increase in players. Numbers were up at U8 level for first time in 3 years.

Deadline to sign up – by September 30th for USA hockey to plan etc.
Associations go to USAhockey to sign up and for more information.

Hard ice divider program – partnership between MN hockey and Rink Systems. Promote cross ice hockey. 20 associations signed up for subsidy. Apply through MN hockey - \$2500 off cost. Keeps games more realistic to have boards. Keeps parents and players happy. Look for info. Contact Glen directly or MN hockey website.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by St. Paul to approve report, 2nd by Tartan. Motion Passed.

Coordinators' Report:

Bantam

Peewee

Squirt - FL sent email would like to discuss B2 squirts. Already on agenda under old business.

Initiation -

Girls – Fall HP evaluations start next weekend. Program kicks off early September and will take place at Vadnais.

Junior Gold - Reps were asked to please send team contact info to Pat.

Supervisor of Officials (Terry)

Working on D2HOA/D2 agreement.

Putting leases together.

Seminars for referees. – Modules are being put together similar to coaches modules, utilizing both in person and online training in effort to shorten seminars.

D2HOA – (Ron)

D2HOA/D2 agreement is ongoing conversation.

President's Report

Working on letter of agreement and getting ready for next year.

District Director's Report

Safe sport – All coaches, managers and board members will need to have this done. It is online at MNhockey.com and takes about 1 ½ hours.

Don't delay.

How is it tracked – register under mnhockey as a volunteer, coach, board member.

All coaches, managers and board members also need to renew background checks.

Golf tourney on Tuesday

AA/A leagues -- Talked to Rich R (D8) and Coleen D (d10) – both are open to having our AA teams split between districts. We have enough teams to host our

own single A league. District 8 may come here for single A. D8 and D10 would control the AA leagues.

Associations need to make a decision before next month's meeting

It's up to each association to decide which District they want to play in. Choose one or the other. FL wants to join D10 for AA.

Single A would not play games against AA teams unless scheduled by coach or association.

Old Business:

Squirt B2 Discussion (tabled from June)- Reps were instructed to discuss with their associations and come back with a yes or no and why on the creation of a B2 level.

Squirt B2 –(Troy from FL Squirt director)

NSP – playing in D8 for B squirts.

Mahtomedi – No, bc of tournaments. The gap between teams at B1 and B2 levels potentially pretty wide and it will be hard to find dedicated B2 tourneys.

Stillwater – No, same reasons as Mahtomedi and also due to the unknown. Not sure how it would work out and would like more information. There was some interest but benefits didn't outweigh drawbacks. Might be interested if more info provided.

WBL – Impartial. No strong feelings. They could make it work.

Tartan – No, 38 players at squirt level. Not sure they will field an A team

St. Paul – No, too many levels

MV – NO

Troy – would like to come back next year to answer questions.

Seems there is a need for an intermediate level, kids would benefit. Can change year to year and adjust to needs to kids. Out of town tourney – 5 B2 tourneys. Tourney directors willing to communicate the types of teams coming in etc. It would have been a benefit for FL last year and he will come back again next year. The feedback from the association reps was helpful.

D10 does a B2 squirt level – talk to them and find out why and what their experience has been. Troy thinks another district is also doing a B2 squirt level.

Wisconsin teams play A teams at B2 level at tourneys at times. So would be ok with it.

No motion to create B2 Squirt

District playing rule changes for 2014-2015 Season

Proposal for Bantam B2 level and below to have current rule of 12 minute periods, 1 hour long games.. Change to 15-minute periods and 1½ hour long games

Motion by WBL to make motion to have B2 Bantams play in 1 ½ hour format.

Mahtomedi 2nd

Discussion –

Roseville has issues with ice time already. Not sure if we'll have enough time. Lost the Colliseum.

Tartan – No, due to additional ice time

Terry – thinks 1 hour is enough for these kids. Big skill difference between B1 and B2. Extra half hour isn't going to make big difference and most of kids at that level need additional practice time, not game time.

Pat – ask for extra half hour of practice. The purpose of B2 level is to give kids opportunities... Really need practice to make the next level. They choose to attend or not.

Jake – some 2nd year bantams realize they may not make the high school team. Hard to get them to attend practice at times. More games keep the kids engaged. Very limited ice time per game already. Puck touches. Longer games could possibly keep them moving on to Junior gold. Might give ice scheduler more options.

Motion by Roseville to table discussion for year. 2nd by MV

7 in favor. Motion carries to table discussion/decision for another year.

U10/Squirt District Playoffs -

MV – considering hosting it. U10 and squirt – not sure of levels (A,B,C) but would work with another association to fill gaps.

Tartan would consider hosting it either squirt or U10 and squirt C

St. Paul – district tourney in past came very quickly after last late season tourney (Fargo). They weren't disappointed when district tourney went away. It was an additional cost as well. Estimated cost of \$300/team.

35 game-day rule was an issue as well.

WBL – Not for it because it will affect 35 game day rule.

Pat – treasurer should send out cost estimate before decision is made.

FL – Yes, interested in hosting all levels

Stillwater – In favor.

Mahtomedi – concern with 35 game-day rule. Can go back to board.

NSP - No interest in hosting. Indifferent

It will affect the 35 game days.

NSP – Co-op kickoff event happened already. Jerseys ordered.

Bantam- B in D2. PW and Squirts– A and C in D2. Some will play in D8.

Bauer Emerson Academy– No agreement with MN hockey yet. Jake has reached out to key people but hasn't heard back.

New Business:

Refs per game/time rates discussion –

Terry – looking to adjust mite rates. Proposed - Single official - \$28. 2 refs \$24 each. Mite fees haven't been raised in 10 years.

Discussing the 1 ½ B Bantams and the U14 A and B - Will come back with a number

Dave – A reminder to associations to get their Ice Scheduler contact info to Dave. The meeting is scheduled for August 17th 5pm at Stadium. Get contact info to Dave so he can invite them to meeting.

Association Comments

Mahtomedi -

Stillwater -

Forest Lake – question for Jake about timing for Bantam AA scheduling. Play in D10. Coaches can try to get together and create a D2 league as well. Need to get organized in August.

North St. Paul – Johnson/NSP coop – teams at all levels.

Roseville - are any associations doing a 13 player, 1 goalie team structure?

MV yes because of playing time. Hoping for no more than 15 per team.

Jake – issue with the goalie, if he/she is sick or out of town?

MV – sometimes just given goalies... 4 teams and 4 goalies. Make best of it.

Tartan –

- safe sport coordinator hasn't heard any updates in quite some time. Jake will follow up.
- Tartan board had lengthy discussion regarding goalies. Do other associations subsidize goalies?

MN hockey has a gear up MN program. Apply for set of goalie gear. Other associations shared that they do offer assistance with registration and equipment to goalies.

White Bear Lake -

New Richmond

Hudson

Somerset –

Baldwin - When are team declarations due?

St. Paul – Capitals

Mounds View – Will have A level Bantams. Working with Irondale on a merger that will be a 2-year deal. Jake had discussion with Dave. Jerseys set.

River Falls -

Next Meeting Date and Time/Adjournment

August 17th 6:30pm following Scheduling meeting at 5pm.

Adjournment – St. Paul motion to adjourn, NSP 2nd. Meeting adjourned