

# MN D2 Hockey

## January Meeting Minutes 1/17/16

**Role Call:** Present: Forest Lake, Irondale, Mahtomedi, Moundsview, Roseville, Stillwater, St Paul, Tartan, White Bear Lake, Baldwin, Hudson, and New Richmond  
Absent: Somerset, River Falls, Baldwin

**Meeting Called to Order - 6:30pm called to order**

**December Meeting Minutes** – motion to approve by St. Paul, Stillwater 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report** – motion to approve by Moundsview, Tartan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

**Open Forum Discussion –**

**Roseville Junior Gold representatives –**

- Looking for status of goalie situation for their JGB goalie.
- From Pat – it was decided in December that the player could not play bc he has graduated from high school. Apparently was put on the roster. A complaint was filed. The rules stipulate that the player must be enrolled in a high school so the player was suspended. This is a MN Hockey rule/decision and was discussed at the October D2 meeting.
- Jake waived the suspension of the coach bc he didn't knowingly play an ineligible player.
- Roseville coach spoke on the kids behalf. Doesn't want them punished by having them lose the chance to play in the post season.

1. Review of year-end events

-D2 Playoffs: 2/8 - 2/21, St. Croix Rec Center

-D2 Bantam C: 2/22 - 2/26, Mahtomedi

-D2 PeeWee C: 2/22 – 2/29 – St. Croix Rec Center

-D2 Squirt A/B Playoffs: 2/18-21, Tartan. Tartan working on the brackets.

-D2 U10 A/B Playoffs: 2/22-28, Forest Lake – Brackets are on the website.

-Regions PeeWee A/AA: 2/26-28, St. Croix Rec Center

-State Bantam A/AA: 3/11-13, St. Croix Rec Center

-State Banquet: Thursday, 3/10 at the Heights (AA), The Grand Banquet hall (A) 6:00pm.

**Tournament of Champions**

\*Tournament of Champions is MN team, Regional (multi-district) year-end tournament hosted out of District 10, played from March 4 - 6<sup>th</sup>. Would like to confirm. No information on D10 website.

\*Only the top two teams from each District are eligible

\*Eligibility will be determined by record in league play, rather than playoffs.

\*Fee is ~\$500???

\*For this season, District 2 year-end tournament at Tartan (Boys) or Forest Lake (Girls) will not have an impact on eligibility for the Tournament of Champions

\*Will not count against your 35 game day limit, D2 Director will waive if applies

2. Squirt D2 website game stats

- Does Joe need help? Doug has a volunteer willing to take over scoresheet & stat management. Address it when Joe is at the meeting.

**FL Hockey - Paul Edoff**

- Would like to add B2 level for squirts. Would like to add to February agenda for a vote. Questions should be directed to Kelly Roberts.

- Stillwater board is looking for a mock up of the number of teams at each level. What would a season look like? League size and year end playoffs. Would also like to understand if other districts that do B1 and B2.
- Cost – will teams have to travel further to play the same number of games?
- Boys squirt level coordinators from the associations should discuss. Doug can get names to Paul.
- 6 of 8 districts that have 10 or more associations have some way of distinguishing their squirts
- B2 tournaments – 15 in the state.
  - Mahtomedi – every rep should go back and ask how many would have a Squirt B2 level? Re address it in March (bc February meeting will be at Stillwater during districts)
- Would like to figure it out before tournaments are set.
- Target to vote on it no later than April.

### **President Report – Dave H.**

- **District playoffs** – looking for volunteers.
- **PWC brackets** out Monday or Tuesday.
- **Playoff brackets** – to send out for feedback yes or no.

### **Director Report – Jake R**

- Jake not here but discussion of U15 parity rule. Is it worth keeping it? Not enough B teams.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### **AGE LEVEL REPS –**

**Girls-** Kristi needs clarification on tournament of champions – Will it be league standings or district playoff results that determine the team's eligible to go. League standings.

**Bantam-** No issues.

**Peewee** – Only heard from one manager on game misconducts, out of 10. Rest he heard from Terry. Sent email to collect scores. Only 4 were missing.

**Squirt –**

#### **JR Gold-**

- See open forum.
- Please remind coaches that they need to let Pat know when there is a game misconduct.

**Jim Sass-** District 2 2016 financial audit. This year done by Roseville and Tartan. All reps should tell their presidents that they're welcome to show up as well. Time and date TBD.

### **SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS – TERRY**

- Lots of game reports. Issues with players and people in the stands. Parents need to read the D2 policy on fan behavior. Tournaments have been difficult in terms of scheduling.
- 400 scrimmages so far this year compared with 428 all year last season. Weekends are especially tough.

### **MEHOA REP- RON**

**Tournaments** – worst year in memory. Bracket times. Responses from tourney reps have been poor. Game-time changes and no communication. Refs have stayed bc already at rink. Not a reflection on D2 tournament coordinator. Recommends a fine given a certain amount of time ahead of tourney if times aren't set. Association tournament reps need to get information to the district.

## **ADM-JOHN**

**D2 Coach in Chief – Scott Hambly** – Not a lot of waivers this year. Mostly level 4 stuff.

Will want coaches nominations for the advanced 15s. Would like names and numbers of players to watch during district playoffs. 2001 birthdates. End of season USA hockey festival for age 15, 16 and 17 – smaller group end up going to national camp in summer. USA hockey looking for talent for international tournaments. Get in touch with Scott or John Peterson. Any 2001s, even kids not playing bantams. Must be registered with USA hockey. Tell coaches to send names of top talent.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

Squirt B1/B2

- Forest Lake to lead a Squirt Level Coordinators meeting to review proposal & findings
- Mock-up on # of teams at each B1 & B2 based on this years numbers
- How it impacts league size & year-end playoffs?
- What other Districts are placing B1 & B2 teams?
- How will it impact tournament availability for each of the new levels?
- If there are less teams at each level to play, on average how will it the impact commute distance to play a comparable # of games?

### **NEW BUSINESS -**

New Richmond – Why a squirt A team in Wisconsin playing at the B level in MN?

PW A from MV/Irondale – would be more suited at AA level. Cannot move for playoffs.

### **Association Comments:**

- Forest Lake
- Moundsview – where is certificate of insurance from? USA hockey.
- Irondale
- Mahtomedi-
- Roseville – squirt coordinator should ask for game sheets he doesn't have yet.
- Stillwater
- St.Paul- Currently interviewing for new executive director – what is pay range? \$24,000/year approx. Early discussion of expanding Highland Arena.
- Tartan – Brackets will be done tonight or tomorrow.
- WBL –
- Baldwin
- Hudson
- New Richmond – when do you want volunteers signed up for district playoffs? Reps need to be there with workers. Reps need names but don't need to send names to D2. OK to send a replacement if Rep is busy.
- Somerset
- River Falls

**Next Meeting Date: Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm at St. Croix Rec Center.**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:53. St. Paul, Irondale 2<sup>nd</sup>.**