



Minnesota Hockey District 5
Board Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM - St. Augusta Legion

- I. Call to order/Roll Call Attendance - Lena Gawtry
- II. Secretary's Report - Al Setrum
 - A. Updates were made to the October and November newsletter to reflect the Mites: 7 full ice games AFTER January 15th
 - B. Association Minutes as of today:
 1. November 2025: Hutchinson and Sauk Rapids
 2. October 2025: Buffalo, River Lakes, Sartell, STMA, and Willmar
 3. September 2025: LDC, Moose, St. Cloud
 - C. Motion - 1st-Buffalo, 2nd- Willmar. No discussion. All Approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Jeff Swenson
 - A. Broke down our checking account balance into a D5 operating balance and an HP operating balance. Jeff has always kept a separate balance - but wanted us to have visibility to it now,
 - B. Billed out all games to associations
 - C. We received a bill from D10 - had fines for people missing meetings (Look at D10 Fine Structure.) - Associations need to have the officials sign before the game is signed out.
 - D. Motion to approve the treasure's report, - 1st-St. Cloud, and 2nd - Willmar. No discussion. Approved.
- IV. Coach-in-Chief Report - Aaron Johnson
 - A. Watch for coaches getting redlined.
- V. CCM High Performance/Tier 1/Futures Development - Thomas Johnson
 - A. Nationals team looking for fundraising
- VI. Official's Report - Ryan Szymanski
 - A. Any new officials that are interested in officiating this year - they have to wait until next summer as registration is closed
 - B. Heavy weekend this past weekend with number of games. Be gracious for the younger officials - a lot of mentor games.
 - C. Reports have been down - which is great!
 - D. Gentle reminder - if you have a game misconduct, you need to just sit out the next game whether you hear from Nate or Ryan. If they are kicked out the game, they need to sit the next one.
 - E. Scheduling - please get your requests in.
- VII. Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney
 - A. All tournaments have been sent in and reviewed and sent in for sanctioning.
 - B. Get Tournament schedules into the Officials ASAP
- VIII. Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan
 - A. 5 - U19 teams!!! And Brookings, SD is going to play with them.
 - B. Colleen is passionate about making this U19 teamwork
- IX. League Coordinator - Mike Graham
 - A. District Games - competed 210
 - B. Game sheets are all getting submitted - there was a hiccup with GS opening weekend, but that got fixed right away
 - C. Squirt/10U parents as they don't understand that there is a separate league for the regular D5 league games
 - D. Fair Play Points
- X. MN Hockey District Director - Nate Wold

- A. Skate MN - January 2nd through the 5th: checking clinics, 3on3 stuff, look to see what is open and encourage you to send a team. If it was squirt level - wouldn't count against your game counts
- B. We have been hosting monthly district director meetings for the directors across the state.
 - 1. participation rule - creative parenting where a family gave up custody of their child so they could play in a specific association (New MN Registrar and MNH is going to put together a committee - looking into some concerns with registration)
- C. Squirts and the size of the nets - this is a change that could be coming down the pike...switching to $\frac{3}{4}$ size. If a team is playing a full ice game with a $\frac{3}{4}$ size net, that game does NOT go towards their game count.
- D. D4 - we are up again next year to host them. D4 wants to dissolve. They have no leadership and want to be a part of D5 and D9.
 - 1. Willmar (Erik) wants to start recruiting in areas where there is no association. Mark B (D9) wants to make it happen this next year.
- E. Game Reports YoY have been down - that is good
- F. Buyer be aware of where you are going to play for scrimmages and tournaments
 - 1. Make sure that the teams that you are playing are USA Hockey Affiliate
 - 2. If you are hosting tourneys - you MUST have an official USA Hockey roster
- XI. Association Updates (Each rep will share what is happening in their association.)
 - A. **Buffalo**-Adam Hennen
 - 1. Shooting area up and running - put synthetic tiles up, new tarps,
 - 2. Spideo up in both rinks
 - B. **Hutchinson**-Jon Beach
 - 1. New website design that is launched - going well so far. Stayed with SportsEngine (doing some pilot programs with them for functionality)
 - 2. First home tournament this weekend
 - C. **LDC**-Luke Huggett
 - 1. No updates - Have fixed the Zamboni twice
 - D. **Moose**-Nick Dahlheimer/Justin Dorian (NOT PRESENT)
 - E. **River Lakes**-Chuck Andrews/Amanda
 - 1. Things are good
 - F. **Sartell**-Jaime Burris
 - 1. Things are good
 - 2. JRG team up and running - HUGE! Numbers continue to look good for the next few years.
 - G. **Sauk Rapids**-Brian Krogstad
 - 1. Appointed a dry land coordinator - come up with a weekly plan for the upper-level teams.
 - H. **St. Cloud**-Chad Sheetz
 - 1. MAC is almost done - a few more weeks
 - 2. Hockey center down March 15th - September 15th: they are tearing the whole thing apart, new refrigeration, new roof, new scoreboards, new lighting.... etc.
 - I. **STMA**-Aaron Levin (NOT PRESENT)
 - J. **Willmar**-Erik Rannetsberger
 - 1. Things are going well.
 - 2. Bantam team had a few kids move up to HS - managed the roster easier.
 - 3. Outdoor sheet of ice is now finished. Not scheduling on it, but free use, pick-up games...etc.
 - 4. Working on getting a MITE team to go to jamborees. They would host as an association and pull kids out of rec. Have some practices set aside for them.
 - K. **Riverblades**-Eric Loberg

1. All teams are formed and in full season mode.
2. Hosting a tourney in Sartell this weekend for 10U.

XII. Old Business

1. All player rosters need to be finalized by 12/31/25
2. Mite Scheduling Meeting - Saturday, December 6th @ Buffalo from 9-Noon - 7 Full Ice Games after 01/15/26.
3. Hosts for Districts (see additional sheet for proposal), Non-Region Bound Tournaments
 - a. Any B2 teams want to take a stab at the end of season tourneys??? (Let us know at the January Meeting)
4. January Meeting - SQUIRT/10U NIGHT - Must bring a squirt/10U parent with you
 - a. Opt In/Out for Squirts/10U Tourney
5. D5 Board - Director, 2nd VP, Secretary, (President April 2027)

XIII. New Business

1. Super Championship Series with D3 and D10 (Ban B2/C, PW B2/C, 12UB2) March 8-9th
 - a. Deadline to participate is December 15th
 - b. D5 Host - PeeWee B2**
 - c. Cost \$750 (Is your association in - this should be covered by your associations like a normal end of season tourney)
2. D5 Recruitment and Retention - Google Meet on Sunday, December 7th @ 8 PM - an invite went out, please follow up with your association rep
3. Open Floor
 - a. PW Game question on run time - Sauk Rapids
 - b. Chad Olson - STMA Parent

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St. Augusta Legion (SQUIRT/10U NIGHT)