

Minnesota Hockey District 2 Board Meeting

Meeting Title	District 2 March 2025 Board Meeting
Date/Time	Sunday, March 16, 2025
Location	Ion4 Group – 13025 Fenway Blvd, Hugo, MN

ATTENDANCE:

X	Chisago Lakes	X	MVI		White Bear Lake		River Falls
X	East Metro	X	Roseville		Baldwin	x	Somerset
	Forest Lake	X	St. Paul		Hudson		
	Mahtomedi		Stillwater		New Richmond		
X	Director	X	President	X	Vice President	X	Secretary
X	Treasurer		Supervisor of Officials	X	HP Coordinator		Girls Coordinator
X	JGold Coordinator		Bantam Coordinator		Peewee Coordinator	X	Squirt Coordinator

President Hursh called the meeting to order at 6:36PM at Ion4Group office on Sunday, March 16, 2025.

BOARD UPDATES

Secretary's Report: December 2024 minutes were distributed. MVI motioned to approve; Forest Lake seconded. Minutes were approved.

1. Aliya Taube has been appointed (off cycle) to the role of Secretary. She will be taking over after today.
2. Annual meeting will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2025. The district 2 Director is the only role up for election this year. Nominations should be submitted to the Nominations Committee by April 18, 2025.

Treasurer's Report: February and March 2025 reports were distributed.

Pat – JGHSL Invoice to MNH submitted, have not heard anything. Playdown bills have not been received (cowboys, pucks). Send bill to Jerry or Greg at JGHSL. Any bills for MNH please send to Kevin.

Roseville motioned to February approve; St. Paul seconded – reports approved

MVI motioned to approve March report; East Metro seconded – report approved

Bantam's Report: None

Peewee's Report: Thanks for communicating with teams for minor officials

Squirt's Report: None

Jr. Gold's Report:

- Playdowns – 49 teams with 78 games Tuesday – Sunday
 - 1 rink 8 overtimes had to do some ice shopping
 - Volunteer issue – not enough attention by reps to get volunteers. Chisago showed up. Volunteers were confused on what they needed to do, only needed to monitor a rink, not be minor officials. You can ask JG teams to volunteer for your needs as well. Only MVI sent a list. One association who waits until the end to fill their dibs, sent association members to be minor officials for their association teams playing in playdowns. Pat received no phone calls from that association.
 - Tournament was successful, people were happy. Ted did a great job arranging food.
 - D2 sent 1 A team, 3 B and 1 16 team to state – represented their associations and communities well.
- Coaches and managers should have received business manager email for meeting April 8. Need to RSVP. Open position for business manager for JGHSL (paid role)

Supervisor of Officials: None

Executive Director's Report:

- MNH pushing for membership committee to get more members at district and association level
 - Meeting every other Monday night
 - Working with Wild Skate if Forward
 - New chair at MNH
- Safety Director as well
 - MN has one, sending one to USAH
 - Protective equipment
 - Guardian cap
 - Meetings are monthly, bring anything to Kevin
- Year-end tournaments hosted by our associations
 - We had issues with one who hosted as well – volunteer issues there as well, same with EMTs
 - Move these timelines up in the year, you know you are hosting long before February
- Looking at who is sitting on boards...who is doing stuff, who is not. You will be asked to do things or you will be asked to leave. Take it seriously. Had to call association presidents already
- 19U – thank you to Stillwater, almost had 2 teams. Want WBL to have one as well. Ice Cougar select team wanted to form their own which would have created a powerhouse team. Teams must be geographically based. Told SLP that if they want to have a selects team, they need to open it up to everyone.
- Squirt playoffs – neighboring district does not use standings. They put names in a hat and pull them out. Think about it for team declarations
- No squirt EBUG request –no goalie sitting on the bench as a backup-for Districts, sit on a bench in the hall-emergency call Kevin
- Mouthguards-getting back to reinforcing them
 - EV penalty 10 minutes-proposal to change rule
 - Rule change for fair play point for mouthguards, neck guards, ear flaps -n MNH looking at safety rules overall
 - Mouthguards tethered to their helmets-rule change

- North Star Showcase-Squirt B and up Dec 31-Jan 4, 2026
 - 4 USA Hockey 4 Canadian and 8 International during the World Juniors
 - 2 sheets of ice can hold two levels comfortably Squirt B up to JGold and 19U teams
 - Host sites potentially, Vadnais/Stillwater/Woodbury/TCO/Braemar/Super Rink
 - All gate fees go to the association for hosting could potentially be up to \$20k
 - Hosting-utilize for vendors/space and maximize the space in your rink during the event
 - No update from the High School League, should have one this week if High School will be involved
 - Team Fees and Gate Fees separately-signage and all other will be provided by MN Hockey
 - Up to 7 guaranteed games per team
- Get Safe Sport and USA Hockey Certification done ASAP

President's Report: -Nothing

Vice President's Report:

1. Proposed rule changes need to be submitted by May 18 for June 22 Meeting-Will send an email out to everyone
2. Meeting for June changed to June 22 because of Father's Day on June 15th
3. Initial team declarations need to be submitted by July 20 meeting with final declarations due at the August 24 meeting. Any exceptions to skipping levels must be discussed and voted on at this meeting as well.
4. WI teams Squirt B top 4 beyond that no placing
5. Think about how you declare your teams, when it comes to declaring AA/A teams, every association should have a C team, do what is best for your players and your Association, don't stack teams, two teams skipped A and went to AA-parents were frustrated with their association. Make sure you are at the meeting on August 24th to work on exceptions and declarations.
6. Kevin will be enforcing declarations and what is best for the association and for the district
7. Would really like to start to use Teams more and less email, more central location for everyone to be able to see all the information.
8. New Rules and By Law changes will go onto Teams

DISCUSSION

Old Business: None

HP Report:

Jacob-spring starts this week, goalies start 3/17 and all other's start 3/18

60 kids trying out-4 groups for tryouts, groups will be out tonight –spring program

Loons Tier 1 trying to get 4 teams-Fall tryouts for June-practices start late July

Futures-shrunk statewide-girls D2-no coach's if we can't find one, we can send to other districts if need be

New Business: Leadership Conf May 2nd –at least 2-4 from each association

ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Chisago Lakes: None

East Metro: Does D2 have to approve if a team wants to travel to a USA Hockey even out of state? - Yes, they do-League Team but new coach's and two kids would need to be rostered-Pee Wee B2

Playoffs-Squirt C-ice time went to OT, ran Mite Jamboree and ran behind can we have 75 minutes put aside and get paid for that-do a gap in the afternoon so you can catch up-

Forest Lake: None

Mahtomedi: None

MVI: Brandon Mileski-Boys Coordinator-2nd year as boys coordinator-Questions-change in District playoffs Tier 1 and Tier 2-changed the format this year that some of the B2 teams did not make playoffs

2024 everyone was in, changing this year it was not single elimination, there was a consolation bracket this year. MVI-had one team that did not play in the playoffs, due to the way the teams are structured.

Ice and Brackets can be done early with the two tiers and some teams don't want to show up as well. Plan for next year to plan and any non-region bound team can participate in a tournament. Can there be a tourney for any non-region bound team that is played somewhere else. End of year experience is important for kids; they want the chance to play, and they may come back. The ice is going to be an issue.

Team declarations are important when it comes to playoffs and Districts as to who participates

Chris from St. Paul-nominated to be the head of the nomination committee and Elise will also help, share with your associations-has to be posted 30 days for posting and campaigning

USA Hockey approved a fee increase

Roseville: State Tournament host must have a banquet

If you host a banquet, do it before the tournament starts

St. Paul: Pee Wee C tourney-St. Mary's point won the whole tournament and won the Squirt C tourney

Stillwater: None

Baldwin: None

Hudson: None

New Richmond: None

River Falls: None

Somerset: None

White Bear Lake: None

Next meeting will be held Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 6:30PM at Ion4Group office (13025 Fenway Blvd, Hugo, MN).

Adjourn: WVI motions to adjourn, St. Paul seconds. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.