

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:01pm

Attendance

Buffalo, Hutchinson, LDC, MOOSE, River Lakes, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud, STMA, Willmar

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. Al posted the minutes from the August 2, 2023, Meeting. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by STMA and seconded by Buffalo. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Moose and seconded by Sauk Rapids. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion carried.

- Copy of taxes will be available for
- District 9 does not register online. They will be sent back to D9.
- \$200 for each traveling team
 - 50% of game sheet cover by district
 - 2022/23 payment to referee was delayed so in 2023/24 season association will be charged before the season starts for district games. Need to be paid within 3 weeks.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- Smig has resigned as scheduler. With the change 3 regions will be created for future scheduling of scrimmages. More details to come in the coming weeks.
- New policy on how to scrimmage request will be done. Website will be updated.
- Would like to do some controlled scrimmages with new referees to help training them and get them ready for the season.
- Level 1 for referees in STMA on Saturday September 9 is full.
- Level 1 for referees in St Cloud on Saturday September 10 has a few slots left.
- Level 2 for referees is an online training this year again.
- Concerns from referees to pass along.
 - Bumping pay during holidays?
 - Weather policy will be updated that is more uniform across the district (more discussion in New Business)
- Two scrimmages have been scheduled already in the district.

Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney

- Will be contacting each association tournament coordinators over the next few weeks.

Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan

- Been working with St Cloud State players would be interested in coming to girls' practices. Contact Kim if you are interested.
- Reach out to Nate if you are interested or have girls that need to find a team. 17/18 girl teams

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- School waiver is on the next MH meeting Nate will update the district after the meeting.
- Locker room policy is in effect.
 - A lot of issues start right at the beginning of the year try to get ahead of the issues.
- Director conference is September 8 to 10, try and have a person attend.
- Mite season
 - District is allowing 7 full ice games.
 - Will work on a scheduling meeting sometime late November early December.
- Remember the 5-scrimmage limit before the district schedule starts. If you schedule on and do not have an official roster to send Nate a list of players playing to be covered.
- Board roster is required by October 4, 2023
- Mike Gram is going to be the league coordinator this year replaced Bill.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo: Tryouts, fundraiser is curling again with silent action items
- Hutchinson: kick off fall event. Oct 7 and 8 tryouts
- LDC: 2/3 of register dates complete. Will have 4 operation locker rooms.
- MML: Registration is closed. Golf tournament this weekend
- River Lakes: 4 / 4 skating will be starting. Fall kick off next week.
- Sartell: 3 / 3 league has 306 players using both sheets. Tryouts end of the month.
- Sauk Rapids: Start Sept 30 tryout will be early Oct. Open house is complete.
- St. Cloud: Getting ready for tryouts. 50th celebration is coming.
- STMA: Skating has started. Tryouts will be complete.
- Willmar: Finish golf tournament. Started cash raffle. Tryout end of the month

Old Business: (None)

New Business:

- Scheduling meeting will be in Buffalo October 14th/15th.
- Board rosters is due by October 4
- Goalie team placement
 - 4 goalies at one level 3 at the lower level (do we want to leave in the minutes)
- Updates from D4 – will be sending 3 to 4 PWA and 1 to 2 BA teams.
- Smaller associations should at least talk about merging girls' teams.
- Weather policy – Do we begin to follow the schools' policies on cancelling? We will leave it as it currently is listed in D5 handbook and revisit it in future meetings.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 4, 2023 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 8:47pm