

District 2 Board Meeting
Sunday, July 16th, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

Forest Lake	Chisago Lakes	Roseville	St. Paul
Stillwater	White Bear Lake	MVI	Mahtomedi
Tartan	Hudson	Baldwin	New Richmond

Not in attendance:

Somerset **River Falls** **MVI**

President Hursh called the meeting to order at 6:03PM at Ion4Group office on Sunday, July 16th 2023.

Secretary's Report: June minutes were distributed. Tartan motioned to approve; Roseville seconded. **Minutes were approved.**

Treasurer's Report: No report was sent.

Bantam's Report: N/A

Pee wee's Report: N/A

Squirt's Report: N/A

Jr. Gold's Report: If you have players who are interested in Junior Gold, please reach out to Pat Jackson or Chris Wintheiser, we're finding odd numbers that don't work well with teams, and we put together teams that work best number and distance wise.

Executive Director's Report: Please ensure that District Reps and board members have their USA Hockey number, SafeSport and background check done and to me as quickly as possible. This is a requirement, if you are in an capacity working with kids, you need to have this done.

Supervisor of Officials: No report.

Executive Director: Menomonie is asking to join D2, distance is a factor to consider. Please reach back to your associations to discuss if we want to move forward with adding Menomonie to our D2 as another Wisconsin association (meaning they do not hold a vote, nor do they participate in D2 playoffs). Please have a response back by next week.

Old Business: Rule changes from last meeting.

New Business: Referee situation- continued to work on referees- mentoring, recruiting, building back up the referee base for the upcoming seasons. MEHOA continues to send communication that is inflammatory towards D2. Please note that NO association can hire a referee without approval from the Supervisor of Officials. We have additional referees that are coming aboard, so fulfilling the schedule for league games, scrimmages and tournaments shouldn't be a problem. Last season, MEHOA failed to supply officials for roughly 150 games. Rates will be higher for referees and easier to track for the treasurer. Refs will also be getting paid faster, with the potential to be paid at the rink prior to a scrimmage game directly from the team. Kevin Suoja will be sending an email out to reps and Presidents of associations regarding this. Please note in the handout given to reps, Xcel/Tria/Augsburg or any arena that a ref has to pay for their parking will be reimbursed \$10 for that trip. The handout also needs to include \$8 scheduling fee for the D2 scheduler. Will email out a final draft of the D2 Ref Rates and Rules for 2023-2024. Will also need to update the U12 rates to reflect Peewee rates.

Preliminary declarations are coming up in August, with final declarations at the end of September. Also, please have ice scheduler information to Supervisor of Officials and President for each association.

Now that we have new District Reps, we will need to order additional jackets (Chisago Lakes, MVI, Forest Lake, St. Paul, Mahtomedi).

Waivers continue to be in limbo- so continue to follow the waiver policy that we have been so far. There continues to be a discussion regarding eliminating Squirt/Peewee/Bantam and rename U10/U12/U15.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Adjourn: Tartan motions to adjourn, Roseville seconds. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Next meeting will be held August 20, 2023, at 6:30PM at Ion4Group office (13025 Fenway Blvd, Hugo, MN).