

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:01 pm

Attendance

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

Absent – MOOSE

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. September minutes posted to the website on September 5, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by STMA and seconded by Willmar with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

- Associations Board Minutes latest posting on home websites as of today:
 - August 2025: River Lakes, Sauk Rapids
 - July 2025: Buffalo, LDC, Sartell, St Cloud, STMA, Willmar
 - June 2025: Hutchinson, MOOSE

Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. Motion Buffalo second Sartell motion passes.

- 2025-2026 season fees:
 - \$80 for each traveling team (Squirt/U10 to Jr Gold)
 - \$10 for each registered Mite/U8 team
 - \$8.25 per game to cover Game Sheet cost. All games/scrimmages will be tracked and billed monthly.
- Season has started HP league does have a little money coming in and out.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- Nate – Coaches clinics this year is the 1st year that level 4's must recert. Safe sport must be done before a coach can be on the ice.
 - Need to have the best kids to try out for these teams.

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- Not a lot of change
 - Still open to taking new officials – reach out on the website or to Ryan directly.
- Lots of level training coming over the next month.
- People will be ejected for foul language during games. 3 games are mandatory.
- How many are coming back – Ryan stated they don't have a number yet. The main core will be back.
- Nate – Load up games on Sundays because more officials are available due to no HS games.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- No update other than the portals open.
- Chris – please submit your tournament schedules at least to 6 weeks early.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- No Report will send updates to the girl's cord within the associations

League Coordinator – Mike Graham

- No Report but will be sending out message out to scheduler
- Lena – Superbowl Sunday Feb 8 so no games after 2pm

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Registrar meeting – If you are having a special event with college or junior kids you can work with the district and do a permit for free to covered. Will review the handbook and update it if it isn't along with making sure it's on the website.
- New partnership (get the name from Nate) each association can get some stuff for the season. Tournament will help with swag gift. Presidents have the contact information for them.
- MH meeting next week at Gull Lake. Lots going on. New Hockey Director will be starting in the next couple of weeks.
- Tag up offside and icing will go back to HS rules for Bantam/15U levels.
- Tryouts – remind them it the regular season and that parents cannot lose site of the associations are building for the future.
- Association needs to have their BOD meeting minutes up to date.
- Game Sheet will be billing based on the Arbiter site.
- Junior Gold and U19 will be a central registering site.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo – Fundraising stuff is done. Registration is done. Have a goofy number at Bantams looking for help.
- Hutchinson – Fall camps starting next week. Received the gear grant, but wondering on other grants. Nate says it related to the MH changes. Nate will check on it and follow up.
- LDC – Ice will be put in late September. Construction at Litch is on track. Will have new boards and glass with that. DC will have bleacher and concessions. 10U numbers are too low for 2 teams and too many for 1. May work with another association close on sharing players. Hosting a 10UA tournament, and a Bantam B2 tournament for interested. PPE package for game review. Rink must have a camera.
- MOOSE –
- River Lakes – Started 4v4 in Paynesville yesterday. Some LDC kids joined this year. 7 session evaluation coming. Tournament needs some help with registration.
- Sartell – Both sheets are in. 3v3 started yesterday and is running well. Tryouts starting on the 22nd of September. Bantam numbers are strong. Will have outside evaluators for the goalies.
- Sauk Rapids – Registration closed. Numbers are down overall hoping some will still sign up. Ice is in but association will start the end of the month
- St Cloud – Dynamics start with tryouts early October.
- STMA – Registration is closed. Numbers are flat with players a lot of players going to Rogers. Tryout schedules are set. 15UB goalie is needed.

- Willmar – Registration is closed. Had a couple of families move out of the association which hurt numbers. Will do scrimmages the first weekend in
- River Blades – Getting the dynamics started with tryout to follow in late September. Still trying to recruit more non-parent coaches.
- General Conversation:
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Old Business:

- Contact List Updates – please keep this updated (JRG Coordinator)
- Team Slotting (Declarations) – we will continue to work on this.
- Bard Rosters – Due 10/01
- All player roster locked December 31st
- Host for Regions: Peewee A-South (MOOSE), Peewee B-South (LDC)
- Host for State: Bantam AA (Sartell)

New Business:

- Will throw some dates and ideas out for getting the retention/recruitment committee up and running.
- If HS players want to help at the association level at practices. If more than a couple of times, then they don't need to go get safe sport and other USA student coach requirements.

*September meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the October 1, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 7:58pm

District 5 Associations

Meeting Date: 9-3-25

Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Adam H	
Hutchinson	JB	
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Monticello/Maple Lake		
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Sartell	Joan Burris	Sartell Hockey director @gmail
Sauk Rapids	Brian Krugstad	bk.stormhockey@gmail.com
St Cloud	Chad Sheet	ChadSheet@gmail.com
River Blades		
St Michael/Albertville	Lu Li	LuLi523@hotmail.com
Willmar	Erik Rannetsberger	eer16@hotmail.com
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