

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

Attendance

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

Absent – St Cloud, MOOSE, RiverBlades all excused

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. January minutes posted to the website on January 13, 2026. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Buffalo and seconded by Sartell with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

- Associations Board Minutes latest posting on home websites as of today:
 - January 2026: Hutchinson, Sauk Rapids, STMA, Willmar
 - December 2026: Buffalo, LDC, River Lakes, Sartell, St Cloud
 - November 2025: 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.

- Game sheet total is going to be \$13,769 which is \$3,500 less than last season.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- Thomas will be running future development even with Minnesota Hockey is not this year.

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- Reminder to everyone that game misconduct will need to be served in playoffs if they don't have a regular season game before that. No district meeting in March so player would have to wait till April meeting

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- No report

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

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League Coordinator – Mike Graham

- 67 games to go of the 698 games. On track to have all games done by Saturday.

- Associations hosting the AA games will for the playoffs will log in to District 5 to pull the games. Regular season was District 10.
- Game sheet updated their team manager app and player statistics are not showing up. They are working on the problem.
- Double AA is going off the standings from D10 not D5. Girls are included in this.
- Round robin playoff for double A and 15U brackets.

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Development league is going to be changed nation wide that each state will have a team. Working to become a feeder program to the national development. This could affect association were players would leave their home association to play on this. This a change in community based associations
- HP program final 54 players will change and go to 68 players.
- More body checking clinics will be done this upcoming season to better help the development.
- Lots of conversation around 3 quarter nets at squirts/10U and if we should go to this model statewide.
- Extra seeds at Bantam A and Peewee A for regions. The allotment stay the same at number.
- Game Sheet will have a new contract. Looking at going to a 5 year contract. Start at \$8.75 to start and move to \$9.50 per game. Tournament will not be include in the district game sheet. Association will be billed directed by Game Sheet. Scrimmages will stay within the district charge.
- Meeting minutes are posted on the Minnesota Hockey website.
- E-Bug goalie – if you without a goalie on the roster all year when you get to playoffs you can not use an E-Bug.
- EMT get remunerated \$35 per game. This may not cover the entire cost but there is still a need to have this at the District playoff games. Will add the discussion at the annual meeting on if we should raise the amount

Association Updates:

- Buffalo – What is everyone doing with mini mites games
- Hutchinson – is there more information on the super series. Lena will send an email to the association presidents to get the information out. You are will get a least 3 games. Is anyone using sport gravy website that would replace sports engine/crossbar?
- LDC – Winding down and starting to talk about team slotting for next year.
- MOOSE –
- River Lakes – Have a mite jamboree coming
- Sartell – Winding down and getting mites ready for jamborees.
- Sauk Rapids – excited to be getting an ORD in Rice. Have about 5% of our players coming from this year.
- St Cloud –
- STMA – Couple of jamborees coming. Ice for mites is difficult so have been sending to the cities (volicity program).
- Willmar – Rubbing cutting event for the ORD. Mites have some jamborees.
- River Blades –
- General Conversation:

Old Business:

- Districts – brackets have been posted to the website
 - Host Association: Volunteers needed for Clock, Scorebook, Music(optional)

- Each team provides their own Penalty Box Workers
- D5 will have all of the games loaded into Game Sheets
- April Meeting – Banquet/Annual meeting/election with dinner at 6pm
- D5 Board – Director, 2nd VP, Secretary, (President April 2027)

New Business:

- Awards Forms – send these to Kristy Olson DON NOT SEND THEM TO DRISTEN HUBER (if you do, patches WILL NOT be sent out). Document on D5 website.
- There is no D5 meeting in the month of March. Make sure that your teams are playing smart! No hearing in March, mind your P's and Q's player will be out until there is a hearing if they get a match penalty.
- Reminder that Squirt/10U teams need to leave one game open to play in D5 tournament.
- E-Bug look into the EBUG rules going into the playoffs – if you bring someone up from your association make sure they wear the opposite color jersey and from outside your association they need to wear their own jersey
- MN Hockey Try Hockey for Free Incentive Program
- Better parity for tournament levels. Is there a way to get other district to classify their tournaments better
- Why is at Bantams have 2 linesman and 1 referee. Ryan spoke to it's a USA hockey rule on the setup. Option is going to 4 referee officials for A level and up. Issue is cost

*January meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the February 4, 2026, meeting.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2026 @ 7 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 8:16 pm



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- Code for Free USAH Membership*
- THFF Gold Standard Host Banner
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- Signup by Feb 6th
- Documented next steps program
- Attendance submitted
- Documented participant follow up
- >15% Conversion Rate
- Up to 40 USAH Youth Jerseys
- Printed Promotional Materials
- Code for Free USAH Membership*
- THFF Host Banner
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- Signup by Feb 13th
- Documented next steps program
- Attendance submitted
- Documented participant follow up
- >10% Conversion Rate
- Up to 20 USAH Youth Jerseys
- Printed Promotional Materials
- Code for Free USAH Membership*
- Entry to win
- 1 of 10 \$100 Pure Hockey Credit



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, REACH OUT TO PROGRAMSERVICES@USAHOCKEY.ORG

Minnesota Hockey Patient Encounter

We are trying to track the work to show importance of having medics at our tournaments.

Please give to your medics and have them fill out the sheet.



If you have any questions, call:

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