

District 5
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Meeting held at the St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:04 PM (we got a late start due to the board having a discipline hearing prior to the meeting)

Attendance

All Districts were in attendance.

Secretary's Report - Lena Gawtry

Lena provided an oral report. Lena posted the minutes from the January 2023 Meeting and was contacted with a date change. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Buffalo and seconded by Sauk Rapids. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's 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 Monticello and seconded by STMA. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion carried.

- Money going out for games
- In January, the bill for WSOA - we weren't paid from St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids for the months of November and we need to make sure that ALL bills are paid immediately so we can get the officials paid. And missing a check from Hutchinson for December games.

Coach in Chief - Aaron Johnson

- Aaron Johnson was not present and did not provide a report.
- Nate is going to attempt to get ahold of Aaron. He talked with Thomas Johnson and he is now going to step into the MN Hockey Director of Operations (will replace Sean Dunn). He will be making contact with each association a couple of times each year.
 - Futures Development Program

Official's Report - Ryan Szymanski

Ryan was present and provided an oral and written report.

- As of yesterday we have covered 1583 games
- Payroll issue - payroll was delayed and some veteran officials and board members paused their payment so others could get paid. We need to make sure that our officials get paid right away
- USA Hockey rule - ear guards need to be worn at ALL levels. Officials are not going to actively look for equipment issues, but will address it if it is brought up. Parents need to make sure that their kids have the appropriate equipment.
- Squirts/10U and above - mouth guards must be worn

- District Bylaw - no scrimmages can have refs found by coaches, parents, etc. All refs need to be ran through WSOA to make sure that refs are certified and properly trained.
- More game misconducts than normal - reminder that game misconducts do carry over into Play-offs
- Please have your ice schedulers try to schedule back to back upper level games to make it easier to schedule refs. This will be more of a conversation for next year.
- Have your teams not schedule a league game and a scrimmage on the same day.
- Hockey is FUN!
- Shane Kramer (Buffalo) got to participate at the MN Wild game, go into the locker room, ask questions, and go on to the ice for the national anthem.
- Great things happening with our officials in D5
 - One official worked TV game for MN Hockey Day
 - 6 officials who are selected to work state HS tournaments
 - 3 officials have been accepted to ref national tournaments
 - 1 official has been asked to officiate a women's pro game
- Question - How much training do officials get for injuries on the ice? Per MN Hockey rules, the team needs to have possession of the puck unless the official deems that the whistle needs to be blown sooner
 - For Tourneys - EMTs should be present and should be on the ice, not the coaches
 - Ryan can address this with training with the younger officials
- Question: Bantam AA - are we planning on using a 4 man system again next year? Yes, it allows lineman to get more experience at an upper level. Also, allows the officials to not have to get up and down the ice as fast.

Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney

Kevin is getting trained in as the Tournament Coordinator and doesn't have any updates.

Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan

Kim was not present but said that she didn't have any updates.

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Game Misconducts
 - It is late in the season, remember that these can and will be served during play-offs
 - Immediately the next game/scrimmage/tournament game that is previously on the schedule will be the game that is served for the mis-conduct. Teams cannot quick add a scrimmage in order to have that be the game where the misconduct is served.
- Goalies for playoffs
 - See MN Handbook for definitions and details
 - EBUGS need to be sent to Nate from the Association Presidents
- Region berths
 - Bantam AA/A, PeeWee AA/A, and 12UA will have 3 berths

- Bantam, PeeWee, 12UB and 15B will have 2 berths per
- 15UA will have 2 berths
- Region Hosts (Willmar, STMA, Buffalo)
 - Turn in brackets and schedule to MN Hockey
 - Send game schedule to Ref Scheduler
 - Make sure volunteer shifts are getting covered
 - EMT needs to be scheduled
 - If any questions, get in touch with Nate as soon as possible
- MN Hockey Meeting was January 21-22, 2023
 - MN Surplus - \$135,000 surplus in the budget. The district directors make the decision on how that money is spent. They decided to take \$130,000 and split it 13 ways. Each district will get \$10,000. The remainder of the money will be split among different programs within MN Hockey.
 - Thoughts on spending the money - game sheets, officials...
 - Full ice mite games - talk of this going away and now the discussion is back on the table that we don't want to take away these games as it is great development for the younger officials to get experience with games. More talks to come.
 - Off Season affiliate fee increase
 - Increase the number of AA teams statewide - talk with the percentage that make it to play-offs. This is a great experience for kids to take part in the regional and state tournaments.
 - D5 - try to increase the number of AA teams that we have in our district.
- Expectations and Behavior
 - With the number of issues that SS is dealing with. There are a lot of locker room issues - how much is the association on the hook for having the kids be in the locker room when they weren't supposed to be there. When is the association on the clock for locker room times? (Kids getting out of school early and then heading to the rink and being there 1 hour + before practice.) The Legal team is going to look to see when the association should be on the hook for behavior issues. The arena is not a day care.
 - Behavior - At the end of the day - is it going to matter? What do you want out of hockey? Parents, Fans, Coaches, Players need to
 - Off Ice Officials need to shut their mouths in the box
 - You won't change an officials mind by complaining about a call that they made or didn't make
 - People need to be held accountable for their behavior
- Registration for officials is going up next year. USA Hockey is raising the rate this upcoming year. MN Hockey is not happy about this change.
- District Tournament Hosts - Tim will cover in his update

Association Updates:

- **Buffalo:** Ryan
 - PeeWee B2 Tournament this weekend
 - Squirt Scrimmagefest

- Hosting Districts and Regions
- Good financial year with charity gambling
- **Hutchinson:** Eric
 - Wrapping up the season
 - Just had their last home tournament, they have a new tournament coordinator this year - they are doing great!
 - Brought Amanda (Squirts parent) since they weren't present at the January meeting
 - Wrapped up their last tourney for the season
 - People are happy, the season seems to be going well
 - MN Hockey fights cancer fundraiser this weekend
- **LDC:** Dan
 - Not much is going on this time of the year. Had a great meeting with their coaches on player development and what they want to do next year
 - Had their last goalie school clinic tonight - will pick up again next year
 - The second arena should be up and running next year - possibly throw their name in the hat for being a regional host next year.
- **MML:** Aaron
 - PWB/C tourney going well
 - Plan on having the same tournaments this upcoming season
 - Reminder that we will be talking about next seasons tournaments at the April meeting
- **River Lakes:** Amanda
 - Finished up their final traveling level tournament
 - Mite Jamboree this upcoming weekend - 45 teams registered (increase from last year)
 - Feb 11th - MN Warriors will also host a game with the Warriors and Coaches
 - Had their board election in November - will have another election in April - trying to get more people involved with the association
- **Sartell:** Corey
 - Season is winding down
 - Looking at hosting tournaments again next season (will get those dates turned in)
 - Positive changes with having two sheets of ice
 - Good dryland and goalie development
 - PW Level - struggle with teams - maybe won 6 games as a group. Would like to continue discussion as a group on what they can do with levels.
 - We won't have an official slotting but will start the discussions on what we can do with the levels overall as a district
 - We need to talk about the levels and where we place teams
 - There are 5 teams in the PWB that are the true bottom teams in the
- **Sauk Rapids:** Nick
 - Questions on the PWB brackets - those will get addressed in the Districts discussion

- **St. Cloud:** Chad
 - Mites - Does D10 have a league for Mites? They do for last year mites. (Played a handful of games and a tournament.) Can D5 look at doing something like this? We've talked about having this for D5 - we can possibly have a scheduling meeting and these can be scheduled. - MITE SCHEDULING would be proposed next year.
 - Everyone is getting ready for tourneys and finishing up their games.
- **STMA:** Aaron
 - HS Coach on the boys side is getting more involved - had a meeting with the coaches - good opportunity and optimism
 - How do we increase skill? Ask your bantam coaches, what skills they wish they would have had with their PW coming in
 - January 10/12U tournaments went great- had a waitlist - looking to expand next year
 - Working on a fundraiser for this spring with a band
 - Mite Jamboree coming up
 - Hosting PW Tournament
- **Willmar:** Al
 - Monday, February 13th the MN Warriors are going to come and play the coaches. Free will donation will go back to the MN Warriors.
 - Hosting a squirt tournament this week.
 - Excited about hosting regions!

Old Business

- April Election for District Director, President, 1st Vice President, and Treasurer
 - Let Tim or Nate if you want to be involved

New Business

- No March Meeting - At all of the district sites.
- April 5th Last Meeting of the year and elections
 - Last call for you to seek out from your associations members to be a part of D5 - it is important to have people with knowledge, experience
- Open Floor
 - STMA - a few of the games have had to switch rinks - if there are any changes we need to have that updated for arbiter and the scheduling Game Sheets software (let Tim know by email immediately)
 - Have all associations look right away at all of the games
 - STMA - when will seeding get completed? They will start looking this weekend to see if anyone can be put into a slot based on W/L/Fair Play Points - updates will be made right away on the brackets.
- Dates for Squirts/10U Districts - March 10-12th
 - Will be posted in the next day or two
 - The committee needs to pick who plays who for seeding
- Play-Offs

- Posted later this year than in the past - we apologize for the delay
- All brackets are posted - make sure that you take a look to see where the teams are playing
- Off Ice Officials for District Play-Off Games
 - Host provides: Clock and Game Sheets Worker
 - And EMT
 - Home team: Penalty Box Worker
 - Away team: Penalty Box Worker
- Participate in Championship game Sunday if you can - games start at 9 AM
 - FUN day of hockey and see some of our best teams

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ 7:00 PM, St. Augusta Legion

Adjourned at 8:33 PM - Litchfield and STMA



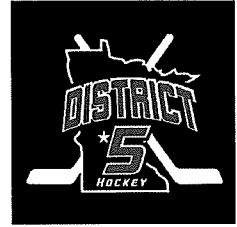
***Minnesota Hockey District 5
Board Meeting Agenda
February 1, 2023***

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Attendance-Tim Reuter**
- II. Secretary's Report-Lena Gautry**
- III. Treasurer's Report-Jeff Swenson**
- IV. Coach-in-Chief Report-Aaron Johnson**
- V. Official's Report-Ryan Szymanski**
- VI. Tournament Coordinator-Kevin Mooney**
- VII. Girls Coordinator-Kim Monahan**
- VIII. MN Hockey District Director-Nate Wold**
- IX. ASSOCIATION UPDATE**
Each association representative will share what is happening in their association.
- X. Old Business-**
 - 1. April Election for District Director, President, 1st Vice President and Treasurer**
 - a. Playoffs**
- XI. New Business-**
 - 1. No March Meeting**
 - 2. April 5th Last Meeting of Year and Elections**
 - 3. Open Floor**

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District 5 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
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MN Hockey Updates

1.) Game misconducts

- a. It's late in the season, remember they can and will be served during playoffs.

2.) Goalies for playoffs

- a. See MN handbook for definitions and details.

3.) Region berths

- a. Bantam, Peewee AA/A and 12U A will have 3 berths
- b. Bantam, Peewee, 12U, and 15U B will have 2 berths per MN hand book
- c. 15U A 2 berths

4.) Region Hosts

- a. Turn in brackets and schedule to MN Hockey
- b. Send game schedule to Ref scheduler
- c. Make sure Volunteer shifts are getting covered.
- d. If any questions get in touch with me as soon as possible

5.) MN hockey meeting

- a. MN surplus
- b. Off season affiliate fee increase
- c. Increase the number of AA teams statewide

6.) Expectations and Behavior

7.) District tournament hosts.