

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

Attendance

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

Absent –

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. July's minutes posted to the website on July 10, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by MOOSE and seconded by Sartell with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

- Associations Board Minutes latest posting on home websites as of today:
 - July 2025: Buffalo, River Lakes
 - June 2025: Hutchinson, Sartell
 - May 2025: STMA
 - April 2025: MOOSE, Willmar
 - March 2025: March
 - Minutes not posted on Website: LDC, Sauk Rapids

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 River Lakes 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 Gamesheet cost. All games/scrimmages will be tracked and billed monthly.
 - If you are playing an outside district schedule you must pay their fee on top of D5 traveling fee.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- Nate – Teir 1 and Prospects leagues have started.

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- August 1 the new rules have taken affect
- Abuse of officials will not be taken lightly this year. Instructing referees to follow the rule and not take abuse.
- If interesting in refereeing, please reach out to WSOA.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- None to report waiting for the MN Hockey website to come online.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- New statewide coordinator coming on board.

League Coordinator – Mike Graham

- League Makeup as of this meeting
 - Bantam AA, Peewee AA, 15UA, 15UB, 12UA, 12UB2, 10UA will play district schedules in District 10.
 - Bantam C, Peewee C, will play district schedules in District 3.
 - 11 District Game Schedule: Squirt A Black (8 H/A + 3 vs Blue), Squirt A Blue (3x + 5 vs Black), Squirt C Black (6 H/A, 5 vs Blue)
 - 12 District Game Schedule: Peewee A (H/A), 12UB1 Black (H/A), Squirt C Blue (8/A, 4 vs Black)
 - 14 District Game Schedule: Bantam A (H/A), Peewee B1 Black (H/A), Peewee B1 Blue (H/A)
 - 15 District Game Schedule: Bantam B1 (3x)
 - 16 District Game Schedule: 10UB Black (H/A)
 - 18 District Game Schedule: Bantam B2 (H/A), Squirt B1 Black (H/A), Squirt B2 Blue (H/A)
- Scheduler's meeting will be online again. After the September meeting declarations we will begin scheduling after that meeting.
- Squirt moves up – need to know if it's top players or numbers moves.

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Locker room make sure monitors are in the lockers room.
- MN Hockey rules
 - Tag up and icing for Bantams/1U vote is coming in September. Minnesota filed a waiver for this rule
- Game Sheet is updating how penalties are reported. Trying to reduce the errors in how they are recorded into the system.
- We are still planning on having the Association Registrars meeting this month
- Development – what are we doing at the association levels and district to get more touches. Mite/8u level is critical. Skill development is important. Games counts should not be put ahead of development in practices.
- Mite/8U games out of the district needs to be approved by Nate.
- Full ice games limited to 7 games and must use smaller nets.
- No limit to half ice games.
- Squirt games net size is being discuss with no direction at this point.
- 5 game limits before the season start and must be approved with roster sent to Nate.
- Region LDC PWB / Sartell BAA / MOOSE PWA
- District tourn Feb 13 to Feb 22 – Associations interesting in hosting a district level tourney please reach out.
- Non region bound tourney Feb 20 to 22.
- If interesting in becoming the district director, please reach out to Nate as he is looking to retire from this position.
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Association Updates:

- Buffalo – registration is going on till next week. We are renovating the Pederson rink. Adding a locker and modify others to create 4 large lockers on that side. Looking to add a 3rd rink. Building a 3v3 rink in Hanvor. It will be chilled but not covered
- Hutchinson – Wrap up meeting coming for review summer camp.
- LDC – Litchfield is wrapping up with the construction of the rec center/rink. We are looking to have our first practice in Litchfield in September. Association is going to run the concession stands at both rinks. Mites number were down last year and have had a sponsor setup to lower the cost of playing. Willmar Warhawks are working with us to allow Mites to attend games for free to promote hockey.
- MOOSE – 5 Bantam goalies with only 2 teams.
- River Lakes – Registration has closed, and numbers are strong. 4v4 starting in September. Willmar Warhawks are working with us to allow Mites to attend games for free to promote hockey.
- Sartell – Registration closes August 13. 3v3 league is starting early September.
- Sauk Rapids – Registration is open working with crossbar so some issues that we are working. Hockey Director position is being onboarded.
- St Cloud – Just finish up summer camp. MAC renovating is moving along.
- STMA – Boys numbers up girls’ numbers down. Couple of skills coach hired to help on the ice during practice and practiced plans. Kick off weekend again this and will need a lot referee the weekend before Thanksgiving
- Willmar – Hackfest tournament was last week and went well. Registration closed. Willmar Warhawks are working with us to allow Mites to attend games for free to promote hockey.
- River Blades – 15U numbers look to be down at this point and my look to be adding a player. Wrapped summer skills program. Schedules planned for dynamic and tryouts for the fall.
- General Conversation:
 - With team slotting update can be done on the website. It is beneficial to do it there so adjustments can be made to the league schedules.

Old Business:

- Contact List Updates – please keep this updated
- Team Slotting (Declaration) – we will continue to work on this.
- Mn Hockey D5 – Membership/Recruitment - is a big push right now by USA Hockey and MN Hockey. If by the September meeting the open slots are not filled, then the association VP will become that person. We meet once month. Need from Hutchinson, Sartell, St Cloud, Riverblades.
- Coasters – poster and coaster are here but need website landed point on website. We will at very least put association website main page.
 - New date from USA Hockey: Saturday September 13th
 - <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/4966147-try-hockey-for-free>
- D5 Social Media Coordinator – still looking for someone to share association posts and what is going on in the district.

New Business:

- Affiliate Agreements – fill out and return by September meeting
- Board Roster – due no later than October 1 to Kristy.
 - All Rosters are locked December 31, 2025
- Hosts for Regions: PWA (South) and PWB (South)
- Host for State – BAA


- Hutchinson asks for clarification on there is no 10UB2 level this year. All 10UB will be the same level for district play.

*August meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the September 3, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: September 3, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 7:59pm

District 5 Associations

Meeting Date: August 6, 2025

Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Matt Adams	
Hutchinson	Jon Beach	
Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato	Jason Pollock	
Monticello/Maple Lake	Mr. Aul	
River Lakes	Annade Peterson	
Sartell	Chris Jensen	
Sauk Rapids	Brian Krogstad John Prelintz	
St Cloud	Cory Thorsen	
River Blades	Ann Scott	
St Michael/Albertville		
Willmar	Erik Rannotsberger	

River blades

Eric Loberg