

## MN D2 Hockey

### April Meeting Minutes 4-23-17

**Role Call:** Present: Forest Lake, Mahtomedi, Moundsview, Roseville, Stillwater, St. Paul, Tartan, White Bear Lake, Hudson, New Richmond and Baldwin  
Absent: Irondale and Somerset

**Meeting Called to Order:** - 6:36 called to order to by Rachel Flattum.

**March Meeting Minutes:** Accepted as presented

**Treasurers Report:** Tartan motioned to approve, Stillwater seconded. Motion carried

**Open Forum Discussion:** Stillwater stated that he is heading up the tournament committee. Brackets should be in place by October. He has a list of things that he'll distribute to the other members of the committee. Would like to discuss what levels will be involved for the year end tournaments. Do we want to include C's? What type of format do we want to see? Will it be single elimination? Who will host? If anyone is interested in being involved in this committee, please email Stillwater rep Doug Biever with your contact information. Stillwater stated that he noticed a few things during this past season for playoffs that he'd like to see changed. Not enough time between games, would like to add more breaks between games. Maybe do back to back girl's games. Tartan said that if you're hosting a tournament, have D2 reserve the ice for the tournament. If the association ice scheduler is involved it could be a huge mess things up more. Need better communication with the minor officials, need to make sure that we have enough volunteers from front to back, we need to rewrite the tournament rules. For example, may not have to resurface between periods if time doesn't allow. We need better bracket management. Would like to get on the NGIN system. Maybe we don't need to have locker room attendants. Coaches should be responsible for locking the locker room when the teams leave for the ice. Maybe we look into putting out a multi year schedule (3 years) stating who hosts and what the levels are and that can be adjusted accordingly. St. Paul asked if parents can involved in this committee or is it just for the reps. Stillwater stated that he just wants people that really care about this involved. Lastly, wants to propose a change for the upcoming season, he'd like to be able to take screenshots of the score sheets and update it to a Google drive and get stats and scores updated instantly. Jake stated to keep in mind the quality of the picture taken and how it will be sent. Brett Navarro said that he'd be fine with not having all the score sheets mailed to him and he'd be on board for receiving them through a Google drive.

Chris with the Junior Gold level had a meeting last week regarding alcohol. At no time is alcohol allowed in the arenas, even if the arena sells alcohol, it is not allowed inside the rink. This is a violation of MN Hockey. In regards to the 3 penalties and you're out rule at the Junior Gold level, the Metro League board voted that regardless if you are the winning or losing team and your player goes back out on the ice after their 3<sup>rd</sup> penalty

and the puck has been dropped, the coach and the player will both be suspended for one game.

**Presidents Report:** Dave H.

- Not present

**Directors Report:** Jake R.

- 15U is now set in stone.
- Bantam AA is being taken away from District 4
- There are changes being made to the residency rule. It will be in place by next season and will be emailed out to the reps.
- Participation rule change for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. They are now eligible to play the highest level right away because it's considered high school.
- MN hockey is wanting to do away with checking at the Bantam C level. This rule change has been postponed for now, but please go back to your boards and let him know what they say at the next meeting and that's how he'll vote. St Paul asked what the reasoning was for this, and Jake said that it has to do with the skill set. The concern is what happens then to these Bantam C players when they hit Junior Gold level, or even goes from the C level to the B level?? Eventually the Bantam C level is dissolve.
- For teams wanting to petition from A to AA or visa versa, they no longer need to go in front of a competition committee.
- Looking for some direction in regards to some racial slur incidences this past season. MN Hockey rule states that the refs are to enforce that when racial slurs are used, the players are to be ejected from games. We need to make associations more aware of these situations. D2 has a code of conduct rule that is signed by all players and parents. When refs don't hear these things, it may fall on the associations to manage this.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**AGE LEVEL REPS-**

**Girls:** Girls 14U and 15U completed the high performance festival and played very competitively. Also looking for ice for the fall Tier 1 program

**Bantams:** Nothing to report

**Pee wee:** Nothing to report

**Squirt:** Nothing to report

**JR Gold:** Nothing to report

**Jim Sass:** Pulled NGIN report for the season. Stated that games change requests were down and coach feedback had doubled. St. Paul asked how the new rule worked with

only the head coach being able to speak to a ref. White Bear stated that it seemed to be used real well in the beginning of the season but towards that end it wasn't followed as well.

**Supervisor of Officials- Terry:**

- Not present

**MEHOA Rep-** Not present

**ADM-John:** Nothing to report

**Old Business:** Nothing to report

**New Business:** None

**Association Comments:**

- Forest Lake- none
- Moundsview- none
- Irondale- not present
- Mahtomedi- none
- Roseville- none
- Stillwater- none
- St. Paul- none
- Tartan- none
- WBL- none
- Baldwin- none
- Hudson- none
- New Richmond- none
- Somerset- not present
- River Falls- none

**Next Meeting Date: May 21, at 6:30pm at Roma's**

**Motion to Adjourn by Tartan at 7:11 pm. Stillwater seconded. Motion carried.**