

District 5

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2010

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:05 PM, a special welcome to St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano, January minutes on website and distributed to presidents. **Crow River motion; LDC second--**secretary's report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$20,997.67, savings \$15,343.89. YTD transaction report distributed, error noted from last month's report, checking balance should have been \$10,080.69. D-5 owes WSOA balance of \$14,615.00, \$40k paid YTD. **Hutch. motion; Crow River second—**treasurer's report approved

MN Hockey Report: Presented by Doug Kephart, distributed summary.

1. MN Hockey Winter Meeting Update
 - a. Re-Districting Vote – carried unanimously, details are on MN Hockey website, Becker-Big Lake, St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids joining D-5.
 - b. Participation Rule – based on where you live with automatic waiver for open enrollment.
 - c. Age Change – discussed, not consistent enough information to warrant a change at this time.
2. Transition Plan – Committee being formed, Sartel, STMA, Hutch., all new associations and Doug. The committee will look at revamping the D-5 handbook. Any motions for changes will be voted on by the revised D-5 members prior to next season. New associations will become D-5 members after state tournament is done.
3. Region Assignments – Review website and handbook for details, playoffs will be done prior to our next meeting.
4. Girls Coordinator Report, distributed by Doug Foster:
 - a. Advance 15 Girls-Going very well with names being turned in so far.
 - i. 39 Players Information has been emailed. 13 Defensemen, 24 Forwards, 2 Goalies.
 - ii. Letters will be going out in the next couple of days.
 - iii. Tryouts will be March 21 and 22-Still finalizing time/place.
 - iv. Seed-in Games will be April 24 in Buffalo and April 25 in Monticello.
 - v. Girls will be using four different arenas, including Paynesville.
 - vi. Coaches-Bob Kuehl(Varsity Girls Coach Mound Westonka).
 - b. Girls Leagues- Very Competitive at all levels. The best it has ever been with more players and teams being involved.
 - c. District Playoffs
 - i. 12UA & B Brackets on the website.
 - ii. All three D5 teams participating in D10 playoffs. 6 teams go to Regions.
 - d. Game Sheets missing.
 - i. 12UA & B have been very good getting sheets turned in.
 - ii. With playoffs a couple weeks away, get them sent in right away.
 - e. Game sheets missing prior to 1/25/10

SAX	43	01/10/10	2:15 PM	STMA	STMA	vs	Willmar
SAX	53	01/24/10	4:15 PM	STMA	STMA	vs	River Lakes
SC	68	01/03/10	11:45 AM	Hutch West	Hutchinson	vs	Sartell
SC	57	01/16/10	11:45 AM	Hutch West	Hutchinson	vs	Buffalo
SC	52	01/23/10	12:00 PM	Litchfield	LDC	vs	Sartell

5. **Tournament Coordinator Report:** Presented by Jeff Carlen
 - a. January 15 deadline has come and gone, a few at the wire and a few late.
6. **Coaches' Report:** Presented by Brian Johnson.
 - a. Advanced 15 – February 8 is drop dead date, missing MAML, STMA and Willmar. 1995 birthdays, only 26 nominated so far. If an association has nobody, let him know. Tryouts first week in April at Buffalo. Will confirm, believe transition associations will stay with current districts.

Referee's Report: Presented by Mike Mooney, summary below:

Playoffs

- I have assigned all the District 5 playoff games. We have a total of 91 games and 199 slots.
- I will be assigning the Pee Wee B Regions this week.
- I have submitted our state crews to MHOA. We will be sending a crew to the 16U tournament being held at Plymouth and hosted by Wayzata. The crew is Referee Ryan Syzmanski, Linesman Duncan Ryhrchuk, and Linesman Michael Kephart. We will also be sending a crew to the Bantam A tournament being held at Richfield. The crew is Referee Rick Nelson, Linesman Darren Glur, and Linesman Shane Paskey.

Official of the Year Awards

- I have made an award to one official in each of the first three levels of officiating.
- The Level 1 official is Katie Rooney.
- The Level 2 official is BJ Muench.
- The Level 3 official is Tyler Ellefson.
- All three will be accompanying me to the St. Cloud State Huskies vs. University of North Dakota Fighting Soix game on February 13th. We will meet the on ice officials prior to the game in a short ceremony in the Officials Room. If any of these officials are unable to attend the game I will invite the runner up.
- We are blessed with many very good young officials in District 5 so this was a very difficult decision. This decision was based not only on how these officials handled themselves on the ice but also on their promptness, appearance, will to take constructive criticism, and their ability to work well with their partners. Congratulations to all three.

Mentor/Evaluating

- Our mentoring program is once again going very well. Most first year officials have been mentored at least twice, many are being assigned to games without a mentor now.
- Most level ones have been assigned to between four and 15 games, this number is usually tied to the availability of the official.
- We have had far too many incidents this year involving parents/fans at Squirt C and B games that are being officiated by a first year official and experienced official and a mentoring. Any incident by coaches, parents, fans, and officials during a Squirt game is not acceptable. Please try to enjoy watching the kids play hockey, they are enjoying themselves. If you feel very strong that you could call the game better I will welcome you at a seminar in the fall so you can become registered as an official and actually get on the ice and make the calls you see so well while sitting in the bleachers.
- We are on pace to complete over 250 evaluations this season. So we do get out to see many official's working games.

Game Reports

In the past month I have received 16 new game reports. For a season total of 27.

- Four for rule # 607 (a) & (b) Checking From Behind, one on an out of district player.
- Three for rule # 613 (a) Fisticuffs, one on an out of district player.
- Two for rule # 604 (b) Board-Checking with injury, one out of district report on district 5 player.
- Two for rule # 404 (b) 15 penalty rule.
- One for rule # 608 (c) Butt Ending.
- One for rule # 608 (b) Cross-Checking with an injury.
- One for rule # 601 (f) Abuse to Officials
- Two Match Penalties for rule # 623 (b) one out of district player.

Incident Reports

Eight new incident reports.

- Four on coaches for bench minor penalties.
- Four to parents/fans for disruptive behavior.

Old Business:

1. Neck guard proposal – will table until this summer and will vote on at the beginning of the year.
2. Hazardous travel policy – went well with snow a few weeks ago, local games played, some travel games rescheduled.

New Business:

1. Election of officers – secretary and 2nd VP positions will be up for election.
2. Playoff dates and times – on website, hosting associations need to provide workers for scorers' area. Post bracketing on the wall, hosting associations to e-mail results to Brian. Brian.Johnson710@gmail.com Also e-mail all scores and FP points to Brian from the last weekend.
3. With new members coming into district, we will be having meetings throughout the summer, dates and times to be announced.
4. Monticello presented a motion regarding by-law changes (attached) relating to voting of officers. **Motion by MAML, Buffalo second to modify by-laws.** Significant discussion, particularly around timing with association transition and that two meetings are required for discussion prior to a vote on changes. Likely initial discussion in April, second meeting in May and vote in June. MAML wants vote to occur as soon as possible.
5. **Motion by Buffalo, MAML second, "except by unanimous vote of all District 5 member associations, District 5 may not impose any rule or mandate upon the membership that is not required or mandated by USA Hockey or Minnesota Hockey".**
6. **Motion by Buffalo, MAML second, to amend by-laws: "the elected officials of this corporation shall not have a vote on the District Board. In the event of a tie, the District 5 President will have the tie breaking vote".** Copy attached, there is conflict with this motion and prior motion from MAML regarding by-law changes. All motions will be reviewed with new members and voted on prior to next season.
7. St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids present, both looking forward to a successful transition, want to work together.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM, motion by Buffalo.

Next meeting Wednesday March 3, 2010, 7:00 PM at Daniels in Cokato.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano