

# District 5

## Meeting Minutes

### April 7, 2010

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 6:08 PM, will do treasurer's report prior to dinner as Robert must leave.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$166.89, savings \$15,625.02. Accounts receivable needed to pay all arenas. \$27,000 in playoff costs, compares to \$11,900 last season with new double elimination format. All transactions for the year included in summary. **Buffalo motion; STMA second**—treasurer's report approved

Breaking for dinner, reconvened at 7:00 PM

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by Kurt Lofrano, March minutes on website and distributed to presidents. **STMA motion; Buffalo second**--secretary's report approved.

**Clarification on Proposed Bylaw Changes:** Presented by Doug Kephart, he has pulled the changes off the table as D-5 director, also handbook change proposals. Doug spent time explaining the rationale, feels strongly we need the current executive board structure in place for a successful transition with redistricting. Doug is looking for strong experience and leadership through the transition.

Handbook changes will be included with the policy committee to consider, tentative vote of July for handbook. Board can meet prior to July for handbook changes if committee can have a draft of the handbook ready. Committee can break handbook into multiple sections, such as administration, games, etc. Would like to give the committee a chance to succeed or fail. Hutch., Sartell, STMA, Becker/Big Lake, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud and Doug are on the handbook committee.

Considerable discussion on overall subject, noted MN Hockey affiliate agreement and any board is an advisory role. If questions regarding what action Doug has taken, please give him a call and ask. Feedback received if communication and explanation were better, may have been less of an issue. Doug is aware an appeal has been filed by one association and sent on to the MN Hockey grievance committee chair, appeal process needs to be followed.

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

1. Housekeeping items:
  - a. Affiliate agreements – 3 new associations on board and now in D-5
  - b. Local board transitions – need contact info. for any new presidents
  - c. Doug is available to meet with local boards in the off season
2. MN Hockey Annual Meeting 4/23-25, new president and D-9 director
3. District director awards
  - a. One awarded to Sherry Erickson, Sartell's registration coordinator, district registrar – for all the work and effort handling this difficult task
  - b. One award to Kurt Lofrano, D-5 secretary – for 10 years of service and leadership
4. Girls Coordinator Report, distributed by Doug Foster:
  - a. Reebok High Performance 15 Team
    - i. 25 girls total, distributed summary of associations
    - ii. Training sessions in Monticello April 10 and 18, Paynesville April 11
    - iii. Seed-in games April 24 in Buffalo and April 25 in Monticello
  - b. Congratulations to the STMA/MAML 12 UA team that finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in state
5. **Tournament Coordinator Report:** Presented by Jeff Carlen
  - a. First year went well, looking forward to next season

**Coaches' Report:** Brian Johnson at Select 15 tryouts this evening.

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

**State Tournaments**

- The 16U boys State tournament went very well, our crew of Ryan Szymanski, Duncan Ryhorchuck, and Michael Kephart skated the third place game on Sunday.
- The Bantam A State Tournament also went very well our crew of Rick Nelson, Darren Glur, and Shane Paskey skated the championship game.
- Congratulations to these officials. They represented District 5 in a professional way.

**National Tournaments**

- District 5 sent two officials to national tournaments.
- Shane Paskey is officiating the 18U Tier II National Championship at Rochester, NY.
- Rick Nelson is officiating the 16U Tier II National Championship at West Chester, PA.
- Congratulations to these two officials.

**Summer Camps**

Instructor Camp; Scott Oeffling will be attending instructor camp this month in Colorado

Regional Camp; I have recommended that Shane Paskey attend regional camp in Sault. Ste Marie Mi

Minnkota Camp; I have recommended Michael Kephart and Brian McAvoy for this camp.

MHOA Camp: I have recommended Travis Hanson and Robert Beckl for this camp.

**Highlights of the RIC Report to Minnesota Hockey**

- We have 2909 registered officials in Minnesota of that number 2585 have complete their requirements to officiate.
- We held 58 seminars throughout the state utilizing 121 instructors.

**Mentoring/Evaluating**

Our mentoring program had another strong growth year. In addition to our two on ice clinics on December 6<sup>th</sup> we conducted 146 mentor slots. Thanks to all the associations that allow us to use a shadow mentor during your Squirt C, 10U, and Mite games.

Our evaluation numbers are not what I had hoped for at the beginning of the season. We wrote 101 formal evaluations. The low number is partly due to the fact we wrote most of the evaluations for our younger officials and used verbal evaluations for our older officials, this is more productive in educating our more experienced officials and communicating the finer points of officiating.

**Game Report**

We increased our game reports by two this past month.

One for rule #613 (a) Fisticuffs

One for rule #623 (a) Kicking (Out of District)

**Totals for the Season**

**Game Misconducts 44**

- Ten for rule # 613 (a) Fisticuffs.
- Ten for rule # 607 (b) Checking from Behind
- One for rule # 608 (b) Cross Checking
- One for rule #610 (b) Elbowing
- Three for rule # 608 (c) Butt Ending.

- Four for rule # 604 (b) Board-Checking with injury.
- Six for rule # 601 (f) Abuse to Officials.
- One for rule #617 High Stick.
- Two for rule 616 (a) Head Contact.
- One for rule 633 (b) Slashing.
- One for rule 610 (b) Kneeing
- One for rule 404 (b) five penalty rule.
- Three for rule 404 (b) 15 penalty rule

**Match Penalties Six.**

- Five for rule 623 (b) Kicking.
- One for rule 601 (g) (3) Abuse to Officials.

**Seminar Schedule 2010**

- Level 1 & 2 September 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 4:00pm Monticello Middle School (ice time 2:30-4:00)
- Level 3 October 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 10:00pm Hutchinson Event Center
- Level 1 & 2 October 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 4:00pm St Cloud State Halenbeck Hall (ice time 2:00-3:30)
- Level 3 October 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 10:00pm Buffalo Civic Center (Buffalo Arena)
- Level 1 & 2 October 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 4:00pm Willmar Civic Center (ice time 2:00-3:30)
- Level 3 October 24<sup>th</sup> noon - 4:00 pm Willmar Civic Center

The question was asked regarding any variation noted within Willmar this past season. Mike has not seen any variation in serious penalties. Mike spent 4 days this season monitoring Willmar. Feedback from Buffalo was positive this season.

**Old Business:**

1. Discussed summer meetings, will cancel May, possibly June and definitely July

**New Business:**

1. New meeting location – Triple R Bar & Grill in Kimball
2. LDC would like to see the North Wright County co-op re-evaluated in the future, concern is noted. Annandale, Monticello and Maple Lake will need a home; Doug is considering having each girl's team register in home association, difficulty in reaching co-op agreement. Annandale and Monticello have a HS co-op with STMA.
3. **Elections:**
  - a. **Second VP** – Doug Foster and Swain Smith running, opened floor, called for nominations 3 times, no other nominations, floor closed. Each candidate reviewed their background and reason for running. Ballots distributed and votes cast, Swain Smith elected. **Buffalo motion, MAML second, to destroy ballots.**
  - b. **Secretary** – Tim Reuter from Sauk Rapids running, opened floor, Doug Foster nominated, no other nominations, floor closed. Ballots distributed and votes cast, Tim Reuter elected.
4. A big **THANK YOU** to Doug Foster for all the past work and dedication to D-5 and MN Hockey. Looking forward to continued involvement.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM, motion by River Lakes, second Buffalo.**

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano