



**Committee of the Whole
Friday, April 23, 2010
Marriott Minneapolis West**

Dennis Green called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Tom Christianson and Dave Swenson from the new District 9 were introduced and welcomed to the board.

Kevin Erlinbaugh from USA Hockey was present and will talk on Saturday about recruitment and retention.

Penalty Minute Time – Nagan

Do the kids spend too much time in the box?

Greg had a chart that showed how much actual time is spend in the box for the various penalties. He proposed that we reduce the 2 minute penalty to 1 minute 30 seconds. This reduction would provide more 5 on 5 hockey and allow more kids on the ice for a longer period of time.

What can we do:

1. No – make the little hoodlums sit in the box as long as possible
2. Maybe – but are we allowed to make this change by USA Hockey?
3. Yes – ask for an exemption from USA Hockey at the June Congress for the change

There is enough historical data from DEP to track penalty trends with new penalty times.

Dave Margenau suggested that we ask for an exemption to go to 1 minute 30 second when the periods are 15 minutes or less.

Dennis Green expressed that he is willing to take the request for a pilot project to USA Hockey. We would tie in HEP and the ADM to emphasize there is no development going on when a player is in the penalty box.

MN Hockey Member Forum – Elliott

Mark will be asking for approval of the project to get the meetings for all association, districts, parent, concerned individuals, etc. to be able to meet with the board and discuss hockey issues.

Mike Snee suggested that we might want to talk with the Wild about using the River Center facility and tying in with the Wild pre-season games.

There was discussion as to whether or not this could be tied into a board meeting.

It was also discussed that we never followed through on the HEP meetings being held across the state on an annual basis and this would be a step in the right direction.

After much discussion, Dennis suggested that we get into the nuts and bolts of getting this program up and running for this fall. A working plan and a budget need to be created to be adopted at the June meeting.