

**District 15 Winter 2016 Meeting
February 08, 2016
Wadena Community Center, Wadena MN**

I. Meeting was called to order by District President Carmen Johnson

Roll call showing the following associations present: Alexandria, Benson, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, Long Prairie, Moorehead, Morris, Northern Lakes, Park Rapids, Sauk Centre, Wadena, Walker

II. Secretary Report – Alexandria moved to approve the minutes. Wadena second the motion. Passed unanimously.

III. Treasurers report – Balance at end of January, 2016; checking \$7984.75 and savings \$6311.52.

IV. District Director Report – Dennis Bushy

MN Hockey is starting up an HP program for 14's (2002 birth year). It will mirror the HP 15 program. One weekend of tryouts to 30 players and then two weekends of practices with the Festival in Duluth April 22-24. Tryouts will be in Wadena March 18-20. Information is on the website. The girls information is on the District website. Still looking for volunteer coaches. Cost is \$85.00 for phase I, \$100 for phase II and \$180 for phase III. This is a good program to get noticed. Also looking at an HP tier 1 team for 14's (2002 birth year). They would play Sept and Oct until the season starts. D15 & D16 are going to combine this fall.

Coaches screenings – there were some issues with coaches remaining in the pending status; some were due to incomplete or inaccurate information but it has been fixed so it should be much better next year.

Looking at a possibility for a state tournament next year for all B2 and C teams. We would have to have final approval at the April meeting.

Declaration of Teams – the director will have the final say in deciding the teams. Dennis will look at the size of the association and past history etc. Goal is for the kids to have fun but be challenged. Want to have equal playing throughout the district. Need to focus on player development.

May 7th there will be a leadership conference in Minneapolis. There is information on the website. Encourage the associations to send representative.

Coaching – B2 team requirements will be eased up next year in order to aid in finding coaches.

Mites were a big discussion at the director meeting. Currently it is a December 31st date and 10 games. Next year it is going to be January 31st and then 6 games. Jamborees – Dennis must be made aware of all jamborees and if they are full ice or cross ice. Cross ice encourages the skaters to skate and stick handle.

U15 will most likely stay the same for next year but waiting to hear from the high school coaches for feedback.

Need to get the games reported. A game from December 3rd was just finished today! Please be responsible and make sure that the games are posted!

Once you declare a team you have to pay the district fee even if your team backs out. Northern Lakes and Park Rapids both need to pay the squirt fee of \$180.

10U A will get their dues back – Alexandria and Moorhead.

10U B will not get their dues back.

12U A & B there will be no gate fee.

Pewee consolation tournament – Wadena is willing to host and will not charge a gate fee. Would the district pay for the referee expense? Wadena moves to have a peewee consolation tournament, charge no

gate fee and have the district covers the referee fees. Alexandria seconds the motion and was approved unanimously.

V. **Coaching Director Report – Andy Shriver absent.**

VI. **John Rice – game reports are down. The spectator rule only had one incident reported.**

Bantam A tournament try to use the 3 man system for consistency. Most Bantam A games are 3 man referee system. This is the preferred system of USA hockey. Refs are paid \$45.00 per game.

There is a Moorhead and a Detroit Lakes referee that want to attend an office instructor course in Colorado Springs in April. John moves to assist with travel expense to take official instructor course in the amount of \$500 per person to attend. Park Rapids seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Open Forum/New Business**

Chris Robinson was not able to be at the meeting but is requesting an additional \$1200 to fund the girls HP program. Alexandria moves to approve additional \$1200 for the girls HP program budget. Brainerd seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Detroit Lakes led discussion to clean up the handbook, specifically that if an association has two teams they don't have to play each other but then they are not eligible for fair play points. Brainerd – if two teams are even then play one. Detroit Lakes moves to table the two teams in one association playing each other discussion until the fall meeting. Brainerd second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **Spring Meeting May 1, 2016 @ 6pm at Wadena.**

Northern Lakes moved to adjourn the meeting. Wadena second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.