

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

Attendance

Buffalo, Hutchinson, LDC, River Lakes, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud, STMA, Willmar, River Blades

Absent – MOOSE

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. April's minutes posted to the website on May 15, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Sartell and seconded by Buffalo with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. Motion Buffalo second Sartell motion passes.

- 12U Pine City still owes for playoffs
- Not a lot of activity during this period of the year.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- Will be both in-person and web meeting coming this fall.
- High Performance went well. Did have an issue with the rule you have to try out where you live not were play association hockey. Minnesota is looking into what would be the right direction.
- Tier 1 & 2 for 14s/15s/16s coming soon look to the website for dates and locations.

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- No Report

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- Nothing new at this point

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- There was a good amount girls tried out from multiple association in HP this year which was great.

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Hosted Tournaments – Associations have been notified they are approved.
- PWA/AA award to STMA for the Global Internation Tournament.
- MN Hockey Executive Direction was let go. A new search is on-going
- Will be some change over MN Hockey this upcoming season.
- Spring MN Hockey went well
 - 30 years of HP hockey celebrated.

- Worked on how to do recruitment and retention of players.
- Junior Gold will have a tiered levels to try and make it more competitive.
- Outstate tournament and games played need to be approved before you can go.
 - Mite level needs approval to leave the district for games/tournaments.
- District 3 & 10 hosted a B2 and C regional tournaments PW/12U/Bantams/15U and have invited us to be part of that is upcoming season. Discussion: Games would be in the metro (super rink) and just Saturday/Sunday. Worked around the HS boys state tournament.
- ADM Model: a lot of talk of size of nets at squirts/10U. Also, half ice games don't count towards the 35 total. Looking for associations that would be willing to try this.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo – Working on hiring a hockey director. Video for Girls hockey trying to get the numbers.
- Hutchinson – Met with the city on different sound system and acoustic and how to improve them. Looking to stay with Sports Engine. Looking at running it more effectively. Declaration of Squirts and 10U A at the state level.
 - District feels strongly that if all the associations are at the A levels, then the competitiveness will be the same if teams go the B level.
 - There is the issue of playing outside of the district.
 - Development at the squirt/10u levels should be the most important issue not winning and losing.
 - How will the district help get games if we are moved to the A level.
 - Will explore teaming up with district 10.
- LDC – No floor in the Litchfield arena but will be ready to go. Turned on Crossbar this week.
- MOOSE –
- River Lakes – Starting floor/street hockey league for the summer. Switch to Crossbar this past month. Having a golf event in July
- Sartell – In the midst of the spring camps. 3v3 registration started for the fall league. 95% booked for their travel teams for tournaments. Would be nice if there was a tournament format at the state level.
- Sauk Rapids – Looking for a new arena manager. Hourly ice rates have gone up again this year. Most of the tournaments have been set. Shooting camp coming in June. HS team will be looking at cuts this year so will need to look for junior gold team for those players.
- St Cloud – Renovations at the MAC on going. Registration for the August camp is up and running
- STMA – Tried to find an outside hockey director but it didn't go well and have gone back to in-house. Tournaments are posting. Golf tournament in August planning is going well.
- Willmar – Switching to Crossbar. Tournament are posting on there. Registration will open in a month. Breaking ground on the outdoor ice sheet soon. Golf event August.
- River Blades – Team slotting is locked in except for 15U. May do 2 small teams and will do both A and B but if one team may just go just B. Summer skills sessions will start in July breaking it into 2 different groups. Will be in a couple of summer parades.
- General Conversation:
 - MOOSE is willing to help print bar codes that are for try hockey for free. This will be people to the D5 and they can go to association from there. Should be to an informational page not your home page. Doesn't matter if the landing page is sport engine or crossbar. It follows the website link.

Old Business:

- Contact List Updates – please keep this updated

- Team Slotting (Declarations) – We will continue to work on this
- MN Hockey and D5 – Membership/Recruitment – Each Association needs to appoint someone. Have: Buffalo, LDC, STMA, Willmar

New Business:

- Crossbar – look at for the district website – annual subscription, fees are less per sign-up.
- MN Hockey Survey – Each Association needs to fill this out. This information is really important to understand how we evolve our efforts and grants
- Level of play – will the district allow teams to play at the lower level for scrimmages and tournaments.

*June meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the July 9, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: July 9, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 8:14pm

District 5 Associations

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Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Adam Hennen	Hennen18@gmail.com
Hutchinson	Jon Beach	vicepresident@hutch hockey
Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato	Luke	
Monticello/Maple Lake		
River Lakes	Amanda Peterson	presidente river lakeshockey.com
Sartell	Jaime Burris	Sartell Hockey Director @ Gmail.com
Sauk Rapids	Brian Krogstad	bk.stormhockey@gmail
St Cloud	Cory Thorson	cory@ichockey.com
River Blades	Eric Loborg	lobey19@hotmail.com
St Michael/Albertville	Mr. Lee	Levin523@hotmail.com
Willmar	Eric Rannetsberger	eer16@hotmail.com