

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

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

Attendance

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

Absent –

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. November minutes posted to the website on November 17, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by MOOSE and seconded by Buffalo with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

- Associations Board Minutes latest posting on home websites as of today:
 - October 2025: Sauk Rapids, STMA
 - September 2025: Buffalo, LDC, Hutchinson, Sartell
 - August 2025: MOOSE, River Lakes, St Cloud, Willmar

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.

- Associations were billed for D5 fees for all traveling teams, officials for league games & officials for October scrimmages in the past week
- 2 association fined for missing the October district meeting.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- Nate – Flyer available tonight for a coaching symposium
- Nate – 14U girls Teir 1 team is going to a national tournament that have some expenses that need to be paid for. No budget set aside for this. The team is going to fundraise, but the district will have to help. We will have more discussion once more information is known about expenses.

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- USA official registration November 21, 2025. Seminars are available till end of December.
- Game reports already coming in and it's just the first week
- No time outs for Squirts and 10U for within district games.
- D10 rules for cross over leagues
 - 10UA, 12UB2 has 3 minute warm up and 13-minute period. Running time in the 3rd period till the last 3 minutes. 1 hour time limit.
 - PW, 12UA has a 90-minute block no resurface. No time outs
- Game Sheet entering a penalty:
 - Any Major is 10-minute misconduct and 5-minute Major and out the next game.

- Once a player reaches 4 penalties the player is removed from the game. Let officials know when this happens.
- If the equipment doesn't work you need to adjust and get a piece of paper and record the game that way to the association doesn't have to cancel. This is only in an emergency option.
- New rule – Kneeing penalty is a game misconduct.
- Ear, neck, mouth guards are requiring for all players.
- Last weekend we had the new official training at Buffalo. Got a lot of 1 on 1 training. Went well and will be continuing it in future years.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- Lena – make sure you get your to

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- 15U teams has enough teams to have multiple region tournaments both A and B levels. D5 won't be affected by this.
- U18 has enough players to have a district team but there are some issues with ice time. West metro players close to the district may be willing to play also.

League Coordinator – Mike Graham

- D6 and D10 schedules have been uploaded into the system

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Game Reports – trying to get them to the association presidents as soon as they come in, so they know players that need to sit a game.
- Out of state game and/or out of district games you play their games and refereeing styles.
- Mites must be approved before leaving the district. 7 full games after **January 15th, 2026**, and no limit to half ice games.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo – Tryouts done and season has started. Shooting area is redone. Yes, to district playoffs
- Hutchinson – interest in hosting 12U district playoff. Remember to document issues with parents.
- LDC – Tryouts completed very little issues afterward. DC has nice bleachers, and Zamboni is fixed and working and looking to get a new one. Yes, to hosting
- MOOSE – Squirt B2 looking play some B1 teams. Yes, to hosting
- River Lakes – Tryouts went well. Got our gambling license! Yes, to hosting
- Sartell – Yes, to hosting. Tryout are done with everything going well. Mites started on the 25th and completed the intro to hockey. Skills on Monday nights
- Sauk Rapids – PW and Bantam tryouts are doing and went well. Squirts tryouts just starting. Hired the junior coach to help with skating skills. Will get back on hosting.
- St Cloud – Tryouts complete. Yes, to hosting
- STMA – Yes, to hosting. Things are up and running and going well. Normal issues. Had someone walk to a locker room and didn't know who it was. Has anyone had this type of issue? Curious what others are doing with Mites and when a 2nd year isn't skilled enough to stay with the other group. No one keeps them together and goes with skill levels. One option is to give the older kids extra ice for the ones going to squirts the following year if they are tiered.

- Willmar – No to District playoffs. October 25 try hockey free had 21 skaters come out. Outdoor rink is completed and ready for use.
- River Blades – Differ for associations for district playoffs. Teams have been practicing for a month and half. Starting a monthly coaches' meetings. First one went well.
- General Conversation:

Old Business:

- Contact List Updates – please keep this updated (JRG Coordinator)
- Team Slotting (Declarations) – we will continue to work on this.
- Host for Regions: Peewee A-South (MOOSE), Peewee B-South (LDC)
- Host for State: Bantam AA (Sartell)
- Stay up on your association minutes getting posted to website.

New Business:

- All player rosters need to be finalized 12/31/25.
- Rosters – Number of coaches (D5 is unlimited #, max of 4 on the bench for games).
- Mite meeting between December 6 and the 13th
- Super Championship Series for non-region bound teams will cost around \$750.
 - Deadline to participate is December 15th
 - D5 Hosting PW B2 (Site needed)
- January Meeting – Must bring a squirt or 10U parent with you.
- Off Ice Officials (Penalty Box, Clock must be 18+, and do not need Safe Sport or Background Check done).
- Concussion Return to Play (added to document section of D5 website)
- D5 Board – Director, 2nd VP, Secretary; (President April 2027)
- Game cancelling procedure will try to be fixable but will have a 7-day advance notice shorter than that will be charged.

*November meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the December 3, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion

Adjourned at 8:29pm