



**2018 District 15 Spring Meeting Minutes
Sunday May 20th, 2018 at 6:00pm,
Maslowski Wellness Center, Wadena, MN**

- I. **Meeting called to order at 6:00pm** by Dennis Bushy.
- II. **Secretary Report**
 - a. Roll Call- The following associations were present at roll call: Alexandria, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, Moorhead, Morris/ Benson, Park Rapids, Prairie Centre, Wadena, and Walker. Absent Northern Lakes.
- III. **Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes-**
 - a. New Format to the Agenda with contact information for District Board Members. Alexandria motioned to approve the agenda and Walker 2nd the motion. Agenda approved.
 - b. Approval of Winter 2018 Meeting Minutes: Park Rapids motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Walker 2nd the motion. Motion carries.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report-** Melissa McGinty: Transactions on website. Checking balance: \$10,646. D15 District tournament checks were distributed tonight for reimbursements to each association. D15 received the \$500 check from D16 for Tier 1 from last fall. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was given by Brainerd and 2nd by Moorhead. Motion carries.
- V. **Director's Reports**
 - a. District Director- Denny Bushy-
 - i. MN Hockey-
 1. Squirts can play 35 games or scrimmages total during the season. Teams are not allowed to go over the 35 games by playing in the Squirt International Tournament. District 15 tournament games are not included in the 35 total games. Denny Bushy will be watching the number of games and/ or scrimmages for the squirt teams in the District. MN Hockey would like associations to get down to 3:1 ratio of practices vs. games for the squirt age groups.
 2. D15 is still looking for a District 15 hockey director. This is a much needed position for the District.
 3. District Hockey Director Role is to be a representative for the district with the teams. Denny would be willing to help the person with the position as well.
 4. There was discussion on changing the age deadline from July 1st to June 1st or using grade levels at the MN Hockey meetings. MN Hockey may be asking for feedback from associations, but this isn't totally decided yet. Nothing has been changed or decided. MN Hockey will leave the rule at July 1st for move up to the next level.

- ii. Hard Dividers- There is a grant for \$2,500. Go to MN Hockey website and get all the information. Thank you to the associations in the district who have already purchased the hard dividers.
 - iii. Little Wild Program- Brainerd will host for District 15. Program will be for 5-8 year olds on Sundays in September 9th, 16th, 23th, 30th from 2pm-3pm. Children have to be brand new to hockey and have never played before. Cost will be \$125 and each player will receive full equipment. Carmen will be sending an email out to the District for the program.
 - iv. MN Hockey has a Golf Outing on July 17th. Hockey players from the MN Wild play and MN Hockey board members will be there as well. If interested in participating please contact Denny.
 - v. HP Program: 14's had a record of 1-1-1 at the festival. 15's had a record of 1-2. Both festivals went well in April.
- b. Girl's Director - Chris Robinson:
- 1. Girls HP Program: 14s (2004), 15s (2003)-
 - a. 14s- 17 players registered. 13 players advanced to the festival from D15 who were joined by 4 players from other districts to fill the team. The had a record of 3-0 at the festival. Chris received positive feedback from parents of the players. 9 players +1 alternate will advance to the state camp in June.
 - b. 15s- 14 players registered and advanced to the festival. The roster was filled by players from District 6. They had a record of 0-5. 7 players advanced to the camp in June. Chris also received positive feedback from parents.
 - c. District 15 hosted pre-festival games in Wadena and everything went well. Thank you to the volunteers from Wadena Hockey Association for making time to work all the events.
 - d. For Tier 1 this fall District 15 & 16 will combine for the teams for 14s and 15s. Tryouts are posted on D15 website.
 - ii. Coaching Director - Andy Shriver: No report.
 - iii. Official's Director - John Rice: No report.
 - iv. Tournament Director - Cyndi Young:
 - 1. District Tournaments Update- District tournaments went well. Association hosts updated the brackets during the tournament with the scores. This process went much better than last season and thank you to all who assisted with updating.
 - 2. Squirt B tournaments split: 2018 Squirt B districts only had 3 teams who had coaches request the Upper Bracket. Due to having 3 request upper bracket and 9 request lower, it was decided by the District Director, President and Tournament Director to split the teams into East Division and West Division.
 - a. After discussion the district board decided Squirt B brackets will be split North/ South for the upcoming 18-19 season.
 - 3. Motels for B level hosts: Each host Association for District tournaments will block motel rooms for the teams participating.
 - a. Each association host will bring the motel block information to the October meeting.
- c. Open Forum - New Business
- i. Derek Ricke- MN Hockey presented an award for efforts for growing the game at the 8U level to Wadena. Congratulations Wadena Hockey Association!
 - ii. The District Director, Denny Bushy presented awards to 2 District Board members that have gone above and beyond in volunteering for the District.

Carmen Johnson and Cyndi Young were presented with District Directors awards. Congratulations Carmen and Cyndi! Thank you for all you have done for District 15!

- iii. Brainerd: Request on USA Hockey Zero tolerance policy being enforced by District 15. It is a USA policy that a referee can stop any game when needed. USA Hockey has posters to purchase for the policy to post in arenas. It is recommended for associations to use the Zero Tolerance Policy whenever necessary. District 15 does have the zero tolerance policy because the district follows the USA Hockey policy.
- iv. 4 point games- Last year, it was discussed that both coaches have to agree to make a game that has already been played a 4 pt. and this decision has to be within 48 hours. There was an issue of a coach that loses does not want to make it a 4 pt. game. The coach of the winning team who wanted a 4 pt. game just ran up the score. They wanted to play a more competitive game instead of playing the team a second time. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the same ruling for 4 point games. If there are issues, please talk with Denny.

d. Tournament Bidding

- i. MN Hockey would like to have the tournament for AA/A in the same venue due to 2 sheets of ice and motel availability. Rotation for tournaments in 2018-2019: Prior to the District 15 meeting, Denny awarded Brainerd association the PW AA/A regional tournament and Moorhead association the Bantam AA/A State tournament. PWB/ BB Regional tournaments will be split between 2 associations based on the rotation.
 - 1. 2019 Squirt A & B District Tournaments- Feb. 8-10, 2019
 - 2. 2019 District Tournament (10U, 12U, PW, B)- Feb. 15-17, 2019
 - 3. 2019 Regional Tournament- Mar. 3-5, 2019
 - 4. 2019 State TOurnament- Mar. 15-17, 2019

- #1 Little Falls- Bantam A District
- #2 Northern Lakes- Absent
- #3 Benson- Bantam B District
- #4 Morris- PeeWee B1 District
- #5 Wadena- PeeWee A District
- #6 Park Rapids- Squirt B North
- #7 Alexandria- Bantam B Regional
- #8 Walker- PeeWee B Regional
- #9 Fergus Falls- Squirt A, 12U A & B
- #10 Brainerd- PeeWee AA/A Regional
- #11 Long Prairie- Squirt B South
- #12 Sauk Centre- PeeWee B2 (Consolation)
- #13 Detroit Lakes- 10U A & B
- #14 Moorhead- Bantam AA/A State Tournament

e. President's Report- Carmen Johnson

- i. Spring 2018 Elections-
 - 1. Vice President- Matt Lunde nominated, accepted- Motion carries.
 - 2. Secretary: Cyndi Young nominated- motion carries.
 - 3. Treasurer: Melissa nominated- accepted. Motion carries.
 - 4. Coaches Coordinator: Andy Shriver- motion carries.
- ii. Team Declaration Thoughts- B teams- consider having B1 and B2 divisions. Will discuss more at October District meeting.

- iii. Don't forget to update the google doc for all contact information as association board members may change.
- f. Website updating: Long Prairie Motion to pay Webmaster (Cyndi Young) \$200 for website updating for the past 2 years. Walker 2nd motion. Motion carries.
 - i. Fall Meeting – **October 7th, 2018 6:00pm** – Maslowski Wellness Center, Wadena, MN
- g. Fall Tier 1- 14s (Combined team of District 15 & 16) tryouts- in Bemidji on July 1st. Get the word out to your associations for signing up your players.
- h. Adjourn- Wadena motion. Alexandria 2nd. Meeting Adjourned.