

Meeting Title	District 2 August Board Meeting-Special Meeting
Date/Time	Friday August 22, 2026, 6:30pm
Location	Virtual Meeting

X	Chisago Lakes		MVI		White Bear Lake		River Falls
	East Metro	X	Roseville		Baldwin		Somerset
x	Forest Lake	X	St. Paul		Hudson		
	Mahtomedi	X	Stillwater		New Richmond		
	Director	X	President		Vice President		Secretary
x	Treasurer		Supervisor of Officials		HP Coordinator		Girls Coordinator
	JGold Coordinator		Bantam Coordinator		Peewee Coordinator		Squirt Coordinator

Guest Steve Gapinski

Special meeting called to order at 6:42pm

- Kevin Souja resigned from MN Hockey, special meeting to discuss next steps regarding a new Director for District 2
- Steve Gapinski from Minnesota Hockey is also on the call
- Minnesota Hockey wanted to have the meeting, Dave Hursh explained to Steve Kopinski that when a spot is vacant the President can appoint someone to do the job, Steve wanted a meeting to approve an interim Director
- It is open to any candidate who might want to be a director, and needs to be posted with a questionnaire, qualifications and criteria.
- Dave Hursh is interested on an interim side of being the district 2 Director
- There are three options, vote in Dave Hursh as the interim director, make Steve Kopinski the interim director or any other person nominated could be the interim director until an election.
- Stillwater Hockey representative nominates Dave Hursh as interim district 2 Director, Saint Paul seconds.
- In the interim Dave Hursh will be the President and the Director as our bylaws allow.
- The vote goes through 5 yes and 0 nays.
- Minnesota Hockey is satisfied with this interim arraignment
- An election and an election committee need to be created; this needs to be formed 60 days before the election.

- The Nomination committee is Chris Morrisette, the supervisor of officials and the Mounds View rep, they will collect nominations and vet individuals and then present them to the board.
- We need to post the position. It is important to have as many board members there as possible to get a vote in and so that the board members have time to get their voices heard.
- The nominating committee needs to vet and pass along any nominations, its suggested to have a standardized form for each nominee to fill out.
- The District Director term is 3 years.
- Votes per Association are weighted per membership, per our bylaws.
- If there are any waivers, they need to be sent to the District Directors email and Dave will handle them, the signature from the waiving district director must be done before they are sent to Dave.
- Safe sport needs to be done by all board members
- Sunday August 24th meeting is going to be held because rules need to be voted on, the meeting got changed from the 3rd week to the 4th week of August.
- If anyone is interested in the director's job and needs help understanding what it entails, we can send them to Steve Gapinski for more details before they put their hat in the ring.
- Neck guard rule doesn't need to be voted on, USA Hockey already has a rule on neck guards.
- Moving to a 3-man ref system doesn't make sense except for maybe Bantam AA, supervisor of officials will have discretion regarding this.
- Expectation of association registrars to make sure that they're thorough, it is ultimately the Association's responsibility to make sure their players are in their associations and living there.
- Registrars really need to step up and use their resources to make sure rostered players do indeed live in their associations.
- If any waivers get denied out of District 2 Minnesota Hockey will set up an appeal's committee for them and get them done.
- Any denied waivers can appeal with MN Hockey
- Forest Lake makes a motion to adjourn at 7:36pm and Roseville Seconds
- Meeting adjourned
- Next meeting is Sunday August 24th, 2025, at Jimmy's Food and Drink at 6:30pm