**District 5**

Meeting minutes

January 6th, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

This is a ZOOM MEETING due to covid.

**Attendance:** All districts were in attendance.

**Secretary’s Report**- Dena Walters Meeting minutes from November 4th, 2020 were posted and will take a motion to approve if no changes. motion approved. **1st  made by Hutchinson and 2nd by River Lakes motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report**- Jeff Swenson- present and report attached online. Motion made by Buffalo and 2nd by Moose.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeff Swenson

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January 6, 2021

Checking Account (Citizens Bank) $ 40,760.50

Catastrophic Failure Savings (Citizens Bank) $ 38,021.73

**Action Items:**

none

**Coach-in-chief**- Derrick Brown- not present, no report ~

 Please reach out to Derrick with questions. dbrown@cathedralcrusaders.org

**Official Report**- Michael Kephart – present ~ report attached:

Officials Report

Officials are gearing back up for the return of play on January 14th. We will be following Minnesota

Hockey’s return to play guidelines and will be wearing a mask while in the arena at all time, this includes

while refereeing the game. With that being said, there are a couple issues we will have. First, if officials

choose to purchase and electric whistle and use it these whistles are not the loudest and might be

difficult to hear. Second, if we are wearing mask it will result in a slower whistle as we will have to pull

down our masks to blow the whistle. Please remind all coaches we are doing the best we can in the

current circumstances.

Like stated in our scheduling meeting last week I normally have around 200 registered officials in a

season. This year I have around 100 usable and 30 new officials. We will be tight on official but with no

scrimmages or tournament that will help. I appreciate everyone being understanding of this. I want the

kids to play hockey as much as you do but with the shortage of officials this year due to COVID-19 this is

for the best.

Be prepared that with the number of new officials I have and the limited amount of SB, SC, 10Ub and

mite games you probably will see a mentor on the ice for almost all these games to get my new officials

trained as quick as possible.

Reminder that if you cancel a league game this must go to Bill Breeden our D5 league coordinator to

cancel the games then he will notify us. It never hurts to CC us in on the cancel email so we know its

coming.

Q: Is there a chance that when league play is complete if scrimmages can be scheduled?

A: This is TBD but unlikely. If scrimmages come through probably will need to travel out of the district with the lack of officials available.

**Tournament Coordinator** – Nate Wold: email is Natewold.yahoo.com

No report. Not hosting any tournaments in D5.

### Girls Coordinator –~ present: Kim Monahan no report.

### Waiting for the season to start again. She has sent a couple emails and no parties are reaching back to them.

### Hoping to get all the girls playoffs at one sight.

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### Hockey Operations Director: Sean Dunn ~ present, no report

### No big meetings will reconvene now.

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**MN Hockey District Director-Steve Gapinski**

District 5 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday January 6, 2021

MN Hockey Updates:

1. **Covid Updates:**

New rules.

**-Mouthguards**

MN Hockey is suspending rules for Squirt/10U and below. Do not have to a mouthguard.

Following USA hockey rules for higher levels.

**-Coaches**

Now will allow 3 coaches on the bench.

**-Approved masks/shields.**

Approved list sent out and on MN Hockey website.

**Upcoming meetings:**

-District Directors meeting this Sunday

Mask mandate policing

Spectator Limits 25% capacity up to 150 people. This will be discussed on Sunday.

Locker Rooms

Travel out of state

How is the masks going to be policed? If we get game reports stating players were not wearing masks then they potentially be unable to play any more games for the year.

Mike Graham has not recd any game sheets yet for the schedules, if you have some done please send to Mike Graham so this can start to get uploaded and get officials scheduled.

Most are done and waiting for Monticello.

Q: Do you see wearing a mask playing going through the end of the year?

A: yes at this time.

Q: has anything changed with off ice officials for penalty box clock and book

A: no go with what we were doing prior to the shutdown, make sure they have masks on. Try to get the same household if possible.

-MN Hockey Winter State Meetings

Jan 23-24th

**ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

**Each association representative will share what is happening in their association.**

St. Cloud: not a lot to report, one issue goalies at Bantams, they had someone not play, A is an A so a AA goalie can be moved to the A team without any issues. This would be a permanent change. The A and AA makes a difference during post season play. Maybe have them practice together.

Buffalo/Annandale: trying to reset the season, redo budgets and such, reached out to teams. Have about 28 that are leaving for the season, trying to get back safely. Most of the 28 are leaving based on mask mandate a couple based on covid.

Are we losing any teams based on the number issues. They are working on same now. Might be a 10U and/or a peewee team. She will let Tim know ASAP.

Hutchinson: similar situation as Buffalo, relooking at budget, have lost a couple kids due to masks, 3rd sheet is open outside. 4 bantams looking to go to JV but will run as it is.

LDC: 22 bantams to 14 kids are taking a lot of breaks during practice, hoping that all players stay in there.

MOOSE: getting back into the swing of things, have not lost anyone, keeping masks on and playing

River Lakes: lost 2 kids so far and ready to play. Getting ready to have the gun raffle started.

Sartell: not present

Sauk Rapids: #’s are pretty consistent, they have live barn now and getting that up and running.

STMA: no issues ice melt was a great fundraiser and hope to do that again. They are back on the ice and have not lost anyone that he knows of.

Willmar: everything is going great, normal fundraisers prior to shutdown. Did greens fundraiser (wreaths) all went great. Numbers are sitting good, the Bantam A team lost a player to HS. Otherwise doing good. They have had a lot of practice time and excited to be back on the ice.

**XI. Old Business-**

**1. Elections April, 2021 (President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer)**

**2. Tier I & II Excused absent tryout handbook change.**

**XII. New Business-**

1. **District Playoffs We will determine who is in and who is out. Looking at Bantam A/B in Monticello, Peewee A/B in Buffalo, girls Sauk Rapids and Sartell. B2 playoffs will the weekend of March 19th in Paynesville/Richmond. Will be posted within 2 weeks.**

**2. Open Floor**

We know the masks are an issue, this is not a USA or MN hockey rule it is coming down from the state WALZ not Steve. Write this to him and not Steve. It is not our rule. Reach out to Walz.

**Formal Adjournment**: meeting ended at 7:55pm upon motion by Litchfield 1st and 2nd Moose.

Motion carried.

 **Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m., St. Augusta Legion (?)**