

Minnesota Hockey District 5
Board Meeting Agenda
August 2, 2023 - 7:00 PM - St. Augusta Legion

- I. Call to order/Roll Call Attendance - Lena Gawtry
- II. Secretary's Report - Lena Gawtry
 - Post meeting minutes for April (Piece together notes and get those published this week) Motion to approve the secretary's report - 1st-Buffalo, Monticello. ND. Approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Jeff Swenson
 - Start tax audit
 - Teir 1 - expenses will be coming out.
 - Golf Tournament coming up.
 - Wrap Up = look at profit loss, 8k to the good, \$10k grant from MN Hockey. Need to raise the rates for the number of teams based on being in the red. \$175-\$200 (most likely closer to \$200).

 - Need money to prepay for the officials - once the league schedule is together - Mike will send back all of the district league games by association and Jeff will bill out for your league games for the year. This will eliminate the shortage of having money to pay the refs.

 - A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. 1st-Sauk Rapids, 2nd- St. Michael - ND. Approved.
- IV. Coach-in-Chief Report - Aaron Johnson
 1. Coaching documents for 2023 have been updated on the D5 website
Coaching Clinic for level 3
- V. Official's Report - Ryan Szymanski
 - USA Hockey for official is open -
 - Anyone who wants to be an official can register
 - Different this year with seminars - all will have a virtual component - classroom, on ice
 - Dates are not set yet for the seminars that D5 is hosting - can go to any seminar that USA hockey has:
 - Updates to the officials page —will be made soon
 - Ryan might stop by associations if needed - recruiting won't be as heavy this year as we have a boat load of returning young officials - working on retention and getting these kids games. Retention is a key focus this upcoming year.
 - Purposeful scheduling - upper level games - back to back versus side by side.

- VI. Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney
Submit your tournaments online to MN Hockey - Kevin will approve those and reach out to the tournament coordinators

Questions for Regions-

We are NOT blacking out any days this year as a district - we looked at all submitted tournaments. There are a few weekends that we are going to limit to only league games

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Ref request needs to be sent out a minimum of 30 days in advance for all tournaments

- VII. Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan
Will reach out to each association to see how we can grow our girls program - we are really low on numbers.

U19 League (Female Skaters)- equivalent to what JRG would be

Cuts at HS - should be able to find a spot for girls to play

- VIII. MN Hockey District Director - Nate Wold
1. School Waivers - Nothing to report - no changes were made at the MN Hockey Directors Meeting; Same rules from the handbook will apply. 1) Get rid of them completely - only discretionary allowed 2) Ages - stay with home association until you were a second year squirt and then had to decide where you were going to play 3) Have to decide at any point until your last year of squirts (missed by 2 votes)
 - Only if they are new to the association
 - Changing schools
 - Do NOT need to repaper if there are waivers on file (up to the association what papers they will require)District to another district - will need to be repapered
 2. Locker Room Monitors- See policy handout from Nate - will be more strict on what USA Hockey states in their handbook - We will be testing this out this year - fines will be assessed. Need background checked and safesport certified. If a kid gets kicked out of a game - the kid can't be in the locker room by themselves. Then you can't have only one coach - maybe the locker rooms get locked, parents have to be LRM
 3. MN Hockey Director's Conference
 - A. September 8-10 - MPLS West for HOC (strongly encouraged to have HOC members attend this.)
 - B. Sent Thomas Johnson - contact info or your hockey ops person - he will be reaching out to each HOC Director
 4. District Registrar - Kristy (stipend through MN Hockey - not representative of the work that is completed). We are going to hire her to do this for our district - More to come

on this as we finalized more on the number of teams. We will make something more formal as we finalize plans.)

5. Team Makeup and League play - D4 League

Stay in D5 for our teams - the one exception will be the U15 A and B team that will be playing out of district (D10) - will have to register with both D5 and D10; every third year we are graced with D4 teams to play in our league. We will be hosting them. Nate spoke with their D4 Director - trying to hash out how many of their associations will have A Teams to see what teams this will be affecting. If they have enough teams they play in their district. It will all be run under D5 - rules and district playoffs.

Have had thoughts at the A level - have some conversations during team slotting about what teams will play each other and frequency

12B2 ??? - how many of these are in the state

Girls hockey is always different - try to keep the numbers up - the one thing to caution everyone is just because we have more flexibility with the girls - that doesn't mean that it carries over into the youth side. Girls are handled differently.

6. Mite Games (See press release from MN Hockey)

A. Discussion on Changes

B. 7 Games after 1/15/24 ¾ nets

Be creative and think outside the box - split the ice the long way -

Mite Scheduling meeting is mid November/early December - this group has opted out of having this meeting the past few years. Talk about this with your associations and come back to the September D5 meeting with thoughts on having this meeting. Maybe there is even a Mite D5 league for the upper levels.

7. Fall Tier League - Tier and Prospect Leagues have started

A. New 13U (started a new program for Tier 1) - D5-2-11-12 are trying this out this year - it is a good thing, good competition, we had almost 80 kids try out for 13 and 14's. The idea of prospects is to keep kids in their affiliated programs.

There was also good participation in the 13 development program - D5 had a lot of participants in it.

8. Level 3 Coaching Clinic

A. 8/13 and 8/14

9. Need updated information for Ice Scheduler and Registration Coordinators
Send this information to Nate/Lena

Registration Coordinator meeting should be within the next two weeks

10. Game Limit Prior to Official Roster
11. Regional and State Host Agreements - get
 - District allotments are completed through the 2031-32 season
 - Regions
 - Sartell Ban
 - Moose - PW
 - St Cloud- 15 and 12A
 - Willmar 12B
 - JRG-Buffalo

IX. Association Updates

(Each association representative will share what is happening in their association.)

- Buffalo
 - Get started for the regular season, 3 new board members, one registration, one more in August, new scoreboard in Peterson Rink
 - Ice In Party - Curling Bonspiel is on Saturday, September 9th (Buffalo purchased curling equipment and will have it available for rentals.)
- Hutchinson
 - Registration is open - \$100 incentive to register early, fall camp - ran summer camp for 6 weeks in June and July,
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- LDC
 - Moved registration up - had one and two more scheduled. Very light on girls at the mite level - hosting a recruiting event at the beginning of the season - try hockey with other events to increase numbers.
- Moose
 - Registration is open - bummed up the late registration fee to get people to register early, kick off party soon, golf tourney in the planning. Hosting Little Wild.
- River Lakes
 - Moved up registration this year, have parents able to purchase jerseys, hockey and learn to skate camps, golf tourney next Friday.
- Sartell
 - 3 on 3 league - over 300 kids signed up, registration is open early and closes August 15th, Hosting Little Wild,
- Sauk Rapids
 - Registration opened yesterday, new paved parking lot, pushed first ice to the end of September 30th
- St. Cloud
 - Celebrating 50th anniversary on 09/16, two week camps for squirts and bantams, learn to skate programs, recruitment events, registration,
- STMA

- Registration is closed for traveling, mites registration is still open, kick-off party planned, scheduling assisting this year to assist their coordinator, HS Boys coach very involved. New girls HS coach will work on getting them involved. Have Girl and Boys HOC -
 - Willmar
 - 3 new board members, golf event this Friday, Registration just closed, have 12 U team this year - will be pulling up some 10u players to make this happen. Had a successful 3v3 league this summer, they kept ice in all summer this year. They will be taking on concessions from the city for their hom hockey tournaments.
- X. Old Business
1. Levels of Play for 2023-24 Season (Team Slotting Chart)
Try to come up with leagues that are competitive and still be developing the kids.
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 - a. Al Setrum to finish out Secretary term 2023-24
 2. October 14th/15th - Ice Schedulers Meeting (Location: STMA Arena)
 3. Board Rosters due to registrar no later than October 4th
 4. Open Floor
 - a. Black out for Christmas
 - b. Sauk Rapids brought up- squirt/10U district tournament - will be March 15th-17th
 - i. Jamboree- March 1st-3rd

There is NO REASON why a coach can not have their Safesport or Background check completed before they touch the ice.

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Meeting Adjourned @ 9:02 PM

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 - a.) 5 game limits. Get rosters done as soon as tryouts are complete.
 - b.) Games played without rosters sent to me will be fined.
- 11.) Regional and State host agreements

Scheduling Weekend: Oct ?? Buffalo

MN Hockey Fall Meetings