

MN D2 Hockey June Meeting Minutes 6-28-20

Role Call: Present: New Richmond, Moundsview, Hudson, White Bear Lake, Mahtomedi, Roseville, Stillwater, St Paul, Baldwin, Tartan, Somerset, Chisago lakes
Absent: Forest Lake, River Falls, Hudson

Meeting Called to Order: - 6:49 by Dave.

Treasurers Report:

April Report: Tartan motions to approve, Stillwater seconds, motion carries

May Report: Tartan Motions to approve, White Bear Lakes Seconds, motion carries

Meeting Minutes:

Discussion on added notes about Chisago Lakes being added to the association. The note was not in minutes sent for the February meeting. The minutes were revised in June and the note was added.

Tartan motions to approve the original February meeting minutes. Mahtomedi seconds. Tartan requests a role call for the vote. 7-0 4 abstained, motion carries

Open Forum Discussion:

- Several new association reps, provided contact info to Kevin
- Discussion on communication of Chisago Lakes being added to the association. Understood that it was redistricting by MN hockey. The decision to have Chisago Lakes enter D2 was first heard about in Dec of 19 though it was not communicated in D2 meeting until the change had been made. In the future communications from MN Hockey will be sent out when they are in the consideration phase so all members of D2 are aware possible changes.
- Stillwater made the group aware that \$30 safesport fee was an additional charge and they were discussing how to handle the increase in cost, especially for lockroom attendants additional training. MN Hockey is looking at options to help support this change, including a reduction in the fee, and asking District associations to think about how to support it also.
- White Bear lake requested that for this season they would like to be able to play against same level teams from their association twice in a season.
- Association level declarations for teams are due in August, Ice for scheduling is due in September.
- Discussed importance of playing teams at correct levels. A team can have the same number of wins/losses at a level for a successful season. White Bear Lake asked if there are any other associations with an AA and A at Bantams as they are planning for this season. Will stick with AA and B levels for Peewees.
- Chisago Lakes intends to Co-op with Forest Lake for girls hockey this upcoming season
- MSHSL will provide guidance for Fall sports by July 24th

Presidents Report: Dave H.

- Annual meeting is rescheduled for August 16th. Elections and bylaw changes will take place. Nomination Chair is Joe Law from WBL. Please forward any nominations to Joe

- Rules changes will also be voted on at the August monthly meeting.

Directors Report: Kevin S.

- July 27th MN Hockey will announce plans for the next phase.
- Golf Benefit is rescheduled for August
- MN Hockey will be defining consequences for associations that “trophy hunt”
- Have been considering the redistricting of 2&8, though it is not currently viable
- State tournaments are planning to be held at same locations as the plan for 19-20 season. Region tournament host location decision has not yet been voted yet, currently planned for the 20-21 season plan.
- Please provide contact info for any new association presidents. Need to Update MN Hockey with details.
- Enrollment info: 8U boys was down slightly, 8U girls was up this season
- All coaches that are listed on stickers for scorebook must have valid CEP numbers also listed. Coach in charge for that game is the only one who must sign prior to starting game.
- CoVID-19 Committee: Some association in MN are losing nearly \$200,000 in revenue due to virus. Continuing to discuss and understand impact to their budgets for upcoming season.
- Discussion point on the table is could the league fees be reduced to help out with season costs.
- This upcoming season there is a Right of Refusal Policy being rolled out to districts if a player exhibits conduct issues while being enrolled in an association within the district. District directors will be notified if the policy is enforced as the player is allowed to try and enroll in another association.
- MN Hockey meeting frequently to discuss Inclusion. Will continue to make this topic a priority for discuss and generating ideas. If you have any ideas please let Kevin know
- Play down requests will be strictly enforced to the written policy including playing down to the lowest ranked team at the level.
- All Certification classes will be online for the upcoming season
- Mite Full Ice games will be phased out over the next three years:
 - 2021 - 6 games
 - 2022 – 4 games
 - 2023 – 2 games
 - 2024 – no games

Vice Presidents Report: Joel M

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with Region tournaments!

BOARD REPORTS

AGE LEVEL REPS-

Girls: No report

Bantams:

- Introduced to new reps.

- Please note starting this season Association reps will be included in emails for penalties that carry suspensions or hearings.

Peewee: No report.

Squirt: No report

JR Gold:

- May see a lot of kids enroll depending on what decision is by MSHSL about hockey season.
- Coaches clinics in December
- Discussing playoff and state tourney for upcoming season.
- Reminded group for JR Gold teams large roster sizes is a good thing at this level.

Jeanna Hinderer-Webmaster:

- Registration related changes to website need to go through sportsengine, she sends in a request which takes a few days.

Supervisor of Officials- Terry:

- Discussions on possible changes for the upcoming season including full face shields, mask, electronic whistles, and proper social distancing on ice and benches. Many things on the table.
- Seminars for upcoming season will be virtual
- Strengthening zero tolerance policy to help retain officials

MEHOA Rep- Nick:

- District 10 referees had a contract worked out with Chisago Lakes for a fee of \$15 per trip per referee for travelling to Chisago Lakes.
- MoundsView requests that MEHOA bring forward an amendment to current contract for any additional fees needed to support Chisago Lakes games
- D2 board requests for updated cost for 2 man referees to support all games for the upcoming season.

DTC- Lonnie:

- 59 divisions of tournaments, zero issues with officials not available.
- Will provide guidelines for tournaments for next monthly meeting.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Rules Changes requested:

- Officials 3.1.11
 - All District 2 League games shall be officiated by District 2 officials only.

- a. District 2 Official is defined as an Official enrolled and in good standing with the organization District 2 Hockey has contracted with to provide Officiating services to the District.
- b. Any District Association scheduling or using Non-District 2 Officials to officiate a District 2 League game at their arena will face a \$1000 penalty, will forfeit the game in which the violation took place, forfeit the games Fair Play Points, and all Official penalty determinations shall be vacated.

- 3.2.1 A photo of the original (WHITE) score sheet emailed to the League's Level Coordinator at the within 24 hours of the completion of the game. If the score sheet is not received within 24 hours of the game, the head coach of the visiting team will be suspended for their teams next scheduled league game or District playoff game. If the referee takes the white copy of the score sheet then the yellow copy should be emailed to the Level Coordinator. Do Not mail scoresheets to the District's PO Box.

Suggest: Texted or emailed

Correct: at the

- 3.3 Misconduct, Game disqualification, Game Misconduct, Match Penalties and reporting procedures.

Game Misconducts and Match Penalties must be reported to the appropriate Level Coordinator by email within 24 hours. This includes out of District games and tournaments. Failure to report a Game Misconduct or Match Penalty within 24 hours will resulting a two (2) game suspension of the Head Coach or acting Head Coach of that game. Reporting the penalties to any other person or form of communication is unacceptable. It is the Head Coach or acting Head Coaches responsibility to report the incident.

Suggest; by text or email

Correct: will result in

- 4.1.1 All parties involved in a conflict must wait 24 hours after an incident and/or a problem occurs before they contact any District 2 Administrator. This policy is to allow for a "cooling off" period so that logical thinking can take place.

Suggest; Adding the sentence, Conflict is not defined as those incidents found in section 3.3. Conflict would be defined as issues with arenas, fans, etc.

- 4.1.3 It is the responsibility of the team's Head coach or acting Head Coach at the time of the incident, to report by e-mail to their League's Level Coordinator any Game Misconduct or Match Penalties assessed to players or coaches within 24 hours of the game's end. This rule applies to all games played in or outside of District 2. This includes Game Misconduct or Match Penalties assessed during tournament/exhibition games. Failure to report the penalties as outlined will result in a two (2) game suspension for the head coach.

Suggest; by text or email

- 4.5.1 Any person, team, league or local associations may appeal a **givable decision**, in writing, to the District director for a period of ten (10) calendar days, after a decision was rendered or a hearing refused within its own league or association.

Correct: **decision made during a disciplinary hearing**

Suggest; Adding the sentence, **A suspension received for a playing infraction cannot be appealed.**

- Update rules to add Game length details for District playoffs at all levels, including third period running time rules.
- Add Rule: Referees Fees not paid for tournaments prior to the start of tournament will incur a \$750 late fee.

Bylaw Changes Requested

- Article 3 Section 4
Secretary will email proposed meeting agenda to all D2 board members and D2 district representatives 7 days before the monthly meeting for review.
The secretary shall issue notices for all meetings, shall make records of minutes of each member's meeting. Secretary shall also email each Board Member and District Representatives a copy of the unapproved meeting minutes within 7 days after the monthly meeting to be reviewed.
The webmaster will post approved meeting minutes within 7 days of approval to the D2 website.

Association Comments:

- Forest Lake- None
- Moundsview-Finishing merger details, scheduled to be completed for upcoming season
- Mahtomedi-None
- Roseville- None
- Stillwater- None
- St. Paul- Completed 3 year vision planning for Association!
- Tartan- Mike thanked group for education and experience, we will miss you!
- WBL- None
- Baldwin-None
- Hudson-none
- New Richmond - none
- Somerset – none
- River Falls – none
- Chisago Lakes – Excited to be part of D2

Next Meeting Date: July 19th, 2020 6:30pm at Roma's

Motion to Adjourn at 9:15pm by Tartan. Baldwin 2nds. Motion carried.