

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 08, 2025
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:07pm

Attendance

Buffalo, Hutchinson, LDC, MOOSE, River Lakes, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud, STMA, Willmar, River Blades

Absent –

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. December's minutes posted to the website on December 5, 2024. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Sartell and seconded by Sauk Rapids with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. Motion MOOSE second St Cloud motion passes.

- Have billed out all the November scrimmage referee bills.
- 4 associations have bills that need to be paid. 1 is from outside D5.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- No Report

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- If any parent is in the scorer's box, they are considered off ice game officials. They can not to argue with referees about calls.
- Closing in on playoffs please remind everyone that the referees just regular people. Do not abuse them as you could lose the right to watch the rest of the year.
 - Ejection is an automatic 3 games.
- Mistakes happen please remember that.
- Nate – go back to your association and talk to the coaches and that the HC needs to identify themselves and that way the referees should only talk to them about different calls.
- Sauk Rapids made a comment on the training of the younger referee and how well it's been working. Also asked for clarification on parents in the box if they do question referee. They can be asked to leave and will be suspended for 3 games.
- January 18th is a blackout weekend. There are 235 games that weekend and because of that lower level's games are going to have younger referees.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- All the planning, scheduling, and certifying is completed for the season.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- Not a lot to report.

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Locker room monitors are needed.
- U10 and Squirt end of the year tournament is optional. Please declare by January 18 if you are opting out.
- Game Reports – Are sent to presidents and meeting are held with D5 at the monthly meetings.
- HP is being finalized and nomination will be sent out soon.
- Regional Tournament are posted.
 - 2nd season of the new rule on how many regions based on teams. There is a criteria to if there is 3 or regional tournaments.
 - D4 combined league at Bantams will have 4 spots and Peewee A will have 5 teams.
 - 15U will have 2 teams.
- There is a special board meeting this Sunday for MH that is meeting to discuss a 15U team moving up 19U across the US. Their affiliate status has been revoked. They are appealing and it could affect community hockey associations.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo – The tiering of squirts as really helped with keeping the level of play correct. In-house 3v3 for the associations
- Hutchinson – Pond hockey tournament coming January 25th. Mite team got to skate at the Wild game last night.
- LDC – Not a lot to update.
- MOOSE – A lot recruitment and retention is still an issue.
- River Lakes – Thanks the referees for successful tournaments
- Sartell – Things going well. SQC tournament went well. SQC coach here and loves the way the kids are so willing to learn.
- Sauk Rapids – Things going well. Squirt coordinator is seeing a little bit of a struggle going to A level, but they are learning. SQA is going to Fargo and will opt out of the district tournament. Mite jamboree March 7
- St Cloud – Trying to avoid sickness but otherwise things are going well.
- STMA – Did our mid-season evaluation of the players. Feedback was positive. Coaches did the feedback. SQA coach is here and says the year is going and the kids are coming positive and ready to learn.
- Willmar – Had our girl's tournament and lots of good compliments. Had a board seat opened but has been filed already. Had a couple interested in it.
- River Blades – Season is going well. Bunch of teams play in tournaments over the holidays. Figure out first year players keeping the families comment levels. Having turn over on our HOC committee going on bring in new people.
- General Conversation –
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Old Business:

- April-Election: President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer (Let Len know if you are interested)
- Black out weekend for home scrimmages: January 17-19th

- Parent/Player Code of Conduct

New Business:

- Rosters are Locked – Players and Coaches
- Reminder that squirts teams can only play 34 games – all teams need to leave one game open to play in the district tournament.
- Parent/Player/Coach Code of Conduct
- District Playoffs – Tournaments (Brackets posted on D5 Website)
 - Bantam
 - AA in Buffalo
 - A in Monticello
 - B1 in LDC
 - B2 in Paynesville
 - C in Sartell
 - Peewee
 - AA in Sartell/Sauk Rapids
 - A in STMA
 - B1 in Sauk Rapids
 - B2 in Buffalo
 - C in Sartell
 - Squirt
 - A Black in Sauk Rapids/Sartell/MAC
 - A Blue in Sauk Rapids/Sartell
 - B Black in Sauk Rapids/Sartell/MAC
 - B Blue in DC/Buffalo
 - C in Paynesville/Richmond
 - 15U
 - A in Buffalo/STMA
 - B in Buffalo
 - 12U
 - A, B1, & B2 all in Hutchinson
 - 10U
 - A in Buffalo
 - B Black & Blue in Monticello
 - Regions
 - Bantam AA & A in St Cloud
 - Peewee AA in Sartell
 - Peewee B in Willmar
 - State
 - 15UB in STMA

*November meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the February 5, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 7:57pm

District 5 Associations

Meeting Date: 1-8-25

Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
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River ^{Blades} Hawks		
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