

District 5 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 9, 2025  
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

### **Attendance**

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

Absent – St Cloud, STMA

### **Secretary's Report – Al Setrum**

Al provided an oral report. July's minutes posted to the website on July 10, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by MOOSE and seconded by Buffalo 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 Buffalo second MOOSE motion passes.

- \$80 for each traveling team (Squirt/U10 to Jr Gold)
- \$10 for each registered Mite/U8 team.
- \$8.5 per game to cover Gamesheet cost. All games/scrimmages will be tracked and billed money. Last year was a lump sum for each association.

### **Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)**

- Nate – this is the first year of the renew credit for level 3 coaches. Temp cards are no longer available.

### **Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski**

- Registration is open through USA Hockey
- Must turn 14 during the season to be an official in D5
- USA is starting to post level 1 seminars
- Is planning in person training in late September early October
- Abuse of officials has an updated to the rules

### **Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney**

- Nate – New tournament director for MN Hockey. Still contact Kevin with D5 tournaments.
- Nate - District Associations Tournaments have been reviewed and approved by the district.

### **Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan**

- Nothing to report

### **MN Hockey - Nate Wold**

- U19 committee is off and running. They will register through MN Hockey not their district. They are going to work to keep everyone within their current areas depending on numbers. Want to reach out to girls that may not know there is an option.
- Mites and Mini must be intermediate nets.
- No mouth guard is a 10-minute misconduct, and will count against fair play points
- Waivers – Appeal goes to the home district direction that you are part of when waiver is request.
- Recruitment and retention program have become a driving force to try and get numbers up
  - Little Wild program in St Cloud has opening yet. Let families know.
  - Mn Hockey is pushing a lot of information out on FB. Promoting community-based hockey along with everything else to try and bring the cost down.
- MN Hockey executive direction position is open and taking applications till mid-July
- MN Hockey will be hiring a CFO position to try and get the books organized.
- There is a motion currently being reviewed to pay \$12,000 per year for MN Hockey Board positions.
- Tier 1 and Prospects is paired with MAPA to do off ice. They are also PPE used to review video and use it for training players. They will be offer to association for the upcoming season. Cost is \$1,200 per team.
- Ticket packages for the upcoming world juniors. More information to come.
- Region and State Host – If you are interested reach out to Nate and Lena.
  - PWA South
  - PWB South
  - BAA State
- Affiliate agreements need to fill out and sign this year. Will have them at the next meeting.
- Association Registrars Meeting – currently open at the MN Hockey level. Kristy is still D5 registrar.
- If you have an issue within our association with members. Deal with it right away don't let it linger so it becomes a bigger mess down the line.
- MN Hockey will post tournaments on its website. There may be a small fee but that is to be determined.

#### **Association Updates:**

- Buffalo – Getting fundraising stuff dialed in. Girls' hockey video done and sent out
- Hutchinson – Varsity girls' and boys' lockers was remodel. Turned out well.
- LDC – Litchfield construction is schedule to be done in August. Everyone will have to come in the front door this season
- MOOSE – Camps in full swing. Retention recruitment event in the park this past week. Coasters were made up with information and website links. Offering up to all D5 associations. Please contact MOOSE by end of July if interested in have some.
- River Lakes – Open registration and 4v4 opening July 14. Golf tournament coming up soon. New roof coming in Paynesville
- Sartell – Opened registration opened. 3v3 is opening this week.
- Sauk Rapids – Registration opens August 1. Looking at not having a SQA team. Starting interviews for a HOC director. Parades have gone well.
- St Cloud –
- STMA –
- Willmar – Registration is open. Ground broke this week on the covered outdoor rink. Try Hockey for Free coming in July, and one in August
- River Blades – Started summer skills sessions has started. Looking at doing more social media and looking to recruit more non-parent coaches.
- General Conversation:
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### **Old Business:**

- Contact List Updates
- Team Slotting (Declarations)
  - Level Clarifications
    - If you are going to have more than one team at a level, they must be balanced not tiered. This includes the girls' teams. This is for U10, Squirts, and U12
      - 3 teams (1A, the B teams must be balanced)
- MN Hockey and D5: Membership/Recruitment – Each association needs to appoint someone. Members from Hutchinson, MOOSE, Sartell, St Cloud, and Riverblades are still needed.
- Coaster – Try Hockey for Free
  - Need link to your website
  - New Date from USA Hockey: Saturday September 13, 2025.
    - <https://usahockey.com/page/show/4966147-try-hockey-for-free>

### **New Business:**

- Website: SportsEngine Refresh is coming for the district.
- August meeting will have the end of the year tournament dates.
- Scheduling is going to try open it up earlier and will be online again this year.
- BAA, PWAA, U12A will be paired with D10
- We in the C column this year for regions so it will only be 2 team.
- February 13 and February 22 will be district playoff dates. Will email complete dates of playoffs to association presidents.

\*July meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the August 6, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion  
Adjourned at 8:00pm

District 5 Associations

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Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Adam Kerner	
Hutchinson	Jon Beach	
Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato	Bill Heinonen	
Monticello/Maple Lake	Nick Park	
River Lakes	Chuck Andrews Mike Stang	Managerschuck@litchfield.com
Sartell	Jaine Burris	
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River Blades	Eric Loberg	loberg19@hotmail.com
St Michael/Albertville		
Willmar	Eric Randsbagen	cer16@hotmail.com