



**2018 District 15 Spring Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday October 7th, 2018 at 6:00pm,**  
**Maslowski Wellness Center, Wadena, MN**

- I. **Meeting called to order at 6:03pm** by Carmen Johnson.
- II. **Secretary Report**
  - A. Roll Call- The following associations were present at roll call: Alexandria, Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, Moorhead, Morris/ Benson, Northern Lakes, Park Rapids, Prairie Centre, Wadena, and Walker. Absent Fergus Falls and Morris.
- III. **Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes-**
  - A. Alexandria motioned to accept the Spring (May) 2018 meeting minutes and Little Falls 2nd the motion. Motion carries.
- IV. **Approval of Fall Meeting Agenda**
  - A. Park Rapids motioned to accept the Fall (October) 2018 meeting agenda and Benson 2nd the motion. Motion carries.
- V. **Treasurer's Report-** Melissa McGinty
  - A. Transactions on website. Checking balance: \$10,646. Savings balance: \$9,516.95.
  - B. 2018-2019 Team Dues: \$180 per team (same as last couple seasons)
  - C. Wadena motioned to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's report, Walker 2nd the motion. Motion carries.
- VI. **Director's Reports**
  - A. District Director- Denny Bushy-
    1. Play down- MN Hockey will keep June 30th as the deadline for moving up to the next level. If you have a player that is brand new to hockey. Example: PeeWee player that just started hockey and can't safely play at PeeWee level. Associations can petition to move this player to Squirts, but the player must play at the lowest level of Squirts. If moving from Bantam to PeeWee, same rule applies that player will move to the lowest level of PeeWee. If players move down a level as stated above, he/ she cannot play in District, Region or State tournaments.
    2. Medical Waivers are available- The restrictions would not be the same as a play down.
    3. S squirt games- The limit is 35 games which includes games, scrimmages, and try-out scrimmages. District tournament games and S squirt international Tournament games do not count in the 35-game limit.
    4. MN Hockey refunds available to districts with the following criteria below on what each District can earn. If your association hosts one of these events below, please let Denny know so he can keep track.
      - a) Have at least 70% of Affiliates in the District attend an annual Minnesota Hockey ALEC- \$1,000.00
      - b) Have at least 80% of Affiliates complete a Try Hockey for free event- \$500.00
      - c) Zero full ice Mite games in the District- \$500.00
      - d) Half/Cross ice District S squirt Tournament- \$400.00
      - e) Have at least 50% of Affiliates in the District represented at Hockey Director Conference- \$400.00

- f) Schedule a body contact clinic for the District- \$350.00
  - g) Schedule a goaltending clinic for the District- \$350.00
  - h) Have at least 50% of Affiliates utilize the Minnesota Model Association program- \$250.00
  - i) Establish a District Hockey Director- \$250.00
  - j) Establish a District Goaltending Coordinator- \$250.00
5. Safe Sport Certification- USA Hockey is raising fees from 8 to \$25 for each certification. Denny Bushy suggests to have coaches be assigned as locker room monitors to save some money.
- a) Any safe sport incident MUST be reported to your association's Safe Sport Coordinator and he/she MUST report to USA Hockey. If your association does not have this person assigned, incidents MUST be reported directly to USA Hockey.
6. USA Hockey Model Association Program- some specifications for this program would be for the association to have all cross ice games for Mites, have a hockey director overseeing the ADM program, off ice training sessions for players, and appoint someone to follow through on this. All information is on USA Hockey website.
7. Any coaches that get suspended from a game:
- a) 1st time: warning
  - b) 2nd time: 3 games or 30 days
  - c) 3rd time: a year suspension
  - d) 4th time: Life
8. District 15 is still looking for a District 15 hockey director. Contact Dennis Bushy if interested.
9. Tier 1 Update-U14's earned 4th place. Team was D15 combined with D16. Charged each parent \$500 for the fall season and D16 will also contribute to fees.
- B. Girl's Director - Chris Robinson:
- a) Annual Girls league meeting will be next week by conference call to form and identify the leagues.
  - b) World Girls Hockey weekend was this past weekend and several associations held events in D15.
  - c) Tier 1 Update- 14U team was combined with D16. Due to numbers, the roster filled with girls from metro as well.
  - d) 15U had only 2 teams statewide.
  - e) USA Hockey reports growth in girls' numbers in last 10 years as 33% growth.
- C. Coaching Director - Andy Shriver: No report.
- D. Official's Director - John Rice
- a) Dates are posted on the D15 website for officials' seminars. If an association would like a seminar in their district, please contact John.
  - b) Hallot center charging fee for use meeting room for official seminar. Northern Lakes & Brainerd volunteered to help with those fees.
  - c) Registration process for officials- There is now a shortened open book test to try to make the process easier and less time consuming.
  - d) Sr. Official program- USA Hockey is experimenting with a Senior/ 10-year program starting next spring. Info on USA Hockey website.
  - e) John needs contact information from each association to report incidents from games- Name, Phone number, email address. Carmen adding a page for Officiating on the Google Contacts files and all Presidents have access to this page to add the information.
- E. Tournament Director - Cyndi Young:
- a) Squirt B tournaments Split North/ South (after declarations)-
    - (1) North Bracket (Park Rapids)- Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead Black, Morris/ Benson Silver, and Park Rapids.
    - (2) South Bracket (Long Prairie)- Brainerd, Little Falls, Moorhead Orange, Morris/ Benson Blue, Prairie Centre, and Wadena.
  - b) Motel Information from host associations- Each host association should be booking blocks for all the teams participating in the District Host's area. Please get this information to Cyndi ASAP.

- c) Reminder: 12U, PW, and Bantam levels- Request access to team pages on the D15 website by Nov. 15th.
- d) Wadena will not have a PWA team this season and decided to back out of hosting the PWA District Tournament. Northern Lakes will host the PWA D15 tournament at the Hallot Center Arena.

**VII. Open Forum - New Business**

- 1. USA Hockey awards- Zero award, Hat Trick Award, Playmaker Award- There is a link to USA Hockey website form on the D15 website with all the specifications required for the awards. Please share these with your teams.

**VIII. President's Report- Carmen Johnson**

- 1. District 15 will now host PeeWee B1 and PeeWee B2 levels. PeeWee B2 level will not advance to the regional tournament. 9 teams declared as PeeWee B1 and 5 teams declared as PeeWee B2. In the PeeWee B1 level, seeds 1-8 will be in that tournament. Seeds 9-11 will participate in the PeeWee B2 District tournament.

**IX. Next Meeting – Winter meeting Monday February 4th at 6:30pm at the Maslowski Wellness Center, Wadena, MN**

- X. **Adjourn-** Wadena motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alexandria 2nd the motion. Meeting Adjourned.