

District 5

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2010

Meeting called to order by Tim Hanson at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Kurt Lofrano, February minutes on website and distributed to presidents. **Crow River motion; Hutch. second**—secretary's report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Robert Hantge, distributed report summary. Checking balance \$10,358.19, savings \$15,343.89. Clarified playoff ice policy, the longer teams stay in the playoffs, the more the team pays. **Crow River motion; Buffalo second**—treasurer's report approved

MN Hockey Report: Presented by Doug Kephart, distributed summary.

1. District playoffs wrapped up, overall positive comments.
2. Region assignments this weekend
 - a. Remember who you are representing
 - b. Don't assume; ask a question if you do not know
3. Waivers for next season, there is no requirement for associations to approve prior to next season
4. Affiliate board members – with elections coming up and transitions, ask for help if needed, transition plans are important
5. Handbook committee for 2010/2011 – committee filled, want to get taken care of late spring/early summer
6. Thank you to Crow River and Mound/Westonka for their participation and contribution over the years
7. Girls Coordinator Report, distributed by Doug Foster:
 - a. Advance 15 Girls-Going well provided a detailed summary
 - i. March 21 and 22 in STMA and Monticello arenas, details on website
 - ii. April 24, game at Buffalo
 - b. Congratulations to girl's regional qualifiers
8. **Tournament Coordinator Report:** Presented by Jeff Carlen
 - a. 21 day deadline – try to improve for next season
9. **Coaches' Report:** Presented by Brian Johnson.
 - a. Advanced 15 – Information on website, everything set to go

Referee's Report: Presented by Mike Mooney, summary below:

Playoffs

- The District playoffs went very well. The only complaint I was approached with was the 12U B game that STMA ran the score up, I was supervising the tournament at Buffalo on Saturday 2/20. When approached I told the host of the tournament that there are no rules against running the score up, we can't legislate civility you can only hope coaches will act in a civil manner.
- The Pee Wee B regional tournament is this weekend. We will be using 15 officials to cover 14 games. No official will work more than one game per day.
- Our State crews are getting ready for their assignments. The 16U tournament being held at Plymouth and hosted by Wayzata. The crew is Referee Ryan Syzmanski, Linesman Duncan Ryhrchuk, and Linesman Michael Kephart. We will also be sending a crew to the Bantam A tournament being held at Richfield. The crew is Referee Rick Nelson, Linesman Darren Glur, and Linesman Shane Paskey.

Officials of the Year Awards

- The officials of the year and I attended the St Cloud State Huskies vs. North Dakota Fighting Sioux on February 13th. Our three officials level 1 Katie Rooney, Katie could not attend so Kenny Mooney as the first runner up attended in Katie's place, level 2 BJ Muench and level 3 Tyler Ellefson all had a great time. The four officials for the game were Derek Shepherd and Marco Hunt Referees, Tony Czech and Dan Dineen Linemen. These four and Greg Shepherd the Supervisor of Officials for the WCHA treat our kid's great. They talked and answered question for about a half hour before the game and took pictures with the kids and then invited our officials to the Officials Room after the game also.

Mentor/Evaluating

- We worked 37 games in the Mound/Westonka Mite Jamboree last weekend and are looking forward to working about the same number of games at the Hutchinson Jamboree this weekend. This is a great opportunity to mentor our youngest officials in a safe environment. I would like to thank the Mound/Westonka and the Hutchinson Youth Hockey Associations for allow us the opportunity to mentor our officials during these events. It is also a good experience for the young players to have officials on the ice it is a real game experience.
- We have mentored all our young officials at least twice, many first year officials are working games on their own with an experienced official across the ice.
- We have not compiled the final numbers of evaluations yet, I am thinking we will be close to our target of 250.

Game Report

The final numbers are in and it isn't looking good this season. The past month we increased our game reports by 19, for a season total of 46.

- Six for rule # 613 (a) Fisticuffs.
- One for rule # 608 (c) Butt Ending.
- One for rule # 604 (b) Board-Checking with injury.
- Three for rule # 601 (f) Abuse to Officials.
- One for rule #617 High Stick.
- Two for rule 616 (a) Head Contact.
- One for rule 633 (b) Slashing.
- One for rule 404 (b) five penalty rule.

Three Match Penalties.

- Two for rule 623 (b) Kicking.
- One for rule 601 (g) (3) Abuse to Officials.

Incident Reports

Five new Incident Reports, for a season total 26.

- Two on coaches 601 (h) (2) Abuse to Officials.
- Three on Fans/Parents

One Last Thing

One of our officials, Kelli Rolstad worked the Gold Medal Game for the Women's Olympics. We have been blessed with many very accomplished officials working our games and mentoring our officials. They include but are not limited to.

JB Olson, IIHF

Rick Nelson, WCHA

Brian Thul, WCHA

Kelli Rolstad, WCHA IIHF Gold Medal Olympic

Brian Mach, NHL

Old Business:

1. Motions tabled from last meeting, will start discussion in April with new member associations.

New Business:

1. Election of officers – discussed open positions and general responsibilities
 - a. 2nd VP, currently held by Doug Foster, current responsibilities include coordinating some score sheets and other duties as assigned
 - b. Secretary, currently held by Kurt Lofrano, responsibilities include notes, records and other duties as assigned. Kurt will not be running for election this year.

Both non-paid positions, there is expense reimbursement, please get any nominees to Tim with a brief bio.

2. Discussion from Buffalo regarding a situation at the beginning of the season with a game misconduct and subsequent suspension required to be served until next district game. Can be significant time period prior to the regular season. **Motion Buffalo, second Crow River**, suspension can be served by the next scheduled contest when outside of regular season. To be tabled on and voted after April, also incorporate any change into hand book changes.
3. With new members coming into District 5, we will be having meetings throughout the summer, May 5 2010 and June 2 2010. Possible location change being looked into.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM, motion by Crow River, second Buffalo.

Next meeting Wednesday April 7, 2010, 6:00 PM dinner at Daniels in Cokato, followed by regular meeting.

Submitted by Kurt Lofrano