

Minnesota Hockey, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
January 30, 2011

Report presented to the Board by Acting Committee Chair for the District Directors
Michelle Brennan, Director, Minnesota Hockey District 2

1). Body Checking Rule Change proposal:

Much discussion took place around the proposed rule change that would eliminate body checking from the 12U level. At this time, the District Directors generally opposed the change, but agreed to take more information back to their associations, make sure all are informed of the pros and cons of such a rule change, gather more specific feedback from our district. We will be better prepared to provide the MN hockey delegation to USA hockey with guidance with regard to our support or opposition to the rule change proposal at the April MN hockey board meeting.

2). We discussed the method currently in place to determine the appropriate number of seeds into regional tournaments. Some directors are of the opinion that a change to the process is needed to ensure a more consistent and mathematical approach. Seeing as how the tournaments are set for this season, it was decided to table this discussion until the spring meeting.

3). With regard to redistricting. The initial plan that was developed by the discernment committee included not only a plan to redistrict which was adopted this season, but also a proposal to evaluate redistricting on a two year cycle. At this time the District Directors would like to place a motion on floor to have the Discernment committee further define the process of redistricting evaluation. The proposed process should be available for discussion at the April meeting of the MN hockey board of directors.

4). We discussed the challenges that exist within our districts with regard to league team levels . The discussion included comments around the development of a AA league, large associations that choose to field only one A level team, and associations that host only B level teams. At this me, the District Directors would like to place two motions on the floor.

A motion to ask the Hockey Operations committee to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a AA league for the purpose of playoffs to be presented at the spring meeting.

A motion to as the Hokey Operations committee to develop a recommendation to be considered at the spring meeting that would provide guidance to the districts and associations based on registrations or other factors the number of teams and the appropriate level of teams across all age groups.

5). The last item on our agenda was with regard to introducing delayed or tag up offsides at all levels. There was unanimous support for implementing this rule change. At this time the District Directors make a motion to have our MN delegation to USA hockey submit a request a two year pilot request that would allow the tag up rule to be in effect for all levels of hockey (10U through 14U age groups).

Past President Green asked for more consider the item before the vote is taken at the board meeting.