

**D2 Monthly meeting**  
**June 22, 2014**  
**Stadium Bar and Grill**

**Board Members:** Dave H, Dave B, Jake R, Maureen S.

**Associations – all present**

Mahtomedi

Stillwater

Forest Lake

North St. Paul

Roseville

Tartan

White Bear Lake

New Richmond

Hudson

Somerset

Baldwin

Highland

Mounds View

River Falls

D2HOA representatives

**Meeting Called to order at 6:32**

**Motion by Stillwater to approve May minutes WB 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carries.**

Jake then stated that we do not need to approve meeting minutes unless there is an amendment to the posted minutes that needs to be put through.

**Treasurer's Report**

Approved – no amendments needed

**Coordinators' Report:**

Bantam - no update

Peewee - no update

Squirt - no update

Initiation –

Girls – 2 girls from district2 made national camp.

Junior Gold - no update

**Supervisor of Officials –**

- Yearly training has been set up. Same location, Tartan.
- Need to discuss how the league games in WI will be handled. WAHA and MN hockey need to work together to determine who is in charge of games. Does WI require special certification beyond what MN refs have?

**D2 HOA – no report**

**President's Report –**

- Working on getting ready for next season
- Working on defining and finalizing D2 HOA Contract.

## **District Director's Report**

### **Weekend meeting**

#### **Major rule changes**

- Team rest period– changed from 3 hours to 2 hours. Teams from out of metro area struggled with the 3-hour wait.
- Teams may schedule a practice before or after a game without 2 hours of rest at the discretion of the coach or association.

Note - This might be ok at Bantam or U14 level but not sure if it's appropriate for Squirt and peewee level.

#### **At regions and State–**

- No team playing 2<sup>nd</sup> game of day will compete against a team playing their first game.
- It is up to the tournament director's discretion if resurfacing is needed before a game when the previous game went into overtime. Depending on how far into OT the game went/condition of ice.

**Next meeting is August 9<sup>th</sup>** – A big topic of discussion will be redistricting. Not sure if D2 will be affected but there might be changes to districts 4, 5, 9 and 10.

D8 now does NOT want to co-op. No approval given. The A teams will be ok but AA teams have to determine what season will look like.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Pilot Program for AA and Single A -**

Should we form our own league and invite teams? It might be easier to send our 2 teams to D10. Rather than taking on additional work/planning.

D10 – 7 teams? They have fewer A than AA. They compare their AA to D2 Single A.

Forest Lake might be interested in playing with D10. Not that hard to manage.

Adjust to ice schedulers routine. Fee to D2 would maybe only be ref fees.

Dave – problem with D10 AA bantam. They play 17 minute periods? We can adjust for that. Team fees, league fees, ice time. Maroon and Gold is also 17 minute periods.

#### **Association Feedback**

**Forest Lake** - would like us to host league. Would go to D10 for additional games

**Roseville** – Would like to get a league of our own (D2) and invite teams in.

**Moundsview**– Still up in the air and co-op isn't set yet. Will know more in a month. They don't like the idea of AA ending. If Arden Hills has AA teams, they would want to have D2 responsible for setting up the league. Yes, league within D2.

**WBL** – Yes, league in D2. Would like to go to D8 to play additional games.

**Stillwater** – They want to play AA teams only. They want to play in a AA league and they don't care if it's hosted by D2 or not. Would like to go to D8 for additional games.

**Tartan** – Just want assurance that there will be equal strength.

**NSP** – Don't know what will happen with the co-op and also not sure if they'll be AA or single A.

**Summary and Action items-** Reps would rather that D2 host a AA league with 8 games. Go back to your boards and discuss the option of an 8 game league and then picking up additional games for rest of schedule.  
Need to know Arden Hills and Tartan will be single or double A? Confirm and report next month.

**Update from Terry -**

New this year, every major penalty will be tracked through usa hockey and any player with 3 major penalties within a season will have a suspension. Number of games? This information was tracked throughout the 2013-2014 season but just for tracking purposes. In 2014-2015 season, there will be penalties handed out for excessive major penalties. It is the responsibility of the tournament director to know the history of a player and if he/she has 2 major penalties coming in to the tournament.

All coaches are required to do safe sport training, 1.5 hours. This includes managers and board members.

**Co-Ops -**

**NSP/Tartan** – co-op with Johnson Como. Still have to determine levels. Registration opens end of July. NSP will have new affiliate agreement next year. With Northern educate. It's going to be called ---- and they will have Tier 1 teams. 14/16s and 18s. Plus, they are going to be allowed to have their own squirt, U10, peeewee, and u12. They are going to have their own teams but under affiliate of NSP. Needs to be some discussion. All other districts voted for except one.

Statement – AANA Academy will be allowed to register teams as Tier 1 or classified as outlying between mn hockey and AANA academy the designation as division of A, B or C how the unclassified team will be determined by the MN hockey director.

**Participation rule** – states if a kid waivers in from wherever, and don't move, they can only play at B level or lower. So will they displace an entire team for one kid? We need to decide if they are part of our league. Tier 1 is only for 14/16 and 18 like Shattuck. Other levels play under NSP.

**Parady rule** – teams need to be equal. If you put a B team out there, is it equal to NSP B team? Needs to be a discussion between NSP, northern educate and MN hockey. NSP doesn't think they'll have enough numbers to spill over to youth level? Team revolution might be only one.

**Arden hills/irondale** – Has Jake heard from D10 director? Want them to be d2. Other 11 district directors said no. Until redistricting, they will waiver in and will follow D2 rules. But for now they will stay part of D10 and blanket waiver into to D2. There is a signed agreement. When everyone gets together, there are issues that arise. Lots of people involved but the communication isn't getting to everyone. Need to talk to our coordinator and figure out levels – AA or A. Jake will talk to D10 director and there needs to be a meeting between the heads of MV and Irondale.

**Volunteer Hour Requirements** – Wisconsin teams volunteering at district playoffs and how best to credit volunteers for hours worked when distance is factor. Dan sent an email and they are definitely willing to help at District tourney.

All WI associations reported their willingness to help. What events?  
Looking for help with District tourneys or regions and State(March) Junior Gold would be too far for Wi to drive.  
Volunteers needed for timing, penalty box and locker rooms.

### **MN Hockey Golf tournament -**

Date is Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bunker Hills. Total cost of \$3,750 for 3 teams.

1 team filled – Kristie, Jake, Craig, Brett

2<sup>nd</sup> team – Dan from Mahtomedi

3<sup>rd</sup> team – Roseville?

Point is to give back to the people who have volunteered. Let them get involved and meet people from MN hockey. It doesn't have to be someone on board. Just great volunteers./tourney coord. Coach.

Need to know within next 2 weeks. **Email Dave by 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**

### **Squirt B2 Discussion –**

Feedback from Association Reps about possible creation of Squirt B2 level.

**Stillwater** - not interested. However, that was the old board. The new board is in place and Doug will bring it up again. May be more challenging to schedule games with B2 teams. Tourneys will be factor too. New board may want to discuss it.

**WBL** – impartial

**Roseville** – no

**Mahtomedi** – no – You start dividing up squirt B and you're going to have a hard time finding teams for tournaments where they won't be outmatched.

**Nsp** – no

**Tartan** – no. Follow mn hockey rules – need to allocate equal amount of ice time... something to think about.

**MV** – indifferent

Table discussion. No reason to rush it through. Come back with a firm reasoning and an answer. Yes or no and why.

**Stillater motion to table discussion and vote until July. Wbl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion tabled.**

**NSP/Tartan** – co-op with Johnson Como.

**Steven Brier restitution settlement - - \$100 check received from Steve.**

### **Wisconsin teams remaining in district 2 –**

Motion by Roseville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stillwater to include all Wisconsin teams, New Richmond, Baldwin, Hudson, Somerset, and River Falls in D2.

### **Discussion –**

Stillwater would like Hudson to play at A level this year. Let them back in with the stipulation that Hudson plays A level for Bantam, Peewee and squirt.

WBL – WI come to MN (WBL) on weekdays and MN teams go to WI on weekends.

Highland, WBL and FL don't want to go to WI for weekday games.

Wisconsin RF - would prefer to not come to FL on weeknight. NR has no issues.

Somerset no issues. Baldwin wont schedule any games during the week. OK to travel to MN for weeknight games.

**Amendment –**

Amended motion by WBL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Highland to allow WI teams in D2 as long as WBL, FL and Highland do not go to WI during the week AND also that Hudson places an A team at the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels.

In favor - Tartan, FL, Highland, NSP, Stillwater, WBL

Opposed – Arden hills, Mahtomedi, Roseville

Motion passed.

Should we just make amendment that we only play all WI teams on weekends. Only WI team that hosts weekday games is Hudson.

### **D2HOA Contract discussion -- Doug**

Formed a committee with Joe and Dan. Hopes to complete proposal in July and bring it to July meeting. Spoke with Ron from D2HOA. Objective is to propose and vote in July.

**Terry would like to be involved as well. Supervisor of officials.**

### **New Business:**

#### **District playing rule changes for 2014-2015 Season**

- Proposal for Bantam B2 level and below to have current rule of 12 minute periods, 1 hour long games.. Change to 15-minute periods and 1½ hour long games. Jake – this will benefit our refs bc they'll have the back to back games. Give some more C level bantam refs some big game experience.

Motion by Tartan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stillwater to table the discussion until July. Go back and discuss with your associations.

Motion passed.

Jake – At girls meeting. Discussion with girls director would like to see U10 district playoffs come back. Then we'd have to do the squirts. Regional playdowns still in discussions. Go back to your associations – do you want it? Do you want to host it??? The playoffs can be split boys and girls or can be hosted at the same arena.

35 event rule vs 35 game rule.

Motion by Roseville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tartan to table squirt/U10 district playoff discussion/decision until next month. Will it be all levels of squirts? A,B,C?

### **D2 HOA Report**

#### **Association Reports - All MN Assocations welcomed back the WI associations**

Forest Lake – question on golf tourney cost? It's a fundraiser for MN hockey.

Highland – Because Ramsey county is taking over Vadnais, we lost our rink manager. He's moved to Vadnais.

Mounds View– sent out email with information about Steve Carroll coming to speak to perspective goalies and their parents. Email Dave for more information.

### **Final Announcements/Reminders -**

Dave needs ice scheduler contact information from each association as soon as possible. Email the name and contact info to Dave even if it is the same person as last year.

If you have a new registrar, send contact info to Jake.

Next Meeting date and time – July 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm same location

### **Adjournment -**

Motion by Stillwater, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roseville to adjourn.