

MN D2 Hockey Meeting Minutes 2/22/15

Role Call: Mahtomedi, Roseville, White Bear Lake, Forest Lake, Stillwater, Tartan, N St Paul, Moundsview, Hudson, River Falls, Baldwin, Somerset, New Richmond, Highland

Not present– NSP, St. Paul

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:19 by Dave

January meeting minutes - motion to approve minutes as submitted. By Dave.

Treasurers Report –Report sent out Feb 8th. Motion to approve by Mahtomedi, Tartan 2nd motion approved.

BOARD REPORTS

AGE LEVEL REPS –

Girls – HP 15 invitations will be going out in next few weeks

Bantam Rep-

Peewee Coordinator -

Squirt Rep- just wrapping up season. For tournament of champions, D2 can send 3 squirt b teams. 2 or maybe 3 squirt A teams, 2 U10A teams, 2 U10B teams.

Junior Gold Rep – volunteer work assignments – make sure all are filled. Associations will be fined if spots are missed.

Initiation -

Jim Sass –

REFEREE IN CHIEF – TERRY 4 games left. All is good.

D2 H REP- RON – no report

PRESIDENT Report – Dave Hursh

- Finishing up playoffs

DIRECTOR Report– Jake R

- Seeding process for Bantam and PW AA - Jake attended meeting today in New Hope. The process is fair and well done. – All coaches are asked to send in rankings ahead of time ranking the teams. Points given to each level based on coach rankings. Points are tallied and then teams are put into regions. 24 teams move on.
- Teams announced tomorrow by video at 10am on MN hockey
- January meeting for MN hockey –
 - clarification on participation rule. If you are leaving one school and going to another one regardless of whether you've completed all grades in that school, you can't play at the highest level in your new association.
 - Discussion of Mites going back to 8 game schedule from 10,
- Next meeting in April.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- Dave Benck - Need to vote on the 2014-15 operating budget for D2 – voted in January
- Doug Biever – I will make a motion at the April 2015 board meeting to untable a motion made back in August 2014 to change Bantam B2 & C games from 1 hour (12 min periods) to 1.5 hour (15 min periods) games. Proposal will make all Bantam level game durations the same.

- Discussed at Stillwater meeting. Would like motion to include B2 only rather than C level.
- All associations should discuss with their associations if they want the change.

New Business – Lots to bring back to associations for discussion at April meeting.

- Nominating Chair –
 - Dan (Mahtomedi) is nominating chair. Take nominations for Treasurers and VP position for annual meeting. District Reps should send Dan your nominations.
- Rule changes for next year – 14U Parity rule. Across the board but especially at U14.
 - Need to go back to associations now because rule changes need to be done by July.
 - What are consequences for associations that don't follow rules? Associations should discuss with their boards and come back with suggestions.
 - WBL discussed it already – they want either parity removed OR level of enforcement to happen at the time of the team draft. Have a rep in room monitoring the draft either from that association or from another association. That rep would then sign off on it as being a fair process.
 - Consequence – kick team out of district playoffs?
 - Day after tryouts, have 2 teams scrimmage to make sure its even teams.
 - What is punishment and what can we ask for that proves teams are even.
 - A vs. B – teams want to be A level so they can be considered for HP15.
- Stop D2 Playoffs – keep C and B2 level playoffs only to make it special for the levels that don't move on to regions.
 - Cost savings? Jake wants associations to know it costs \$90,000 to run the district playoffs.
 - Members are coming to D2 about cost. Currently \$30/player for district playoffs.
 - All levels AA through C. We do splurge on food and drinks for volunteers.
 - Treasurer Dave – If associations are concerned about costs, they could save more money by reducing the number of out of town tourneys.
 - Go back to board and ask if they want to continue with D2 playoffs? Or reduce number of games. Take top 8 seeds? Teams that don't make playoffs don't pay. D2 would bill at time of D2 playoffs.
 - Could go right off of standings and then send them to regions. Then host for Squirts, U10, B2 and C level teams. Make it a big event for those teams.
 - Some districts don't do playoffs. Just go off league rankings.
- Trophies
 - Part of playoffs. \$5,000 total. \$1.50/player. Consider giving them medals or custom pucks or Stanley cup type of trophy – traveling trophy...
 - Or leave it up to association.
 - Go back to association and seek feedback.
 - Fees aren't comparable across districts but each is run differently.
- Home team supplies the pucks for games
 - Warm-up pucks. JG currently does it where home team supplies pucks.
 - Mahtomedi makes motion, 2nd by Tartan that the home team supplies warm-up pucks for district games. All approved.
- 2 ref system for all levels – Bantam/14U and lower
 - Not junior gold. Discuss with associations. Only D6 and us run 3-man system.
 - Impact A and AA bantams.
- AA league plays in D2
 - April meeting decision will be made about where AA teams will play. WBL wants to stay only in D2. We need to know what associations will be AA or A at the April meeting.
 - Will Stillwater and WBL put both AA and A teams out there next year?

- Jake prefers everyone play in same district but associations have choice to play D2 or go to D8 or D10. Lakeville appreciated having our teams play them. Teams could still set up scrimmages/games outside of D2.
- Change 1.5 hour games to 1.25 games (no resurface)
 - Could get 2 more hours of practice by reducing game times.
 - Bring back to associations and discuss
 - Savings per game between less ice and only 2 refs could be about \$65 game per team in savings.
 - Check with ice schedulers on savings.
- Invitational tournament forms - submitted by November 1st. Fine for late forms
 - D2 had \$6,700 in fines.
 - No cost if you make a change or lose a bracket. It's ok if you don't know how many teams you'll have. You can modify the bracket. It's easier to drop than add a bracket.
 - Associations need to decide what the fine is –
 - Go back to associations and get feedback
- Waiver rule – District director's decision?
 - Go back to associations and get feedback on what you want the Directors role to be.
 - If both associations are ok, it should be ok. Or bring it to the board and let board make decision. Don't put it all on District director.
- Goalie substitution form – Approval process needs to be revised.
 - If both coaches approve, it should be ok to move forward but Jake can't always be available to approve them quickly under current process.
 - Need to add rule about consequence for breaking rule. Coach penalized?
 - Would be nice to go online and approve.
- Volunteer hours
 - Need to do a better job. Get them out earlier and make sure we are aware of who will be there.
 - Possibly assign 2 reps and level coordinators every night during district tourney, or a competent person. Take pressure off Dave and Jake.
- Bylaws/Rule changes – need 30 days notice. Look at them and if you want something changed, come back to meeting. We have to check with attorney to make sure it is a rule we can change, due to our 501c3 status.
 - Some rules can't be changed bc copied out of MN Hockey handbook.
- Tax Returns – make sure you distribute to board and treasurer and get comments to Dave by Friday, 2/27. For most part, most numbers have been audited. Board has to agree before we file. Part of new process. Electronic file. We had to wait for letter from IRS with our 501c3 status. 2 year process to get that back.
- Tax audit for associations has been set up. WBL and Tartan treasurers will be there. They go through process and do a spot check.
- Dan – tournament of champions – motion by Mahtomedi to give teams that advance from league standings a \$200 check to offset cost of tournament. Each team is charged \$450. 2nd by Roseville.
 - Discussion by Stillwater– is it in budget? No . 8 teams move on. Timing is tough at end of season to make a rule change when we already know what teams will advance. Maybe approve for next year?
 - All in favor – 1
 - Opposed – 4
 - Motion fails

- Money given to teams going to regions or tournament of champions(U10 and squirt) - Go back to associations and discuss for next year if we should still give each team that moves on \$200.

Association Comments:

FL – another push to potentially go to D10. Other associations need to offer input if we are ok with them leaving. Go back to your board and discuss.

Mahtomedi – Bantam C tourney is done. Went well. SMP beat SMP in championship.

Baldwin – thanks for letting us play in D2

Roseville – thanks WI teams for participating.

Jake – Kristi has done a fabulous job and has taken a lot of flack for doing her job.

Dave – Thanks to all of the Reps and level coordinators and board members who volunteered during the tournament.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, March 15th @ 6:30 @ Stadium Bar in White Bear Lake.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:46. Tartan, 2nd Stillwater.