

MN D2 Hockey

Meeting minutes 3/15/15

Role Call: Mahtomedi, Roseville, White Bear Lake, Forest Lake, Stillwater, Tartan, N St Paul, Hudson, Baldwin, Somerset, New Richmond, Highland. Not present – MV and River Falls.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:58pm

February Meeting Minutes – Mahtomedi makes motion to delete AA content from last months meeting regarding 3 regions, Roseville 2nds. Motion carries.

WBL motion to approve amended meeting minutes, Roseville 2nd. Motion carries.

Treasurers Report –

- WBL – what was cost per teams for district play? AA PW \$1,100/team. Dave will have audit AA and PW and Bantam teams. Some districts (D8) pay less money for league games but that cost doesn't include all ref fees, arbiter and admin costs.
- Motion by Mahtomedi to pass, tartan 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

President Report – Dave Hursh –

- Just wrapped up state. Thanks to all the volunteers. Missing volunteers at Junior Gold (St. Paul missing 3 volunteers)

Director Report – Jake R

- No report

Open Forum Discussion –

- **Guests: Mike White, Dana Schauer, Melanie Folmer all WBL**
 - Mike White, head coach for B1 PW. Email sent with issues with parent.
 - Brought to WBL board and others.
 - Dave – protocol – WBL signed affiliate agreement with usa hockey/mn hockey and bylaw 10 states that associations are supposed to follow a procedure. Mike tried to follow WBL bylaws. Brought to president, VP, and Scott Hambly. If WBL refuses to follow USA hockey procedure, then they can come to District 2 board with issue.
 - Chris leClair – Kevin needs to appoint people to the judicial board. It is Chris's understanding that Kevin handed issue to Scott Hambly. Scott is on vacation but will deal with it when he returns.
 - USA hockey bylaws have a timeframe. If that isn't followed, then come to D2 for appeal process. If that isn't satisfactory, then go to MN hockey.
 - WBL doesn't have a Safesport coordinator. This is a requirement.
 - Formal complaint made to Scott Hambly on December 18th.
 - MN hockey whistle blowers rule. Parents hesitant to speak up for fear it will be held against their kids in next year's tryout. Tom (PW coordinator) is willing to assist.
- 14U Parity rule. Parity rule is across the board but discussion is focused on the U14 Level.
 - Feedback from associations (About U14)–
 - Stillwater – it is a rule today, and needs to be enforced if we keep it. Stillwater feels it should be taken out. Challenges with having 2 teams at U14. Bigger issue is mismatches/imbbalances across associations. Associations can opt out of certain levels to give other levels a better chance at being competitive.
 - WBL – Prefer to get rid of it OR if it stays then we need to enforce it.
 - Tartan – Keep it. 14U we don't have 2 teams at that level but if we are playing teams that are stacked, it makes it difficult. Kids develop throughout the year...teams improve.

- St. Paul – Keep it.
 - Roseville – Parents didn't think teams were balanced at 14U. Tom – Roseville plans to have U14A and B teams next year. Only 4 metro teams at the B level, making the travel schedule difficult. Joe is for keeping the parity rule.
 - NSP – in favor
 - Baldwin – In favor
 - FL – In favor
 - Mahtomedi – in favor. Want to know parameters for governing it.
 - New Richmond – in favor
 - Somerset – in favor
 - Hudson – in favor
 - MV – not in favor
- Need to go back to board and determine how you want to enforce this. The certification of 2 balanced teams will be at the time of tryouts.
- What are consequences for associations that don't follow rules
- D2 Playoffs – Suggestion of keeping C and B2 level playoffs only to make it special for the levels that don't move on to regions.
 - Feedback from associations on this topic?
 - Keep it – Stillwater, WBL except AA, Tartan, Roseville, and all other except St. Paul
 - Get rid of it – St. Paul, (to save money and bc it is difficult finding volunteers)
 - Having it at one location (Stillwater) makes it easier on everyone. Other districts push it out to the associations.
- Trophies – Suggestion of moving to a traveling trophy rather than trophies for each year.
 - Feedback from associations?
 - Stillwater Keep them. But eliminate league trophies
 - WBL , NSP– Keep as is.
 - St. Paul , Roseville, FL– move to 1 traveling trophy
 - Mahtomedi – keep medals for individual players.
- 2 ref system for all levels – Bantam/14U and lower
 - Not junior gold. Discuss with associations. Only D6 and us run 3-man system.
 - Change will Impact A and AA bantams.
 - Terry – 3 refs at Bantam A and AA and Junior Gold. Terry recommends.
 - JV doesn't have 3 refs but high school hockey shouldn't be compared to MN hockey.
 - Stillwater – 2
 - St. Paul - 2
 - WBL wants 3 man down to Bantam B1
 - Tartan wants 3 refs.
 - Roseville – 3
 - Wisconsin – 3
 - FL – 2
 - Mahtomedi – 3 for Bantam AA and A
 - Hudson – 2
 - Somerset –
 - New Richmond – 3
- 3-man Ref system for Junior Gold – Mike L. – Only D2 went with 4-man system for D2. Looking for feedback comparing 3 vs. 4 refs. Tartan JG coach was ok with it. Pat – cost comes to \$28/player for the 4th guy. Move to open forum. – Go back to associations or JG coaches or coordinators or parents to get feedback. Pat – every year we have a coaches business meeting and Tartan isn't represented. That's where this is discussed.

- Terry – major penalties especially at JG B went way down. Terry will present this at the annual meeting.
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- AA league plays in D2 – Reminder that we need to know what associations will be AA or A at the April meeting. – Associations will be the same as last year, except St. Paul will have to move up to PWAA bc they won state.
- Change 1.5 hour games to 1.25 games (no resurface)
 - Feedback from associations?
 - Keep it – Stillwater, WBL
 - 1.25 - Mahtomedi
- Invitational tournament forms - submitted by November 1st. Fine for late forms
 - Go back to associations and get feedback –
 - Ok with it– Stillwater but would like Dec 1st, WBL, Mahtomedi All else ok.
- Waiver rule – District director’s decision? From association to association.
 - Go back to associations and get feedback on what you want the Directors role to be regarding waivers for players moving from one association to another.
 - WBL – didn’t discuss
 - Tartan – District director should have veto power but if it can relieve director’s role, it would be ok if association presidents and ok it.
 - Mahtomedi – issue with Stillwater and Mahtomedi schools not matching up.
 - Need to know how rules will change before knowing if there is any issue.
- Goalie substitution form – Approval process needs to be revised.
 - Dave and Dan have worked on a revised process. – will present.
 - Up to district reps to handle it. Shouldn’t have to get president involved. If the 2 reps discuss and both coaches are ok with it, it should be approved and then stamped by District Director.
 - Pat – also need to have level coordinator cc’d on it in case any issues arise. Just for district 2. For tournaments or games outside of D2, you need to use the MN hockey form and have Jake approve.
- 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.
 - Stillwater – bylaws say we should hold our meeting on last Sunday of month. Suggest changing bylaws to reflect what is happening. Wants to change bylaws to 3rd Sunday of the month.
 - All other associations - no suggested changes to bylaws.
- Tournament of Champions and Regions – Get feedback from associations on whether they want to give teams that move on \$200.
 - Keep it – WBL, Stillwater, NSP, Mahtomedi
 - Get rid of it – St. Paul,
 - Not sure – Roseville, FL
 - Dave (Treasurer) prefers to get rid of it. Logistics of distributing checks
 - Mahtomedi – can we table it bc with D6 backing out, it wasn’t a true tournament of champions...
 - Tom – Is \$200 enough?
- FL going to D10? – Will know more after next board meeting.
 - Districts who want FL to stay – Mahtomedi, Stillwater, Tartan, Roseville
 - Let them go – MV

BOARD REPORTS

AGE LEVEL REPS –

Girls – Congratulate FL 12A won state!! Finished up girls state tourney here – thanks to all the volunteers. HP 15s evaluations start on the 24th. Invites sent out to girls nominated by high school or U14 coaches.

Bantam Rep-

Peewee Coordinator - No report

Squirt Rep- No report

Junior Gold Rep – 2 teams go to state – WBL and Stillwater U16. Huge thank you to all of the volunteers. Lots of compliments on how well it was run. Wednesday is senior select game in Coon rapids – play in a maroon and gold game against each other.

- Tartan – Junior Gold A team – Looking to know if they get fees reimbursed because no refs showed up for last game.

Initiation - 2 parents want to know why all d2 mite programs aren't run the same way. Would like more consistency. Dan suggests parent speaking to FL board about it. Most associations have levels 1,2,3.

Jim Sass –

REFEREE IN CHIEF – TERRY

- Looking at duties of supervisor. Trying to organize and see how next year will look.

D2 HOA REP- RON – change name to Metro East HOA.

Nominating committee – Dan put together committee.

1 candidate for VP – Joe Van Guilder

No nominees for treasurer yet.

OLD BUSINESS

New Business

Association Comments:

Mahtomedi – thanks to everyone for all the hard work! Compliments all around.

St. Paul – PWA state champs!!

Stillwater – great job at districts! Lots of positive feedback.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, April 26th @ 6:30 at Tartan Blue line room, followed by annual meeting at 8pm

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:43pm Roseville, 2nd by tartan.