

# MN D2 Hockey

## July Meeting Minutes 7/19/15

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

### Meeting Called to Order - 6:31pm

**June Meeting Minutes** –Mathtomedi motion, tartan 2nd

**Treasurers Report** – Questions? The following associations still owe money.

WBL – 300

FL – 100

Tartan – 100

Question from Mahtomedi – any way to get more interest on our balance? Short term CD? Need cash flow to pay refs etc.

Motion to approve by Mahtomedi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tartan.

### Open Forum Discussion –

Waiver rule – Doug’s proposing

- If both presidents agree, it’s approved by Jake.
- Only exception if both presidents don’t approve -
  - Jake will approve if shortage of goalies for example.
  - Kid wants to play at higher level – AA for example. They can try out if their association doesn’t have that level.
  - If it has to go to District director level, it should go to a hearing. Jake shouldn’t have to find records or play PI.

Squirt B1/B2 Subcommittee – FL leads. Committee members include Moundsview, Mahtomedi, Jake R, Joe V. Need suggestion by August meeting for vote no later than September.

U14/U15 Parity – Thoughts since last meeting? Won’t know until 7/26 if we go to U15.

ADM Clinics –

Regional playoffs – location. More to discuss?

Mite committee – agreements –

Agreed:

Level 2 – all half-ice games but can play full-ice jamborees

- Treat like a controlled scrimmage – coaches can stop the game and coach and teach/correct etc.

Jake – would like to see 8 year olds on level 3 teams (rec hockey, SMP)

Level 3 – only ones skating full-ice games

District ice scheduling meeting- tentative 12/10 ( about)

- Each team comes with 5 hours of ice (include weekend hours and avoid Wednesdays)
- Associations need to communicate what levels they have etc. Utilize Becki
- Off-ice, coaches on ice, no more penalties, make sure we have standards across district

- Kids change shifts on the fly
- Potential to use games as controlled scrimmages.

Each association needs to describe their levels and who they think they can compete against and get that information to Becki – November 15th

Issue with using common language is that each association has their own philosophy of how they name levels and teams.

MN hockey only has 2 categories/ levels and it goes by age.

Associations should have parity.

Look more at level of competition rather than classification.

Potential rule changes – follow up meeting to set standards of what we are going to have at mite 3 level and for full ice jamborees for mite 2 level. Off-sides, penalties, shift changes, and when to bring in officials. Follow up meeting in August. Becki will send out email.

How does this affect the U8 Girls?

New Tournament Information:

Hockey moms USA – Ryan Carter tournament

Bantam A and B – January 29-31

PW – Feb 19-21

### **President Report – Dave Hursh**

- November 1<sup>st</sup> as cutoff for invitational tournament? All forms in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan for the most and adjust as needed. Register as 12 teams. If you take it away, you can cancel up to 10 days prior to tourney and get full refund of money. MN hockey is supposed to get them at least 21 days prior to tourney.
- Forms should go to district2tournaments@gmail.com – send tournaments, brackets etc. to that email. Brackets need to include times, rules, application and dates.
- D2 will approve application and then you will still need to mail application to tournament director.
- Doesn't need to include team names – but must designate classification and level
- Full weekends – thanksgiving and middle of January through playoffs busy weekends.

### **Director Report – Jake R**

- Does not include jamborees. Those go to Jake for approval. Also end of year D2 tourney – no additional cost. NO need to go through MN hockey
- Jamborees with a certain amount of teams, you need referees but no need to register with usa hockey. No bracket. More of festival format. Scrimmage fest. No bracket, no winner. Games are set up ahead of time. Associations can't make money on jamborees. You do need officials though.
- N. St. Paul leaving D2? Becoming Johnson Como
  - NE Metro stars – D8 will waiver them out to play with stars for the girls who live in N. St. Paul. Staying to play within D2.
- Meeting tomorrow – 7AA PW and 6AA Bantam teams.
  - FL, Stillwater, Roseville, WBL, Mahtomedi, St. Paul (MV?)– Bantam
  - FL, Stillwater, Roseville, WBL, Mahtomedi, ST. Paul, MV(?) - PW
- D5 and D9 and D3 St. Cloud, Rochester, Mankato coming together to make a league – D2 wants to stay on own. Associations ok with that? 16 games max. Usually do home and away. Play everyone twice.
- 26<sup>th</sup> meeting – about the NSP moving and also moving to U15 from U14. Still maintain A and B designation. Just changing age.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

## **AGE LEVEL REPS –**

**Girls- Award to NE Metro Team from USA Hockey. Submitted essay to USA hockey about how they've built their program– NE metro girls' director Mark Herzog present to accept award.**

- Goalie coach
- Smaller teams
- Carnival

Question about dual rostering for girls – It cannot be done in MN. One team for league games in MN. Goalie is an exception but need to follow goalie replacement rule.

**Bantam- No**

**Peewee-No**

**Squirt - No**

**JR Gold- No**

**Initiation – hockey tourney info.**

**Jim Sass-**

## **SUPERVISOR OF OFFICIALS – TERRY**

- Would like to know feasibility of creating feedback form for referees and coaches and put on district 2 website.
- Terry will develop it
- It'll work just like reschedule form.

## **MEHOA REP- RON**

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## **ADM-JOHN**

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## **OLD BUSINESS –**

Parity Rule Change Consequences (From Doug, Stillwater)

***Rule 1.2.2 Any association registering two or more teams at any one playing level will select those teams on a competitive basis (players equally drafted), with the exception of parity between Stillwater Area Hockey Association and St Mary's Point Hockey Organization. The District Director reserves the right to evaluate those team's make-up, selection and/or ratings upon request.***

If it is believed that a violation of this rule has occurred, the accusing Association must file a formal grievance via e-mail with the D2 President and Vice President. The D2 President will review the claim and determine if further action by D2 is warranted. The D2 President has the right to deny the claim, however if warranted, the D2 President will convene a grievance hearing, as defined in Minnesota Youth Hockey Article 6, section D comprised of individuals as defined in D2 Rule 4.3.3.

If the hearing panel determines that the offending party is in violation of Rule 1.2.2, any or all of the following penalties may be applied.

- Up to a 1 month suspension of the responsible individuals which may include but is not limited to Head Coach, President, Boys'/Girls' Program Director, and/or Level Coordinator from any MN related hockey events.
- The offending party team must play one level up for year-end playoffs. The seeding of the team will be determined by the hearing panel no less than two weeks prior to district playoffs.
- Repeat offenses by individuals or associations may result in longer suspensions, up to and including permanent suspensions, from D2 related hockey activities.

Grievance requests must be submitted prior to January 15th of the current hockey season.

The alleged associations will be required to bring their tryout results and any other proof they may have that proves their team's parity.

- Grievance must be submitted prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> (meant to give district time to plan for district tourney)
- Question – Is it written that associations must keep their tryout records? Not currently. Suggest that teams keep their evaluation records. It's already a rule in D2 to maintain records. Doug will add sentence about this, referring to D2 rule, associations are required to save eval reports and alleged association required to bring to hearing, along with any other proof of parity.
- Burden of proof is on association.
- FL – parity is subjective.
- What does Jake enforce?

Motion to approve by Stillwater, WBL 2<sup>nd</sup>

Discussion – Jake – we have to eliminate the false accusation. Must come with some proof.

Yes – FL, Mahtomedi, Roseville, Stillwater, SPaul, Tartan, WBL

No – None

All in favor, motion carries

MN Hockey scramble golf tourney – 7/21 at Bunker Hills

- Noon at 21<sup>st</sup> Check-in starts at 10:30. Dinner is included.
- WBL, Stillwater, St. Paul, MV, Baldwin, 3 from board, Mahtomedi

MEHOA Scholarship fund – We need to come up with an online form. Discuss in August to post online by September 1.

Feedback to Terry on 4-man reffing system for JG and A/B games.

- Stillwater wants it, WBL too.
- Keep it – forever!

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

Feedback on state of D2 –

- D2 and D5 are the 2 having issues with numbers.
- Need to go back to MN hockey about difficulty within D2 – need more teams.
- St. Paul - Concerns bc teams are leaving or have desire to leave.
- D8 – 13 associations
- Go to MN hockey to ask for additional teams? Woodbury?
- Change to districts 4 or 5 years ago and stated they'd revisit districts every 2 years. But haven't.
- Jake wants to be prepared for meeting with our concerns. MN hockey needs to do something – boundary change, additional teams, etc.
- Stillwater – Looking at existing teams- Johnson/como and NSP – why not in D2? Geographically it makes sense to be in D2 but maybe not when you look at teams. Only 1 PW C team from JC Because Johnson was already in D8.
- WBL – does MN hockey have veto power over decision? Johnson Como was already in it. Much larger association than NSP.

- Nice to get one more large association – Centennial?  
8 PW A teams in D2.

Change in MN participation rule – school or residency. The building/school portion is out now. Are players with previous waivers grandfathered in and can play at highest level when they move up to next age level? Only need to waive in once. If you move back to residence school, need to waive out.

**Association Comments:**

**FL** – would like to meet about Squirt B1/B2 – **meet before August meeting**

**Stillwater** – In regards to B1/B2, would be important to get boys coordinators involved.

St Paul – New eval committee. Came up with year-end report cards. Does any other association have post-season report card? Stillwater has a survey.

Tartan – 81 days until Mike leaves for Kuwait.

Jake – Can MV please get Irondale to come to our meetings? Jake needs a contact. Find a contact. Moe follow up.

**Next Meeting Date: Sunday, August 16th at 6:30 at Valhalla Ale House in Willernie**

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:24.**