

MN D2 Hockey

November Meeting Minutes 11/15/15

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

Meeting Called to Order -

October Meeting Minutes – Forest Lake motion to approve amended October Minutes with corrected meeting date. Tartan Seconds. Minutes approved with edit.

Treasurers Report – Tartan motion to approve. Stillwater Seconds

Open Forum Discussion –

1. U10/Squirt playoffs – Teams need to opt in or out at November meeting.

Dates:

U10 Girls – week of 2/22 – all but one association has committed to playing, Currently have 5A and 7B teams with the possibility of going to 6A and 8B teams, depending on cost.

Squirts - 2/16

Cost – determined by number of teams. Estimate \$350-550/team

Tartan – 1A, 1B

WBL – 1B (Chris emailed 11/16 with revised team count – 1A, 2B (White and Black)

FL – 1A (Kelly confirmed A will participate but not B because of Fargo)

Irondale – 2B

Baldwin – No

Hudson – 1A, 1B

RF –

Roseville – 1A, 1B

Mahtomedi – (Dan emailed 11/17 that Mahtomedi would have 1A and 3B teams for Squirts and 1U10B for girls)

St. Paul – (Ray emailed to confirm they will not be participating bc they will be in Fargo)

Stillwater – 1A, 1B

2. Stillwater – question about substitute goalie rule. Several teams have single goalies and have school conflicts. It currently states only injury, bereavement and illness as reason for needing substitutions. Jake brings up point that it would be nice to have 2 goalies on each team. Consider reducing cost and getting specialized goalie coaching. Maybe better to reschedule game.

John Perry from MN hockey spoke about how it was handled previously. With Maroon directors, they never put the reason for substitution down. Districts have the right to enforce rules as they see fit. Ok if both coaches sign off on it and reps approve it. Must be a rostered player on a team so that insurance is in place.

Important to be consistent with how requests are approved or not.

Goalies – Jake wants to discuss how to get more kids playing goalie. Come back and share how you get goalies for your association. Best practices and strategies. What you have for each team.

Districts/Regions/State hosted in Stillwater – The location is convenient for Jake but It takes away hours of practice ice. Stillwater is looking to purchase ice from other associations for use during that time. Stillwater needs to identify what hours of ice they are looking to purchase. Doug will send an email out with amount of ice needed.

Why the \$100 game reschedule fee – if no fee, it would be too many reschedules. D10 is \$250. Blackout dates that were received were honored this year.

WBL – Rule interpretation – game misconduct question. Suspension is for next district game. Not for scrimmages. USA hockey considers a scrimmage a game. League games count towards points, seeding etc. USA Hockey says next game appearing on the schedule, whether it's a scrimmage or a game. Consider revisiting D2 rule next spring.

President Report – Dave H.

Working on the budget – will be sent out by email to approve it next month. Please read it.
District playoff brackets are posted online – 3 more weeks to look at them and comment.
Regions and State – Volunteers will be needed. Rachel and Kristi are working on it.
Team designations this year – very messy with changes. Associations need registrations to close earlier.
Too many reschedules.
Roseville – consider starting league later giving district more time to plan the season.
WBL – consider setting deadline for tryouts to end?
Go back and ask associations for suggestions to help solve problem.

Director Report – Jake R

No report

BOARD REPORTS

AGE LEVEL REPS –

Girls- Call with MN hockey regarding HP program. Getting 14s added to spring. Looking for general manager to run HP program for girls. Email Kristi with questions.

Bantam- Getting the sheets and input info. Mistakes already. Have coaches/ reps get ahold of Bantam rep with questions/mistakes. Some are difficult to read. Remind to include date, and final score.

Peewee – Happy to report no errors yet.

Squirt – Starting next week. Send game and scrimmage sheets.

JR Gold- Would like to verify team declarations –

FL – 1B,

MV/I – 0

Mahtomedi – possible co-op between Mahtomedi and Tartan

Roseville – B, U16 but they need players

Stillwater – U16 (SMP), U16 (Stillwater), JGA,B,

St. Paul –

WBL – 1A, 2B and possibly U16.

Baldwin – 0

Hudson – B, U16

Drop dead date is Wednesday, 11/18 to declare teams. Bring back to Junior Gold Coach that coaches meeting is Monday, November 23rd. Need 16-18 slots for games. No games on Dec 5 and 6th because of mandatory coaching clinic for new coaches. Location for clinic is Crowne plaze hotel in Plymouth on Dec 5th and 6th. \$75 includes breakfast and lunch. Levels 1-4 certifications are offered. Only for JG. All JG coaches can go, even returning coaches but all new coaches must attend. Season will start November 30th.

D2 All coach meeting – November 29th 5-7pm at Blue line room at Tartan.

Great article in MN hockey magazine written by former junior gold player – gets back to what hockey is about.

Jim Sass-

Schedule is full. This weekend is all American girls tourney at super rink. Looking very full for requests. No scrimmage requests Thanksgiving weekend. Stillwater tournament coordinator has questions. Herb Brooks foundation mite tourney – they'd like to get it sanctioned. Would like coach led scrimmages rather than refs. All cross-ice games. Refs aren't required for cross-ice games.

MEHOA REP- RON

Jim

AA Bantam tourney in WBL – came up with some officials that are ready to make the move up. Used that tourney for training. 9 officials 100 level refs – 7 of 9 made the jump. Thanks to WBL for letting refs do that.

Tourney schedules – get them in as soon as possible. Best opportunity for better officiating. Terry asking about new years eve tournament at Super Rink.

ADM-JOHN

OLD BUSINESS –

June 2015 D2 tax return was approved at October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS -

John Perry – handout to group regarding playing non-sanctioned events.

- Lots of questions this time of year.
- Guidelines are outlined in handout.
- There is a non-sanctioned tournament out there. Just need to follow guidelines.

Lots of opportunities to get money from MN hockey – all grants listed on website.

- Pass the puck
- Grow the game
- MN Wild – go to mn wild hockey site – grand idea grant. Instructions listed online. Deadline is 11/22.

U15 Pilot program –

- Feedback from 35 high school programs and girls coordinators. High school teams were concerned about losing players off JV teams.
- MN hockey wants to know if they should continue with U15 next year. Get feedback to Kristi.

HP 14s – looking for GM for that as well. Trials, skills sessions, spring festival. No summer dev camp or National program through USA hockey. Location TBD.

Question from Dave about numbers for U19 teams – have one more this year. Co-op teams and goalies big discussion point. Not a big impact with younger girls moving up.

U19 and JG run differently. Boys must be enrolled in school in order to play junior gold, even if he's young (17). U19 girls can have already graduated from high school. John will follow up bc Roseville has a player who would like to play.

Hired a new staff person – from Eden Prairie. Mike Tewilleger. Starts Dec 7th. Will be good resource for Jake and D2.

Association Comments:

- Forest Lake- is Herb Brooks tourney sanctioned? Will be according to Doug.
- Moundsview –

- Irondale
- Mahtomedi-
- Roseville – Need a goalie for JG.
- Stillwater
- St.Paul-
- Tartan – Bantam C team only had 8 players for game. If they want to recruit additional players, where can they get them from? PW? Yes, as long as they roster them. AA seeding for district playoffs? Just goes off rankings. For Regions, top team gets automatic spot in top 24. Rest come off of hockey hub. Group of coaches part of selection committee
- WBL – Bantam B2 coach wants to know if all B2 teams got 14 games?
- Baldwin
- Hudson
- New Richmond
- Somerset
- River Falls

Next Meeting Date: Sunday December 20th 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:31pm by Tartan, Stillwater 2nd.