

District 5 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025  
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:02pm

### **Attendance**

Hutchinson, LDC, MOOSE, River Lakes, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud, Willmar, River Blades

Absent – STMA(Excused), Buffalo(Charge)

### **Secretary's Report – Al Setrum**

Al provided an oral report. December's minutes posted to the website on February 17, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by St Cloud and seconded by MOOSE with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

### **Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson**

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. Motion Sartell second Sauk Rapids motion passes.

- 7 associations have outstanding billing that needs to be paid.
- All bills for referees and playoffs have gone out.
- Haven't have been able to figure out what the travel fee for next year till Game Sheet sets their price. Early estimate would be \$250/260 for budgeting proposing in associations.

### **Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)**

- No Report

### **Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski**

- Just shy of 2500 games
- Did formal evaluations for 30 games, and informal games.
- 10 fans kicked out of games with an automatic 3 game suspension.
- 1 official got select to be spotlighted at a Mn Wild game
- 3 selected to referee and State Tournament with one doing a championship game.
- New rule book coming next year. Not a lot of impactful changes.
- Will continue with the 14-year-old minimum requirement to be a referee.

### **Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney**

- Submission date of May 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2025/26 season.

### **Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan**

- Girls committee at the state level and gave an update around the HS age kids and having something for them to do after hockey.

### **MN Hockey - Nate Wold**

- Minnesota global showdowns and will be Squirt B through Adults during world Junior's tournament. Games will be held in the metro area.
- Off Season meetings – what would associations want to do? Idea skip May and look to do one in June then Mid/July then president meeting in August. Would encourage new board members to come to a summer meeting to get an understanding of how it works.
- D4 for 2025/26 season. Take a break for a year.
- Give Willmar credit for going to Bantam A level and staying at the level A the last 10 years. Would like to see everyone keep that idea and keep their top teams at the A level. If you are a co-op, you will be at the level A.

### **Association Updates:**

- Buffalo –
- Hutchinson – Held annual meeting. Add a girl's coordinator. Having trouble get multiple people interested in running for board positions. Switching to Crossbar from sport engine.
- LDC – broke the floor in the Litchfield rink and replacing the piping. DC will have bleachers and paving the parking lot. Adding a field house and new concussions stand.
- MOOSE – Elections held had 1 person per position open.
- River Lakes – Moving to crossbar in place of sport engine. Board elections were held this week. 15 board member's total. Working on gambling permit
- Sartell – Getting everything reset and will start looking for tournament. 4 board openings and only 2 have expressed interested.
- Sauk Rapids – board elections held. New treasure this upcoming.
- St Cloud – Going through coaching evaluations. Having added ice sessions at every level. Looking to re-duce the weight room into an off-ice training center.
- STMA –
- Willmar – Board Election had 4 openings and only 3 expressed interested. Will have a new president. Annual meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>. Moving to Crossbar in place of sports engine. Outdoor cover sheet is being constructed.
- River Blades – Process of evaluating the past season and will use that to build for next year. Sent a survey out to members asking how the year went and what they'd like to see moving forward. Summer field session in July for each age group.
- General Conversation

### **Old Business:**

- April-Election: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Treasurer (Let Lena know if you are interested)
  - President position moves to white ballet for the election of Lena Gawtry - Motion Willmar Seconded by Sartell motion passes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> vice president position moves to white ballet for the election of Kevin Mooney - motion River Lakes and seconded by St Cloud motion passes
  - Treasure position moves to white ballet for the election of Jeff Swenson - motion Willmar and seconded by Sartell motion passes

### **New Business:**

- Update Contact List on the D5 website
- Update Team Slotting (Declarations)

- Minnesota Hockey Membership Committee – Each association needs to appoint someone for our D5 Committee
- Referee contract is up and a new with the new contract rates will be increasing. Information will be sent to associations Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> for review.

\*February meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the April 9, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion

Adjourned at 8:09pm

District 5 Associations

Meeting Date:

Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	* change	
Hutchinson	Jon Bead	vicepresident@hutchhockey.org
Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato	Wick H	hugluk@gmail.com
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River Lakes	Amanda Peterson	amandabray@mad.com
Sartell	Jaime Burris	
Sauk Rapids	Brian Krugstad	bk.stormhockey@gmail.com
St Cloud	Chad Suck	chadsuck@gmail.com
River Blades	Eric Lobey	lobey19@hotmail.com
St Michael/Albertville	* no change	
Willmar	Eric Rannetsberger	eerib@hotmail.com