

**District 5  
Meeting minutes  
February 5th, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

**Attendance:** All districts were in attendance, except River Lakes.

**Secretary's Report-** Dana Walters Meeting minutes from January 8, 2020 were posted and will take a motion to approve if no changes. Motion approved. **1<sup>st</sup> Buffalo made by and 2<sup>nd</sup> Willmar. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report-** Jeff Swanson- present and report attached online.

Treasurer's Report  
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February 5, 2020 -      Checking Account (Citizens Bank) \$35,266.37  
   Catastrophic Failure Savings (Citizens Bank) \$29,956.37

**Action Items:** All invoices must be paid in order to participate in the District playoffs. Motion made to approve treasurer's report. **1<sup>st</sup> Hutch and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sartell. Motion carried.**

**Coach-in-chief-** Derrick Brown- present ~ no report  
Please reach out to Derrick with questions. [dbrown@cathedralcrusaders.org](mailto:dbrown@cathedralcrusaders.org)

**Official Report-** Michael Kephart- present ~ report attached:

Officials Report

As of 2/5/2020 we have 70 evals done for the year, which is slightly below where I would like to be. We always strive to get at least 100 evals completed by the end of the season with playoffs included. The numbers are down right now for the year as a lot of my normal evaluators are tied up in mentoring the 51 level one's we have this year. I will continue to push to my goal by the end of playoffs and Regions.

Of out 51 first year officials, 31 of them have graduated the mentor program and are on their own working with a veteran official to continue to learn. At the end of the year, like last season, I will reach out to these 51 officials and see if they will be coming back. Last year we had a 75% return rate which is better than the national average of 50%. I believe with the strong mentor program we have and the continued support of District 5 and WSOA, we shouldn't have a problem reaching 75% again this year going into next season.

We had our final training event in Hutchinson at the end of January, in which we continued to teach the 3 official system to help grow our young group into experienced officials. Thank you, Hutchinson for the awesome tournament and accommodations for my officials.

District 5 will be sending a crew to Junior Gold A state tournament in South Saint Paul, as well as having a crew at our hosting PA state in Monticello and a crew at the PAA state in St. Michael.

Lastly a summary of the Game Misconducts asses to D5 teams in January-

Four- 615(a) Fighting – 5 and Game Misconduct

604(d) Body Checking – 5 and Game Misconduct

627(b) Kicking- Match

Three- Fan Ejection

601(e3) Use of language that is offensive, or hateful- Game Misconduct

601(e1) Persisting in any conduct where previously assed a bench minor. -Game Misconduct (coach)

608(b) Check from behind – 5 and Game Misconduct

Two- 603(b) Boarding – 5 and Game Misconduct

620(b) Head Contact – 5 and Game Misconduct

401(b) 15 Penalties on the same team during a game- Game Misconduct (coach)

Two- 628(b) Kneeing – 5 and Game and Misconduct

633(b) Refusing to Start Play- match

**Tournament Coordinator** – Nate Wold: email is [Natewold@yahoo.com](mailto:Natewold@yahoo.com)

Website updated with Tournaments

**Girls Coordinator** – Dena Walters ~ not present, no report

**MN Hockey District Director** – Steve Gapinski

- Association must be current on fees and fines to participate in post-season play; no pattern of a chronic problem by any one team.
- Penalty for game misconduct are served in D5 league games. Getting late into season. Can and will be served during playoffs, if needed.
- MN Hockey gives Director some latitude for league play, read rule for playoffs. Read the rule carefully in light of definitions. *For playoffs – Example: “A” goalie from Squirt may not do Pee Wee “B” game.*
- Rule changes: (1) Language regarding conducting grievance hearings – An investigation must be conducted before hearing to determine if a resolution can be achieved short of a hearing. (2) Play up rule – Players that “play up” to participate with their grade level (June/July/August birth dates) shall be fully eligible, unless affected by another MN Hockey rule.
- Association Leadership Conference April 25-26 Marriott West, Minneapolis.
- Legacy Fund – Families & Players in need (i.e. Father died in hunting accident; Mall child who went over railing). Doug Kephart, MN Hockey Treasurer here to speak; District Grant Program.
- Association Handbook Review. Review and update your Association handbooks prior to start of next season. D5 will review each handbook to ensure Association policies are in compliance with USA Hockey, MN Hockey, and D5 rules.

**ASSOCIATION UPDATE:**

**Each association representative will share what is happening in their association.**

St. Cloud: Nothing to Share

Buffalo/Annandale: Grievances regarding skaters’ behavior; association discipline; questions to Kephart regarding intent to injure/injury.

Hutchinson: Successful tournament year. Team Genius being implemented.

LDC: Gearing up for District Tournament.

MOOSE: Pancake Breakfast at mite jamboree. Community donation. State Tournament planning.

River Lakes:

Sartell: Team Genius up and running. 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet donor come forward. Desire spring dig.

Sauk Rapids: Healthcare professional for return. Question Squirt scoresheets.

STMA: Player suspension from school. Issue if Association must also suspend or do other suspend?  
Discussion how to address issue.

Willmar: Proud of team's performance. Having grievance meeting on SafeSport bully issue.

#### **X. Old Business-**

##### **1. Elections for April, 2020**

###### **a. District Director/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Secretary**

##### **2. League Playoffs for Travel teams Region bound**

– Advised check website

#### **XI. New Business-**

##### **Open Floor**

- Nothing was presented

**Formal Adjournment:** meeting ended upon motion by Moose and seconded by STMA. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:00p.m. dinner meeting to follow, St. Augusta Legion.**