

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 6:58pm

Attendance

Buffalo, Hutchinson, LDC, MOOSE, River Lakes, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, STMA, Willmar, River Blades

Absent – St Cloud

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. Minutes posted to the website on August 12, 2024, Meeting. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Buffalo and seconded by STMA 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 MOOSE second Sartell motion passes.

- Tax return has been completed and filed.
- \$10,000 grant from MH has been received and deposited.
- \$240 for traveling team and mites that are roster \$10 per rostered team.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- No Report

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- Early stages of getting officials certified. Ready to get young referees going early this year.
- Tier 1 had seen for the most part wore their proper gear. There was a few that need to be addressed as the season moves on.
- A player gets kicked out of a tournament game they have a minimum of 3 games loss.
- Get tournament dates and games as soon as possible. The higher the level the more the important.
- Goal is to be 6 weeks out on tournaments and a week out scrimmages.
- Officials need to be 14 years old to become an official.
- Tryouts if you have another team coming in, please reach out so they can have some of their newer officials work the scrimmage to gain experience.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- Make sure agreements are in and signed by MH.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- Doing a class on growing girls' hockey.
- Working on getting a game day at SCSU.

- Need to work on getting top girls to try out for HP.

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- As fall begin make sure you get locker monitors.
- Combining with another association to do practices make sure rosters are turned into Nate before they happen.
- Affiliate agreements will be sent out over the next month.
- The district will have 4 Regions.
 - St Cloud Bantam A and AA
 - Sartell Peewee AA
 - Willmar Peewee B
- Waiver committee is still trying to address things. Players need to declare at the 1st Squirts.
- Definitely seeing the East coast type hockey operations creeping into MH hockey.
- Association Hockey director will be held in the spring with the main association conference.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo – Ice in party next week. Curling and live auction along with a concert that will be outside the arena that isn't tied to the association. Families must pay after 75 tickets are used. Adding a Bantam team at the B2 level and a PWB level. No other changes
- Hutchinson – Teams slotting is correct. Had a meeting on 10U/12U and unfortunately, we will not be fielding a 10U. 12U has some things to work out. Renovations are finishing up in the east rink and then will finish up the west rink.
- LDC – Registration has finish with it all online this year. Have an in person and mite registration coming up. Equipment rental that night. Tryouts October 11th. Slotting is up to date. Will be having a 10UB this year. Coordinating to have HS players met and have some fun interaction with the kindergartens. Free hockey day in October.
- MOOSE – Slotting is adjusted on the site and shouldn't see any other changes.
- River Lakes – Fall 4v4 starting soon. Have open skates, try hockey for free, goalie tryout day.
- Sartell – Started the 3v3 league this week. Slotting is good. Worried about retention if the Bantam C teams leave after tryouts are completed.
- Sauk Rapids – Open hockey starts this week for registered players. Changes to the slotting with team level changes will be updated.
- St Cloud – No report
- STMA – Preseason skills practices start in 2 weeks. November 21st & 22nd all teams will be playing at home. No changes to slotting.
- Willmar – No changes to slotting. Lower SQ team may be a C or B2 team. Try hockey for free coming up.
- River Blades – Some players moved to HS and will be taking a RL player at 15U level. Tryouts starting September 20th and 21st. No changes to slotting.
- General Conversation – No Worthington teams this year for SQA and PWA

Old Business:

- Keep the slotting up to date.
- Make sure you have all the proper equipment as referees will enforce.
- Schedule will be online this year. Will have a Zoom meeting to kick it off.
- Board rosters are due October 2nd.
- All rosters must be completed by December 31, 2024

New Business:

- NESU and Marshall will have 2 in the black division and the rest in the blue division. All levels at squirts will have a home and away with D4 this year.

*September meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the October 2, 2024, meeting.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 7:57pm



Minnesota Hockey District 5
Board Meeting Agenda
September 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM - St. Augusta Legion

- I. Call to order/Roll Call Attendance - Lena Gawtry
- II. Secretary's Report - Al Setrum
- III. Treasurer's Report - Jeff Swenson
- IV. Coach-in-Chief Report - Aaron Johnson
- V. High Performance General Manager, GM of D5 - Thomas Johnson
- VI. Official's Report - Ryan Szymanski
- VII. Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney
- VIII. Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan
- IX. MN Hockey District Director - Nate Wold
- X. Association Updates (Each rep will share what is happening in their association.)
 - A. Buffalo-Ryan Ferguson
 - B. Hutchinson-Jon Beach
 - C. LDC-Luke Huggett
 - D. Moose-Nick Dahlheimer
 - E. River Lakes-Corey Larson and Amanda Peterson
 - F. Sartell-Jaime Burris
 - G. Sauk Rapids-Nick Riba
 - H. St. Cloud-Chad Sheetz
 - I. STMA-Aaron Levin
 - J. Willmar-Erik Rannetsberger
 - K. Riverblades-Eric Loberg
- XI. Old Business
 1. Levels of Play for 2024-25 Season ([Team Slotting Chart](#))
 2. Please keep this updated [D5 Contact List](#)
 3. Neck Guards - required as of 08/01/2024 - ALL PLAYERS - EVEN JRG - make sure that your association is starting this right away with ALL practices and pre-season clinics
 4. Ice Schedulers Meeting - going virtual. Still hold 10/13 as an in-person date in case it is needed. More details to come from Mike on the process. We will have a zoom call to discuss.
 5. Board Rosters due to registrar no later than October 2nd (send to Kristy)
 - a. ALL ROSTERS need to be finalized by 12/31/23
 - 6.
- XII. New Business
 1. Open Floor

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District 5 Associations
Meeting Date:

Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Ryan Ferguson	fergie3219@msn.com
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Monticello/Maple Lake	Nick Dastuk	Nick D D Dastuk@ca
River Lakes	Amanda Peterson	amanda.peterson@gmail.com
Sartell	Joane Burris	Sartellhockeydirector@gmail.com
Sauk Rapids	Jason Ellerum	je.stormhockey@gmail.com
St. Cloud		
St. Michael/Albertville	Aaron Levin	Levin523@htrvill.com
Willmar	Eric Rannetsberger	eer16@hotmail.com
Central MN Five Lakes	Eric Libey	libey19@hotmail.com