

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 6:58pm

Attendance

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

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. Al posted the minutes from the January 3, 2024, Meeting. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Hutch and seconded by Sauk Rapids. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion Buffalo second Hutchinson Motion passes.

Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by LDC and seconded by Hutchinson. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion STMA second Sauk Rapids motion passes.

- Few Fines for late roster changes
- Tom Johnson has requested and approved a program to help coaches with practice (Coaches Site).

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- HP Tryouts are posted on the website (Spring High Performance)
- Futures Tryouts are posted on the website.

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- Over 2000s games covered
- Posted season assignments for HS and higher levels are coming out so we are losing a few good referees for our playoffs.
- Not abusing the referees needs to become more of a priority from coaches and fans. We lost 1 referee to date and up to 3 others leaning on not coming back next year. They are becoming too common.
- Scorers box workers are considered game officials and should be calm and not yell and scream.
- Swearing has become an issue and we need to start to clean it up please!
- Head coach should be the only person talking to referees. Assistant coaches should not be talking to the referees and should be only going through their Head Coaches.
- Zero tolerance may be an option in the future.
- A lot going on the ice and calls will be missed and the referees are trying not to make mistakes. Please understand they are trying their best.
- That referee out there is someone Kid, Dad, Mom, Brother, Sister please don't forget the human side of trying to do their job they will miss calls.
- College games are behaving better the youth coaches and parents.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- Handful tournament left and 1 big mite jamboree.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- No Report

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- E-Bug goalies must wear the opposite color of what the team is playing with.
- Make sure the form is filled out and approved before the games start.
- No D5 March meeting so no hearings till April.
- 33 Major penalties
- 78 game reports
- 5 Match penalties
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Association Updates:

- Buffalo – Not much to add. Looking forward to hosting playoffs
- Hutchinson – Nothing new. Looking forward to hosting playoffs
- LDC – Same
- MOOSE – Same
- River Lakes – Things are good another jamboree and hosting district.
- Sartell – Same
- Sauk Rapids – Same
- St Cloud – Getting ready for super Sunday.
- STMA – Same
- Willmar – Peewee / Squirt tournaments went well.
- General Conversation - None

Old Business:

- Open secretary and second VP are up for election.
- All playoff seeding is posted.
- 855 games have been completed with 65 games for squirts/10U left to play.
- Use the GS instruction sheet to load games. The district will try to make sure they are updated as they happen.
- District will reimburse the association up to \$35 for EMT.
- Hosting associations must supply Clock and Scorer. Teams playing will have to provide the penalty box workers.

New Business:

- See agenda for items pre-set.
- No March meeting.
- April meeting will start at 7pm and meals start at 6pm.
- Come back in April with what you numbers next year will be.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 3, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 8:48pm



Minnesota Hockey District 5
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 7, 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. Official's Report - Ryan Szymanski
- VI. Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney
- VII. Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan
- VIII. MN Hockey District Director - Nate Wold
- IX. Association Update
 - Buffalo-Ryan Ferguson
 - Hutchinson-Eric Borstad
 - LDC-Luke Huggett
 - Moose-Arin VanCulin
 - River Lakes-Corey Larson
 - Sartell-Jake Montreuil
 - Sauk Rapids-Nick Riba
 - St. Cloud-Chad Sheetz
 - STMA-Aaron Levin
 - Willmar-Matt Morton
- X. Old Business
 1. April Election for D5 Board: 2nd Vice President, Secretary (Let Lena know if you are interested in running for a position on the D5 board.)
 2. District Playoffs/Tournaments - Brackets have been posted to D5 website
 - a. Game Sheet Instructions (see hand-out)
- XI. New Business / Open Floor
 1. Bench Minors with Coaches and Behavior of Parents/Fans
 2. MN Hockey - School Waivers
 3. USA Hockey - Neck Laceration Protection Required Starting August 1, 2024: The USA Hockey Congress approved legislation during their winter meeting that requires neck laceration protection for players in all age youth age classifications in practices and games. This also includes on-ice officials under the age of 18.
 4. Association Leader Excellence Conference - May 3-4th @ the Marriott MPLS Westin St. Louis Park (Each Association Needs to have Attendees)

Meeting adjourned at x:xx PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 7:00 PM, St. Augusta Legion (Annual meeting/Election Night)

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District 5 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday February 7, 2024

MN Hockey Updates

- 1.) E-Bug vs. Replacement Goalie**
 - a. Teams need to see page 28 of MN handbook
- 2.) Playoffs**
 - a. No March meeting scheduled
 - b. Remind teams and players about major penalties
 - c. Super Sunday
- 3.) MN Hockey Winter meeting Update**
 - a. School waivers
 - b. Rule changes
 - c. Safesport complaints
 - d. Racial slurs
 - e. Girls pilot program
 - f. New Executive Director Joe Delich
- 4.) Region and State Hosts**
 - a. Volunteers
- 5.) Mites teams**
 - a. Hotels
 - b. Out of district play
 - c. Full ice games
- 6.) Association members**
 - a. Handbook
 - b. Board positions
 - c. volunteers



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Minnesota Hockey Announces Rule Change to Waivers
New Changes To Go In Effect Prior to the 2024-25 Season

St. Paul, MN – January 22nd, 2024 – Following Minnesota Hockey’s January 20-21, 2024 Winter Meetings, it was announced today that rule change modifications with regards to school waivers for Youth and Girls hockey players in Minnesota will be adopted and go in to effect prior to commencement of the 2024-2025 hockey season. These changes are statewide and will be implemented across all of Minnesota Hockey’s (13) Districts and (130) plus member Associations.

According to Minnesota Hockey President, Steve Oleheiser, “The most recent rule modifications to our existing waiver process(es) are the direct result of a changing landscape and the need to continue supporting our Districts and Associations who are the backbone of our community based developmental model we’re so fortunate to have here in the great State of Hockey. This modification provides some balance, stability and certainties to both families and local Associations as well as preserving our discretionary waiver process that allows Associations and Districts to address unique and/or extraordinary circumstances on an individual case-by-case basis as they may arise.”

The rule modification allows players the ability to waive into a Minnesota Hockey Association (outside their Association of Residence) whose boundaries incorporate the school in which that player is enrolled and attending. This waiver must now occur prior to the start of the player’s first year of Squirts or 10U level. Should a player stop attending school within that association’s boundaries, they will revert to their Association of residence for participation. Players who have not obtained a school attendance waiver prior to being eligible for Squirts or 10U, may only play outside their association of residence by obtaining a discretionary waiver.

Any player previously granted a school-based waiver prior to the changes adopted by Minnesota Hockey at the January 20-21, 2024 Winter Meetings will be “Grandfathered” in and allowed to continue to play in the association of school attendance where the player attended at the time of receipt of the waiver.

For the official rule change(s), see highlighted below:

Youth Rules and Regulation Change

IV. Participation

3. **With the exception of Junior Gold and 19U Players, prior to a player’s first year of Squirts or 10U a** Mandatory Waiver shall be granted to any player in good standing **other than a Mite or 8U** and under, without conditions except as described below, who wishes to participate in the MH association whose boundaries incorporate the school in which the player is enrolled and is attending, as follows:

District 5 Associations

Meeting Date:

Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Ryan Ferguson	fergie3219@msn.com
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