



Minnesota Hockey District 5
Board Meeting Agenda
October 2, 2024 - 7:00 PM - St. Augusta Legion

- I. Call to order/Roll Call Attendance - Lena Gawtry
- II. Secretary's Report - Al Setrum
 - A. 1st-Buffalo, 2nd-LDC. ND.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Jeff Swenson
 - A. Invoices will be going out for D5 League - \$240
 - B. Bills from D10 will go out after we receive the bill for those team participating.
 - C. Tier 1 - Boys team made it to play offs. The district has paid this in the past - it is \$400/game.
 - D. 1st-STMA, 2nd-Buffalo. ND.
- IV. Coach-in-Chief Report - Aaron Johnson
 - A. Coaching clinics are posted - get registered.
- V. High Performance General Manager, GM of D5 - Thomas Johnson
 - A. Boys 15U Tier 1 team advanced on - they play this weekend.
- VI. Official's Report - Ryan Szymanski
 - A. In seminar season - you can take any seminar in any state as long as it is their correct level. October 31st is the last day that you can sign up to be an official. Then courses need to be completed by December 31st. Get signed up!
 - B. Renewed emphasis on neck laceration - treated like mouth guards. Will also line the kids up before the game. If you show up and you don't have one you will go back to the bench. If it happens during play - the officials can kill play (could be a slow whistle, could be when there is a break in play).
 - C. Scrimmages are loaded right now - you will see scrimmages working games that they might not be comfortable - give them a break. They are working on grooming younger officials and developing them.
 - D. Be nice.
- VII. Tournament Coordinator - Kevin Mooney
 - A. Not much happening yet with tourneys. MN Hockey does not have their links set up yet.
 - B. Kevin will be sending out game sheet updates.
- VIII. Girls Coordinator - Kim Monahan
 - A. Sent out email to girl's coordinators some exciting events.
 - B. Girls Coordinator was on Sunday night. Looking for more 19U teams.
- IX. MN Hockey District Director - Nate Wold
 - A. Locker Room Monitors - get these scheduled.
 1. Safesport incidents - make sure that you have people in the locker rooms.
 2. Any Safesport issues - make sure that you are reaching out to Scott Gray even if you handle it internally. Make sure you have the documentation. A lot of stuff can be handled in house.
 - B. Game Limit Prior To Official Roster
 1. 5 game limits. Get rosters done as soon as tryouts are complete.
 - a) Games played without rosters sent to Nate will be fined.
 - C. Board Rosters Completed by 10/02/24.
 - D. Mite Age
 1. We have been open at different times to having 4-year-olds skate - but Nate recommends that associations have a rule in place for kids waiting until they start school.

- E. MN Hockey Fall Meeting Updates - meeting was in Mankato; lots of complaints about the waiver rule, we have a lot of pain this year. Primarily it has been tough in the metro.
 - 1. There is a small group with MN Hockey that is going to be meeting to talk about Tier 1 and HP - worries that people have is that districts and associations spend too much time focusing only on the top kids.
 - a) Regions at AA are reduced to 3 teams for Bantams and PeeWees. The rules states: If there aren't more than 45 teams at a level, then the regions are reduced.
 - b) Nate refuses to stay on for 10 years as District Director - he wants fresh ideas and feels that people need to be accountable. Hold him accountable if he is still here that long. Change is hard - a lot of people have put in many hours volunteering over the years - as volunteers' things can get stale and numbers drop. Try to get more people involved.
 - c) Game Sheet negotiations are up for discussion. Cost is divided by districts - then in D5 we break it up by the number of teams and bill each association. Next year we will be 100% of the cost.
 - d) Affiliate agreements need to be turned into Nate ASAP.
- F. JR Gold and 19U - it is important that we find.
- X. Association Updates (Each rep will share what is happening in their association.)
 - A. Buffalo-Ryan Ferguson
 - 1. Off and running - biggest event Ice in Party - \$30k brought in.
 - 2. Parking
 - 3. Looking for place for goalies - 3 teams and 7 goalies
 - B. Hutchinson-Jon Beach
 - 1. Come try hockey event had good attendance - kids wanted to stay on the ice and they actually ran out of helmets at one point. Equipment manager left event and went and bought more helmets so more kids could skate.
 - 2. Tryouts start this weekend.
 - C. LDC-Luke Huggett
 - 1. Ice in in
 - 2. Tryouts 10-12/13
 - 3. Litchfield rink is under construction - there is only one way into the parking lot.
 - D. Moose-Nick Dahlheimer (Justin Dorian)
 - 1. Tryouts started last week and will be wrapping up on Sunday.
 - 2. Scheduling gripes and issues
 - E. River Lakes-Corey Larson and Amanda Peterson
 - 1. Learn to skate started - had a great turn-out.
 - 2. Pre-evaluation camps started.
 - 3. Open house is on Saturday.
 - F. Sartell-Jaime Burris
 - 1. Off and running - Coach interviews are happening.
 - 2. Parent meeting next week
 - G. Sauk Rapids-Jason Ellerong
 - 1. New skaters- equipment handout
 - 2. Learn to Skate - Junior Storm was kicked off last Saturday.
 - 3. Dynamics for upper teams started and they had tryouts on the 12th - HS coaches are helping them out with dynamics.
 - 4. Power skating session with all age groups
 - H. St. Cloud-Chad Sheetz -

1. \$150 Fine for missing September meeting
 2. Dynamics- Training has started.
 3. Try Hockey - fun event.
- I. STMA-Aaron Levin
 1. Travel tryouts are underway and will be done on Sunday.
 2. Paid coaches this year - got some new!
 - J. Willmar-Erik Rannetsberger
 1. Tryouts started last weekend.
 2. Try hockey for free this past Saturday went well. 16 kids on the ice!
 - K. Riverblades-Eric Loberg
 1. Done with dynamics - wrapped up tryouts two weekends ago.
 2. Girls will be starting practices this next week.
- XI. Old Business
1. Levels of Play for 2024-25 Season ([Team Slotting Chart](#))
 2. Please keep this updated [D5 Contact List](#)
 3. Ice Schedulers Meeting - as of right now - no in-person meeting. Scheduling has started. (Closes 10-21-24)
 4. Board Rosters due to registrar no later than October 2nd (send to Kristy)
 - a. ALL PLAYER ROSTERS need to be finalized by 12/31/23.
- XII. New Business
1. Teams participating in D10 League-make sure that you attend the Coaches/Manager meetings. For the girls' teams, we will have a separate meeting since our teams will not be formed until November.
 2. Handbook 8.4.6 (League Play) Needs to be updated: Neck guards are not required but are a recommended piece of safety equipment.
 3. April Election - President, 1st VP, Treasurer (Let Lena know if you are interested)
 4. Open Floor
 5. Scheduling - opening up the scheduling that early isn't good.
 - a. Sent out in time slots.
 6. Teams playing in D10 - 15-minute periods and 15 minute Zamboni times. (Send out their PDF)
 - a. Back to Back bantam games - clarify - back to back we will state

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 7:00 PM, St. Augusta Legion