

District 5 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 1, 2024  
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 6:56pm

### **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 # and seconded by #. There was no discussion. All approved. Motion Sartell second STMA motion passes.

- HP transaction will happen be for the next couple of months.
- 2024/25 league fee will increase to +/- \$250 due to having covered up to 75%.
- The league registers.
  - Do we charge at the mite level. The past we haven't but due to the amount of work we should we be. \$10 to \$15 per team to cover the cost of 2023/24?

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

- Tomas from HP will update the district.
  - Send update on new presidents and HOC directors.
  - Fall league tryout – Tier I & II both boys and girls.
    - Girls are teamed with district 9 and 4.
    - Coaches that are interest to reach out to Thomas Johnson.
  - District hockey program – easy way to get some grants for 2024/25.
  - Minnesota hockey is looking to get more meeting for the HOC's inside district 5. A new position with this that position would go around the district and work with association on different needs. MH want to have more direct contact with associations.

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

- USA will have all seminars online moving forward. Registration opens in June.
- Application process for district seminars. Don't want to see any young officials not seeing any ice between their seminar and their first game. PW and 12U levels will see at random a 3-person official system. Not set schedule and this will be used more to train younger officials.
- Some districts have gone to where the coach losing a game if a spectator gets ejected from a game.
- 287 officials of that 182 of them had less than 10 games during the season.

- Look to do a seminar in every association of on the ice and classroom. Need ice donated and teams to scrimmage during the training. No more than a controlled scrimmage.
- Not enough mentors to train young referees during the season. Kids must feel conformable during the games before letting them do a game alone.
  - LDC made the comment that we have very good referees across the board. Would like to encourage adults to referee if they have in the past.

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

- Today is the deadline to turn in tournament.
- Association will be able to open registration soon.

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

- Prospects team did well this spring. Went to nationals and won 3 games in the Duluth tournament.
- More girls have signed up for spring HP the previous years.

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

- Jeff Swenson was presented with a president's award from Minnesota Hockey. Congrates!!!!
- Neck guard will be only for players, and officials under 18.
- Girls pilot program pass and is now a in the rules. Teams can still only be a 1/3 move downs.
- In the next 2 months will come out with a survey on how things are going.
- Coaches code of conduct
  - You acknowledge when you register for USA hockey.
  - Encourage each association should have their own policy.
- USA hockey has said the last day for clinics will be done by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.
- District 4 approach us again to play again in 2024/25. It was a successful this previous year. Take it back to your association and get back to Nate or Lena by Sunday May 5.
- Double A teams will go back to district 10. They have modified their playing rules to match us better. Should make things smoother moving forward.
- We will host 5 regions. Nothing set in stone yet. Will look to July to set locations.
- Handbook updates should be done. Also look at your by-laws. Follow them please.
- The patches are still coming in. Moving forward there a March 1.
- Social Media person for District 5 to promote the district. If you have someone interested, please reach out.

### **Association Updates:**

- Buffalo – Elections where at the beginning and will have a new president and other officers. There will be updates to HOC.
- Hutchinson – Finish up spring came and open registration for summer camps.
- LDC – Elections are finish up with little changes. HS Boys coach has changed.
- MOOSE – Elections are finish up with a few changes.
- River Lakes – 10,000 shots club for the kids. Parades for the summer
- Sartell – 2 elections due to some issues with by-laws. Started spring camps.
- Sauk Rapids – No changes to the board. Working to find space for off-ice equipment. Wondering about game sheet and sponsorship. Not much at this point
- St Cloud – Elections have been complete. Does GS update sport engine automatically. Coding may be an issue with each site having their own setups.

- STMA – Election is complete. New HS boys coach. Fundraising and gambling is down.
- Willmar – Election is complete. Fundraisers
- Riverblades – Big question is how the HS girls' program will go. Talks of combining at the HS level. What's going to happen with the 15U team with the unknow at the HS level. Hoping for 2 teams at 15U (A&B).
- General Conversation - None

**Old Business:**

- Association Leader Excellence Conference is this weekend. Every association is required to have 1 member.
- Still looking for a DEI coordinator (non-board position)

**New Business:**

- Update contact list
- Teams slotting – Encouraging teams to have their tops teams at the A level.
- MH Gear up Grant.

\*May meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the August 7, 2024, meeting.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2024 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion  
Adjourned at 8:22pm



## Minnesota Hockey District 5

### Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - 7:00 PM - St. Augusta Legion (Additional Meeting)

- 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
  - St. Cloud-Chad Sheetz
  - STMA-Aaron Levin
  - Willmar-Matt Morton
- X. Old Business
  1. Association Leader Excellence Conference - May 3-4th @ the Marriott MPLS Westin St. Louis Park (Each Association Needs to have Attendees)
  2. New positions - any interest from associations?
    - a. (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) DEI Coordinator (non board position)
    - b. Social Media Coordinator (non board position)
  3. Tournament dates for the 2024-25 season
- XI. New Business / Open Floor
  1. Update D5 Contact List
  2. Team Slotting for 2024-25 Season
  3. MN Hockey - Gear Up MN Grant (Applications are due June 1st)
  4. Open Floor

Meeting adjourned at x:xx PM

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

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District 5 Monthly Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday April 3, 2024

MN Hockey Updates

**1.) Hosted Tournaments**

- a. Associations need to have them submitted to the District by May 1st

**2.) MN Hockey Update**

- a. Rule changes
- b. Girls pilot program
- c. FAQ waivers
- d. Coaching code of conduct
- e. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> last coaching clinic

**3.) District 4 teams**

**4.) Region and State Hosts**

- a. 23/24 Hosts
- b. Next Season

**5.) Association Updates**

- a. Handbook
- b. Bylaws
- c. Board positions
- d. volunteers

District 5 Associations  
Meeting Date:

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