

District 5 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:01 pm

Attendance

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

Absent – Buffalo, Hutchinson

Secretary's Report – Al Setrum

Al provided an oral report. September minutes posted to the website on September 5, 2025. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by MOOSE and seconded by St Cloud with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

- Associations Board Minutes latest posting on home websites as of today:
 - September 2025: LDC, Sauk Rapids
 - August 2025: Hutchinson, River Lakes, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud, Willmar
 - July 2025: Buffalo, MOOSE, STMA,

Treasure Report – Jeff Swenson

Jeff provided a written report. Attached is the written report. These were completed and posted to the D5 website. Motion STMA second Sartell motion passes.

- Money coming in for high performance
- Money going out for golf tournaments sponsorships
- October is the lock date for teams so travel fees will be sent out later this month. \$80 per team
- Once all league games are scheduled refereeing costs will be billed out.
- D10 games will be billed later and directly to the associations.

Coach in Chief – Aaron Johnson (No Report)

- Nate – get coaches registered online. Continue ED classes are currently running

Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski

- Number of new referees that can referee about the 12U/Peewee levels.
- Picked up a former professional referee is going to be helping this year
- November 20th, 2025 is the last day to sign up.
- Seminars are all virtual
- Swearing is going to be strongly enforced. Kicked out of current game and missing the next game. Spector's swearing will be kicked out for that game and the next 3 games.
- Penalty box and scoring official is considered a game official and are required to be natural towards the game.

Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney

- Nate – portal is open and make sure your tournaments are registered and turn in your tournament schedule 6 weeks in advance.

Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan

- Prospects girls are going to the next round of playoffs.
- MN Frost are having an event coming
- SCSU is having a girl's event on November 15.
- Statewide registration link for U19 teams. As of last week, there is 5 teams plus one from SD making 6 teams.

League Coordinator – Mike Graham

- Scheduling is underway. 698 games on the district schedule this year. Planning on having all them complete October 21.
- Game Sheets codes have been sent out. Please don't change the name of the teams till after the season has started.
- IOS apps should be updated before the first game.
- Blank playoff bracket will be setup at the November. This will allow association to request hosting these games

MN Hockey - Nate Wold

- Locker room monitors are a must, and the season has started so someone needs to be in the room
- Game Limit prior to official roster
 - Get roster done as soon as tryouts are complete.
 - Games played without roster sent to me will be fined.
- Communication – make sure you are bringing the information back to your associations. Set expectations at the beginning of the year.
- MN Hockey Fall Meeting
 - Good meeting all around
 - A lot of discussion around 3 quarter nets for squirts/10U. May be a good to help keep goalies playing at the younger level.
 - The wavier for icing and tag up offsides did not get approved.
 - Grants should have all been paid out by now. A note that there is a hardship grant for families, but they look at associations with gambling makes it harder to give them the grant.
 - Junior Gold who to reaching out for scheduling. It Greg Gibson from D10.

Association Updates:

- Buffalo –
- Hutchinson –
- LDC – President is on a leave of absent. Litchfield has all new boards. Ice is better on warm days compared to the past. DC has full concession and stands. Throw out a low comment 10UB team. Got some good interest and will be doing that this year. Will field a 10UA team and the 10UB will not play a district schedule.
- MOOSE – Tryout wrap up tomorrow. Junior Gold has been back and forth on the HS numbers and may not have a team this year.
- River Lakes – Start evaluates on Monday. Doing beginning hockey camps will start this week. The last try hockey for free went well had 10 kids there.

- Sartell – Started the pre-tryout dynamic has started. Big bantams number – 8 goalies for 4 teams with that bring outside evaluators for the goalies. Scheduling has gone great.
- Sauk Rapids – Started dynamics on Monday with the HS coaches running. Had a skating clinic (Katy McDonenna) come in and it went very well. Tryout next weekend. Looking at hiring a skating coach to do just skating practices. A few coaches went to the CCM coaching clinic.
- St Cloud – Lots of dynamics and tryout starting the next week.
- STMA – In the middle of tryouts and will be completed next week.
- Willmar – Parent association meeting October 12. Doing player evaluates for teams even only have 1 team at each level. Had 31 kids show up at try hockey for free. Had one sign up for rec hockey
- River Blades – 10U numbers were lower than expected and had to pull up 8U kids to fill out the rosters. Tryouts completed. Only 1 15U team this year.
- General Conversation:
 - Nate - PW and Bantam AA will have 2 slots for regions.
 - PW AA playoff bracket would be a round robin then seed out and play final games. Take it back and give a response at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Contact List Updates – please keep this updated (JRG Coordinator)
- Team Slotting (Declarations) – we will continue to work on this.
- Board Rosters – Due 10/01
- Host for Regions: Peewee A-South (MOOSE), Peewee B-South (LDC)
- Host for State: Bantam AA (Sartell)

New Business:

- Locker Room Monitor Reminder – Make sure these are scheduled.
- Game limit prior to official roster is 5 games. Games played without a roster sent to Nate will be fined.
- D10 Coaches/Managers Meeting
- Game Sheet Codes will get emailed out to associations.
- Mite game numbers are limited to 7 full ice games after January 15th 2026, and must be 3/4 size. Have ice games for all other games. Half ice can be the length ways. There will be a mite scheduling meeting in December.

*October meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the November 5, 2025, meeting.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St Augusta Legion
Adjourned at 8:02pm