

District 5 Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
Meeting Location: St. Augusta Legion

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

**Attendance**

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

Absent –

**Secretary's Report – Al Setrum**

Al provided an oral report. December minutes posted to the website on January 7, 2026. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Buffalo and seconded by Willmar with no discussion motion. Motion is approved.

- Associations Board Minutes latest posting on home websites as of today:
  - January 2026: STMA
  - December 2026: Hutchinson, River Lakes, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud, Willmar
  - November 2025: Sartell
  - October 2025: Buffalo, MOOSE
  - September 2025: LDC

**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 River Lakes motion passes.

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

- Nate – Fall league (girls) that are going to nationals will be split 3 ways with D9, D4. They will also try to be fundraising to cover in those districts.

**Official's Report – Ryan Szmanski**

- Please till tell players that if they get a match penalty, they are out till they met the D5 board.
- A parent gets kicked out of a game lose the next 3 games automatically
- College referees are not allowed to ref a lower-level game so that will make Saturday games on busy weekends tighter.
- Scheduling – make sure dates are double check when submitting.
- Only use the sick rule for cancelling a game. If it is found out, then the association will be charged the cost of the officials.
- If you have an 8-team tournament, please send the schedule for 8 teams. It is easier to back off on officials when it is less than 3 weeks out

**Tournament Coordinator – Kevin Mooney**

- Few of the January tournaments are coming up not sanctioned and will need to help to get them approved. Don't need a full bracket just a blueprint will work to get it sent off.
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#### **Girls Coordinator – Kim Monahan**

- Nothing new to report

#### **League Coordinator – Mike Graham**

- Played 428 games and have 269
- Storm day in December called 22 games. All have been rescheduled. Please remember as we move closer to the end of the year that rescheduling games is going to get harder to get in. It will affect team standings for the playoff.
- There will be a rescheduling fine that will be issued for a late request. Please follow game sheet and associations calendars to make sure everything matches.
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#### **MN Hockey - Nate Wold**

- Received email from MH director sent out about the future development program is being put on pause for 1 year.
- Tournament roster from USA hockey should be carried with the team. It can be digital or a picture on the phone for check in. If you are hosting a tournament, you should also be checking team.
- Willmar Affiliate agreement with claiming areas that are with D5 location boundaries. MH has not done an affiliate change in a long time so we could be some changes but shouldn't affect any current D5 boundaries
- Game Report we had 3 match penalty hearings before this meeting.
- Just reminder that it is never ok for a player to put their hands on an official. You can lose an entire year of hockey. Please remind players, coaches, parents, and anyone in the arena.
- Winter meeting is January 23
- MH has an actual office number. You can find it on the MH hockey website.
- Game Sheet – MH is under a 1-year contract with them and will look at it again. Current method is you are charge per game. Some districts are now going back to MH to ask them to pick up some of the cost.
- Rule changes coming. (No rules can be changed just cleaning up how the rule is read)
- School waivers players that are not living in the area but go to school will not be granted a school waiver.
- Cleaning up what a 1st year Squirt/10U language.
- Leases and purchase agreements for proof of resident is going to go to market rate not dollar based.
- An appeal hearing committee appointment will be MH VP, and District Director not from the home district, and 1 other person.
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#### **Association Updates:**

- Buffalo – Everything seems to be going to. Limited problems with parents. In for the end of the year SQ/10U
- Hutchinson – Squirt tournament this upcoming weekend. In for the end of the year

- LDC – No major updates, hosting a tournament this weekend. Working on a concession stand in D/C. In for the end of the year (10UB will get back on)
- MOOSE – Not a lot going on and quite which is good. Just finished up Mite Jamboree. In for the end of the year
- River Lakes – Everything is going well. In for the end of the year
- Sartell – Squirt C tournament this past weekend, and Mite tournament coming up. Everything is quite which is good. Bantam AA tournament setup is going well and have a good speaker coming for it. In for the end of the year
- Sauk Rapids – Good year so far. We have some good teams doing well and some not so well. Will be in for the end of the year
- St Cloud – In for the end of the year (SQ A going to Fargo) ... No major updates
- STMA – Going the way STMA normally goes this time of the year. In (SQ A to Fargo)
- Willmar – In for the end of the year... ORD is up and running but warmer weather is giving us troubles. PW tournament / Bantam tournaments coming in January.
- River Blades – Coaching meetings going on along with HOC to start planning next year. Upcoming Storm/Sabers HS game has a youth game coming. Summer ice programming is being looked at on how to best use it. In for the end of the year.
- General Conversation:

#### **Old Business:**

- Districts
  - Hosts for District, Non-Region Bound Tournaments
  - Brackets will soon be posted to the website.
  - Need a Pee wee B2 host for Super Championship Series March 8-9<sup>th</sup> (let us know asap)
- January Meeting – Squirt/10U night – Must bring a squirt/10U parent with you
  - Opt In/Out for Squirts/10U Tourney
- D5 Board – Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary, (President April 2027)

#### **New Business:**

- Reminder
  - Locker Room Monitor
  - Parent/Player Code of Conduct
- Polars will be gone for spring tryouts with going to nationals. Can dates be adjusts.
- River Blades – questions on why the district made the 10UB go to equal teams not tiered. It has caused challenges with tournament, and coaches bring all the girls along with the large talent gap. Will this be the approach going into the future years?
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\*December meeting minutes are in draft status till approved at the January 8, 2026, meeting.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2026 @ 7 PM, St Augusta Legion  
Adjourned at 8:13 pm

District Hosts

	2025 Host (2/13 - 2/15)	2026 Host (Friday 2/20)	2026 Host (Saturday 2/21)	2026 Host (Sunday 2/22)
<b>Bantam</b>				
AA	Buffalo	STMA	STMA	MAC
A	Monticello	Monticello	St. Cloud	MAC
B1	Paynesville/LDC	LDC	Buffalo	MAC
B2	Paynesville	LDC	Buffalo	Sartell
C	Sartell			
<b>Peewee</b>				
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AA	Sartell	Buffalo		St. Cloud
A	STMA	St. Cloud	STMA	St. Cloud
B1	Sauk Rapids	Sartell	Sartell	Sartell
B2	Buffalo	River Lakes		Sartell
C	Sartell	Playing in D3 Tourney	Playing in D3 Tourney	Playing in D3 Tourney
<b>Squirt</b>				
	2025 Host	2026 Host		
A	Sartell / Sauk Rapids	River Lakes		Agreed to Host
B1	Sartell / Sauk Rapids	LDC		Ice Times Scheduled
B2	Litchfield / DC	Buffalo		
C	Richmond	Monticello		
<b>15U</b>				
	2025 Host	2026 Host (2/13 - 2/15)	2026 Host (Friday 2/20)	2026 Host (Saturday 2/21)
A	Best of 3 (STMA/Buffalo)	Buffalo	Monticello	MAC
B	Buffalo	Riverblades		MAC
<b>12U</b>				
	2025 Host	2026 Host (2/13 - 2/15)	2026 Host (Friday 2/20)	2026 Host (Saturday 2/21)
A	Hutchinson	Hutchinson		Hutchinson
B1	Hutchinson	Hutchinson	Sartell	MAC
B2	Hutchinson	Playing in D10 Tourney	Playing in D10 Tourney	Playing in D10 Tourney
<b>10U</b>				
	2025 Host	2026 Host		
A	Buffalo	Playing in D10 Tourney		
B	Monticello	River Lakes		

NOTES:

Willmar - NO  
 Sauk Rapids - ???  
 LDC - Bantam B1  
 Hutchinson - 12U  
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District 5 Associations

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Association	Representative Name	Representative Email
Buffalo/Annandale	Aron Hennan	
Hutchinson	Jon Beach	
Litchfield/Dassel/Cokato	Luke H.	
Monticello/Maple Lake	<i>[Signature]</i>	
River Lakes	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Sartell	Jaime Borriz	
Sauk Rapids	Brian Krogstad <i>[Signature]</i>	
St Cloud	<i>[Signature]</i>	
River Blades	<i>[Signature]</i>	
St Michael/Albertville	Ann Levin	
Willmar	Karl Randsborg	<i>[Signature]</i>