

DISTRICT 10

General Meeting Minutes

October 3rd, 2005

John Miller, President, calls the meeting to order.

Roll Call: District 10 members not present: Dick Hanson, Rhonda Madsen, Donn Berkland, Bruce Carlson, Lee Hollum, Paul Pederson, Chuck Fitzer, Dan Sinn, Rick Jelinek, John Lawson, Howard Dye, and Jeanette Hamm-Jelinek

Associations not present: Coon Rapids, Champlin Park

Puck Systems: “The most complete Hockey Association website solution available”. (www.pucksystems.com) He talked to us about a website that they can create for Hockey Association’s. He explained all the different features you can have on the web site, and handed out a card listing all the features also. Puck Systems is currently working with the USA Hockey people and also Cybersport. They are working together to get our Hockey registration operating properly on-line. In you’d like more information you can contact the Anoka Hockey Association, they are currently working with Puck Systems on there website.

Minneapolis Metro North Conventions and Visitors Bureau/Sports Department: If your having a tournament and would like some help with it, contact Amanda with Minneapolis North. (www.justaskmn.com) She also had a handout, a goodie bag filled with hotel info., coupons, maps, and a couple different visitor’s guide books, etc.

XL Hockey League: Looking for Bantam age boys (17, 18, and 19) to set up a No Checking and No Fighting league. They would play 1 night a week with Ref’s. They will be covered under USA Hockey Insurance. There will be a small fee to play on the team. Need more information – check out the Minnesota Hockey website.

Guest: Doug Foster from District 5 is with us this evening to see how District 10 works! Our Girls program and there’s are combining this year.

Minutes passed from September 12th, 2005 General Meeting.

Roger Sundeen: Treasurer

A report was presented. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Seconded. Passed. Treasurer’s report approved.

John Miller: President

Welcome to the 2005-2006 season!

Reminded everyone on the proper reporting procedure.

NEW – Mandatory Coaches meeting will be on Sunday October 30th at the Champlin Legion for Head Coaches and Managers. Times and levels are listed on the new Activity Schedule for the year. You can get the Activity Schedule on the back table or on the web site.

Team Declarations-it is important to declare your teams so they are at the appropriate competitive level, and make sure you follow the District 10 procedures for declaring teams.

A representative from Grantsburg, Wisconsin Hockey Association will be at the scheduling meeting to schedule some scrimmages with our teams, on the east and northeast side of District 10. Let us please try and accommodate them.

There have been some problems finding the Squirt, Girls 10U, 8U, and Mite rules in the Mn Hockey handbook. I made a handout which is on the back table for you to take. This handout should answer all of your questions, in regards to these levels.

All District 10 Board members see me at the end of the meeting.

Tim Timm: District Director

Waivers-District 10 has a specific policy on waivers. Please see the handbook first. Only the District Director will be allowed to grant waivers. Please don't call the President on this issue.

Day-to-Day Operations-The President of District 10 handles the day-to-day items for the District. Please call John Miller or Mark Osmondson the Vice President.

Restructuring-Has been tabled as of the last State meeting. If you have any concerns or ideas, please contact me by e-mail (d10director@yahoo.com) and I will try and bring any issues with me to the meeting for discussion.

Tournaments-I am also on that committee. The same rule applies – e-mail me with any concerns or ideas you may have regarding how they are run in the State.

Minnesota Hockey-Visit the web site, there is a lot of information there. Check out the up coming agenda for the State meeting.

District 10-Our job is to help you (the Association) to provide a safe and fun place to learn the game of hockey. We are also here to help USA and Minnesota Hockey to provide leadership under the rules and by-laws set forth.

Corporate Sponsors-Please make every effort to patronize our sponsors. They work hard with Minnesota Hockey and donate funds to help keep costs down.

Thank You-To all the people on the District Board and Association Boards. Without all of you this would not be possible.

Mark Osmondson: Vice President/Administration, Jr. Gold Coordinator

For the Mites, Girls 8U, Squirts and C Peewee's, I need to have their team schedules by Saturday, December 3rd or Monday, December 5th. My e-mail is – d10jrgold@hotmail.com. ALL PRACTICES, GAMES & JAMBOREES need to be posted on this schedule. Any concerns I may have with the schedules,

will be brought up to the Association President.

District 10 has a maximum 15 game rule for Mites and 8U's, this does include Jamborees. USA Hockey recommends a 3 to 1 practice/game ratio.

Jeff Zwerdling: Vice President/Scheduler

I have received 2 complaints so far in regards to scheduling. I haven't scheduled anything yet!!!! Scheduling will be taking place starting Thursday, October 6th. Check the Activity Schedule for the complete list of levels, dates and times.

Colleen Muskie: Assistant Scheduler

Background check forms are needed NOW for District and Association Board Members. You can get the form off of the USA Hockey website.

Background check forms for COACHES also need to be turned in **as soon as you can**. If she doesn't have the Coaches Background forms by roster sign off, the Coaches will be crossed off the roster and unable to be on the team.

Don't forget that the transmittal sheet, must also be attached. You may get a transmittal sheet off the website.

There are 2 items people forget to fill out on the forms, they are 1. your middle name and 2. a person to witness your signature. Please take the time to make sure they are filled out correctly before mailing them to Colleen, that way she shouldn't have to mail them all back to you again...

Mail to: Colleen Muskie - 6140 - 172nd Lane, Ramsey, MN 55303

It was suggested that maybe each Association assign 1 person to take care of all the Background forms for the Association.

Mike Denardo: Coach in Chief

The St. Cloud clinic went good.

If High School kids want to help out on the ice all they need is a Level 1 and they qualify for an Assistant.

A Level 2 and 3 clinic is Saturday, October 8, 2005 and a Level 3 only, is in Isanti on October, 19th.

Reminder that Level 2 and 3 re-certification can be done on-line.

Rick Wesp: District 10 Tournament Coordinator

If your association needs patches, e-mail Rick and let him know.

Jay Fladabo: Girls Coordinator

I attended the State Girls Coordinators Meeting in St. Cloud yesterday. Thanks to Colleen for all her ground work in the past years, it all went very well. District 10 and District 5 have combined teams in 10A, 10B, 12A and 14A. The 12B will just play in District 10, and the 14B will play with TC/District 1.

Pete Hill from District 11 (Superior/Cloquet area) has 2 teams and is looking for scrimmages. Please try and help them out and set up some scrimmages with them. (maybe a weekend "up north"?)

Mark Osmondson: Vice President/Administration, Jr. Gold Coordinator

Still to early for the Jr. Gold teams, but when you get your numbers/teams please let me know asap.

There is a real need for Associations to hold Jr. Gold Tournaments.

Cyndy Poulton Girls & S.K.A.T.E.

There is a cost sheet on the back table for the S.K.A.T.E. program.

11 associations have signed up and paid, 8 have not been heard from at this time.

A motion was brought back from last months meeting (9-12-05) regarding that District 10 look into reimbursing the Associations for participating in the skate program:

A motion was made for District 10 to reimburse the Associations for players who at the end of the year actually qualify for the S.K.A.T.E. Program. A payment of \$1.00 per qualifying player up to 5000 players, after 5000 it will be pro-rated. Seconded. Passed.

Just a note: This money has come from Associations paying District 10 for game changes.

Craig Turner: Tournaments

Would like the Associations Tournament Directors to send in the ice hours for your tournaments now.

Hank Wuertz: Hall of Fame Tournament

They still need 3 teams for the Tournament. District 10 already has 3 Associations participating in the tournament – Blaine, Anoka, and St. Cloud.

Help is still needed for November 11th, 12th and 13th.

All proceeds are donated to the USA Hockey Hall of Fame.

Items from the Floor:

Discussion was heard in regards to the handout on the back table. Stating the New rule for Mites and Girls 8U teams having a cap of 15 games. Some Associations feel this would go over well with the parents, and others are concerned it won't. Also discussed was the jump the last year Mites will have when they become 1st year Squirts. (They have 35 games.) The rule book didn't state how many games Mites/Girls 8U should have, so District 10 decided to put a number in writing. It was reminded to all that the Mite/Girls 8U is an instructional program and should have 3 practices to 1 game anyhow. Our guest Doug Foster from District 5, said his District has taken the stand that Mites/Girls 8U can't play any games until after February 10th, they can only have practices until then.

Insurance for Dry Land Practices – A school district is questioning whether our insurance would cover a dry land practice in a school gym, yes. Contact Bruce Kruger, Risk Manager for USA Hockey his number is in the Minnesota Hockey directory.

Final Team Declarations:

Squirt	A-13	PeeWee	A-11	Bantam	A-11
	B1-17		B1-19		B1-16
	B2-15		B2-20		B2-15
					C-2
Girls	10UA-5	12UA-9	14UA-5	16UA-1	
	10UB-15	12UB-13	14UB-1		

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting November 7, 2005, 7:00pm @ the Champlin Forum

At that time we need the Initial Team Declarations for Jr. Gold A, B and 16 and Under

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Johnson
Secretary – District 10

Upcoming Events:

(Dates to remember between this meeting and the next)

October 6 th	7:00pm	League Game Scheduling for Bantam A and Girls 14A	Champlin Forum
October 8 th	9:00am	League Game Scheduling for PeeWee A, Squirts and Girls	Champlin Forum
October 10 th	6:30pm	Metro Hockey League Meeting	New Hope Arena
October 15 th	9:00am	League Game Scheduling for Bantam B & C, PeeWee B	Champlin Forum
October 30 th	1:00pm	Mandatory Coaches and Managers Meeting Bantam A & B1, PeeWee A & B1, Girls 14	Champlin Legion
October 30 th	5:00pm	Mandatory Coaches and Managers Meeting Bantam B2 & C, PeeWee B2, Squirts, Girls 12 & 10	Champlin Legion
November 1 st		District, Regional & State Tournament Info to Tournament VP	
November 7 th	7:00pm	District 10 Meeting – Jr. Gold Declarations	Champlin Forum