

**District 10
General Meeting
September 10, 2007**

President John Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Tim Timm, John Miller, Mark Osmondson, Rhonda Madsen, Roger Sundeen, Rick Wesp, Donn Berkeland, Bruce Carlson, Lee Hollom, Bill Andrus, Hank Weurtz, Howard Dye, Dan Sinn, Doug Messerli, Scott Meyer, John Lawson, Cyndy Poulton, Cheryl Mechelke, Goeff Law, Colleen Donovan, Kim Mellem, Ron Hall and Bruce Erickson.

Associations Present: Andover, Anoka, Becker/Big Lake, Blaine, Cambridge/Isanti, Centennial, Champlin Park, Chisago Lakes, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Mora, North Branch, Pine City, Sauk Rapids, Spring Lake Park, St. Cloud, and St. Francis

Introduction of Minneapolis Metro North: Stephanie Wentz presented information for those associations hosting tournaments. This is a complimentary service provided by Minneapolis Metro North, which includes information bags for players, hotel information etc. This service provides a lot of information to the out of town/state teams. If you are hosting a tournament and would like to utilize these services, contact Stephanie, Amanda or Megan at Minneapolis Metro North.

Minutes from the last meeting, dated February 5, 2007: Motion made to accept the minutes, seconded, passed.

Treasurers Report: A full itemized Treasurer's Report is available for review at the conclusion of the meeting. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded, passed.

- Associations are billed twice per year. The first billing is around Christmas time and is the first half of the ref costs and the league fee; the second is at the end of the year before playoffs. If associations would like the invoicing completed by email versus regular mail, please let him know by next month's meeting.
- A two-year contract has been signed for the referees; the prices are set.

Presidents Report: A detailed handout was distributed with the following information:

- Communications – report any changes in your boards;
- Team Declarations – done via email to save time, and review levels of play in the handbook when determining your declarations.
- Scheduling – a handout was distributed with all scheduling activity. There will be no game changes from October 21 – November 6, after that all changes must go through your league coordinator. Remember when scheduling to group your games.
- Referees – presidents can contact Bruce Erickson for the costs to be billed per level and game length. Rates are for league games only.

- Mandatory Coaches Meetings – are scheduled for November 6 (A & B1 Bantams and Peewees), November 7 (all Girls 14U and 12U, B2 & C Bantam and Peewees) and November 8 (all Squirts and Girls 10U). Meetings will be held at the Champlin Legion beginning at 7:00 PM. **On the night of a teams meeting, no scrimmages for that level are to be scheduled.** Appropriate disciplinary sanctions may be imposed on those who fail to attend these meetings.
- Mite Policy – during a summer presidents meeting, the associations approved language to the mite policy, which was distributed and will be in place for the upcoming season.
- New Board Members – Colleen Donovan, Cheryl Mechelke and Ron Hall will be joining D-10 as league coordinators and Sue Andrus will be the coordinator and contact person for Special and Disable Hockey.
- Hardship Scholarship Policy – Associations should review and/or consider a hardship scholarship policy. This is an association level issue, not D-10.

District Directors Report: A detailed handout was distributed with the following information:

- Waivers – please review the specific policy on waivers in the handbook.
- Day-to-Day Operations – please call John Miller, President or Mark Osmondson, Vice President for day-to-day issues.
- Minnesota Hockey – upcoming agenda for the state meeting is posted on the MH website.
- District 10 – our job is to provide a safe and fun place to learn and play the game of hockey. We are also here to assist USA and MH to provide leadership under the rules and by-laws set forth.
- 501c3 – in accordance with your affiliate agreement with MH, your association must be listed with the State of MN and the IRS as a non-profit under the 501c3.
- My Job – as District Director I am here to represent you at the State level.
- Corporate Sponsors – please make every effort to patronize our corporate sponsors.
- Registration – give your registrar all the assistance you can. Make sure that only players from your association are playing for you, unless they have a waiver.
- Affiliate Agreements – if you have not gotten your affiliate agreement to me, do so as soon as possible. They are needed by Thursday, September 13, 2007. If not received, your teams will not be signed off.
- Background Check Forms – we need all completed forms from your association boards immediately.
- Stop Patches – order from the MN Hockey website. For D-10 patches, contact Rick Wesp.
- “Put the Biscuit in the Net” Program – invitations to Girl Scout troops to play approximately 5 games this year, which may become potential players in the future. Contact Lynn Olson for more information.
- 19UB – a handout was distributed. Associations should be contacting their high school coaches to let them know that D-10 will find a play to them to play if there

is not room on the high school team. Same applies to Jr. Gold. Mark O, Hank W, and John L will be going to the schools with information on these leagues. Mark would like the name of the Athletic Director from your schools. If you know what it is, please contact Mark, Hank or John.

VP Scheduler: Jeff Zwerdling was absent, but John Miller stressed that there will be no game changes October 21 – November 6.

Ace Coordinator: all clinics are listed on the MN Hockey and D-10 websites.

- ☐ An email will be sent out this week to all ACE Coordinators and/or Presidents.
- ☐ Parenting Education will be focused on this year.
- ☐ Spreadsheet for skills has been updated (MNskills.org)
- ☐ May have a couple of meetings in September and/or a conference call for those who can't attend.
- ☐ Everything is done electronically.

Supervisor of Officials: Seminars have been posted since August 5, 2007.

- ☐ You can register for travel league seminars on the USA or MN Hockey websites.
- ☐ Those hosting seminars are Blaine, Elk River, Chisago Lakes and Cambridge/Isanti.
- ☐ House league seminars are not listed on the website. Contact Bruce Carlson if you are interested in hosting one.

Referee Scheduler: Nothing to report.

D-10 Playoff Coordinator: Contact Rick Wesp for D-10 patches.

Youth Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Girls Coordinator: October 7 is the final declarations for girls.

Jr. Gold Coordinator: It is being worked on to keep more kids/teams in the Jr. Gold league.

Invitational Tournaments: There is a tournament coordinators meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2007, 7:00 PM at Fogerty Arena.

Hall of Fame: The Hall of Fame Tournament will be held November 9-11 and is currently full. Volunteers are needed. Contact Craig Turner.

SKATE Program: There has been a new organizational structure due to communication issues. Therefore, there will be no district coordinators for the SKATE Program.

Association Reports:

- ☐ Chisago Lakes – is looking for 14U players.

- Blaine – is looking for some C-Peewees and C-Bantams.
- Centennial – is looking for some 19U Girls.
- Coon Rapids – there is a benefit for a hockey mom who was diagnosed with cancer. The benefit is on September 23 at 4:00 PM. There will be raffles, and a silent auction. Please go to the Coon Rapids website for more information on the benefit for Barb Anderson.
- Elk River – is looking for a Bantam goalie. Girls from Becker/Big Lake and Rogers are playing in Elk River again this year.
- Sauk Rapids – is working with other associations to field some more teams.
- Tim Timm: Bantam and 14U Girls are coming from St. Croix Valley into Chisago Lakes. Also, if there are any Squirt or 8U Girls that will schedule two games with Grantsburg (one home and one away), D-10 will allow 37 games versus 35.

Items from the Floor:

- Dave Margineau thanked everyone for their volunteer hours and to D-10 for hosting last years tournaments. There will be a HEP Essay Contest again this year, with the essay being “Hockey is fun because.....” (a handout was distributed with further information). There is also a Coaches Recognition Program (a handout was distributed with further information). There will be more interaction with the Parent Education Program. There are hopes for 8-10 19UB teams this year in the league versus 5 teams last year.
- Doug Messerli stated that all information for Association Presidents have been updated on the website.
- John, from Coon Rapids, thanked District 10 for all of the support that was given while he was serving in Iraq. He presented a flag and certificate to John Miller and Tim Timm.
- Playoffs – question was asked, when there are more than 8 teams, is D-10 looking at expanding the number of playoff teams? D-10 looks at this every year and the 8-team tournament is traditional and will be kept as is for this year.
- If you are trying to reach Sue Andrus or have an email to send her, please send to Bill Andrus’ email or call their home during the day.

Initial Team Declarations

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda J. Madsen, D-10 Secretary.