

DISTRICT 10
Regular Board Meeting – February 2nd, 2009
7:00pm – Champlin Arena

Members/Officers not in attendance: Tim Timm, John Miller, Chuck Fitzer, Cyndy Poulton, Karl Rasmussen, Becky Ewing

Associations not in attendance: Anoka, Hinkley

Guests in attendance: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Mark Osmondson

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the January meeting as written.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report. A full – itemized Treasurer's Report is available for review at the conclusion of the meeting. Has first half of league and referees fees in. Ref fees and trophies have been taken out most recently. 2nd half billing will be going out as soon as we know teams are in or out of District Playoffs.

D10 President-John Miller. Mark Osmondson gave this report in John's absence.

1. **Workers Passes:** The workers passes will be handed out tonight, if a worker has to purchase a tournament pass because the association failed to hand out the passes District 10 will not refund that admission fee. This year the Tournament will start on Saturday February 21, 2009 so this year we will not be having the Tournament Kickoff Breakfast.
2. **Squirt/Girls 10 Overtime Procedure:** A change has been made to this overtime make sure your coaches are aware of this change. The procedure is on the back table.
3. **League Coordinators:** Make sure you update your standings as fast as possible and get the final standings for the teams making the District Tournament as fast and accurate as possible to Jeff, Kim and Roger.
4. **Squirt/ Girls 10U Rankings:** All rankings for A, B Squirt and Girls 10U rankings are to be into the League Coordinator by February 5, 2009. Those teams not submitting rankings could be paired against each other in the opening games regardless of how others have ranked them. As an example #1 could play #2 in the first game, so take the time and get the rankings in.
5. **League, Tournament and all Penalty Assessments: All bills must be paid before any association teams can advance to the District Tournament**
6. **District tournament workforce:** Please review the requirements for the staffing District tournaments. The information is on pages 42 and 43 in the D10Handbook. Be aware of the fines that can be assessed to those associations that fall short. Please make sure that you have qualified people for each position. Handout in back.
7. **LET'S HAVE A REAL EFFORT TO CONTROL THE CONDUCT OF ALL DURING THE TOURNAMENT. THE COACHES, PLAYERS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE WORKED HARD TO GET TO THIS POINT. LET'S REMEMBER WHY WE ARE HERE AND NOT RUIN THE EXPERIENCE FOR ANYONE.**
8. **WHILE THE FAIR PLAY POINT IS NOT IN FOR THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL THAT THE ZERO TOLARENCE POLICY IS STILL IN EFFECT. IF A SPECTATOR IS REMOVED FROM A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT GAME THAT REMOVAL IS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FOR ALL SITES. NO REFUND OF TICKET PRICE.**
9. **Game Cap Violation fines :** The associations are responsible for monitoring their teams. The policy on the game cap violation fines was handed out at the April 07 Annual meeting. Totals will be added as each team completes the District Tournament.

D10 Director – Tim Timm

1. Please remember to inform your teams and parents to contact their LC, Mark Osmondson or Craig Turner first. I am receiving way too many calls and emails about game problems and why does my child have practice so late?
2. This past weekend was very busy. Mr. Turner and I were at the State Meeting. A lot of subjects were covered. Craig will be covering some of this in his report and elaborating on mine.
3. LTAD (Long Term Athletic Development) from USA Hockey: This is a new program that is being put together. At this time it is not fully ready, but the word is out about it. In some ways it mirrors a lot of MH programs. Our HEP, STP, Coaching Education. In this program everyone is called a "club". Do not be alarmed we are staying, as we are "community based! When you look at this model you can see some of what we have been trying to get ALL associations to do in MH. The Select Programs are off-season. In back is a handout with just a small amount of information. Please go to the USA Hockey website for the full amount. It does look to be a good program in some areas. Now MH is not required to participate in the program at all, but we will be taking parts of the program on board. Which ones we do not know at this time.
4. Discernment Committee: Has been working on the Survey results. In this part they broke down just what the Association Presidents or Officers had to say about the residency Policy. The board spent almost two hours working on this alone, BUT we made a lot of progress based on the information from the survey. Right now, new language is being worked on in the Rules Committee. I will hopefully have a more cleaned up draft for the March meeting.
5. MH is looking at a new website. This is a good thing for MH as the site is very dated and not very exciting to go to.
6. Kemps and MH have a new partnership. Five cents from every gallon of Chocolate milk will go to MH. Right now one of the programs that will receive some money is the Special Needs Program.
7. MH over the last 10 years has a retention rate of 75.3%. The national average is 69%. Last year we did drop 10.6% from the 06 season.
8. A judge in WI has made a ruling that birth certificates that have been copied are not legal for the books. If you are hosting a tournament you may find this. Let the kids play. USA is working on a new format right now to make this easier. A form is being worked on that will be accepted by MNH.
9. The Wilds office did a great job on producing the video that was on TV for the HEP essay contest. Last years winner is bringing his whole team to a suite at a Wild game.
10. Please take time to visit www.onegoal.com this is a USA Hockey sit with some great information.
11. Right now we have only one person for the Don Clark award check the MH website for more information.
12. We also have only 3 coaches nominated for the coaching award from the HEP committee. Last years winner went to a Wild practice spent time with the players and went to a Wild game later.
13. Registration, over 60,000 kids so far as of Jan 1. Minnesota had an increase of 38% to online registration last year. There is new information coming for registration. Carol Carlson will be at the March meeting to explain.
14. Coach in Chief Hal Tearse stated they did over 60 coaching seminars on how to coach. (Not the CEP class) This is where they bring a group of coaches to your rink and teach one on one to your coaches. This year they will be adding a goalie clinic as well. Contact Hal ASAP if you would like to get this group out to your Association. Some of the D10 associations did take advantage of this last year.
15. Mark Osmondson is on the recruitment committee. He can give you a report on that.
16. District Directors spoke of the workloads and problems that we are facing. During this meeting we talked of travel, cost and time to the parents and kids. We also looked at how to cut league games to help with these issues. We discussed the prospect of creating two new districts. Looking at the reasons stated above on how we can help cut down on all of the items. Right now nothing is in stone just discussion. But I do expect to see some changes in the next year.

I will be out of town from February 1st until February 15th for work. Please contact Mark or Craig first if you have any questions or concerns.

D10 VP Administration – Mark Osmondson

- I am on a recruitment and retention committee for Minnesota hockey. MN acquisitions over the past 10 years is down. Better than national average but still down.
- If you have ideas or suggestions on ways to improve – please let us know.
- They may change number of games etc – to make hockey more user friendly.
- A lot of information has been gathered regarding retention and recruitment and Mark will have another report ready with more detailed information.
- SQC's are in D10 playoffs – it is hard to rank them because they do not all play each other. We will draw out of hat to determine who will play who in District playoffs.
- League coordinators – please let Mark know asap if you have conflicts. We need to make sure if you have coverage.

D10 VP Administration – Craig Turner

- American Developmental model – this is something you can look at on the off-season.
- Special Hockey is adding two additional teams next year. GREAT news.
- Redistricting is still being looked at. Nothing set in stone but ideas are being tossed around
- Possibly creating a 'recreational' program instead of 'C'. This would be run by Minnesota Hockey.
- We will put B1 and B2 discussion – on summer – John Keller will head these presidents meeting.
- Level 4 coaching clinic for women will be held this spring at the super rink. Level 5 for men in St. Paul
- USA Hockey registration will be ready in May. You will have to get an authorization code for the software. Training will be in May.
- MNH background checks – 16,646 were checked by a private company. 10 were deemed ineligible.
- League rules – 3 protests this year on times of games. Start times, end times, etc. PLEASE make sure they are writing start times on the score sheets.
- Erv Harves – is in home hospice. – Please keep him in your prayers.
- If you are having a mite jamboree. Tim is the ONLY person that can bless having a jamboree. You must contact him ASAP if you plan on having a jamboree

D10 VP Scheduler – Jeff Zwerdling

- Almost at the end of league play. Have played over 2000 games. Rescheduled 225 games. League play ends Feb 14th for some and the 19th for others. Rankings for SQ and U10 need to get into your league coordinators by Feb 5th.
- Once final rankings are in – Jeff will get the brackets ready for the website.
- Starting a day earlier this year. In 6 leagues – we are trying to have NO week night games this year. SQ and U10's will play. There will only be games played on that Wednesday of Districts.
- 2 BN PW and u12 and U14 games will count as getting a workers pass. It's basically a 4 hour shift that needs to be worked.
- Meeting at Anoka – 6:30pm for ALL league coordinators. PLEASE attend this meeting.

D10 Coach-in-Chief – Karl Rasmussen

- Not in attendance

D10 ACE Coordinator – Donn Berkland

- Couple minor issues with coaching/parents. All is going well

D10 Supervisor of Officials – Bruce Carlson

- Keep the cards and letters coming!

D10 Referee Scheduler – Lee Hollom

- Nothing to report.

D10 Playoff Coordinator-Rick Wesp

- Need to see a few associations after the meeting to cover some stuff for playoffs.
- **Presidents – take the overtime procedure home and make sure the information is given to ALL SQ and U10’s team.**
- SKATE program – will be receiving gifts again. Please get the number of kids to Rick Wesp. 763- 913-8805 – call with the number of qualified players.

D10 Youth Coordinator-Bill Andrus

- Very disappointed to see how our coaches are acting. There are far too many issues and not enough consequences.

D10 Special Hockey Coordinator-Sue Andrus

- Keep in mind that we have both stand-up and sled hockey available to all that are interested.

D10 Girl’s Coordinator-Jay Fladebo

- Nothing to report

D10 Jr. Gold Coordinator –Hank Wuertz

- Having a few minor issues

D10 Invitational Tournaments-Craig Turner

- Nothing to report

D10 Hall of Fame Tournament-Craig & Hank

D10 SKATE Coordinator-Cyndy Poulton

Association Reports:

- No major issues to report.

League Reports:

- JR. Gold – is going well. Playoff will be in Plymouth beginning March 6th with the state tournament being in Burnsville

Items from the floor:

Doug foster will be handing out the packets for the 5 seeds to regions at Fogerty on Super Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. - Minutes recorded by D10 Secretary, Kim Mellem

