

**DISTRICT 10**  
**Regular Board Meeting - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**  
**7:00pm - Champlin Arena**

**Members/Officers not in attendance:** Rob Potter, Lisa Edwards, Dan Sinn, Cyndy Poulton, Mike Ablieter

**Associations not in attendance:** Cambridge/Isanti, Hinkley, Champlin Park

**Guests in attendance:** Eric Rud, Toni O'Brien, Gabe Thomas, Andy Qualy

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

A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the amended September minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the October 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.

**D10 President-Mark Osmondson**

- Tonight you will take the d10 handbooks and score books for your peewee, 12u, bantam & 14u teams. Make sure the head coach/manager get them right away.
- Squirts & 10u teams will get their books on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at their mandatory meeting here at the Champlin Forum.
- Mite/8u teams will be given books the night of Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at their scheduling meeting.
- So far I'm missing coach/manager information from the following associations: Blaine, Cambridge/Isanti, Elk River, Irondale, Pine City, Princeton, St. Francis. Please send these in an excel spreadsheet.
- Also be sure to check to see that I have ALL your of teams information. Anything missing should be sent as soon as you have a head coach and manager.
- We have a lot going on this month. Please send out reminders to your association to look at the activity schedule.

**D10 Director - Tim Timm**

- Toni O'Brien (President of the Minnesota Warriors and is the Disabled Hockey Representative for the Minnesota District for USA Hockey) communicated some of the fine points of the Special Hockey League. Toni indicated that the youth league is recreational and that the Adult league is more competitive. Program size has doubled. New program in MN is Warrior Hockey. This is a free program for disabled or injured Vets to get on the ice. USA Disabled Hockey Festival will be April 1-3. Held at the Schwan's Super Rink. Bringing in over 50 disabled hockey teams from all over. MN Warriors is the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the nation for disabled hockey. Toni indicated that Heidi Pierson (D10 board member and Warrior Marketing Director) was able to secure a grant from the US Paralympic committee in the amount of \$13,000. An additional \$5000 came from USA Hockey. Tim Timm indicated that D10 hockey has also given money and donated hockey bags to this great program.
- Eric Rud - plays for the MN sled hockey team. Started out recreational and are now in a 6 team traveling league. Wanted to thank D10 for their donations that allowed them to buy some sleds. Hopes to see us all at the festival in April.
- Andy Qualy - is the VP for the MN Warriors and is also a Player and Coach for the Warrior hockey team. Wanted to express his appreciation for the outpouring of support for their team.

- Gabe Thomas - also injured veteran/player. Wanted to also say thanks for the hockey bags that D10 purchased for the Warrior team. The support is greatly appreciated.
- Squirts scores. Do not post any squirt or 10U scores on your web sites. If your site is password protected you must give your league coordinator the password. This is for all levels.
- Number of League Games. This has been covered many times. You need to inform your parents of why there are fewer games this year.
- Length of season. All travel teams that move onto Regions must be determined no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. I have two presidents that have stepped up to help work on a new longer season, for teams that do not move on.
- Combining Players from multiple associations to provide A teams. Irondale President Kevin Bourassa from Irondale has offered to lead this effort to work with associations to blend their top players next year. This would provide more players the chance to play at their top level. We will need two more Presidents for this effort. John Lawson (D10) will lead this group in their efforts to see if this can happen.
- Minnesota Hockey is still looking at the AA-A format. I do not see this happening until the 2012-13 season. If it is approved this year.
- Non Rostered teams. It is the team's job to make sure that any team you play has a signed USA Roster at the correct level.
- Provided a handout with team total numbers.
- Tournaments. There is NO open class of tournament. It is A, B or C.

#### **D10 VP Administration - Colleen Donovan**

- Reminder of the Mite Scheduling - November 10<sup>th</sup> at Rogers.
- Reminded everyone of Hockey Day in Minnesota on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Have your associations think about letting kids try hockey for free that weekend.
- Princeton - got a check for \$1,000. Colleen will get it to you.

#### **D10 VP Scheduler - Jeff Zwerdling**

- 1770 games. - hopes to be live with schedules by November 10<sup>th</sup>
- SQC scheduling -there are 45 single games.
- 5 Associations using the Super rink - would like to look into scheduling more games consecutively instead of single games.
- Sent out double booked games. Needs to hear back from the associations soon so we can get the schedules online.

#### **D10 Coach-in-Chief - Rob Potter/John Lawson**

- Has a level 1 clinic on 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Intends on having this as a D10 only clinic. For Mite/U8 coaches. Will be up in Cambridge/Isanti. Seating will be limited so register quickly.

#### **D10 ACE Coordinator - Donn Berkland**

- **ADM - American Development Model / Educational Clinic**  
December 2nd, 2010  
**Fogerty Arena - 5:30pm - 8:30pm** Open to interested Association Presidents, Mite or Mini Mite Coordinators or ACE or Youth Directors. Space is limited. Guy Gosselin will be leading the group with an on ice and off ice presentation. He will be providing a blueprint for optimal athlete development focusing on age-appropriate training utilizing long-term athlete development principles. Contact Donn Berkland at dberkela@hq.novacare.com to register or if you have any questions call Donn at 612-750-2896
- USA Hockey is not telling you HOW to coach but indicates what to coach when.

#### **D10 Supervisor of Officials - David Weisjahn**

- Seminars in the metro area are over. 5 seminars left but are 250 miles away.
- Looks forward to hearing from all of you regarding refs. Contact me via the ref phone line or email.
- Will coordinate with League Coordinators if there are issues that come up.

#### **D10 Referee Scheduler - Tom Nergard**

- Doesn't have the schedule yet but as soon as her gets it - he will get games scheduled.
- Tom would like the coordinators to periodically check the schedules to make sure times and locations are correct.
- Scrimmages are going great - please send requests in a word format.

#### **D10 Playoff Coordinator-Rick Wesp**

- Nothing to report

#### **D10 Youth Coordinator-Bill Andrus**

- Make sure that your SQ and U10's are at the mandatory meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Send at least one person from each team.

#### **D10 Special Hockey Coordinator-Sue Andrus**

- Her information was covered by Toni O'Brien

#### **D10 Girl's Coordinator-Jay Fladebo**

- Would like to stress the importance of getting your coaches information in to Mark Osmondson as soon as possible.
- If you have 14U 'A's that may get cut - contact Cheryl Mechelke asap so she can find a team for them.

#### **D10 Jr. Gold Coordinator -Hank Wuertz**

- Declarations are due November 24<sup>th</sup>
- Scheduling will be the 29<sup>th</sup> of November
- Coaches meeting - possible date of December the 5<sup>th</sup>. At Fogerty
- December 4<sup>th</sup> will be the coaches clinic - for Jr. gold/u16 coaches only.
- When registering 16U's - will now be registered at high school b category.
- SLP had a question for Hank - if D10 doesn't have room for players that get cut - can we move to other districts? The answer was yes but they would first attempt to get them on a D10 Co-Op team.

#### **D10 Invitational Tournaments-Craig Turner**

- If you have questions or concerns regarding invitational tournaments - please contact me asap.
- There are no 'open' tournaments.

**Jeff Zwerdling led the group through initial team declarations for Jr. Gold/U16.**

#### **Items from the floor:**

Anoka will be hosting jamboree for mites over the Holidays.

Next Monday - November 8<sup>th</sup> - any team that will be in a tournament prior to November 20<sup>th</sup> - Tim and Carol will be at Fogerty Arena to sign off on rosters. 6:30pm

Q: Are there fines for teams that do NOT have an adult supervising the locker room. A: No fines as of yet but you MUST have supervision in the locker room. If something happens and you do NOT have supervision - your insurance will not be covered.

Q: Is there a rule regarding putting names on association websites. A: The answer is no - but you should NEVER have addresses of players on any website.

Q: Where do scoresheets go for scrimmages? A: To their league coordinator.

U10's and SQ MUST provide

If you are going to or hosting a tournament - make sure your teams all have locker room supervisors there.

**Handouts given at this meeting:** Agenda, Presidents Report, Directors Report, Treasurer's Report, Minor Penalty Pilot Program, Pepsi Refresh Grant, Team Total Handouts, USA Hockey off ice official manuals (1 per association), American Development Model Handout

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm. - Minutes recorded by D10 Secretary, Kim Mellem