

**DISTRICT 10**  
**Regular Board Meeting - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**7:00pm - Champlin Arena**

**Members/Officers not in attendance:** Colleen Donovan, Rob Potter, Tom Nergard, Kristi Waite, Heidi Pierson, Glenda Gerold, Mike Ableiter

**Associations not in attendance:** Anoka, Blaine, Elk River, Hinkley, Mora, St. Francis

**Guests in attendance:**

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

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

Roger will be sending out bills for the first half of the ice bills within the next two weeks. Please watch for them as they are due payable right away. He will be sending the majority of them out via email.

**D10 President-Mark Osmondson**

- Squirt C games and scheduling officials. This is the most important note you can take back tonight to your associations. Make sure you triple check that you have games covered by the officials you hire. IF you need help with refs from the SHRHA - please call them right away and not the same day of your game. They are willing to help if they need to but they need to know in advance.
- Remind all your teams that rosters are frozen as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- All coaches need to have their certification done by this month, make sure each association has someone double check with all coaches.
- Minor penalties are 1:30, but the fair play point is determined by counting them as 2:00. Confusing yes, easy to figure out, yes. Make sure everyone has reviewed this with their teams. Question: what is the reasoning behind the new format? - Answer - MNH did an extensive study vs actual playing time for the players vs how much time they may have to sit in the box. Refer questions to the MNH website.
- Remind your coaches, managers and all parents the hour clock is what determines the end of the game if there is still time on the game clock. We all know this, but we need to remind them so we avoid the problems of yelling from the stands etc. Minor officials must know to verify the actual start of the game (when both teams hit the ice) with the referee's. Mark it on the score sheet so if the buzzer goes off and the game clock shows time left, everyone in the building knows why.
- Squirt/10U teams are required to turn their calendar of league games, practices and tournaments into their league coordinator. Please contact your teams and make sure they send them in.
- I'm disappointed we didn't have a C Bantam league this year (again). Therefore the district will again pay close attention to the Bantam and Peewee B leagues, and will if necessary help you make your decision where you place teams next season. If you have one of those teams that clearly is at the wrong level, you will need to send me the process you used to place these teams. If its parent pressure, say so. The worse thing we can do is place kids at the wrong level. They don't have fun if they get pounded every game and winning a trophy by playing down really doesn't prepare them for life in the real world. Placing them at the wrong level is one of the leading reasons why kids quit the sport (my opinion).

### **D10 Director - Tim Timm**

- The calls and emails have already started on the process of the Advanced 15 camps. Who gets picked, how do they get picked and why only A players? This has been covered many times in D10 meetings and is covered in the D10 Handbook. In the future I will refer all emails and calls back to the Association President.
- AA-A: This is going to be discussed in a Discernment meeting this weekend. I can see in the future sometime this happening.
- A Team merging for next year. John Lawson is working on getting this set. This will help provide more kids the chance to play at the A level in District 10.
- Upper and Lower B Teams: Why? Why are the Association Boards not looking to have more even teams at the B levels? Is this to have one super team to win trophies? With this are you the Assoc. Boards really providing the best for the kids?
- B State Tournaments: If the AA-A comes into place this State Tournament will most likely go away and MH will have just A level state tournaments again.
- Kevin Dickie has stepped down from his position of VP of Tournaments. I have been asked to chair this committee in the remainder of Kevin's term and I have accepted. I will be the chair until the April elections at which time a new VP will be elected. Tim Sweezo will handle all invitational tournament information at the state level. Craig Turner will continue to handle the invitational tournaments for D10.
- Tim confirmed that the ADM clinic was a big success and that those in attendance learned a great deal.
- Sauk Rapids is getting 12 sets of equipment from the grants.
- Discussed the concerns regarding why we don't have EMT's at the league games if they are required for Invitational Tournaments. The wording may be changed that we 'recommend' (and not require) them to have EMT's at Invitational Tournaments. Question: Do they have numbers available as to how many injuries there are during tournaments vs league games. Answer: higher chance of injury during league play - mainly because there are more games in a league vs tournament play. This year, the rule still stands (EMT's are required at Tournaments) until we hear more from Tim.

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

- Not in attendance

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

- Scheduling: an email was sent out regarding the process that needs to be followed regarding a game change. Please follow that process.
- Would like ideas to streamline the game change process for next year.
- Also asking associations to have their teams check the website to make sure games on the website
- Leagues of 17 or more - remember the new format for playoffs. Please check the D10 handbook
- Also, make sure your managers send in their rosters to their league coordinators.
- The team refusing the reschedule will be responsible for incurring all costs. All information pertaining to this is in the handbook.

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

- Has a level 1 clinic on 19<sup>th</sup> of December. It will go LIVE online at 3pm on December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.**
- Went through the information from his handout regarding the competition committee. The goal is to combine associations to ensure players are playing at the right level. They want to have more numbers to work with. Even if your high school takes bantam players they are not taking a whole team and therefore, there are players left that are A caliber. You add those players together with other associations you will have enough players to make up a competitive A team. Also, because these players have played in a

more competitive league and have received better coaching, they will have a better chance at making their respective high school teams next year as soph. leaving more bantams to play A.

- A meeting will be set up to move forward with this. John will have Kim send out the information on the meeting as soon as it becomes available.

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

- Had the ADM presentation. 9 associations represented. 16 coaches attended. You can go to the website for more information including practice plans, etc.

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

- 12 game misconduct penalties this year already.
- From a clock operators standpoint - there have been no issues with the new 1:30 penalty. Thanks!
- Completed 10 evaluations of Officials. Will be doing more in the near future. 3 reports on officials. Followed up on all of the reports.
- No hearings as of yet.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Bill did the SQ and 10U workshop and it went great but he would like some feedback also. Please check with your managers to see if any changes are needed.

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

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

- League is up and running.
- Changes will be \$100.00 after the end of this month.
- Coaches meeting was held last night.

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

- Last tournaments can be turned in no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Craig right away - even if there are changes or concerns so we at least have it in the books.

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

Pat Schumer - current with everything in his league. Going great.

Becky Ewing - PWB1 are losing a lot of FPP - Not going as great.

**Handouts given at this meeting:** Agenda, Presidents Report, Directors Report, Treasurer's Report, Competition Committee Handout, MN Grant awarded to Sauk Rapids (News Release)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. - Minutes recorded by D10 Secretary, Kim Mellem

