

DISTRICT 10
Regular Board Meeting - October 3, 2011
7:00pm - Champlin Arena

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Colleen Donovan

Members/Officers not in attendance: Rob Potter, John Lawson, Lohn Keller, Becky Ewing, John Miller, Kristi Waite, Lisa Edwards, Dan Sinn

Associations not in attendance: Cambridge/Isanti, Elk River, Hinkley, Irondale, Mora

Guests in attendance: None

The minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting were amended, under D10 VP Scheduler report that Bantam A/AA games will count according to the D-10 By-Laws. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the amendment.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the September meeting as written, after the amendment.

D10 Treasurer - Roger Sundeen

- First billing will include the following:
 - League Fees at \$350 per team
 - First half of the referee fees
 - D-10 patches
- Second billing, tournament fees, will be as follows:
 - Squirts and 10U - \$400 per team
 - Peewees, 12U's, Bantam B1 and B2 - \$600 per team
 - Bantam A, AA and 14U's - \$800 per team
- 19B and 14U-B teams will be charged by the District they are playing in.

A handout will be prepared for the next general meeting with the fees listed.

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 - Colleen Donovan

- Reminder - mandatory meetings this year for all levels are as follows:
 - U10 & Squirt Levels - October 29, 2011 at Champlin
 - U12, U14, Peewee & Bantam Levels - October 30, 2011 at Rogers
 - Time slots for each level will be emailed when known.
- The activity schedule refers to the MNH website and the Metro Hockey League website for important information, dates, and locations, so please reference.
- Reminder - it is the Association Presidents responsibility to send Colleen Donovan your coaches and managers contact information as soon as they are known. This will be tracked and passed onto the League Coordinators. Consequences for non-compliance will result in the Association President volunteering four (4) hours of time at a D10 function of the D10 Presidents choice.
- Ice Scheduling begins in 10 days. Please make sure your ice scheduler has received the following items from your teams:
 - Tournament Dates, which should be picked before the level schedules
 - School Schedules
 - Any other dates that need to be marked off from scheduling

D10 Director - Tim Timm

- Duluth Marshall 14U Girls Team is not a registered USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey team.
- Coon Rapids had their grand opening of the Coon Rapids Ice Center, which a skybox was dedicated to Phil Graber.
- Training sessions have been sent to all Association Presidents.
- A list of all MN High Schools, with their enrollment, was distributed, as the A/AA levels will be determined by school size.
- Player Commitment Rule change, which is a MN Hockey Rule, was changed to:
 - D. Commitment to Team - Players are expected to participate in all team activities (practices, games, tournaments, etc.). An allowance for an “excused absence” upon notice that is reasonable under the circumstances may be established by teams and associations. Unexcused absence is grounds for consequences to a player, as determined by the team or association, up to and including suspension. *A team or association rule and/or policy as the “excused absences” or as to consequences for unexcused absences must be reasonable and may not be implemented in a manner that discriminates as between player participation in one outside program versus another.*

Kids returning from playing on another team (ex: The Fire) need to be given a fair tryout.

- A study has been allowed in D10 to determine the negative effects on youth hockey players.
- The State meeting went well.
- MN Hockey Participation Rule - follow the rules and by-laws and you won't get yourself or your association in trouble.
- D10 emphasizes the importance of having two people in the locker room, due to current issues that have arisen.
- Tim sat in on the coaches' clinic last Sunday and would have liked to have seen more D10 coaches attend. There is room for 50 in the clinic and only 15 attended. Encourage your coaches to attend.

D10 VP Administration - Kim Mellem

- Thank you to all Presidents for submitting your Mite information.
- Scheduling will be in Rogers - specifics will be emailed.

D10 VP Scheduler - Jeff Zwerdling

- Scheduling dates in October:
 - 10/13/11 Game scheduling, 7 PM at Champlin - BNA, B1, Girls 14A
 - 10/15/11 Game scheduling, 9 AM at Champlin - PWA, Squirts, 12U-A, B & 10U
 - 10/22/11 Game scheduling, 9 AM at Champlin - Bantam B2, C, PW B1, B@ & C
- All ice schedulers will need a wireless laptop.
- All but three association ice schedulers have been trained on the new program (Elk River, Blaine, and Cambridge/Isanti).
- There will be a process for ice scheduling written up.
- The site will be locked on October 23rd, all game changes will have to go through D10

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

- Not in attendance. Report given by D10 President, Colleen Donovan
- Rob and John ran two Level 1 clinics on September 24th and 25th. Despite poor turn outs at both, they were very successful. There were 19 coaches for one and 14 coaches for the other. Thank you to Tom Johann (Blaine) and Sean Nobel (Spring Lake Park) for hosting the clinics.
- Saturday, October 1st there was a Level 2 clinic at the Super Rink for 50 coaches. Thanks again to Tom Johann (Blaine).

- There is a Level 2 clinic is scheduled for October 8th in Princeton. There are still openings available.
- There is a Level 3 clinic planned for November 19th. Information will be emailed before it goes on-line.

D10 ACE Coordinator - Donn Berkeland

- ADM Clinic for Mite Directors is scheduled for October 20th, which is both on ice and classroom. Information will be sent to all ACE Coordinators and Association Presidents.

D10 Supervisor of Officials - David Weisjahn

- There was a Level 1 and 3 clinics at Fogerty on Saturday. 34 out of 55 showed up.
- Currently scheduled clinics are as follows:
 - Level 2 - October 8th
 - Level 2 - October 15th
 - Level 1 - October 9th is full. If you are looking for a spot on October 9th, you can go to Brooklyn Park.
- Please submit any issues you may have and/or any kudos, as we like to hear when things are going well too.
- Parents will not be responded to. Follow up will be with the league coordinators.
- “Flammatory” calls and emails from coaches will not be responded to.
- Q: Is any training being done for the no checking rule? A: The no checking rule is a topic in the seminars being conducted at all levels. There is a video made by USA Hockey that is being shown. Tim Timm added to remember that the no checking rule is a verbage change from body checking to body contact. USA Hockey has information for coaches and referees on their website.

D10 Referee Scheduler - Tom Nergard

- The request form for referees is on the D10 website.
- There will always be 2 referees sent to a game.
- Referees have to be scheduled through Tom, even if you know a ref from your Association.

D10 Playoff Coordinator - Rick Wesp

- All Board Members please see Rick after the meeting.

D10 Youth Coordinator-Bill Andrus

- Seminars are as follows:
 - Squirt A’s & 10U-A’s 09:00 - 10:30
 - Squirt B1’s & 10U-B’s 10:45 - 12:30
 - Squirt B2’s 01:00 - 03:00
 - Squirt C’s 03:00 - 05:00
- All Managers should plan on attending.

D10 Special Hockey Coordinator - Sue Andrus

- If you know of any disabled children, please contact Sue.

D10 Girl’s Coordinator - Jay Fladebo

- State Meeting was uneventful.
- There are 9 - 19U teams and 13 - 14U-B teams.
- 10U-A’s have absorbed Sartell and St. Michael. D10 to schedule all ref’s.
- We continue to pursue 8U numbers.
- Spring Lake Park is running a 6U team.

D10 Jr. Gold Coordinator - Hank Wuertz

- Nothing to report.

D10 Invitational Tournaments - Mark Osmondson

- Invitational Tournament meeting was September 27th. All Associations were represented.
- Mark has the tournament applications.

Final Team Declarations

- Jeff reviewed final team declarations with each Association and any changes were made accordingly.

Items from the floor:

- Roger Sundeen - the Metro League will set the fees for the Jr. Gold A, B and 16U's.
- Tim Timm - three Associations were drawn to work at a Wild Game - Rogers, Chisago Lakes and Centennial (1st Alternate). Squirts and 12U's should be sent to work. Association does get paid. Barry Ford and/or Mike Sneed will send the dates of the Wild games to be worked.
- Tim Timm - St. Francis was selected to receive a set of Mite boards from USA Hockey. All other teams already have the Mite boards.
- Question - are there any split leagues at any levels this year? Answer by Tim Timm - No.
- Jeff Zwerdling reviewed the number of games at each level.
- Rob (Anoka) - There was an agreement between Associations to follow the Participation Policy. Parents will continue asking until they find someone to give them the answer they are looking for; therefore, there needs to be consistency between the Associations:
 - Be clear to parents
 - Refer them back to their Association President
 - Directors cannot/shouldn't promise anything
 - Player not go in the tryout system or put on the lowest level teamPresidents to meet and compile a draft "rule" that will go to the D10 Executive Board for approval and then in the D10 handbook next year.
- Spring Lake Park - 12U-B Girls are needed, as well as a Bantam B2 Goalie.
- Question - do Mite C teams use a full sheet of ice? Answer by Colleen Donovan - Only Mite D teams are required to use ½ sheet ice; A, B & C Mite teams are left up to the Association whether they want to use ½ sheet or full sheet ice.

Handouts given at this meeting: Agenda, Treasurer's Report, Presidents Report, Player Commitment Rule Change, MN State High School League Schools and Enrollments, Participation Policy, Final Team Declarations

Meeting adjourned - Minutes recorded by D10 Secretary, Rhonda Madsen