

Minnesota Hockey - District 16
Spring 2023 Meeting – May 8, 2023
Fireside Grill - Bagley

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:08pm
- II. **Roll Call: Associations present:** Bagley, Bemidji, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Hallock, Red Lake Falls, Roseau, Thief River Falls, Walker and Warroad
Associations Absent: Lake of the Woods
- III. **Agenda Additions** – Multiple B teams.
- IV. **Approve Fall minutes:** Walker – Moved / Bemidji – Second. Motion approved.
- V. **Akua Tieku** – New MN Hockey employee joined the meeting. Akua is working on growth and membership with focus on diversity and growing girls hockey.
- VI. **Financial** - \$10,000 from MN Hockey – Request from the Retention & Recruitment Committee for \$2000.00 to create district-wide imagery to use throughout the district. Roseau motioned, seconded and motion passed.
- VII. **Spring MN Hockey State Meeting** – April 14-16, 2023. Tournament Committee wants to adjust number of teams in regional tournaments based on the number of teams playing in the districts related to each region tournament. April is Celebration of MN Hockey month. Let Mark Elliott know if interested in attending or if there are any items for discussion. The summer meeting will be June 23-25 in Mankato.
- VIII. **2024 District, Region, and State Tournament Hosts –**
District Tournaments February 16-18, 2024

Bantam A – Warroad	Bantam B1 – Red Lake Falls	Bantam B2 – Red Lake Falls
Peewee A – Roseau	Peewee B1 – Thief River Falls	Peewee B2 – Walker
Girls 12U A – East Grand Forks	Girls 12U B – East Grand Forks	

District Tournaments March 2-3, 2024

Squirt A – East Grand Forks	Squirt B – Crookston & Red Lake Falls	Girls 10U A & B – Crookston
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Region Tournaments March 1-3, 2024

Bantam A – Warroad	Peewee AA – Bemidji	Girls 15U B – Bemidji
Girls 12U A – Roseau	Girls 12U B – Thief River Falls	

State Tournaments – March 15-17, 2024 – none scheduled for District 16
There was also discussion on Squirt B district tournaments and options moving forward. We always run into issues with how teams are split up and/or seeded.
- IX. **Committee Reports:**
 1. **Stats** – Mike Peterson – using GameSheet to compile stats worked very well.
 2. **District Webpage** – send any information/updates to Peterson or Dragich.
 3. **Coach-In-Chief** – Jay Hardwick – not present.
 4. **ACE Coordinator** – need a new person. New title – District Hockey Director. Also looking for anyone interested in the Goaltender Development Director for the district. If anyone is interested, please sent information to Elliott.
 5. **Referees** – Ron Laturi – not present.
 6. **HP Programs** – Boulianne reported the Spring programs went well. A good number of district players are moving on in the 14 & 15 boys and the 14 girls. We had low numbers at the 15 girls level. Also looking to fill Tier 1 Blue Ox rosters for 14, 15 & 16 teams.
 7. **Awards** – Elliott Cup winners – Bantam AA/A – East Grand Forks, Bantam B – Red Lake Falls, Peewee AA/A-Warroad, Peewee B – Bemidji, Girls 12U – Thief River Falls
 8. **Risk Manager** – Report injuries if you have them.
 9. **Girls Hockey** – Nothing
 10. **Retention-Recruitment** – Keith Severson reported the group has begun to meet and has had a few good and informative meetings. Group is working on producing district-wide imagery and flyers for all associations to use. Red Lake Falls will have work done on graphics for the group. The group has also discussed goalie recruitment & retention and ways to get information to coaches and parents to help in this. The group will continue to meet online the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- X. **Old Business:**
 1. **Mark Elliott** – (C)218-766-4433, (W)218-759-9411 2030 Harding Ct SW Bemidji, MN 56601
elliottm@paulbunyan.net.
 2. **Girls 13U** – pilot program will continue for another season
 3. **Expected behavior of participants** – Elliott reported minimal issues with coaches conduct this season.

XI. **New Business:**

1. **Locker Room Monitors** – Mandatory. Make sure they are in place.
2. **Multiple B Teams** – Roseau question the district's policy on associations fielding multiple B teams and not playing at the A level. More discussion will follow on this.

XII. **Other Business:**

1. **Congratulations** - Warroad was congratulated by the group for the outstanding seasons by both Girls and Boys High School teams and for having both Mr. Hockey and Frank Brimsek Award winners.
2. **2023-24 Teams** - Dragich will put together a Google Doc for each association to fill in the teams and playing levels they expect to play at for the upcoming season. The document will be emailed to all and also added to the district website.
3. **Fall Meeting** – Will be held in Warroad on Monday, September 11th 4:00pm at a place to be determined.

XIII. With no further business at 6:12pm East Grand Forks moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bemidji. Motion carried.