

Minnesota Hockey – District 8

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 28, 2024

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, Inver Grove Heights



I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

D8 Board Members:

Present: Rak, Dave, Paul, Kate, Mickey

Absent: Zac, Elliot, Jeff, Bill, Kent, Andy

Association Representation:

Present: Eagan, Eastview, Farmington, Hastings, IGH, Lakeville, Rosemount, SSP, WSP, Woodbury

Absent: Apple Valley/ Burnsville, Cottage Grove, Red Wing

III. Vote

A. June meeting minutes approved.

IV. New Business

A. Outside teams requesting to play in D8 for the 2024-25 season.

i. Owatonna – BAA and 15UB, passed.

ii. Edgumbe – BC and PWC, passed.

iii. Cannon River – 15UA and 15UB, passed. 12UB declined.

iv. Rochester – BAA, PWAA, SQ – A, 10UA, 12UA, and 15UB, passed.

B. School/ Discretionary Waiver Changes Discussion

i. MH has done away with the school waivers in most situations as of January 2024. District 8 Associations discussed the possibility of making a District 8 policy. After reviewing each associations separate policies, it is best to let each association keep their individual policies as there was too many differences.

ii. Conversation Topics

1. Possibly create a D8 committee to create a district policy.

2. Issues with the AVB policy is that leaving the door open for second year Bantams to leave makes their policy no longer discretionary per MH legal counsel.

3. Suggested that all associations make sure their updated policies are on their websites.

4. Recruiting skaters from other associations is an issue. The only way for associations to regulate their own teams is when there is integrity from all associations.

➤ Do the associations need to put policies in place to prevent recruiting by coaches? No promising free hockey or guarantees to play on a specific team.

5. Rak suggested that we leave the policy as it follows MH policy.

C. Opportunities for younger refs

- i. District 8 rules state that a ref must be 15 years old, however there is a private group out of Rosemount that will get the kids certified and give them the ability to learn to ref at Mite Scrimmages, or similar. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Paul Moen.

V. D8 BOARD REPORTS:

A. Director (Rak):

- i. Association Presidents should have let Rak know if you are dropping from a BA to B1 while keeping the BAA. Discussion around that decision to ensure that teams are focusing on player development and not out “trophy hunting.”
 1. Whenever possible, teams should be playing at a higher level.

B. President (Dave):

- i. September 25 is when all final team counts are due. Once you have your teams confirmed, let Rave and Kate know.
- ii. If you have a new ice coordinator, make sure they get in touch with Avario as they are starting to work on schedules already.
- iii. League play starts Nov 2.
 1. Reminder to block out first two weeks if you have teams with later tryouts who need more time.

C. Officials (Moen): n/a

D. Girls Program (Jeff):

- i. Have Girls Coordinators reach out to Jeff for Zoom meeting.

E. Coach in Chief (Bill) –

- i. Coaching modules are same as last year. No CEP clinics after Dec 15. There are clinics available online. Do not expect a card if you have procrastinated.

F. Tournaments (Zac):

- i. Still need tournament hosts. District 8 website is up to date.

G. Coaching & Education (Elliot): n/a

H. Bantams (Mickey): n/a

I. PeeWees (Chris): Associations are encouraged to think about hosting body contact clinics to help ease 2nd year PWs into contact/ checking. Check USAH website for appropriate contact. Reach out to Chris if you’d like assistance setting something up.

J. Squirts (Open): n/a

K. Goalie Director (Andy):

1. Goalie Sessions in Red Wing

L. Junior Gold (Kent): n/a

VI. Close.

Next D8 Board Meeting: September 25, 2024 at 7:00pm @ Moose Lodge, IGH.