

Minnesota Hockey – District 8

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: My 27, 2026
Meeting Time: 7:00
Meeting Location: Greg & Lisa's, Eagan, MN

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

D8 Board Members:

Present: Rak, Dave, Kate, Elliot, Kent, Jamie, Chris

Absent: Andy, Zac, Bill, Paul, Mickey, Julie

Association Representation:

Present: Apple Valley/ Burnsville, Cottage Grove, Eagan, Eastview, Farmington, Hastings, Lakeville, Red Wing, Rosemount, SSP, Woodbury

Absent: WSP, IGH,

III. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

A. Passed

IV. New Business:

A. Minnesota Hockey Visitors Introduced

- Jeremy Reed, MH Executive Director
 - MH has implemented a tournaments page that is now up and running. Associations that host invitational tournaments will be able to advertise their tournaments on this page once they have been sanctioned.
 - New Squirt/10 U nets will be distributed to Rak when available. Discussion is ongoing on what game procedures will be next season.
- Dani Duffey, MH Marketing & Communications Manager
 - The Minnesota Hockey website has undergone some technology updates. Associations and families should start to see more communication from them including more targeted emails instead of mass emailing.
- Akua Tiekue, MH Membership Development Manager
 - Looking for a District 8 volunteer to be part of the Membership Development committee. This group meets every other week and is responsible for generating ideas and programs aimed at growing MH participation.
 - Minnesota Hockey grants are open- Association Presidents should reach out if they are interested in receiving one
 - Little Wild opened today, share with anyone that has a new skater (ages apply)

B. Vote to move Bantam games to 90 minutes did not pass. Rosemount was the dissenting vote. The major issue is lack of ice and whether the additional minute per period is worth the increased cost. Both ice and refs cost more for a 90-minute game vs. 75-minute games. Much of the additional time being used to clean the ice between 2nd and 3rd periods.

C. Congratulations to Zac, Jamie, and Julie for being re-confirmed for their roles with District 8 hockey. A very big thank you to you all for continuing to dedicate time to the youth in our area.

V. Officer's Reports:

A. District Director (Rak):

- New rule changes are upcoming and will be voted on at the June MH Directors Meeting. Kate has sent out the expected rule changes to the D8 contact list.
 - Up for consideration – looking at creating a statewide league for Bantam AA & A, similar to how the Junior Gold High School League is run.
- Coaching certification for new coaches.
 - The 6/8 module will be available to anyone who wants to complete it. This certification is good after initial modules are completed.
 - For coaches that are looking to get certified as level 1, they will need to progress their certifications up a level each new season. (Level 1 first year, Level 2 next year, and so on)
- New GameSheet fee structures for associations and invitational tournaments. As associations register their tournaments they will need to pay for each tournament game up front. (\$9/ game) Minnesota Hockey pays GameSheet fees in 3 different invoices each season.
 - Minnesota Hockey will continue to pay GameSheet fees for Regional and State level tournaments. Discussions around who will be responsible for End of Year/ District Tournaments are ongoing.
- New SafeSport agreements will be going out to the Associations for signatures. As of right now, this agreement will be for the 2026-27 season. During the June board meeting, discussions will be had regarding frequency.
 - If an association does not fill out the agreement, the USAH Registrar will not allow that association to get their rosters released until completed.

B. Financial Update (Dave): n/a

C. President (Dave): n/a

D. Officials (Moen): n/a

E. Girls Program (Jamie):

- U19 is now referred to as Junior Gold but will still be run under Minnesota Hockey and NOT JGHSL.

F. Coach in Chief (Bill) – n/a

G. Tournaments (Zac):

- District 8 will be hosting 3 Regional Tournaments for the 2026/27 Season- We still need 1 more host, please contact Rak ASAP so he can let MH know.
 - Bantam A South
 - Bantam B1 South
 - 15U B South

H. Director of Coaching (Elliot):

- Great showing of skaters for the spring HP programs. Of the 20 final skaters chosen for the summer camps, here are the District 8 results
 - Youth – Summer Camp starts June 8 at St Thomas
 - 2013-2014 (14): 17 of 20 advanced
 - 2012-2015 (15): 15 of 20 advanced

- Girls – Summer Camp starts June 15 at St Olaf
 - 2012 Birth Year (14): 14 of 20 advanced
 - 2011 Birth Year (15): 13 of 20 advanced
- Fall Tier 1 Registration is still open – Elliot and Jamie have sent out emails to eligible skaters regarding registering
 - This is an open tryout; nominations are not needed.
 - Minnesota Hockey states that only AA/ A players are eligible, District 8 will allow skaters from other levels to tryout.
 - June 20 anticipated tryout date with final teams posted by July 1

I. Bantams (Mickey): n/a

J. Peewees (Chris): n/a

K. Squirts (Julie): n/a

L. Goalie Director (Andy): n/a

M. Junior Gold (Kent):

- Almost 90 teams in the JGHSL this past season, hoping to continue to grow the A level and even out the B level competition

VI. Discussion Topics

- A. Discussion was had regarding the Minnesota Hockey TV and Live Barn contracts for end of year tournaments. Most teams/ associations have better streaming options/ experiences on their own, than by using either of those.
 - There are concerns that games may not be accessible or affordable for family members to watch post-season play by continuing this contract.
 - The contract is in place for another 4 years, the revenue generated by this contract is debatable and an undetermined amount goes back to Minnesota Hockey versus how much MHTV/ Live Barn is making.
 - With the contract still having so much life left, are associations willing to pay for a “media ticket” for each team? If so, what is a reasonable amount?
 - MH TV and Live Barn have merged, and the expectation is that they will eventually have all broadcasts on the Live Barn platform.
- B. 19U team took 1st place in state!! Congrats!!
 - Lots of excitement and energy with this age group. 2 new teams were added this past year.
 - Many of the girls from this year’s team will be back for next year’s season.
 - Lakeville is happy to host but is asking for some support with ice and other items. Reach out to Katie Neu for more.

VII. Close

Minnesota Hockey Annual Golf Tournament is Aug 3 @ Bunker Hill

Minnesota Hockey State Meeting is June 20 & 21

Next D8 Board Meeting: June 24, 2026, 7:00 pm @ TBD