

Minnesota Hockey – District 8

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: September 30, 2026

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Moose Lodge, Inver Grove Heights, MN

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

D8 Board Members:

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

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

Association Representation:

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

Absent: West St Paul

III. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

A. Passed

IV. New Business:

- A. District 2 may be requesting their 4 BAA teams to play in District 8. (Stillwater, Mounds View, White Bear Lake, & Mahtomedi.
 - If this happens, schedules will be adjusted to limit need for excessive travel
 - This change would not have any effect on post-season rankings
- B. District 9 has indicated that they want to have Northfield and Rochester 12UA play in D8
- C. District 9 has 3 15U B teams that may play in D8 (Rochester, Mankato, & La Crescent)
- D. All approved if request is made.
 - Suggestion made that two league games be played in one day, only on weekends, etc.
- E. Edgumbe may not have a PW C team
- F. Discussion around potential limits to district playoff rules, D8 will look at options and send information out to associations. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, send to Rak.
- G. No answer to standardized net size for Squirt league games
 - Reasoning behind the change in net size is to build better foundational development of goalies

V. Officer's Reports:

A. District Director (Rak):

➤ September State Meeting Updates:

- Rule change: Board of Directors Terms of Office has been changed to "Outgoing board member's whose terms are ending will be done at the end of the annual meeting. New board members will begin their term at the conclusion of the annual meeting.
- Rule change: "Primary" has been added to the participation policy "Based on the primary residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- MH will be performing district audits on 2, 4, and 9 this year. (These audits are part of the USAH affiliate agreement)
- Waiver discussion:
 - Possibly looking at lowering the age to include Kindergarten age kids

- Will be discussed at October 21 meeting
- Looking at cost of Mite hockey, some associations are charging \$1,000/ year.
- Mite Hockey Full-ice Discussion:
 - MH allows up to 10 full-ice games after January 15; most districts are moving to 6-7 full-ice.
 - Cottage Grove and Woodbury indicated they want to keep at 10 no additional feedback shared
 - D8 will stay at 10 for this season, look at decreasing for the 27-28 season
 - The reason behind this is development. Hockey is the only sport that allows for full ice (field) game sheets. Only MN and MI play any full-ice at this level, every other state does cross-ice
 - Reminders:
 - Mites 1 and 2 cannot play any full-ice games
 - Each game played on full ice needs to be approved by Rak
 - Approval to play in a Jamboree is a separate approval, if they are playing full-ice- Rak will need additional info
 - Inter-association games count as one of their games
- Special Jersey Requirements:
 - If a team makes a special jersey for regional or state tournaments, they need to make both a light and dark colored option. These teams will need to specify which jersey each special jersey is replacing.
 - Must have STOP patches on back

B. District President (Dave): n/a

C. District Director of Officials (Paul):

- New game change fees are on website
 - \$100 for game change requests before the 14-day window starts
 - \$125 between 2 and 14 days prior to game day
 - 48 hours or less, pay full ref fees- must contact Paul Moen

D. District VP Girls (Jamie): n/a

E. District VP Squirts (Julie): n/a

F. District VP Peewee (Chris):

- Remind your PW coaches to be mindful of contact and ramp it up towards the end of the year. By the end of the season, they should be doing checking drills.
 - MH has resources to help
 - They should not be learning to check in summer AAA

G. District VP Bantam (Mickey): n/a

H. District VP Junior Gold & U16 (Kent):

- Watch for emails regarding J Gold, will be sent out soon
- Let Kent know if there are any players looking for a team, or teams looking for players

I. District Coach in Chief (Bill):

➤ Coaching clinic clarification:

- Coaches who did the 6U and 8U clinics **ONLY**, are good for 5 years before needing to be recertified
 - Coaches who did the 6U and 8U clinics **AND** level 1, will be required to take level 2 this year
 - Levels 1, 2, and 3 are good for one year
 - Level 4 is good for 3 years
 - Level 5 is good for 4 years before continuing ed courses
- USAH has clinics scheduled through mid-November, once those start to fill up, additional clinics will be added into Dec.

J. District VP Tournaments (Zac):

- Invitational tournaments can now be sanctioned with Minnesota Hockey
 - Playoff Hosts
 - Thank you to everyone for getting most of the host sites secured early this year; it is very much appreciated.
 - Remaining tournaments needing a host are –
 - February 21 – 28: Bantam B1 & Pee wee B1

K. District Treasurer (Dave): n/a

L. District 8 Hockey Director (Elliot):

- All 6 HP teams have advanced to MN Hockey District Playoffs
 - Girls 14U Prospects
 - Girls 14U Tier 1
 - Boys 13O
 - Boys 14U Prospects
 - Boys 14U Tier 1
 - Boys 150
- Girls 14U Tier 1 won the league playoffs

M. Goalie Coordinator (Andy): n/a

VI. Discussion Topics:

- A. Associations shall not penalize any Tier 1 skater for missing a tryout due to a game.
- B. Lakeville is looking for additional 19U participants; all ice will be provided by Lakeville.

VII. Reminders:

1. The new Woodbury ice has not been approved by USAH- no games or tournaments shall be played at this rink until sanctioning happens
2. Mite 1 and 2 hockey- no full-ice games
3. If you need to make any changes to your team structure- make sure you email Dave & Kate with changes as soon as possible
4. Tournament sanctioning certificates need to be hung in all arenas that a tournament will host games at.

VIII. Close

Next D8 Board Meeting: November XX, 2026, 7:00 pm @ TBD
No October 2026 meeting!