

Minnesota Hockey – District 8

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date: October 29, 2025

Meeting Time: 7:00

Meeting Location: Greg & Lisa's Hidden Treasure, Inver Grove Heights

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

D8 Board Members:

Present: Rak, Dave, Paul, Kate, Mickey, Elliot, Chris, Kent, Julie, Jamie, Andy

Absent: Bill

Association Representation:

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

Absent: Woodbury

III. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

A. Passed

IV. New Business: n/a

V. D8 BOARD REPORTS:

A. Director (Rak): MH Meeting Update (June 20 – 22, 2025)

- i. Minnesota Hockey rule 8.0 states that all games must be scored on an online scoring platform, this includes exhibition games. Rak will be handing out fines to any team that did not use GameSheet for a game. If GameSheet is unavailable, a paper copy must be kept and entered once available. The paper copy must also be turned into Dave.
- ii. A request was made to the District that shots on goal be tracked. Talk with your team managers about what options there are for tracking. This is not mandatory but can be important to the goalies affected. If someone is going to track shots on goal, make sure they understand what is and what is not considered a shot on goal.
- iii. Concussions – if any player, on any District 8 team receives a concussion, a report must be sent to Rak along with any notes from the doctor listing a return to ice date. **This is mandatory.**
- iv. If you need scorebooks, Rak has them at his house. Reach out to him to schedule a time to pick up.
- v. League fees will remain the same as last year, except GameSheet charges will not be included in the initial bill
- vi. We do not know how GameSheet will be charging Minnesota Hockey, and we don't know how MH will be charging the districts. Once District 8 receives the bill, we will be sending them out to each team.

B. Financial Update (Dave):

- i. Pre-season District 8 finance update
 - There is approximately \$128k in the treasury, with some outstanding HP fees needed to be paid and collected.
 - Dave will be billing associations in the next two weeks, please turn your payments around as quickly as possible. It is District 8's position to keep the treasury as low as possible.
 - The first ref payment is due mid-December and is roughly \$90k. There are two more ref payments that go out later in the season
 - A suggestion was made that District 8 keep a larger buffer in the treasury. However, in an effort to keep the cost of hockey down, the district does not like to keep the balance high.

C. President (Dave):

- i. As tryouts wrap up, please get any team changes to Dave, Kate, and level director as soon as you know
- ii. There have been a lot of GameSheet invite code requests, we are receiving them, but are waiting until all team changes have been made

D. Officials (Moen):

- i. All games/ scrimmages/ similar that involve the use of referees must be scored in GameSheet. If GS is not available, you will need to utilize a paper scoresheet in place of the electronic scoring. If you use a paper scoresheet, you will need to add the game to the GameSheet platform once you have access to an iPad and also send a copy of the paper game sheet to the District. (In Junior Gold games – the paper copy needs to go to Kent)
- ii. All efforts to use an iPad are expected. Reminder that GameSheet still works without internet access. The game is scored as usual, and when you are able to connect iPad to internet – then you can upload.
- iii. Referees have been instructed and informed that it is not negotiable for them to officiate a game without record.
- iv. If the referees show up and there is not one of the two options available for scoring, the referees will not ref the game – but will still get paid.
- v. Concern was brought up that referee request notifications were not always going out – Moen to ensure that all notifications are made in proper time going forward
- vi. Any referee requests should be made with at least a 2-week period. The referee schedules are booked out for 30 days. Any requests made with just a couple day lead time, are almost impossible to guarantee.

****Note:** *If you have a team that has scheduled a scrimmage at the Hastings outdoor rink – managers will need to go through the Hastings ice scheduler for refs. This will include a \$10 fee payable to the ice scheduler in the way they request (i.e. Venmo, etc.)*

E. Girls Program (Jamie):

- i. There are several 15U teams still looking for players – if you have any players that are available, reach out to Jamie.
- ii. There are a group of girls that are hoping to form a 19U team
 - There are several girls already committed, with a handful of potential commits

- Make sure high school coaches know for any girls that are looking to play
- This would be open to any girl who has aged out of the 15U program
- Biggest concern is lack of ice
- If you have anyone interested, reach out to Kevin Renville
Kevin Renville
612-202-0200
Kevin.renville@yahoo.com

F. Coach in Chief (Bill) – n/a

G. Tournaments (Zac):

- i. Still looking for tournament hosts – if you can host half a tournament, let Zac know and he will try and get associations partnered together.
- ii. All available tournaments are located on the District 8 website

****Note:** Any level that does not have a tournament host ***will not have*** a tournament to participate in.

H. Director of Coaching (Elliot):

- i. MH VP of Operations has been named as the new Executive Director for MH – Jeremy Reed.
 - Mr. Reed is currently overseeing the HP/ programs also
 - No word if there will be a replacement hired for the VP position
- ii. High Performance Team
 - Spring ice has been requested. Once ice is confirmed, tryout days/ times will be posted. These tryouts are always held over the last two weeks of March.
 - Ensure all head coaches with eligible players have their contact information listed on their team page – this is how they are notified of any pertinent information (Must be a head coach)
 - Elliot and Jamie will start reaching out to coaches that have eligible players in January
- iii. Futures Program
 - MH is looking to eliminate the 15s and possibly add a u11. This has only been in conversation. There have not been any changes made to the program to date.
 - If/ when something comes out, District 8 will get the information sent out

I. Bantams (Mickey):

- i. The season is starting off spicy with two game misconducts already
- ii. Bantam A teams will maintain one GameSheet code for all league games and exhibition games. The codes have been assigned to both District 8 and District 2.

****Note** – for Bantam A teams playing in District 2 this season, any venue/ game change for games played in a District 8 rink, needs to go through Paul Moen & team. If there is a game change needed for a District 2 rink, you will need to go through District 2.

J. Peewees (Chris):

- i. There is only one league for PWC; this has been changed in GameSheet so if there are any outstanding questions, reach out to Chris.

- K. Squirts (Julie):
 - i. Reminder to Squirt teams that they must stay under the 35-game limit – a scrimmage is considered a game when there are referees, and score is kept.
- L. Goalie Director (Andy): n/a
- M. Junior Gold (Kent):
 - i. Junior Gold is gearing up for the season – as your teams are formed, reminder to send head coach and manager contact information to Kent.
 - ii. There looks to be 20 teams from District 8 this season; if you need to make a change to your team structures – let Kent know asap.
 - iii. If you have extra JG players or are in need of some – let Kent know. There's a team for everyone who wants to play

VI. Discussion Topics

- A. Squirt/ 12U schedules are complete and in review with association ice schedulers. Once they are finalized, they will be posted to Avario. This should be done by this weekend (Nov 1).
- B. December 31 is the final day for teams to opt out of district playoffs
- C. District 8 will be creating a page on the D8 website to list open ice for our associations. More info to come out soon.
- D. There is not a contact at GameSheet for individual team support. If support is needed, reach out to Kate and Dave for help. There are also several resources available for basic use on both the D8 website and the GameSheet website.

VII. Close

Next D8 Board Meeting: January XX, 2026, 7:00pm @ TBD