

**River Lakes Board**  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27th, 2009 @ 7PM  
River Lakes Arena, Richmond

## **Mission**

**River Lakes hockey exists to provide a rewarding experience, focused on the development of players, and volunteers while promoting a fun, fair, and safe environment dedicated to the respect, sportsmanship, and excellence of all participants.**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the River Lakes Board was called to order at 7PM on July 27th, 2009 at the River Lakes Arena Richmond, MN by Vice President Swain Smith.

**Present:** Margaret Spanier, President; Swain Smith Vice President; Marsha Meed, Scheduler; Shawn Teal, Director; Mary Pfannenstien, Registration Coordinator; Tami Stanger, Secretary; Mary Sweep, Treasurer.; Dean Howard, District 5 Representative

**Player Development:** Jon Olson, Kevin Mooney

**At Large member attendance:** Susan and Miles Thurmondson, Mary Feldhege

### **Secretary's Report: Tami Stanger**

The June meeting minutes of the River Lakes Board were e-mailed to board members prior to the July 27th board meeting for review. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes with a correction of adding a year behind the given end of year meeting date and the removal of the last line under Recruiting/Retention regarding "for skaters outside the IP level". Motion: Marsha Meed 2nd: Shawn Teal.

- The River Lakes Board Timeline was reviewed for action items and additions. The addition of updating of filing the MN Hockey e-directory with D5 was added.
- The motion was made by Margaret Spanier and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Pfannenstien to accept the resignation of Sean Karsch as River Lakes President.
- Tami Stanger cast a white ballot for Margaret Spanier to assume her position of President of River Lakes Hockey.
- The letter sent to the entire association by Swain Smith will be included as an attachment to these minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report: Mary Sweep**

- The current balance was reviewed with the board and the month ending 7/27/09 report was included.
- Signatures at United Prairie Bank will need to be changed; Mary Sweep will initiate this process.
- Reviewed Tax return status~ under review at Al Habben CPA. Al will review and OK for filing.
- Review and approval of current bills: Vikings Trophy's.

- D5 must have copy of our Tax return due 9-15-09 when filed.  
Motion to approve treasurer's report and approve current bill payment made by Mary Pfannenstein, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami Stanger.

- An amendment to the River Lakes by-laws was passed to describe "youth" hockey as <18 years of age. Motion: Shawn Teal, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mary Pfannenstein

#### **Scheduler's Report- Marsha Meed**

- No activity to report

#### **Registrar's Report ~ Mary Pfannenstein**

- D5 Registrar's meeting is Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Mary provided last years returning #'s to Player Development for Team and level determination
- Mary would like River Lakes to provide a debit or credit card to registrar all coaches with USA Hockey which would alleviate RLS from having to track and reimburse coaches for this registration.
- It was decided to hold the season "kick-off" meetings separately as these are mainly association specific topics such as fund-raising and volunteer requirements.

#### **D-5 Supervisor of Officials~ Mike Mooney**

- Review of last season; good retention of officials from level 1 to level 2, 38 D5 game reports received last year.
- D5 officials on ice sessions will be held in Paynesville and Buffalo in early December.
- Review of new rules for this season

#### **Player Development Report ~ Kevin Mooney (next meeting July 29<sup>th</sup>)**

- Coaches' applications have been received and interviews will be scheduled in the month of August.
- MN Hockey and USA Hockey have good resources for the ACE position. The River Lakes board has requested the Player Development Committee develop expectations of the ACE Coordinator specific to RLS and bring them back to the board.
- Player Development presented the board with some recommendations regarding positions on the PD committee. The following were approved by the board:
  - 8 members (3 at large East + Ace, 3 at large West + Ace)
  - Terms are 2 years staggered
  - Members apply for position to the Player Development Committee
  - Player Development Committee interviews candidates and makes recommendations to the River lakes board for position appointment.

Motion: Shawn Teal, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Pfannenstein

#### **River Lakes West (PNLS) Report: Margaret Spanier**

- PNLS Report

- Keenan Thrush has filled the board position left open by the resignation of Sean Karsch, Steve Perkins is Vice President, and Jon Olson has been elected as Ace Coordinator.
- Raffle permit has been filed
- The duties of PNL/CSA/River Lakes were discussed and clarified. River Lakes is responsible for all hockey operations.
- Margaret approached CSA about selling water with the River Lakes logo from the concession stand in conjunction with PNL

**River Lakes East (CSA) Report: Swain Smith**

- CSA Report~ no activity. Next meeting is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- High School AD update~ River Lakes is hopeful to be invited to participate in any level with the High School coach hiring process.

**District 5 Report~ Swain Smith**

- July 7<sup>th</sup> Presidents Meeting re-cap was given
- New Residency Rules- MN Hockey has adopted the MSHL terms for residency which are based on school of attendance not residency
- D5 emphasized the equal access for Boys & Girls. RLS needs to document why we are not offering equal teams in our minutes if that is the case.

D5 items to be voted on in upcoming meeting~

- Upcoming season~ home & home, East/West, keep the same ~ RLS recommends not to split the district for game play
- Double elimination playoff tourney (requires 2 weekends)~ the board asked for Player Developments(PD) recommendation at their Wed meeting
- Possible change to D5 Playoffs, eliminate 2 teams or possibly have bottom 4 teams play in game~ the board asked for PD recommendation at their Wed meeting
- Squirt Tournament at ABC levels, vote at next D-5 meeting~ PD and RLS recommend this be approved.

Meeting adjourned: Motion: Swain Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Spanier

**Next Board Meeting Scheduled for Monday August 24 @ 7PM at the Koronis Arena in Paynesville.**