

**River Lakes Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2010**

**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 @ 7:10 PM on February 22, 2010 at the Koronis Arena in Paynesville, by President, Margaret Spanier.

**Present:** Margaret Spanier; President, Swain Smith; Vice President, Tami Stanger; Secretary (joined meeting in progress), Mary Pfannenstein; Registrar, Mary Sweep; Treasurer, Marsha Meed; Scheduler, Gary Oothoudt; District 5 Representative, Jeff Melby and Rhonda Arnold.

**Absent:** Shawn Teal, BJ Beltz

**Secretary's Report:** Margaret Spanier

The minutes from the January 2010 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion: Swain Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Pfannenstein.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Sweep

The Financial reports were reviewed. The month ending 1/31/10 report was reviewed and approved. A raffle spreadsheet was added to the report to account for funds received from raffle ticket sales. Western Suburban Officials Association (WSOA) and District 5 (D5) invoices were discussed. The new process for paying WSOA invoices is working well. Each association will pay WSOA directly for their expenses. Mary S. will call the D5 treasurer to see if D5 invoices can be emailed to her to expedite payment.

**Registrar's Report:** Mary Pfannenstein

Mary P reported that the \$10 per player reimbursement from MN Hockey should be coming shortly.

**Ice Scheduler's Report:** Marsha Meed

There were a few issues last week about ice time at the different arenas. It was agreed that priority will be given to your home ice (East or West). It was also discussed that RL West will bill RL East for ice time RL East uses (from RL West) once their ice goes out.

**River Lakes West (RLW) Report:** Margaret Spanier

- ❖ No meeting was held as there were not enough board members for a quorum.

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

- ❖ The RLE board discussed timelines and fundraising
- ❖ Mark Shirmers presented the idea to gather players "by school" and take pictures to use in flyers, posters, local papers, etc. The River Lakes board discussed and agreed this was

a great idea. Since this year is coming to a close, it will be included in our next year plan. Mark will work with Margaret to put something together for this.

- ❖ Solicitations for a registrar replacement and member at large are in the works.
- ❖ North Suburban Officials may be looked at as a possible replacement for our current WSOA services.
- ❖ One tournament coordinator position was discussed. This would be a River Lakes tournament coordinator for both RL East and RL West. Denise DeJullianie is willing to volunteer for this position. There were concerns and discussion about this. It was decided this would be moved to the agenda for this summer.
- ❖ "Tournament swaps". A motion was made by Swain, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary P. to disallow swapping tournaments between RL East and RL West. If either RL East or RL West decides to participate in the others' tournament, the parents are responsible for the tournament fee unless that team counts this as their away tournament.

#### **D5 Report:** Gary Oothoudt

- ❖ Bylaws will be voted on in June 2010. Draft copies were sent to River Lakes.
- ❖ The neck guard issue has been tabled.
- ❖ D5 will have meetings throughout the summer. Dates are pending.
- ❖ The D5 handbook will be updated to include the new associations added from the reorganization of D5.
- ❖ The D5 secretary and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP positions are open in April 2010.
- ❖ D5 reports that River Lakes score sheets look good as presented.

#### **Player Development Report:** Margaret Spanier

- ❖ Year end parent and coach surveys were handed out.
- ❖ Player development (PD) committee member terms were discussed. Margaret will send out an email soliciting members who are interested in being a member of the PD committee. Terms will be staggered to keep the continuity of experienced members. Motion was made by Mary P to accept Mitch Sweep as the West Association Coaching and Education (ACE) Coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Swain. Mitch will start in April 2010 as the River Lakes ACE.

#### **Clothing Coordinator:** Rhonda Arnold (and Jeff Melby)

There are still a few items that are on backorder. These should be available in March. The board discussed the possibility of doing another order. It was decided that a limited order sheet will be put on the website as a .pdf file. The order deadline will also be posted. Members can print the order sheet and put in each arena's drop box. All orders must include payment. Orders will either be picked up by Swain on March 25<sup>th</sup> and brought to our year end meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>, or Jeff will deliver to our year end meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Logo items with Rambow Inc. were also discussed and the board identified the need to clarify this.

#### **High School Camps:** Jeff Melby

Jeff discussed his desire to organize camps after the regular hockey season. The ice time available in the upcoming few weeks would not allow enough time to organize anything for this March. Marsha presented Jeff with several brochures from past camps. Steve Ejnik is working on a 3 on 3 camp and would be a good reference for camp information. There was also discussion about 2 weeks of donated ice time. It was decided that would be a more appropriate question for the River Lakes West board.

**Surveys:**

A little more than 30 surveys were returned from RL members. This survey is from our 2008-2009 hockey season. RL scored well with our hockey knowledge and needed improvements in communication. Margaret and Swain will talk about this survey at our year end meeting and acknowledge our commitment to address areas we need to improve.

**Raffle:**

Margaret will look into the rules to extend the end date of our raffle. An email will also be sent out to encourage members who plan to purchase a raffle ticket(s), to do so sooner than later, so we can get a more accurate count of ticket sales. Tami will check into dates of local expos to see if we could sell tickets. The local Booster hog roast and Duck Unlimited banquet were also discussed as possible events to sell tickets at.

**Grants:**

Tami applied for the MN Wild Equipment grant. No update on others at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.