



***Player Development Meeting  
June 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Ron and Judy's, Paynesville***

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## **Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Away Tournaments Selected:**

Bantam A - Albert Lea Nov 18-20 2nd Brainerd Dec 2-4, Hibbing 1/13-15

Bantam B – Hibbing, Dec 9-11

Pee Wee A- Spirit of Duluth, December 9-11

Pee Wee B – Fargo, December 2nd - 4th

Pee Wee C – Brainerd, January 28-29

Squirt A- Portsmouth Tournament Duluth

Squirt B – Hibbing, December 16-18

Squirt B - Albert Lea, February 17-19 (HOLD – see #3)

Squirt C - Walker, February 10-12

14 U, 12U, 10U January 6-8 Bemidji

14 U December 17-18 Alexandria

July's meeting will finalize a second away tournament for those teams that do not have a second tournament. The second tournament is optional and parents of the players will be responsible to pay for that cost.

### **2. PDC election of new members**

Draft has been finalized and policy/process of becoming a member of the Player Development Committee will be brought forward to the RLS Board for review and approval.

### **3. Review current registration numbers and begin setting teams for 2011-12**

10U – 12 – 1 Team

12U – 9 – 1 Team

14U – 15 – 1 Team

Bantam – 35 – 2 Teams (Bantam A and Bantam B)

Pee Wee – 38 – 3 Teams (Pee Wee A and B and C)

Squirts – 52 – 4 Teams (A and C and depending on numbers and experience we will decide if two B teams or one B team and have two C teams – Work on this at July PDC Meeting)

Mites (Both East & West) - 70

#### **4. Set Tryout Dates, Fall Camp Dates, and set Tryout process**

Tryouts for next year will occur over an extended time frame. The first date for tryouts will be on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams will be trying out. (The first weekend will be a skill based tryout)

The second weekend of tryouts will occur October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This weekend will be focusing more on game situations.

\*Girls teams will not be involved in the tryout process due to numbers.

Fall Camp: Fall Camp will begin on October 3. Camp will run for two weeks. (roughly 3-4 on-ice sessions for the two weeks) Fall Camp will be free for the players again.

After the first tryout session, the following week (October 17-23) there will be numerous opportunities for hockey players to participate in open hockey, 3-3 and 4-4 games. This is MEA Break week. Beginning October 24-28<sup>th</sup> there will be scheduled “skills” practices for teams. This will lead up to the final tryout weekend for players.

#### **5. Skills Night**

Skills night will be run a little different this year. Pee Wees and Bantams will be run as teams rather than locations.

Squirts and Mites will continue to operate out of their home arena

Set up will look like

##### **Rink 1**

Mites

Squirts/10U

*Pee Wee*

*14U/12U*

##### **Rink 2**

Mites

Squirts/10U

*Bantam*

Pee Wee/Bantam/14U/12U will rotate rinks and times on a three week cycle.

#### **6. Boy's High School Coach**

A letter is being drafted and will be sent to the three Athletic Directors from NLS/Paynesville/ROCORI to discuss our concerns as a development committee regarding the future of high school hockey at RLS. The letter will outline specific concerns and outline specific examples of both past and present issues that are threatening the hockey program for boys.

#### **7. Online Stickhandling**

Player Development would like to recommend the RLS Board to pursue the offer from Online Stickhandling for every hockey player in our association. The program offers opportunities for players to work on stickhandling and skills through a dryland program.