



. Minnesota Hockey District 3
 Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
 PIC
 Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Executive Committee & Associates		Association Reps	
x	Paul Steenerson District Director		Kevin Pote ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
	Shelly Johnson Administrator	x	Chris Carr Hopkins
	vacant Data Mgmt./Tech.	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
	Kendra Verbeten Interim Treasurer		Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Neil Olson BHRA President	x	Gina Hansen Orono
x	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor	x	Nick Rice OMG
x	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler		Rob Anklam St Louis Park
	vacant Tourney Coord.	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Chad Wieneke HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.		
	Shelly Johnson Boys HP/Tier 1		
	Mackenzie Skatter Girls HP/Tier 1		
	Lindsay Czech Girls HP/Tier 1		
x	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski Disciplinary Comm. Chair		
x	Jeff Luke Girls Coordinator		
	Vacant Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Greg Gibson JGHSL		Akua Tiekua-MN Hockey DEI & Girls Growth Manager
	Todd Larson JGHSL		
	vacant Hockey Operations		

Call to order TIME: 7:05pm

March Minutes: Motion to approve: Jeff Seconded: Gina
 Minutes approved.

District 3 Director Report- Attended MN Hockey Meetings last month and sent notes via email -if any questions, please reach out. Communicated next steps with North Metro, working with associations for declarations, HP, will be looking at the new contract for BHRA. Also planning on a Presidents meeting in late June. Looking to fill open positions within our board. Please get nominations for any open board positions. Tournament coordinator is very much needed! If no coordinator, at risk for not people able to host tourneys in D3. Goalie coordinator is a new position that needs to be filled.

District 3 President Report- Meeting with the Association schedulers and Avario on March 22. We discussed improvements to the scheduling process. Our main goals going into the 23-24 season will be to have fewer single games and less reschedules. In the upcoming season the plan is to allow teams to have a brief period to request schedule changes due to several players not available due to school events such as a band concert or a special religious program. After that period, there will be a fee charged for a reschedule change. MN Hockey has changed the regional and state tournament assignments for the next few years. Next year D3 will be hosting 5 regional tournaments. So, starting in the 23-24 season District Tournament assignments the regional tournaments will be assigned as part of the process. This means that the schedule on the D3 website is no longer valid. We have the regional and state tournament rotation out to 31-32 season. On years that we have State Tournaments assigned to the district we will still have associations volunteer to host them.

District 3 Administrator Report: Reminder to please update the D3 contact list. Building the calendar for 2023-2024 season. Use the link I sent to update your meetings that belong on the D3 calendar. Will get broader D3 calendar items added to the actual website calendar. We need to confirm intentions with how to hold the fall meetings.

Registrar Report: Attending the annual meeting in Colorado. Will have report next month. Please let Machel know of new association registrars.

District 3 Accounting Report: no report

GameSheet Report:

Associates Reports:

- Squirt Committee: The Squirt Committee met on Thursday May 4 via Zoom. We had representatives from Orono, SLP, OMGHA, MPLS, and Hopkins. Wayzata provided feedback via email submission. We covered several topics at the live meeting including the following: **1.** EBUGS - some associations had more issues than others, but generally Associations didn't have major problems. That said, the consensus was that no new goalies were identified, and some teams elected to play 6 on 5 rather than force a reluctant player to play goalie. **2.** Reduced Squirt A Schedule - some associations had issues adding enough games to fill the schedule. OMGHA and WYHA noted problems. Associations that added an extra (i.e., 4th) tournament seemed to fare the best. Hopkins and a couple of other small associations loved it and confirmed that the schedule made it possible to field an A Team and have a positive season. **3.** Competitiveness - generally associations felt like competition was solid this year at most levels. A couple of notable outliers were noted, in particular, the ACYHA SQ B1 team. But otherwise, people felt like teams were well balanced and again reiterated that the SQA schedule allowed for less skilled teams to have a competitive and enjoyable season. **4.** Pre-Season Jamboree for Team Leveling "Preview" - the consensus was that the logistics are too much to overcome to make it feasible. **5.** Imbalanced A Teams - OMGHA has requested that D3 reconsider their request to have imbalanced A Teams and to allow their top level A Team to opt out of the D3 schedule. Matt Margenau

was not able to attend the meeting live, so the discussion was limited to initial reactions. Generally, those on the Zoom were not in favor for all the reasons flagged last season. We were all willing to have a more fulsome discussion next month if the Executive Committee would like to revisit the issue.

- Supervisor of Officials: Mike Anderson sent an email-please have respond ASAP.
- Coach in Chief: Minnesota Coach in Chief has resigned. I attended the National CIC Meeting in conjunction with Level 5 Symposium. Clinics will be offered virtual and in person for 23-24 season. Clinics will not be posted publicly until September. If coaches are interested, we can run Clinics throughout the summer months. One D3 coach attended the Level 5 class in Massachusetts.
- Membership and Development: no report, position needs to be filled
- Jr. Gold JGHSL 23/24 Master Calendar was emailed to all.
JGHSL becoming MN Hockey JG Committee: proposal made in Sept 22, document emailed to all. MN Hockey agenda does not allow much opportunity to plan Jr Gold league.
MN Hockey revising its State Tournament schedule adding D5, D8 and D10 to schedule, JGB goes outstate every 4 years, D3 no longer has 2024 JGA/JGB/JG16 State
MN Hockey complete regional/playdown schedule to 2032: JG remains unchanged.
Propose adding D5, D8 and D10 to JG Playdown schedule: host JG Playdowns one year, host JG State the next
Approve Todd Larson and GGG as the D3 JGHSL Reps assuming JGHSL will merge into the MN Hockey JGHSL Committee
- Girls League Coordinator: Spring D3 Girls Coordinator meeting is set for Tuesday 5/23. We will review the '22-23 season, discuss 15U, and plan for '23-'24 season.
- Disciplinary Committee: no report
- Data Mgmt./Tech:
- HP/Tier 1: *Shelly (boys)* – Boys Tier 1 and Prospects tryout dates and schedule overview is on the boys' pages. Ice is mostly secured for the full D3 Tier 1 and 2 program-just filling in some gaps. Please ask your PW and Bantam coordinators to reach out to top teams and encourage trying out. I have emailed all those that tried out for HP as well. Another touchpoint helps.
- Hockey Operations: no report, position needs to be filled.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Concerns with bantam teams. Looking at teams of 16. Would like teams of 12 skaters. Need goalies. Paul directed a discussion around waivers for goalies and when appropriate versus staying in home association.

Delano: Annual meeting was held in late April with elections to fill 4 board positions; officers were elected at the May meeting held last week; working on plans for next season (teams, tournaments, training); fundraising efforts underway for the 2nd sheet - unlikely that we will have a refrigerated sheet completed for next season due to supply issues.

Questions raised by DAYHA Board - (1) is D3 planning to hold to the smaller game count for SQA for this coming season? DAYHA is not in favor of the plan for our association as we struggled to get scrimmages and tournaments scheduled to fill the "gap" in the game count. (2) is D3 planning to continue with starting games at the SQ/10U level after Thanksgiving?

Hopkins:

Minneapolis: Minneapolis board elections will be next week at the annual election meeting. Initial Team numbers are being put together. With this being a year that we will elect a new Squirt Director, we may be a little further behind on Squirt assessments.

Mound-Westonka: Finalizing teams/level declarations this week. Open board positions, Treasurer, Director of Marketing, Girls Director, and Co-op girls' committee rep. Trying open hockey on Tuesday evenings in May, \$10 to play pick up hockey with your classmates. New HS boy's hockey coach named Jeff DeGree.

North Metro:

Orono: Held improvement workshop on April 22nd. Wonderfully attended (20+people including Booster Board, Coaches Board, partners and members) with actionable items. Executive Committee vote is at our May meeting next week (5/16). Early predictions are: 5 Squirt teams (A, B1, B2, C, C), 5 PW teams (A, B1, B2, C, C), and 4 Bantam teams (A, B1, B2, C). We are expecting ~220-250 Mites (we have 30 girls playing Mites and they may flip over to the Warriors side. For the Warriors, 3 10U teams (A, B1, B2), 4 12U teams (A, 2 B1s, B2) and 2 15U teams (A, B). We will continue to refine it as we move forward. We are tight at Bantams and with any slippage, we would move to 3 teams and the same at PW. Without complete certainty at Squirts, the likely move would be to 6 teams. Bill Menozzi and Tim Becker attended the Squirt meeting. Coaches Board is focused on revising code of conduct, coach recruiting, resources, player development programs and goalie incentive programs which will all be presented to the Booster Board for ratification. Discussion on safesport infractions.

Osseo Maple Grove: planning is underway for the coming season at all levels - Board elections are complete, and the new board is put in place (no contested elections this year) - Steen attended the MN Hockey Leaders Conference in May. - Meeting held with Squirt House league parents and coaches for feedback on prior year; lots of enthusiasm for the future and anticipating growth in 2023-2024.

St Louis Park: Completing ice bills from 22/23 district tournaments. Annual meeting will be held in June, a few spots will be changing to new people, but nothing that directly impacts D3 interactions. Question from our board as to whether we know what the fee structure looks like after the honeymoon period for Gamesheet has passed?

Wayzata: DE&I committee formed. Board Elections complete...I and WYHA President made the cut. Reacting to season survey comments...overall was positive with a high approval rating.

New Business:

Akue reported that associations should apply for grants! Pass the puck for recruitment and retention, \$2500. The gear-up grant needs to be in by May 31. These are available on the MN Hockey website.

Mark's term is up for president. Peter nominated Mark to be president again. Gina seconded. Vote cast and Mark unanimously voted in as president again. Peter made a motion and Andy seconded to nominate Greg and Todd as Jr Gold reps again. Unanimously voted in for next term.

Old Business: Bylaws/Nonprofit status

Move the 24-hour change discussion to next month.

Proposed Changes to District 3 USA Hockey Incident reporting.

- Change reporting time from 48 hours from time of incident to 24 hours. Everyone has immediate access to the GameSheet and everyone has immediate access to email. The old process allows 48 hours, in that time a team may play multiple games, especially during tournaments. It is the responsibility of the supervisor of officials to get the time, date, and location a player(s) or coach(es) will be serving their suspension(s) and to make sure no one is playing with an ineligible player, which would cause game forfeiture. Reporting is not a time to appeal suspensions, game misconducts and match penalties as not subject to appeal. Failure to report is a one game suspension to the head coach.
- Propose a way for head coaches to report game misconducts and match penalties on the D3 website. Looking for suggestions. Is it possible to have a drop-down fillable form that is available to coaches would simplify the process.

NOTE: April/May meetings-discuss tournaments being hosted (dates/size)

Adjourn TIME: 8:35 Motion: Andy Seconded: Brad