



November 14, 2007

The November meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on November 14, 2007, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director  
Mark Brandt – President  
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials  
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees  
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator  
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator  
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator

Representatives:

Joe Arko – St. Louis Park  
Tony Cleveland - Orono  
Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove  
Greg Symicek - Armstrong  
Matt Symoniak – North metro  
Mike Tabery – Wayzata  
Tim Traff – Blake

Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**MINUTES –**

MOTION: Brad Davis moved to accept the October minutes as presented.

Jim Gates seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting.**

1. In the first week of the schedule there have been 3 game misconducts, 1 to a team not from District 3. Two penalties were for checking from behind, Bantam A level, and one for abuse of an official, Bantam B level.

2. Jim Gates inquired as to the length of time for a game for the 14 UB's. Kathy Fallen stated that the games were to be 1 hour in length. Mark Brandt said that he thought the games were to be scheduled 1 hour, 15 minutes for 3, 14 minute stop time periods. Jim stated that he would clarify the game time for the referees. District 3 has 2 14 UB teams, North Metro and Wayzata/Osseo/Maple Grove. The league is being administered by District 4. At this time there are approximately 14 teams and may be divided into a North and South Division.

The 19UB teams are playing 1 hour, 30 minute games. 3, 15 minute stop time periods. Will find out if time outs and overtime will be allowed.

3. Jim Gates stated that he would like to see District 3 take the lead in unifying the rules and guidelines for the girl's league. This year District 3 girls teams are playing in 5 different leagues and each of these leagues have their own rules. It can be very confusing for the referees.

Kathy Fallen stated that 3 years ago there was an attempt by the Girls Coordinators to draft a uniform set of rules for the girl's leagues using the Metro League rules as a guidelines.

Mark Brandt said that the District Directors were the ones who vetoed the Girls Leagues rules and he encouraged Jim Gates to get all the Supervisor of Officials from all the Districts to push for unified rules.

Jim Gates asked about the C League and which teams would be involved in our league. Mark Brandt said that there are only teams from District 5 this year and that District 1 would be having their own C League.

4. Mark Brandt stated that there are some issues with the single game fees levied by the Beltline Referee Association. The ice schedulers work toward not scheduling any single games but many times by the time the final schedules are distributed there are single games but through no fault of the schedulers. The schedulers feel this fee is unfair.

John Sparling explained that the penalty fee for singleton games, which does not include 1 ½ hour games, was instituted at the request of their membership who feel they need compensation of some sort when doing a single game. Also, it is felt that this has

been successful with fewer single games being scheduled. John continued by saying that if there is an association that feels this practice is unfair then the association should contact himself or Mike Anderson. The cost is \$5.00 per official and the money does go to the official.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – John Perry reporting.

1. John Perry said that he has been contacted by Hal Tearse, Minnesota Hockey Safety Committee Chairperson, to do some research on player injuries. There will be a form available on line to complete. No personal information will be involved. More information will be available at the next meeting.
2. There have been 2 reported head injuries to coaches this year, one resulting in a concussion. Both coaches were wearing helmets at the time. Both coaches have recovered.
3. Recently attended the Herb Brooks Foundation dinner.
4. MH state meeting will be held in January. Will be addressing some boundary issues for Districts.
5. Coaches & Managers packets were distributed to the representatives for any manager or coach who had not attended the Coaches/Managers meeting. Teams that were not represented by a coach were notified of their Head Coach one game suspension.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Mark Brandt stated that the new website appears to be working and that all schedules are now on line. Scores are being added daily. If anyone has any suggestions on how to improve the website and make it more user friendly or to add a new feature, they need to contact Diane Margenau. Mark encouraged all the representatives to make sure that the new site is listed on their association web page. Diane has requested that the old web site be removed but to date it can still be accessed. Minnesota Hockey has changed the link.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Mark Brandt, John Perry reporting.

MOTION: Joe Arko moved to accept the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget.  
Mike Tabery seconded.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT** –

ARMSTRONG – Greg Symicek – No report

NORTH METRO – Matt Symoniak – Hosted last weeks Coaches/Managers meeting at Brooklyn Park Arena. Everything went well.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joe Arko – Season off and running. No problems.

OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra – Still working on getting another sheet of ice. Having an open house for residents of the community to answer questions and distribute information. The plans are to attach a second sheet of ice to the Maple Grove Community Center.

BLAKE – Tim Traff – No report.

WAYZATA – Mike Tabery – Second year of mini mites program. Everything going well. Wayzata does not cut many players. We are fortunate enough to be able to field many teams.

ORONO – Tony Cleveland – The Orono Board would like to keep the District 3 tournaments at the Orono Arena but realize that there is a cost issue. We are working on this.

HOPKINS – Brad Davis – We are having some issues with kids who are Bantam A age eligible but are trying out for the high school team. There is a possibility of losing 3 players from the Bantam A team to the high school team. Brad asked how other associations deal with a situation like this, including fees.

Several people stated that their local high school coach has a policy that if a player cannot make the first line of the varsity team, they should not try out. Several high school coaches do not want 9<sup>th</sup> graders playing on their J.V. team and encourage these players to continue playing Bantam A. Basically it remains an individual association problem.

**MITE LEVEL COORDINATOR'S REPORT** – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Organizers are working to coordinator the league and to get schedules distributed.
2. There is a DVD available through MH on Pond Hockey which has been produced by Minnesota Hockey. This DVD outlines the program now in place in the Armstrong Hockey Association.

**COACH IN CHIEF REPORT** – John Perry reporting for Marc Sorensen

1. Upcoming CEP clinics in D3:  
Dec. 1 – Level 1 – Maple Grove Jr. High – 8:00 a.m.  
Dec. 2 – Level 2 – Maple Grove Jr. High – 8:00 a.m.

**METRO LEAGUE COORDINATOR** – Mark Brandt reporting for Casey Whelan

1. Any Junior Gold players looking for a team to play on should contact Casey Whelan.

**C LEAGUE COORDINATOR** – Mark Brandt reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. C League Coaches/Managers meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at the Plymouth Ice Center. The meeting will go on even though it is the night before Thanksgiving. Other arrangements will have to be made for any coach or manager who does not attend.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT** – John Perry reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. Meetings have gone well, association registrars know important dates. If there are teams who will be playing in Thanksgiving tournament and need to have their roster verified, they need to get in touch with John Perry.
2. December 31, 2007. last date to verify rosters.
3. Coaches need to have their CEP certification up to date.

**GIRLS LEAGUE COORDINATOR** – Kathy Fallen reporting

1. Scheduling for the 14 UB league will be next Monday.
2. Not sure if District 3 will have 1 or 2 teams at the 19 UB level.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. “Thanks for a nice report Scott”.
2. January 15, 2008 is the deadline for invitational tournament applications.

**ACE COORDINATOR** – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Had an ACE Coordinator's meeting, only one coordinator attended.
2. Have contacted those coordinators who were not there and hope to plan another meeting to distribute materials. Focusing on Parent Education this year.
3. Will be distributing a newsletter to coordinators as I receive names.
4. Gene shared some of the leader material with the Board. Some material deals with situation ethics for hockey parents.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT –**

John Perry introduced Matt Haberman, Rob Ingalls, Janet Ingalls and Roger Ingalls from the Armstrong Youth Hockey Association who wished to address the District 3 Board on open enrollment and District 3.

Greg Symicek, in way of an introduction, stated that the Haberman family requested waivers for their children from the Armstrong Association. The waivers were to allow the Haberman children to play in the Hopkins Hockey Association. The Haberman children open enroll in the Hopkins school district. Armstrong denied the waiver request from the family. The Haberman's are challenging community based hockey guidelines as outlined in Minnesota Hockey. They feel that the existing affiliate agreements are vague and can be interrupted in many ways.

Janet Ingalls began by stating that she is under the impression that Minnesota Hockey does allow waivers but that District 3 does not.

John Perry read from the Minnesota Hockey Handbook, page 27 which states, "MH is a community-based amateur hockey program. Players are to participate on teams from their local association based on the residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the established MH affiliate boundaries." He continued reading page 45, 1.1, "MH hereby grants to Affiliate, subject to the limitations contained herein and federal law, the exclusive jurisdiction (as an "Affiliate Association" under MH's By-Laws) to conduct certain of the affairs of MH, to assist in the governance of the members of MH, and to regulate the sport of amateur ice hockey within the geographical area of....." John continued by stating that the affiliate agreement referred to states the boundaries of a MH association, whether it is city boundaries or school district boundaries.

A discussion followed where District 3's policy was explained in regard to issuing waivers.

**SQUIRT & 10 U'S TOURNAMENT DRAW –**

1. A blind draw was held for the placement of teams in the District 3 end of season Squirt and 10 U's.

Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

\*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.