



December 10, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on December 10, 2008, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.n.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator &
Recruiting & Retention Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
David Margenau – MH, Maroon Vice President

Representatives:

Jon Piazza – Armstrong Cooper
Tom Pitra – Osseo Maple Grove
Alex Becket - Wayzata
Ed Szalapski - Blake
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Craig Englund – North Metro

Guest:

Mike Snee – Executive Director – Minnesota Hockey

MINUTES –

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the November Minutes as presented.

Craig Englund seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting.

1. Jim Gates presented a penalty report for the month of November.
2. John Sparling thanked the Hopkins and North Metro hockey associations for all their assistance during the Thanksgiving Tournaments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Have been able to see a couple of games, everything appears to be going well with league play.
2. There have been some problems with District 1 referees not being hired for games between District 1 and D3 teams. Think the problem has been corrected but it should be noted that the District needs to be notified if this happens.
3. D3 Executive Board met with representatives from the Blake Hockey Association earlier this evening to discuss options for Blake to continue as a Bantam B hockey team.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. The President's mid season meeting has been postponed. Notices will be sent out with the new date.
2. OMGHA has added another 10UB team. They will be added to the end of season tournament bracket.
3. There have been some problems with the squirt and 10U teams attending the Coaches/Managers meeting. These problems are a result of the fact that squirt & 10's usually have not identified their team officials by early November. Next season we plan to have them attend the C coaches and managers meeting.
4. Diane distributed a statement from USA Hockey concerning a helmet recall from Reebok. All D3 Board members were sent an email with this recall and it is posted on the D3 web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Tom Pitra seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS –

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. A large tractor has been purchased to groom the outdoor rink at the Pavilion.
2. Hopkins now has 2 charitable gambling sites.
3. Hopkins annual Thanksgiving tournament went very well. Donated 125 turkeys to a local food shelf from proceeds.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joe Arko reporting.

1. Everything going well.

BLAKE – Ed Szalapski reporting.

1. Ed explained a situation to the referees that recently occurred at one of their games where it was obvious that their best player was being "targeted" by the opposing team. The question was asked as to when will the referees step in to curtail brutish play? In Ed's opinion this was not hockey.

WAYZATA – Alex Becket reporting.

1. Wayzata has openings in their February 6-8, 2009, Pee wee and Bantam tournament.

OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. Tom asked the question if out of state teams need STOP patches on their jersey's? No.

ARMSTRONG COOPER – Jon Piazza reporting.

1. \$22,000 was raised in their wreath fund raising project.
2. This season is going well.

NORTH METRO – Craig Englund

1. Thanksgiving tournament went well.

GIRL'S COORDINATOR – Diane Margenau reporting for Amy Johnson

1. D3 has 2 19UB teams. Everything going well.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Will be sending out an email to all tournament coordinators reminding them of the required 21 days material submission for all tournaments.
2. January 15, 2009 is the last day to accept any tournament requests.
3. A "Guarantee Gate" appears to be causing some problems. Be sure your association knows the proper procedures.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Minnesota Hockey, in conjunction with USA Hockey, is focusing on recruitment and retention of players. There will be more emphasis on this aspect of youth hockey. To this end, each District has appointed a Recruitment & Retention Coordinator who, with other Coordinators from around the State, will be meeting to work out new programs. Scott Dornfeld has been appointed by John Perry.

2. Scott stated that he will be making reports and working with associations to help them with recruiting new players and to help with retaining existing players. If anyone has any suggestions or programs they would like to share please contact Scott.

ACE COORDINATOR – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Gene has been contacting association ACE Coordinators and Presidents in an attempt to get all coaches CEP certification for roster verification.

2. 300 coaches attended the D3 Level 1 clinic in December.
200 coaches attended the D3 Level 2 clinic in December.

When asked most coaches did not know who their ACE Coordinator was.
About 90% had not seen any HEP materials.
There is a big concern that associations are not distributing the materials.

3. The D3 CEP clinics went very well. Thank you to all who worked or made presentations. Any feedback should be directed to either Gene or Marc Sorensen

4. One week remaining to submit essays for the HEP contest.

MITE PLAY – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Games were scheduled last Sunday.

2. OMGHA may be hosting an 8 & Under Jamboree.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Brad Davis inquired if MH or USA Hockey were looking at changing the “tag up” rule. No.

MOTION: Jim Gates moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ed Szalapski seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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.