

**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Plymouth Community Center**  
**Wednesday, Sept 11th, 2024**



<b>Executive Committee &amp; Associates</b>			<b>Association Reps</b>	
X	Paul Steenerson	District Director	X	Kevin Pote ACYHA
X	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	X	Kristi Duis Delano Area
X	Michelle Jirik	Administrator	X	Chris Carr Hopkins
	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations		Mick Mullen Minneapolis
X	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	X	Mike Walsh Mound Westonka
X	Kendra Verbeten	Treasurer	X	Gina Hansen Orono
X	Neil Olson	BHRA President	X	Nick Rice OMG
X	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	X	Rob Anklam St Louis Park
X	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	X	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
X	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.		
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.		
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Chair		
X	Todd Sherner	Girls Coordinator		
	Open Position	Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>
X	Greg Gibson	JGHSL	X	Marni Lamberty - MPLS Sub
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		
X	Brad Butler	Goalie Coordinator		

**Call to order TIME:**

SEPT Meeting Minutes: 7:03pm

- Motion to approve: Gina Hanson
- Seconded: Kevin Poke
- Minutes Approved: 7:03pm

**District 3 Director Report:** Paul talked about the rules around waivers and that they are set by MN Hockey not D3 Hockey. More waiver discussion was talked about and wanted more clarification about players under 10U/Squirts. Paul will bring concerns to the MN Hockey meeting this coming weekend. Attended the registrar meeting on Monday. The MN Hockey fall meetings start this Friday, Sept. 13th through the weekend. Paul asked that anyone who has anything that he wants to bring to the MN Hockey meeting this weekend to let him know. Paul will resend out the team declarations to the

**District 3 President Report:** After meeting with the schedulers on Monday August 19 there were a couple of changes made to the Squirt and 10U Levels:

1. The schedulers will need to submit ice times for games for the Squirt and 10U games on Thursday **Oct 3** the schedules will be final by **Oct 25**.
2. League play for Squirt and 10U levels will start on **Nov 15**.
3. Based on current number of teams declared, here is how many league games will be played by level:

Squirt A - 8

Squirt B1 - 9

Squirt B2 - 15

Squirt C - 15

10A - 8 (each team 2 times)

10B1 - 8

10B2 - 9

All other levels are playing each team once.

Have been working with Kendra on Developing an end of season Metro B2 and C level tournament. District 3, 6 and 10 will be involved with this tournament. The dates of the tournament will be March 7-10.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Mandatory Team manager and Coaches meetings at Brooklyn Park Community Center Oct 21st @ 7PM for Bantams/PWs/15U/12U and Nov. 11 for all Squirts and 10Us. The D3 Contact document still needs to be reviewed and make sure that all contacts are correct for everyone listed within your association. District 3 calendar has been updated with the dates Mark put in his report as well as a few minor changes to end of season start dates.

**District 3 Registrar Report:** We had our Registrars meeting Monday, September 9th. I've had a few questions about rostering skills coaches. This is the language in the USA Hockey/MN Hockey registrars training. Anyone that hasn't sent in their USA Hockey confirmation number please get that in as soon as possible.

*Skills Coaches* – (Members of the Association) must be registered with USA Hockey, Safe Sport current, Screening current and should have the age specific module for the highest level they are coaching. High School Coaches are considered members of the association.

*Skills Coaches* – (Hired from a Company) If they are hired from a company they to be registered at a minimum of a volunteer, currently with Safe Sport Training pass the USA Hockey background screening.

**NO EXHIBITION Games will be allowed to be scheduled until after Oct 15th, 2024 while rosters are being finalized.** No exhibition games or away scrimmages on Oct 21st as well. Please make sure that coaches and managers know this as soon as possible.

**IMPORTANT:** Another thing that was discussed was the data privacy policy. We need to make sure that all of your coaches know that they are not allowed to share contact information from their team or anyone that they have from your association with ANYONE!

This is the same for anyone with access to contact information that your association obtains from your registrations.

**District 3 Treasurer Report:** Kenda sent financials to all in an email.

**GameSheet Report:** Have the new season from GameSheet and will be ready to go before Oct 15th. Three game suspension will be on GameSheet and will be adding a new rule on equipment violations.

**Associates Reports:**

Supervisor of Officials: District 3 hosted a level 1 and a level 3 seminar this past week. 50 officials in each seminar from various locations around the US. Recruiting numbers are good, a mix of both new and experienced officials applying.

Coach in Chief: Clinics are posted - PLEASE encourage Coaches to register for Clinics. IN person clinics are posted for Brooklyn Park in October. Would love to fill these with D3 Coaches. Please encourage coaches to get on and register. There WILL be a Female only in person clinic posted (if it isn't already ) for October 27th in Shakopee.

Membership and Development: **OPEN POSITION – PLEASE HELP FIND A PERSON FOR THIS POSITION!**

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: \*Totino Grace/Armstrong Cooper will field JGB team

\*Final team declarations due Monday Nov 18th at 8:00pm

\*JrGold game slots due Tuesday Nov 19th at 8:00pm

\*JGHSL Coach/Manager meeting: Sunday Dec 1st at 6:00pm via zoom

\*First day of league play: Monday Dec 2nd

\*Last day of league play: Friday Feb 21st

Disciplinary Committee: no report

Tier 1/HP Director: At the halfway point of the season, the records of our Walleye teams:

*Tier 1:* Boys 13O - 5-4-1, Boys 14U - 6-4-0, Boys 15O - 8-2-2, Girls 14U - 6-6-1

*Tier 2:* Boys 14U - 5-3-2, Girls 14U - 11-2-2

Girls Coordinator: Held first D3 Girls Coordinator Meeting on Wed 9/4 via Zoom with 10 attendees. We did brief introductions and welcomed all newcomers and returning reps. Lots of talented and dedicated people so looking to continue to develop a rapport and communications with all. All reps reviewed and commented on whether the most recent team declarations counts are still accurate based on their knowledge. Minneapolis/Hopkins co-op needs to confirm 2 or 3 teams will know after HS Tryouts. Kendra brought up and we discussed thoughts on Associations that have three 15 U teams on whether they could be structured as Upper A and Lower A and B vs One A and two B teams. Majority said that the edict should come from MN Hockey so all Districts follow suit not for D3 to be a leader. 19U Discussions - D3 will have a team - looking to improve on last year's numbers and more girls from all eligible associations. Scheduling will happen sooner as to have shared practices with 15U's to keep costs down. Kendra and MN Hockey 19U Team to work on an information page to be sent out and also posted at rinks and websites. Info should include: Cost, Coaching, Time Commitment, and schedule and timeline. Looking to have at least 4

regional teams and look at USA Hockey Tier 2 Tournament. Brief discussion and asked everyone to see how the new OS Winter Program might affect all associations 10U and 12U Numbers. Most were unaware of the new program. *Next Meeting will be Wed Oct 2nd 7pm via Zoom.*

Hockey Operations: State meeting Sunday, D3 meeting Tuesday night - Thank you MPLS, A/C, and OMGHA for attending. Great discussions on Mite Jamboree potential in D3, Pre season clinic practices, leveling team theories, how to attract females into coaching. Guy Gosselin Regional ADM will be going to OMGHA and A/C for the clinic. He also wants to have at minimum discussions with each Hockey Director from each association.

Tournament Coordinator: Mandatory Tournament meeting Sept 23rd at 6:30pm at SLP Rec Center in the Gallery Room. This will be for sanctioned tournaments for the district then we will hold a regional/state tournament meeting as there was interest in holding a session. Will send out the documents and reminder email next week prior to the meeting.

Goalie Coordinator: Connected with every association's goalie coordinator, have a group chat going and a shared google doc where coordinators are sharing what they are doing for recruitment, development, and coach training. Good participation and lots of energy, first happy hour next Wednesday Sept 18th.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Preseason camps are up and running and registration is pretty close to what we expected. Scrambling to find a few u10s to keep are declarations where they are at. Parent meetings are scheduled for next Tuesday and Thursday. Players are doing a great job remembering their neck guards...or they don't go on the ice. AC is working on a few new policies in our by-laws to help deal with and better protect ourselves when a situation like last year arises:( The issue of concussions came up and when a player can "return to play". Where is D3 at with a "form" that needs to be filled out? (like at the high school level) Is there an official protocol? AC no longer wants to deal with the "patch" issue! If they're are some extra lying around, we'll take them...but we're moving on.

Delano: Travel registration has closed - numbers are low. Preseason clinic started on 9/9 - participation is higher than expected. Tryouts will start up on 10/7 and end on 10/16. Still have openings in our Bantam C tournament - October 25/27.

Hopkins: Crossbar rollout going well.

Minneapolis: Preseason Clinics have started. Registration is all but complete. We had a question on D3 Patch. Did we ever make a decision to remove it? Yes, no longer Confirmed Team levels and number of teams. We are sticking with team level declarations except for at Bantams where we are dropping one team.

Mound-Westonka: No updates

Orono: Working on coach contracts and compliance. Just waiting on 1 background and 1 SafeSport to complete Board Roster. Finalizing team declarations. Expect that we won't be able to finalize 15U or JG until the conclusion of respective HS tryouts. Preseason skates started this past weekend for PW and BT.

Osseo Maple Grove: -Registration is a little slower than years past, following up with families individually. 3rd rink project moving along well, still anticipating playing hockey there in fall 2025

St Louis Park: Registrations are resulting in a challenging number of Bantam skaters and goaltenders. Looking at options for partnering potentially at lower levels to maintain the right skater quantity at this level. With the lower game play at 10U and Squirt As and Bs is there any expected change in the District costs for teams at those levels. Crossbar is being implemented through our registrations. This has been challenging, but feedback from the registrar has been positive. The Bantam B invitational tournament is not filling. We have been working through some more outreach to add teams, and have a drop dead date to terminate the tournament.

Wayzata: Goalie credit at all levels for amount of registration (new goalie stipend still in place). Registration near closing. Bantam tryouts kick-off last week of September. 18% increase in association-funded ice time. New boards, glass, benches and boxes being installed at WCMS.

**New Business:**

- Winny Brodt and girls' hockey - October 5th 1pm and October 6th 10 am -U17 USA NTDP vs MN HS Elite League All-Stars at New Hope Ice Arena...this was awesome last year for our local kids to see some great hockey and some future Gophers too
- D3 to host Zoom/Online information seminar on college recruiting for all 15u and 19u teams this season - targeting winter break or January.

**Old Business:**

**Adjourn TIME: 8:17pm**

- Motion to Approve: Andy Norseth
- Seconded: Gina Hanson