



January 9, 2008

The January meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on January 9, 2008, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, Beltline Referees
Kathy Fallen – Girls Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
David Margenau – MH Vice President
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator

Representatives:

Jon Piazza - Armstrong
Matt Symoniak – North Metro
Greg Erickson - Cooper
Tim Traff - Blake
John Gabos – Orono (alt.)
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Brad Davis - Hopkins

Guest:

Amy Johnson – Wayzata Hockey Assoc.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to accept the December District 3 minutes as presented.

Brad Davis seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson reporting.

1. Penalties to date in District 3. (see attached.)
2. In the future, Abuse of Officials penalties will be forwarded to Association Presidents.
3. Beltline Hockey will be sending crews to the following state tournaments:
16 & Under
Bantam A
The entire 19 & Under State Tournament which is being held in District 3.
4. Referees are beginning to work and to encourage a uniform set of rules, especially with Girls League who play cross District leagues. (see attached)
5. John Sparling stated that the mid-winter Referees meeting was held last Monday.
6. BHRA is proposing to use the 3 official system for all Bantam B1 games starting with the 08/09 season. We had this discussion a couple of years ago but declined due to uncertainty of qualified officials and number of over all officials at that time. Over the past two years Bhra has focused more on training and retaining adult officials and using the spring and Fall Mash league to develop younger officials. This has allowed us to spend more time during the winter season to develop officials at the peewee and Bantam levels. Younger officials (under 16) have been encouraged not to referee while they are playing youth hockey in the winter and to concentrate on officiating in the off season Mash league until they are high school age with more availability and hopefully a driver's license.
As the Bantam B1 level has evolved over the last few years and the skill level continuing to improve we believe the time has come to implement the 3 official system at this level. Bhra currently has 100 officials on our roster with 51 officials rated to work Bantam B2 or higher levels. Currently only 25% of all games in district 3 are bantams or higher. It is almost impossible to get everyone rated at this level involved consistently. In years past most of our upper rated officials have also worked high school hockey and usually made that their priority. Due to several factors, mainly higher game fees and less travel at the youth level we

only have a few still working high school games on a consistent basis. We are starting to hear the grumblings in our association that if we can't provide the opportunities the high school associations are willing and able. Starting this April and again in the fall we will be using the 3 official system at the bantam level for all Mash league games. This will give us the opportunity to identify and train officials that may be new to the system and the ones that just need some fine tuning. We are confident that with the off season training the spring and fall league will provide Bhra will have no problem implementing the 3 official system at the Bantam B1 level next season. Listed below is an estimate on what the additional cost could be.

Current Bantam B referee fees 2 man. \$98.00 (49*2)
Proposed Bantam B1 3 man. **\$140.00** (50,45,45)

Increase **\$42.00** per game

9 teams (average 15 players per team = 135 players)
72 League games
12 District playoff games

84 total league and playoff games

84*\$42.00= \$3,528
\$3,528/9 teams = \$392.00 per team
\$392/15 players= **\$26.13 per player**

This will be voted on at the February D3 meeting.

Tim Traff stated that at the recent Edina Bantam B tournament the 3 man system was used and he liked the idea.

Districts 4 & 6 use the 3 man system for the Bantam B league play.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. John Perry said that we need to confirm if in fact District 3 is hosting the Metro League All Star Game.
2. The D3 President's meeting went very well. There was good dialog among all those who were present.
3. MH State meeting will be held in Plymouth on January 18-20, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn.
4. The question was asked as to whether or not a high school player or a special interest person can be on the ice on a one-time basis without being screened by MH. At this time, if a person is under 18 years of age, they do not have to be screened. However, a person over 18 needs to be screened. Local registrars are familiar with what needs to be done.

Several names were presented of possible on-ice instructors and the answer to each name was that they had to be screening by MH. This also includes special groups which may be interacting with team.

5. John Perry congratulated Matt Symoniak on the birth of a new baby boy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Some arenas have not been turning on the hour clocks for games. These need to be used and they shouldn't be turned off for any reason before the end of the game.
2. Pee wee level games are not being completed. Ways to make sure games are completed:
 - A. Start the clock as soon as the referees or a team are on the ice.
 - B. Teams should be ready to go at the time they are scheduled to play. 6:00 p.m. starting time means 6:00 starting time, not 6:07.
 - C. Pre-game "fire up" time should be limited.
 - D. Will address the 5 minute warm up rule for next season.
3. Leagues appear to be well balanced.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

- MOTION: Tim Traff moved to accept the proposed Peewee B2 tournament bracket.
John Gabos seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT –

WAYZATA – Mike Tabery reporting

1. Nothing new. Things are going well. Agree that leagues appear to be well balanced.

ORONO – John Gabos reporting

1. Investigating pull-tabs as a money making project.
2. John asked if past minutes from MH were available. Yes, they are available on the MH website.
3. Blended Bantam C team with Mound has been very successful and well received.
4. Orono may field a Junior Gold team next season. John was advised to contact Casey Whelan with any questions or for guidance as to forming a team.

NORTH METRO – Matt Symoniak reporting.

1. Season moving well.
2. New jerseys with North Metro colors arrived late but they are ready for next season.

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. Working with the City of Hopkins to improve outside rinks.
2. Season going well but fast.

COOPER – Greg Erickson reporting.

1. President Derek Olson in the hospital but healing.

BLAKE – Tim Traff reporting.

1. Team is having lots of fun. Good year.

ARMSTRONG – Jon Piazza reporting.

1. The D3 Board welcomed Jon as the new representative from the Armstrong Association.

S.K.A.T.E. – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. Nothing new to report.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. The 14 UB league appears to be going well.
2. Will begin working on the Girls Advanced 15 program.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. January 15 is the deadline for submitting invitational tournament requests.

2. District 3 would like MH to review and possibly set some guidelines for invitational tournaments in regard to accepting or declining applications. Teams have been informed that they are not in a particular tournament after they were under the impression that their team had been accepted. There needs to be some control over this not happening to teams.

ACE – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Have created a District 3 ACE site on the D3 website.
2. Distributed the most recent ACE newsletter to District ACE coordinators. It is also on the District 3 website. Very good articles.
3. 3M Coach Award – Information of the D3 Website.
4. Minnesota Hockey Week-end – Feb. 15-17, 2008.
5. Still time to order materials for distribution for this year.

MITES – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. 3 on 3 Pond hockey going on right now.
2. January 23 teams will go to a 5 on 5 format.
3. Dave Margenau spoke of a proposed state-wide mite coordinators meeting. It is still in the planning stage but would cover such subjects as:
 - Structure
 - Skill development
 - Recruitment
 - Parent Education
4. Jamboree schedules need to be submitted to John Perry 30 days before event.

NEW BUSINESS –

SPORTS ALLIANCE OF MINNESOTA – David Margenau reporting.

1. Dave Margenau distributed packets containing information on the Sports Alliance of Minnesota. Representatives were encouraged to take the information back to their associations.

HOCKEY DAY IN MINNESOTA – February 9, 2008

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jon Piazza seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:15 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.

