



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
	Vacant	Treasurer	x	Bob Larson Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
x	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Michelle Jirik St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
x	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		

- **Call to order TIME: 7:02**
- January Minutes: Motion to approve Kelly Seconded: Paul
Minutes approved

District 3 Treasurer Report-Kendra presented recommendation for create a finance committee. This would add stability and guidance to D3 finances. Explore the idea of rotating participation from association treasurers. Diane asked if any associations use a professional accounting firm-some do. As discussed at prior meeting, D3 has a healthy fund balance. Recommendation for forgo league fees for associations for this 20-21 season. Costs will be paid out of the D3 fund balance. Kendra will send out to associations what they would have had to pay this season. Motion made by Bill to approve using D3 fund balance for league fees this season. Motion seconded by Mike M. Motion approved. Proposal presented to pay Kendra \$300/month as of Jan 1, 2021, as an independent contractor to handle the D3 accounting. This would include, but is not limited to, tasks such as creating monthly finance report for the

board, review and payment of invoices, deposits, and monthly bank reconciliation.

Motion made by Matt O to have D3 pay Kendra \$300/month to handle accounting as proposed. Motion seconded by Mike M. Motion approved. Reviewed adjustments to the budget which included updating the Jr Gold information to reflect the actual teams registered, correction of a formula in a cell that incorrectly calculated Tier 1 funds, clarified additional budget items. Tier 1 extra money from last year should be restricted to Tier 1 programs. Suggestion to use some of the funds to support the Tier 2 team going to Nationals this spring. Motion to approve as submitted by Kelly, seconded by Mike M. Motion approved.

District 3 Director Report- Everyone has been working extra hard this season. Please speak to association Covid coordinators to make sure they are getting updates from MN Hockey.

Many teams are getting quarantined with one covid positive player. Working on adjustments to be made to protocols before playoffs. Each time a positive case is reported, we are required to follow guidance from the MN Department of Health. Currently, what we are doing is working, as case counts are decreasing (according to the MDH).

The goal is to lessen the spread. When a report is submitted, the MDH may issue guidance that 7- or 10-day quarantines are acceptable. Due to the close contact and nature of the sport, shorter quarantines are difficult in hockey. If shorter quarantines are offered, needs to be offered fairly. With an approved plan, can be quarantined for days 1-10 and practice 11-14. No player eligible to play game until day 15 when a team report is submitted. A seven-day quarantine should not be considered an option. MN Hockey has liaison that works with the MDH for hockey specific covid issues.

Make sure coaches know they are responsible for making sure their team is wearing masks. A lot of reports come in from all over of masks not being worn. More people than not are following the rules. Matt added that officials are not the mask police and will treat like a mouthguard not being worn, if continued issue, bring to coach. Most players not following the rules are at bantam and Jr Gold level.

What can we do? 1) limit other activities for the next seven weeks of the season. 2) Nobody should be going to the rink if they have any symptoms- STAY HOME. We must control what we have the ability to control.

“What if” plans being discussed (districts, regions, state). If possible, will reschedule district games if teams are quarantined. D3 does reserve the ability to use league standings for seeding if necessary. Teams should limit exposure if they feel they have the potential to move on to regions.

PWAA will have 2 seeds this year. 15UA will have 2 to the American Region, 15UB will have 5 to the National Region, BAA will have 2 seeds.

District Tournaments: Minor officials should be from the home team as identified on the playoff bracket, not from the hosting association. This will help limit

additional exposure. Hosting associations should still have a check in table. Virtual meeting to be held March 3 for playoff tourney preparation. Tourney docs will be online this season and tourney directors will need to print. Large brackets will not be posted at the arenas as this will only encourage people to gather and linger.

District 3 Administrator Report- Working on what associations will need for district tourneys (will be updating docs when all info/changes are known, etc). Scheduled and participated in, two match penalty hearings. Will set up time for associations to get pucks and scoresheets (if needed).

District 3 President Report- Continue to work on getting games rescheduled due to teams being quarantined. Have been able to most games rescheduled. We will continue to try and get all league games in. Some teams will probably end up with 4 or 5 games in a week to accomplish this. We are trying to keep it at 4 games per week maximum. As the league season nears the end that may not be possible to get all the games played. I checked back with Avario after the meeting last month concerning the 3 years coming to end on the agreement for their scheduling services. After the 3 years it just goes to a year-to-year agreement. There will be no increase in what the District is charged for next year. I did look at some other scheduling options that are available and cannot even find another company that offers what Avario does. We will continue to use Avario to do our scheduling.

D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: Thanks to ACYHA for snacks!
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: no report
- Jr Gold: JG league season ends Fri March 12th (16 games) Playdowns Mar 15-21st JGA: all 12 teams qualify for playdowns (8 go to State) JGB: top 5 teams in each of 4 divisions qualify (7 go to State with 1 Outstate JGB) JG16: top 6 teams in each of 2 divisions qualify (8 go to State) State: Mar 26-28 in South St. Paul Woog Arena
- Girls League Coordinator: MN Hockey pilot project-getting more female players into the game, mentoring female officials. More info will be forthcoming.
- Grievance Committee: Two match penalty hearings held. One of Feb 8-player has returned to play, one on Feb 10 with longer suspension.
- Scheduling Coordinator: see President's report
- Tournament Coordinator: Looking at options for trophies and medals and taking into consideration possibility of covid issues/cancellations.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: High Performance Programs have been busy: • Hosted 12 virtual information sessions regarding the District 3 High Performance Programs (spring and fall). • Setting up additional meetings the last

week of February. • Hosting player nomination meetings Monday, March 1 for boys and Tuesday, March 2 for girls. Communication is going out to the coaches registered on the D3 website. • All programs are asked to provide evaluators for the spring tryouts. D3 reps will be notified of programs that do not have coverage prior to the tryouts. We strongly encourage everyone to have a coach represent and advocate for their players. • Spring staffs are complete and will be posted on the D3 website. • Fall ice is 90% complete. Tryouts will be held in June, wrapping around the summer camp schedule. • Off-ice development for Tier I/II will be held in July and throughout the season. • Working on coaching staffs for fall programming now. • Tier II team will be getting ready for Nationals beginning with a team zoom for parents and players next week.

- Registrar: rosters were finalized Feb 1 this year due to pause
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: no report

Delano: Quarantine questions from parents/teams regarding the 7-day vs 10-day vs 14-day quarantine periods.

Hopkins: no report

Minneapolis: no report

Mound-Westonka: Our association's outdoor rink has been well utilized with the mild temps. Everyone is working to keep teams on the ice and everyone healthy.

North Metro: MLK tournament ran smoothly, we had one incident with a player not wanting to wear his mask but was handle properly. So far, we only have 8 kids register for Try hockey for free. Delivered Flyers to local daycares see if we can get any more kids to sign up.

Orono: Continuing with 12A Region planning. Working through teams with COVID issues. Adding outdoor ice for teams to get more ice time this year. Trying to work through all the spring break issues with tourneys around our spring break.

Osseo Maple Grove: OMGHA COVID stats since returning to hockey from the "pause." 2 positive COVID cases-both from same family; 1 coach & 1 player; Mite 2 level 3 teams have gone out on 14-day quarantine due to an exposure in a game/scrimmage due to an

opponent testing positive within 2 days of the competition. This was our Bantam A team (back to unrestricted hockey 2/7), Squirt A White (back to unrestricted hockey 2/10), and Junior Gold U16 (back to unrestricted hockey 2/21). 7 non-hockey related exposures. All house level players. Overall, for the entire season: 113 COVID positives for members (players, coaches, parent volunteers) 57 non hockey exposures 10 entire team quarantines (1 team-Bantam A has been in quarantined 2 times).

St Louis Park: Three teams quarantined. Issues with spectators at Jr Gold teams-people showing up for games (kids). OMG shared having similar concerns. Nicole added, using roster at the door and fans check in under a player's name with limited number of fans allowed per player.

Wayzata: no report

Old Business: Squirt restructuring-looking at forming a committee after the season is up and running and work on for the future and come up with ideas. Let Mark or Nicole of interest in being involved.

New Business:

Adjourn TIME: 8:42 PM

Motion: Andy

Seconded: Kelly