



January 14, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on January 14, 2009, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Those present:

Mark Brandt - President
Diane Margenau - Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator &
Recruiting & Retention Coordinator
Amy Johnson – Girls Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator

Representatives:

Tom Pitra – Osseo Maple Grove
Tony Cleveland - Orono
Alex Becker - Wayzata
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park

MINUTES –

MOTION: Jim Gates moved to accept the December, 2008 Minutes as presented:

Brad Davis seconded.

Discussion:

1. John Perry did not attend the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting. (see attached)

1. Jim distributed a summary of penalty's to date. Penalty's are down 20% from last year at this same time.
2. April 11, 2009 is the Referee's inter squad hockey game and supper at New Hope Arena.
3. April 9, 2009 – Beltline Referee Spring meeting, 7:00 p.m., Plymouth Ice Center.
4. Golf outing has been tentatively set for August 1, 2009.
5. Tom Pitra inquired if there have been any further issues with clock management at the Maple Grove Arena. No and thank you to Tom for taking care of this.
6. Tony Cleveland stated that there will be a new clock in the Orono Arena next year.
7. Mark Brandt stated that he had attended the referee's winter meeting.
8. Mark Brandt said that this past week there have been a couple of games that were canceled at the last minute. If this becomes common practice teams may be charged an additional fee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. John thanked everyone for their cards and memorials in memory of his mother.
2. There was some discussion concerning certain teams entering local tournaments. Case in point, at a recent North Metro Squirt tournament, one Wisconsin Fire team had been playing since September and presented too much competition for the other teams.

The following may be adopted into the District 3 by laws for 2009-2010:

No District 3 team shall be allowed to schedule a game, scrimmage or host/invite to a tournament any team that has been identified by the District 3 Director and/or Registrar as a team, with Minnesota Hockey eligible players, that has not complied with Minnesota Hockey's Waiver Policy. Teams and/or associations that are found in violation of this policy are subject to further disciplinary action from District 3. This does not apply to the incidental playing of a non-compliant team as part of a tournament hosted outside of District 3.

3. USA Hockey registration date has moved from May to September.

Tom Pitra stated that this would affect some summer programs.

4. Roster verification is complete.

5. Tony Cleveland asked if USA Hockey is looking to be able to access CEP information by local registrars thus helping the registration process. John said that USA Hockey is addressing many new programs but is not sure when they will be able to use them all.

6. John must be notified of all association mite jamborees. OMGHA is hosting an 8U Jamboree.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. President's Meeting – Saturday, February 7, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – St. Louis Park Arena. All Presidents have been invited and all D3 representatives and Board Members are invited to attend. Mike Snee and Dennis Green from Minnesota Hockey will be attending.

2. Mark said that he has viewed some district games and some of them continue to be one sided. Associations must continue to examine teams to be sure they are playing at the appropriate level.

Brad Davis said that he sees most of the teams playing at an equal basis but that the larger associations, Wayzata and Osseo Maple Grove, will continue to dominate.

Sandy Sullivan said that some of the associations should be encouraged to field 2 A teams.

Tony Cleveland said that Orono decided to go with a Bantam A team, knowing that they would not be as strong as most of the other teams in the league but that it would be better for the association than fielding 2 B teams at the Bantam level. The team proved to be competitive in many games.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to moved the February District 3 meeting to February 18, 2009.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: Tony Cleveland moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Joe Arko seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joe Arko reporting.

1. Washburn is talking with Southwest. St. Louis Park in a difficult position. Many benefits from joining with Southwest but do not like being a part of District 1.

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. Resurgence with outdoor ice. All teams using outdoor ice. Hopkins using it as a recruiting tool.

2. Focusing on getting more kids at lower levels.

ORONO – Tony Cleveland reporting.

1. Orono working on improving mite program.

OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. Working on getting a working hour clock in the Maple Grove East Arena.

SKATE – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. Association programs going well.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Amy Johnson reporting. (see attached)

1. Amy said that there had been some concern over a 14 UA game between Highland Central and Wayzata.
2. Girl's Coordinator's Meeting, January 28 at Lund's in Plymouth.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. There were 2 hearings held in the last month. Thank you to Craig Englund and Jon Piazza for serving on the committee.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Deadline for submitting invitational tournament requests is January 15, 2009.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. A meeting was held last week end in St. Cloud for all District R & R Coordinators.
2. Main focus will be on the following:
Mite recruiting
Retention for mites & squirts, squirts & peewees, peewees & bantams.
3. John Perry said that it would probably be a good idea if each association identify one person who would be willing to focus on rec hockey.
4. Scott said that he would be contacting association president's to find out what is working well in their associations and what isn't.

A.C.E. COORDINATOR – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Latest newsletter is on the District 3 web site.
2. Have viewed a few games.

MITES – Mark Brand reporting.

1. Last week for 3 on 3 play. 5 on 5 play will begin next week.

MOTION: Alex Becker moved to adjourn the meeting.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:25 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.

