



District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

The December Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:08pm by President Ron Walsh at Plymouth Ice Center.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff	Association Representatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Tuchtenhagen – Armstrong Cooper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Walsh – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Verbeten – D3 Treasurer (interim)	<input type="checkbox"/> – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Goldenberg– D3 Girls Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Vowels – North Metro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Fortin – Orono
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil Olson – BHRA, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Blashack – OMGHA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Dahlin– St Louis Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Larson – Metro League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tod Duagan - Mite Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests:	
Scott Dornfeld – Maroon Vice President	
Buck Humphrey, Jeff Pappas, Jerry Mlekoday, Jessica Riley - ACYHA	

Minutes

Mark made a motion to approve the November Minutes, Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Officials' Report – Matt Olsonoski/Neil Olson

- **Games in District 3 November 2016**
 - 69 Scrimmages, 312 League, 433 Tournament games = Total 814
 - BHRA used 113 officials to cover these games
 - Great job by Mike Anderson, scheduler/treasurer BHRA
- **Incident Reports - As of 12/10/16**
 - 36 Game Misconducts
 - 26 players within District 3
 - 10 players out of District
 - 1 Match penalty – Kicking
 - District 3
 - Fan behavior (as of 12/12/16)
 - Process review and MN Hockey rules: an official will remove a spectator from a game and fill out an incident report. The Supervisor of Officials will notify the District Director, District President and Association President of the incident. It is the responsibility of the



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District officials to follow up on the incident. MN Hockey rules dictate a three-game suspension.

- ??- whose responsibility is it to make sure the fan is "removed" from the game/rink? The coaches are asked to have the person removed from the arena. If the person does not leave the arena, the officials may call the police.
- Two spectator ejections so far
- **Blue Ox Tournament - At Maple Grove, Osseo, and Brooklyn Park**
 - Great success, really good hockey
- **St. Louis Park – Outdoor rink scrimmages**
 - Begin this week with really cold forecasted temperatures
- **Struggling to get a few invoices paid on time from a couple associations:** one association is not current

D3 Administrator – Kendra Verbeten

- Clothing orders to be taken at meeting
- Update on issues with managers, scoresheets, scheduling scrimmages
- **TO DO REMINDER: SafeSport and background screening receipts – please send them**

D3 Treasurer – Tony Verbeten, interim

- Financial documents were reviewed. It was noted that the HP expenses have not been allocated between the programs. Brian made a motion to accept the financials as submitted, Jamie seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- It was noted that the current treasurer is an interim volunteer, and we need to find a replacement by March 1st.

Association Reports:

Armstrong Cooper:

- Mite numbers are higher than last year.

Delano:

- Teams are going well. Season is progressing with meeting our mission statement of growing hockey skills and growing life skills for all our players.
- Investing time to improve the association by aligning the youth program with the High School programs, recruiting alumni to give back, and using High School players for recruiting.
- Will try to utilize outdoor ice for our Termites and Mites at the Rockford City Park rink one day a week.

Hopkins:

Minneapolis:

- Nothing to report

Mound-Westonka:

- Suggestion to have all home teams provide warm up pucks.
- **TO DO: send out an email to all head coaches saying this is our recommendation and will be mandated next year (Kendra)**

North Metro:

Business as usual. Looking for the quick-change goalie gear. Nicole – It is still on backorder.

(Diane is checking with David -TO DO: follow up with associations once we have an answer)

Orono:

- Mid-season coaching evaluations starting next week.
- Common language adoption for drills etc.



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Osseo Maple Grove:

Nothing to report.

St Louis Park:

- Third rink officially open outdoors, named the ROC (Recreational Outdoor Center). Scrimmages are allowed on this rink this season. Roof to be constructed at the end of the 2016-17 season.
- Second pull tab location delayed slightly. Bunny's Northeast expected to open in late January/early February.

Wayzata:

- Plymouth city council approved downsizing Rink A.
- Last meeting had a lengthy discussion on all of the pieces coaches have to complete to be on the roster. Looking at how to be more proactive on who is on the ice and what pieces are complete.

Metro League –

Registrar – Shelly Slattery

- We held our final birth certificate verification meeting on Monday, Dec 12th.
- Student Coach Reminder-Any player age 13-17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a Student Coach. They must attend a training session conducted by your association's Ace Coordinator or designated person. They must be rostered on a team and the USA Hockey Student Coach Information Form has to be completed and signed by a Parent/Guardian, Association Representative and the "Head Coach" of the team on which the student coach is playing and submitted to the D3 Registrar before they are allowed to participate with the team.

Membership & Development – Diane Margenau

- February Try Hockey For Free Day: The most time sensitive topic is USA Hockey's annual winter Try Hockey For Free Day which is set for Saturday, February 25th as a part of Hockey Weekend Across America. Associations interested in participating should fill out USA Hockey's site registration form by January 6th to ensure they receive all of the appropriate materials. Register now with USA Hockey.
- Gear Up Minnesota!: The Gear Up Minnesota! equipment grant program is open for applications. The deadline will be the end of February with the starter equipment sets being delivered next August. A limited amount of starter goalie gear is once again available in addition to the standard skater sets. Apply on line with MN Hockey.
- Hard Divider Program: There are still subsidies available through Minnesota Hockey for hard rink dividers. Minnesota Hockey is offering a \$2,500 grant for associations interested in purchasing a set of divider through Rink Systems. Discounts on mini nets are also available. More details are available on the MN Hockey web site.
- Minnesota Hockey Grants: Financial grants of up to \$2,500 for recruiting programs are once again available on a first come, first serve basis. Preference is given to associations hosting programs or events with a focus on recruiting or retaining Mite/8U players. Application requests available on the MN Hockey web site.

Girls Coordinator – Chad Goldenberg

- Report: 19UB – Only four teams this season in Minnesota. Osseo-Maple Grove is the only D3 entry. Edina (D6), Blaine (D10) & White Bear Lake (D2) are the others. Wayzata attempted to



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be the 5th team, but could only reach 8 skaters and 2 goalies. Some of those players have been placed onto other teams.

- 10UB - A/C White opened the season 4-0 outscoring the other three top teams in the standings by 9-0, 7-1 & 8-0, while A/C Red opened 0-5 and losing to two of the same opponents 1-14 & 2-10. District 3 leadership met last week with A/C leadership to discuss the balance of the teams and how to resolve the imbalance. Armstrong was to determine and announce the best option that they could complete by Sunday.
- Other than A/C Red 10B and one B team without a league game result yet listed, only two other B teams don't have at least a tie with only a few games listed. It seems like team placement is substantially reasonable.

Coach in Chief – Josh Hicks

Grievance – Kendra Verbeten

We have had one grievance for kicking at the bantam B1 level. Appropriate action was taken.

Scheduling - Jay Knip

TO DO: A task force will be established to look at the entire game scheduling process. Anyone interested in joining the task force should let Ron know.

- End of Season Tournaments – overview and discussion at meeting
- **TO DO: Kendra will confirm all host locations for the 2017 tournaments**

Tournament – Chad Nicholls

ACE Coordinator – Gene Ferrel

Mite – Tod Duagan –

D3 Director's Report – Nicole Brodersen

- There is an upcoming MN Hockey meeting January 27-29.
- **TO DO: Please send Nicole any items you would like to see discussed at the meeting.**

D3 President – Ron Walsh

Old Business –

None

New Business –

- **High Performance Program overview and suggested changes**
 - Kendra provided an overview of the coaching scenario for the girls HP programs and asked for a variance for the 2017 season in selecting coaches. Historically the 15U coaches have not been interested in coaching the HP teams, and the timing of the end of the league makes it difficult to line up coaching options.
 - **VOTE:** Matt made a motion to waive the coaching selection criteria for the HP14 and 15 girls to allow the HP General Manager the ability to identify coaches prior to the end of the season. Mark seconded the motion and motion passed.
 - Mark agreed to work with Kendra on suggesting changes to the HP coaches selection criteria for further review in the spring.



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- **(VOTE necessary) Agenda Item re:** ACYHA – A situation regarding the 10U-B teams was brought to the attention of the Director, President and D3 Administrator. The executive committee discussed the situation, and then met with leadership of ACYHA. The following is a summary of the findings of the D3 Executive Committee:

With regard to District 3 Rule 1.1.6:

1. ACYHA has been found to be in violation of rule 1.1.6. The rule requires these teams be balanced when coming out of try outs.
 - ACYHA is currently hosting two teams at the 10U-B level. ACYHA violated the rule by having placed the top 10 players and a goalie on the White team and the next 13 players on the Red team. The Red team is rotating players in the goalie position.
 - A fine shall be assessed to ACYHA.
2. Proposed remedies of the above violation
 - Option 1: move the White team to the A classification
 - Option 2: keep teams at the B level and re-roster players to make the teams balanced

Pro/Con of the Options:

Option 1: Pro's

- Promotes players playing at an appropriate level
- Additional team in A league
- Makes the B league more competitive removing a high level "B" team

Option 1: Con's

- Require a significant amount of scheduling and re-scheduling
- Associations' B teams lose two games
- Keeps a lower skilled B team in the B league

Option 2: Pro's

- By far the less disruptive option for all of the associations
- Keeps the B level intact with no changes to any schedules
- Balances the talent on the two teams making two competitive teams vs one powerhouse and one underperforming
- Due to no schedule changes, there is no financial impact to anyone
- Keeping the goalie at the B level allows for the goalie substitution process to be utilized for the "non-goalie" team.

Option 2: Con's

- Keeps some ACYHA A level players at the B level

ACYHA has elected to come before the D3 Board and ask to move the 10U-B White team to the A level. Additional information provided by ACYHA is attached to the agenda.

Much discussion took place on the issue prior to a motion being made. Multiple points of disappointment and frustration were voiced from association representatives. A presentation by Jeff Pappas on behalf of the ACYHA group was made to the Board. Highlights:

- Apologized for being in the situation they were in and having the D3 Board involved.
- They had set up the teams in anticipation of a rule change for balanced/unbalanced teams.
- The easiest option would have been to simply balance the two B teams.
- The committee felt it was best to try for the A team option and see if it was feasible.



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- The group will have to answer to their parent body and rebuild credibility.

Multiple questions on how the schedule would be structured, how the year end tourney would run, would games against the team count in the standings, what discipline/restitution will be assessed against AC for not following the rule, how did this happen, were all families consulted on the decision, and more discussion on the blatant nature of disregarding the rules.

After additional conversation, Jim made a motion to allow the Armstrong Cooper 10U-B White team to move to the 10U-A classification. Keith seconded the motion and there was further conversation. There was conversation pointing to the penalty that should be assigned and a variety of opinions were shared. Scott Dornfeld did share this was a unique situation. Nicole asked the penalty portion of the conversation be moved to the January meeting so she could do some more research. The following details were added in a friendly amendment:

- District 3 10U-A teams would schedule games with the AC 10U-A team but only if their schedule allowed.
- All games played against the AC 10U-A team would not count in the standings.
- The AC 10U-A team would be allowed to play in the D3 Year End Tournament but would be seeded last.
- The punishment/discipline to ACYHA was separated out of this motion and postponed until the January meeting.

The motion was called for a vote and the vote was:

In favor of the motion: St Louis Park, OMGHA, Orono, ACYHA, Delano Area, North Metro, Wayzata

Not in favor of the motion: Minneapolis, Mound Westonka

Abstaining: Supervisor of Officials

Absent: Hopkins

Motion passed.

Armstrong Cooper will host a 10U level meeting with their families on Thursday, December 15 at 5:30pm at New Hope Arena. Members of the D3 Executive Committee will attend.

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconded; motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm.

To Do List from Meeting-carried over from previous meeting:

- TO DO: send your SafeSport and Background screening form to Kendra.
- TO DO: if interested in being on the game scheduling task force please send your name to Ron

New To Do's:

- TO DO: send out an email to all head coaches saying this is our recommendation and will be mandated next year (Kendra)
- TO DO: Diane is checking with David Margenau on the goalie equipment; follow up with associations once we have an answer
- TO DO: Kendra will confirm all host locations for the 2017 tournaments