



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday December 12, 2018**

Members Present:

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff	Association Representatives
X Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	X Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
X Ron Walsh – D3 President	X Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
Aric Stienessen- Treasurer	X Reid Paul – Hopkins
X Shelly Johnson – D3 Administrator	X Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
Cheryl Myers- Social Media	Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
Stephen Perry, HP/Tier 1	Tim Donelon – North Metro
X Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	X Kelly Greene – Orono
Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	Brian Blashack – OMGHA
X Neil Olson – BHRA, President	X Jeff Brandt – OMGHA (alt)
X Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	X Todd Dvorack– St Louis Park
Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	Mark Brandt – Wayzata
Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	Greg Gibson Metro - League Liason
X Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
X Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
Todd Larson – Metro League	
X Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests:	
Scott Dornfeld MN Hockey Bruce Turek-Wayzata	

1. Call to order 7:06

- November Minutes Motion to approve-Carolyn, Seconded Mike M, all approved-motion carried

2. District 3 Director Report-Nicole: Congrats to Delano for having the Youth Hockey Spotlight game-Delano 12UB v Westonka 12UB.

The District Tournament meeting will be Feb 13 at 7:00. The monthly meeting will follow at 8:00. If hosting associations have others that should attend the meeting, please invite them to attend. All associations should have the dates for the D3 tourneys on their association websites. Brackets for D3 tourneys are on the D3 website-(full portfolio of brackets). Ice schedulers should get ice set up and back to D3 ASAP-deadline of Dec 19.

15UA and B playoffs will be hosted by D3. 10UA will be hosted by D10, and 10UB will hosted by D3. Association reps will be notified when brackets are final.

Nothing is final until all tie breakers, fair play points etc are confirmed. Do not rely simply on the standings until notified that brackets are complete.

Minor Officials-Please send reminder to associations that Penalty Box, Clock and Scorebook volunteers are minor officials in a game and are to be unbiased in that role. Minor officials are not to be cheering, coaching etc while performing those roles.

Mound Westonka player that was injured is improving. Safety item: Talk to travel directors or appropriate association person and remind them to talk to coaches about the seriousness of hitting from behind-coaches should talk to players. This was a topic at the district directors meeting. Remind players what the STOP patch means. At the winter meeting, may look at 5 minute penalty for a check from behind and boarding. D3 will be evaluating aggressive hits and checks from behind and imposing discipline if warranted.

There is a statewide push to enforce USA Hockey rule 601B5-call for a bench minor if slamming stick on the boards and urging on big hits. Reps should communicate this to associations.

Rob Borsch has stepped down as the OMGYHA President. Thank you to him for his great leadership and service. Adam Reiter has stepped into the President role.

ACYHA ran a fun tourney this past weekend. Appeared to run very smoothly.

Hopkins question regarding "open" B tourneys-can B1 and B2 teams be in same tourney? MN Hockey doesn't separate B1 and B2. Among D3, tourney directors are asked to try and separate in first round of pool play. Associations are encouraged to look at the competition in these tourneys.

- 3. District 3 Administrator's Report-Shelly:** SLP received the D3 patches that were needed. Met up with various coaches/managers to get scorebooks out to teams not in attendance at fall meetings. First match penalty hearing held Nov 27. Various emails come in with fairly simple questions-nothing burning up. Compared our coach registration to USA Hockey to get that list as complete and accurate as possible-will get to officials.
- 4. District 3 President's Report-Ron:** AutoIce related game rescheduling has been easy to approve. Other requests may be due to new managers new to the process. People have been calling to change Dec 23 games. Going forward D3 will block out those night before holiday games and it will be up to each association's discretion whether or not they want to play those nights. D3 can step up and do more education on how associations/teams know how the process works. We need to be following the grace period that is allowed for game changes due to mandatory school events like band concerts etc. Requests coming in after the grace period are being charged the rescheduling fee. Mike (ACYHA) mentioned struggling with ice times-need criteria for ice schedulers (concert/religion). We can spend time during the off season to identify criteria. Associations need to be able to identify individual needs. Cheryl mentioned a lot of

issues with single games being scheduled at rinks. This is inefficient for associations as well as officials.

Neil would like to have officials be a part of the process next time. Inefficient scheduling stretches the officials too thin. OMG did move some of their games and practices around to create a more efficient schedule. Ice schedulers will be meeting to work on improvements.

Diane commented that we should be sensitive to school activities and id teams are short 4-6 players. Nicole pointed out we did allow a grace period for teams to change games for school activities. District also willing to work with associations when unique circumstances come up.

5. District 3 Treasurer's Report-Aric: Budget on track, Association assessments to be out soon

6. D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: District 3 players and coaches have received 21 game misconducts and 1 match penalty to date, which is lower than previous year's. We have seen a nice reduction in other incident reports, including issues between officials and fans. Hour clocks continue to be an issue, especially at Minneapolis and Maple Grove. Neil added he has talk to Emily in Mpls about game clocks. Been some problems at New Hope as well.
- Registrar: Registration Numbers 6040 Players 1557 Coaches 397 Teams Redline Status 2 Redlined Student Coaches 8 Redlined Coaches - No Screening 52 Redlined Players - No Birth Certificates Associations are required to send me a spreadsheet of all "skills coaches" you are using in the development of your players and I have not received one report to date.
- Coach in Chief: Finished D3 CEP clinics at Brooklyn Park this weekend. Thank you to Kendra Verbeten, Connor Clark, Eric Johnson, Hans Skulstad, Matt Olsonowski, Sean Goldsworthy, Steve Carroll, and Bill Manuel for presenting this year. Thank you to North Metro for setting up the facilities. We had over 475 coaches attend this year. I have a couple of candidates who may come on board and help me with this for next year on a full time basis. Moving forward I would be interested in working with an association to host a Mite Jamboree in conjunction with CEP 1. District 11 hosted one of these this season, and it would be a great way for D3 Mite coaches to be able to get their training while their team is playing in a Jamboree. If you are interested, please let me know and I can try and find out some of the details from District 11.
- Membership and Development: Five D3 associations participated in USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free. Across the state the numbers were down on associations that participated-just 48. Last Monday MN Hockey held the coach appreciation outing with the MN WILD at the TRIA rink. Coaches watched the players practice and visited with Coach Boudreau in the media room. Diane noted that the MN WILD player work very hard in practice doing drills you see

squirts, peewees and bantams do. Encourage teams to nominate their coaches for this event-it is a small way to pay them back.

- Girls League Coordinator: Hopkins v Minnetonka 15UA game started with only one ref. USA Hockey rules are that you cannot start with one ref. Minimum is two. The game will need to be rescheduled.
 - Grievance Committee: Had one hearing, player has been reinstated and all parties have received appropriate communication.
 - Scheduling Coordinator:
 - Tournament Coordinator: Feb 1 invitational tournament deadline
 - A.C.E. Coordinator:
 - Social Media/Website:
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- HP/Tier 1: No report

7. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Starting to recruit for board positions openings First hosted tournament last weekend a success Auto Ice meeting next month

Delano: Season progressing good.

Hopkins: Thanksgiving tournament complete and went great. Good feedback from traveling teams. Outdoor rink at the PAV is flooded. Trying to coordinate with the city of Hopkins to add Christmas lights in/around the skate park.

Question regarding open B travel tournaments, if 2 teams from the same district play each other what are the limitations? Specifically, if a B2 team plays a B1 team in an open tournament from the same district are they not allowed to play each other? Makes it difficult to know what open B tournaments to register for. Over 120 kids for mite.

Minneapolis: no report

Mound-Westonka: Travel team season is moving along with varying degrees of success. Lost several Bantam players to injuries leaving both Bantam teams thin with skaters. One player sustained a serious neck injury having been checked from behind into the boards in a Burnsville tournament game. • 2nd annual MWA Fire and Ice social event is being held at Lord Fletchers on 1/26/18.

North Metro:

Orono: Running smoothly

Osseo Maple Grove:

St Louis Park:

Wayzata: All teams are up and playing. Registration numbers are up this year. There has been scheduling questions about how we are having the events scheduled in regards to what is assigned to programs such as

skills and dryland. There are few weeks where there has not been much ice available for practices after assigning the different skill sessions and games. Some of this also comes from other programs such as City ran programs and High School teams scheduled events. Meet with the Arena Manager and the High School Athletic Directors and Coaches so that everybody can understand the needs of each of the programs and establish better guidelines so that all programs can get their ice to run successful programs.

There has been a lot of feedback about the 35 game limit for squirts/10U. Feels like D3 is interpreting more rigidly. Other associations are using "controlled scrimmages" as a way to get around the 35 game limit. Nicole clarified that those are to be considered games. Other districts, if allowing, are doing this against the rules and ultimately the teams could face consequence of not playing at the end of the season. Scott Dornfeld added that this was talked about at the director's meeting and all should be fully aware of the rule and how is to be applied.

- 8. Old Business:** TIER 1 coach language for rules and regs.
- 9. New Business:** District playoff brackets. -now on website
- 10. Adjourn:** motion by Bill, seconded by Kelly, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09