



September 13, 2006

The annual Fall President's and September meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on September 13, 2006, 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 League Coordinator

Representatives:

Scott Dornfeld – Armstrong (alt)
Mitch Trombley – Tri City
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Marty Solhaug - Blake
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park

Presidents:

Steve Rosen – St. Louis Park
Dan Zych – Tri City
Todd Elmer – Osseo/Maple Grove
Edmund Chute – Blake
Brady Bizal – Hopkins
Greg Gibson – Wayzata
Andy Page – Orono
Steven Dehmer – Brooklyn Park
Todd Pannek – Armstrong
Derek Olson – Cooper

David Margenau – Minnesota Hockey,
Maroon Vice President
Dave Meisner – Minnesota Hockey,
Vice President

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Introductions were made.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Brad Davis seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Mr. Gates stated that he hoped association officials have been diligent in getting the new USA Hockey enforcement guidelines information out to their people. It is going to be difficult for players, coaches and spectators to adjust. The available video will be shown at the coaches and managers meeting and is also available on line from USA Hockey.
2. Referee clinics are coming up. Dates, times and locations are on the District 3 calendar which is on the website.
3. Mr. Gates, in addressing the Presidents, reminded them that the referee association uses upper level mite games as training for new referees and also as a mentoring situation. He asked them to keep this in mind when scheduling referees for these games.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY CORPORATE SPONSORS – Dave Meisner presenting.

1. Mr. Meisner, representing Minnesota Hockey, gave 2 presentations on behalf of Minnesota Hockey Corporate sponsors and possible fund raising opportunities for associations.

TCF Banks offer a number of ways for associations or individuals to earn money as fund raisers.

Schwann's is another fund raising possibility for associations. Information was distributed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. A Level 4 clinic is being held this weekend. Information on the Minnesota Hockey Website.

2. Hopefully, the screening of coaches is going well in your association. Mr. Davis inquired as to how the associations will be notified when a coach have been successfully screened? Mr. Perry said that Presidents will be sent lists with the names of approved coaches on it.

There is also a new process for first year coaches, managers or board members. These names need to be submitted electronically. Registrars have information on this.

3. In regard to waivers, President's should be familiar with the Minnesota Hockey guidelines and District 3's policy concerning waivers. These can be found on line. In District 3, if a player is cut, Director Perry should be notified for a possible team to be waived to. At the same time, if an association is in need of players, Director Perry can help in placing skaters. Parents should not be out looking for a place for their child to play.

4. Wayzata has agreed to host a 19 & Under girls team for the District. Any association that may have a player will have to waive that player to Wayzata.

5. Minnesota Hockey will be holding their Fall Meeting in Fergus Falls this coming weekend. A full report will be available at the next District 3 meeting. Minutes from the Minnesota Hockey meeting will be available on the Minnesota Hockey website.

6. Effective September 1, 2006, coaches must wear helmets when on the ice. Associations need to police themselves. Special deals on helmets are available on Minnesota Hockey website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. President Brandt welcomed everyone again and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. This is a good way to get the season going. All association President's are at the meeting this evening.

2. Mr. Brandt stated that last year was a very good year for District 3. There was not one grievance hearing on a coach or player.

3. Last season was also a very successful year for District 3 teams. 10 teams participated at a Minnesota Hockey State Tournament:

- Peewee A – Wayzata – 2nd Place
- Peewee B – Wayzata Gold
- Bantam B – Wayzata Blue – 1st Place
- Junior Gold A – Osseo/Maple Grove
Wayzata – Consolation Champion
- Junior Gold B – Wayzata Blue – 1st Place
- 16 & Under – Osseo/Maple Grove
- 12 & Under A – Brooklyn Park
- 14 & Under B – Osseo/Maple Grove

4. The Squirt B league will have different guidelines this season. Teams will be divided into a higher or mid-high level. Associations will be responsible for placing teams at the appropriate level of play.

5. Minnesota Hockey passed new guidelines in regard to the number of games that Squirts are allowed to play. The 35 game limit now includes all controlled scrimmages. In the past, these were not included.

6. There will be a Mite Coordinator's meeting on September 26, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at Plymouth Ice Center. Mr. Brandt encouraged all associations to participate in this meeting. Mr. Brandt requested that all mite coordinators names be sent to him as soon as possible along with an email address.

HEP. – David Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. Mr. Margenau distributed 3 sheets of information concerning HEP for this season.

A. HEP will be conducting an essay contest for players. The essay will answer the question, "How Do You Show Your Sportsmanship?"

B. A HEP Implementation Guide was distributed. This is a one page information sheet for associations to use.

C. A handout was distributed that will be available to associations that lists Parent's Code of Conduct on one side and HEP information on the other.

VISIT MINNEAPOLIS NORTH – Megan Perry, Jenny Heger presenting.

1. Ms. Perry and Ms. Heger, representing Visit Minneapolis North, distributed goodie bags with information on hotels and various sites in the north part of Minneapolis. This information is intended for families attending tournaments in the area. Visit Minneapolis North is also available to help plan various tournament activities. Tournament directors can contact them for more information.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. Mrs. Margenau distributed copies of the District 3 calendar, directory and President's roster.

2. In looking at the calendar, Mr. Todd Elmer, pointed out that the Osseo/Maple Grove Squirt tryouts would not be completed by November 1, the date of the mandatory District 3 coaches & managers meeting. Other associations said that they too might have a problem. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Margenau said that she would look into possibly changing the date of the meeting and that she would let everyone know as soon as possible of the new date.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

MOTION: Mitch Trombley moved to accept the August Treasurer's Report as presented.

Todd Pitra seconded.

Discussion: Mrs. Margenau pointed out that most of the checks written to associations in August were for rebates for an over charge for referees last season and therefore were added to the May, 2006 budget update, which is included in this report.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Gene Ferrel moved to accept the proposed 2006-2007 Budget.

Scott Dornfeld seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

GIRL'S LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. There will be a girl's coordinators meeting sometime in September. Every association is pretty close to knowing what teams they will be fielding this year.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR - Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. The mandatory Tournament Coordinators meeting will be held on September, 20, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the New Hope Arena.

OLD BUSINESS –

CHAMPLIN PARK – BROOKLYN PARK UPDATE – John Perry reporting.

1. A meeting has been planned between Brooklyn Park and Champlin Park for Friday, September 15, 2006,

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Gene Ferrel seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

*Please note these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.