



August 12, 2009

The August meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on August 12, 2009, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

Scott Dornfeld – Director
John Perry – Past Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Referee in Chief
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
Amy Johnson – Girls Coordinator
Kelly Bonner – Tournament Coordinator
Casey Whelan – Metro League Liaison

Representatives:

Chris Hildreth - Blake
Jon Piazza – Armstrong Cooper
Craig Englund – North Metro
Todd Elmer – Osseo Maple Grove
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Bill Hills – St. Louis Park
Tony Cleveland - Orono
Carrie Starry - Wayzata

Guests:

Mark Smith – Mound Westonka
Machel Whitmore – Hopkins
Michael Glover
Dave Bakke – MH Vice President
Bob Halverson – MH Rules Committee Chairperson
Mike Schroeder – President, Orono
John Gabos – Orono
Steve Robinson – Orono

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Introductions were made.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Todd Elmer moved to accept the June minutes as presented.

Bill Hills seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREE REPORT – Jim Gates reporting.

1. Jim distributed a copy of the 2009-10 and 2010-2011 USA Hockey Rule Change Summary. (see attached.)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY PARTICIPATION POLICY – Dave Bakke, Bob Halverson reporting. (see attached)

1. Dave Bakke and Bob Halverson attended this D3 meeting to discuss with Board members the new Participation Policy passed by Minnesota Hockey for the upcoming season. Many members had questions concerning the implementation of this rule.
2. Bob Halverson reviewed the history behind the rule change. Dave Bakke said that change is inevitable.
3. Brad Davis stated that Hopkins has many issues with players who are requesting waivers to play for Eden Prairie. These players attend private schools within the Hopkins school district and according to the new rule should be playing for Hopkins. Bob Halverson said that there will be several associations who will have to deal with private school attendees and that

associations should be understanding and receptive to waiver requests. This does not mean that an association should deny waiver requests but should understand each request.

4. Other concerns involved possible All Star Teams, an opportunity for entrepreneur hockey and possible independent hockey leagues.

5. Registrars are concerned with the added work and confusion with implementation. The question was asked as to how players prove which school district they reside in. Bob Halverson said that there shouldn't be any more work with the new program than before. He stated that in the past families stated where they lived and did not have to prove it unless someone challenged their registration.

6. A *ONE TIME CHOICE AGREEMENT (Permanent Waiver)* will be available of the MH web site.

7. Discussion continued with Bob and Dave answering a few more questions.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. St. Louis Park teams will again be playing with Southwest.

Bantam & Peewee A's will play a D3 schedule.

Bantam & Peewee B1's will play in a D1 league but may schedule some games with D3 teams.

Bantam & Peewee B 2's will play in a D3 league.

All Squirt teams will be exclusive St. Louis Park players and will play in D3.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane distributed a 2009-10 Preliminary Calendar (see attached) and a D3 Directory (see attached).

2. The September D3 meeting will be the Fall President's meeting. Pizza will be served.

3. Diane distributed a copy of the Tournament Hosts for this coming year. She said that there may be some minor changes but for the most part it was definite.

4. Diane distributed copies of the D3 By-laws for review. She stated that there were very few changes or additions to be made this year. On page 9, BOUNDARIES, the first paragraph would be changed to be more in line with MH guidelines. The 2009-2010 By-laws will be voted on at the September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau

MOTION: Tony Cleveland moved to accept the proposed 2009-2010 D3 Budget

Bill Hills seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECRUITING & RETENTION COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Scott Dornfeld

1. A R. & R. Booklet has been completed and is ready for distribution to associations.

2. A state wide R. & R. meeting was held in St. Cloud, July 19, 2009.

3. Sandie Sullivan is working with the Committee on a reading program using the Brady Brady books. Brady Brady books follow the life of a young hockey player named Brady and life situations that happen during the course of the story. High school and possibly bantam players, boys and girls, will read Brady Brady books to younger children during school hours. There may be added incentives such as open skating etc to encourage young children to join hockey This program has already been accepted in District 281 on a trial basis.

ACE COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Gene Ferrel

1. Getting organized for upcoming season.

2. CEP Clinics should be posted on the USA Hockey web site by Labor Day. D3 will be hosting 5 clinics.
1 Level 3
2 Level 1's
2 Level 2's
3. Statewide ACE Coordinator's meeting coming up.
4. A couple of associations in D3 need to appoint an ACE Coordinator.
5. MH is hosting a Level 5 Symposium this coming week end at River Center, St. Paul.

METRO LEAGUE – Casey Whelan

1. The Metro League hosted annual planning meeting last week.
2. Last season was a very good year for the Metro League and D3 teams.
3. Implementing a new web site.
4. Working on improving communications in all areas.
5. A Clearing House has been established for players who are looking for a place to play.
6. Plan on having another planning meeting in September for D3 teams.

GIRL'S LEAGUE – Amy Johnson

1. Girls Travel Team inputs

District 3 Girls Teams 2009-2010

Association		8U	10U	10U	12U	12U	14U	14U	19U	
			A	B	A	B	A	B		
Armstrong/Cooper	5	1		1	1	1		1		08/09
	3			1	1	1				
STORM	9	2	1	2	1	2		1		08/09
	2	1		1						
Hopkins	2			1		1				08/09
	3			1	1	1				
Orono	7	2	1	1	1	1	1			08/09
	7	2	1	1	1	1		1		
Osseo	14	4	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	08/09
	14	4	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	
Maple Grove	14	4	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	08/09
North Metro	0									
Wayzata	4			1		1	1	1		08/09
	14	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	
Totals	13	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	08/09
	51	12	4	10	5	10	3	5	2	
	46	10	3	11	5	8	3	4	2	08/09

Need information from North Metro.

St. Louis Park (STORM) expects they will have 3 to 4 girls at the U14 level they would need to place on a team. Armstrong indicated interest in and room for these players.

2. District 3 Girls Committee meeting occurred on July 28, 2009. Topics for discussion included:
 - Review of 2008/2009 Season
 - * Maple Grove U10 Development Camp cited as a highlight
 - * Maple Grove U8 Festival appreciated by all
 - * Overall input for development of girl's hockey is that smaller team are better. It is better to have two teams of 11 or 12 vs one team of 22 or 24.

- U14/High School Transition
 - * Open lines of communication with HS coaches produce best results
 - * Situation varies year by year, Avoid penalizing girls that try-out for HS
 - * Maple Grove is going back to having U14 try-outs before HS try-outs.
 - * Wayzata received negative feedback last year having the U14 try-out many weeks prior to HS try-outs

3. U8 League formation meeting occurred on August 6, 2009.

- Potential participants: Wayzata, Orono, St. Louis Park, A/C, OMGHA
- League will include option of (2 or 3) 3 v 3 Jamborees prior to Jan 15 and (5 or 6) full ice games after Jan 15th. Associations will have the opportunity to opt in to both sessions, just the full ice sessions or not at all. League scheduling will happen at the same time as the D3 Upper Mite league.
- Issue of blue v black pucks at Mite Level needs resolution.
- Anne Winter (OMG) has agreed to act as league coordinator. All participating associations will need to supply an Association Coordinator.
- Key dates:
 - o Associations formally commit to league Sept 18th
 - o Commitments to include league options (3v3, Full-Ice)
 - o Next league formation meeting: week of Aug 21st
 - o Ice Scheduling: mid October
 - o January 15th: Rosters complete for Full-Ice league

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON –

1. Director Scott Dornfeld announced the appointment of Kelly Bonner as the new Tournament Chairperson.

MOTION: Todd Elmer moved to adjourn the meeting.

 Tony Cleveland seconded.

 The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:40 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.