



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
PIC
Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

Executive Committee & Associates		Association Reps	
	Paul Steenerson District Director		Kevin Pote ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson Administrator	x	Bob Larson Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers Data Mgmt/Tech.	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor		Tim Becker Orono
	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord.	x	Rob Anklam St Louis Park
x	KV-Girls/SJ-Boys HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
x	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski Disciplinary Comm. Chair		
x	Jeff Luke Girls Coordinator		
	Diane Margenau Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Greg Gibson JGHSL		
	Todd Larson JGHSL		
	Bill Robeck Hockey Operations		

Call to order TIME: 7:03PM

June Minutes: Motion to approve: Kity Seconded: Jeff L

District 3 Director Report- Working on finalizing the D3 Handbook. Meeting Waivers are in full swing. Finalizing team declarations. Reminder about fee increases and the additional fee for GameSheet.

Will be working with Cheryl to get D3 website updated.

District 3 President Report- Been working on getting everything ready for next year's scheduling of league games. Grace period after managers' meeting of likely 10 days to check with teams regarding school activities etc. After that no game changes-any that are approved will incur a fee (\$200). Certain circumstances (Covid etc.) will be handled case by case. Will be reviewing end of season tourney brackets and try and get out by mid-December. Also been reviewing rules and regs to clean up and reorganize. Will be working to get to all for review.

District 3 Administrator Report: The fall coach and manager meetings have been set. The season calendar link is on the D3 board page-please use that for getting important dates out within your associations.

District 3 Accounting Report: Financials and budget sent to all reps and presidents. Let Kendra know if any questions. Game sheet will be subsidized by MN Hockey 75% this year, 50% next year and 25% a third year. D3 will pay and then bill associations for their costs. Email will go out to association treasurers so they can factor into association budgets. Still need ice bills from two associations. Cannot wrap up final budget without that info.

Associates Reports:

- Supervisor of Officials: Changed language on website from "scrimmage" to "exhibition".
- Coach in Chief: CEPs are no longer online possibly Sept 1. Might be doing some in October. Online classes will be limited to 50-encourages interaction. Level 4 will be run by USA Hockey staff. There will be in person CEPs as well. Kendra added there will be an all-female CEP be in Sept (Sunday the 25th).
- Membership and Development: Encourage your association to participate in community events to advertise. Have youth teams wear their uniforms and march in a parade or enter a float, have a booth at local flea market, farmers market or community festivals. Check with local elementary schools as to when registration or open houses are being held and ask if a representative from your association could set up an information table. Talk with parents at baseball games, softball games, soccer games, lacrosse or any other summer activity about signing their son or daughter up for hockey. USA Hockey's "Try Hockey for Free" is scheduled for November 5, 2022, Saturday. Now is the time to secure the ice and to make plans for a successful event.
- Jr Gold: *MN Hockey District Directors decision that all outstate Jr Gold teams will play 24 league games in a JG Twin Cities league/division (see decision document) *JGB teams should plan on 1 trip out of town to play 2 league games *Outstate JGB teams will not play in the JGHSL Twin Cites Playdowns. These teams will have their own Playdown for one entry into the JGB State Tournament.
- Girls League Coordinator: The D3 Girls Committee will host its summer meeting on 7/13/22. This meeting will be used to debrief on last season, plan for the upcoming season, review and discuss team declarations for the upcoming season, discuss inter-district play needs, and review and discuss the MN Hockey pilot for 13-year-old/8th and 11th graders without a level to play. A two-year pilot was approved at the June MN Hockey meeting that allows for 8th graders without a 15U or high school team to play on a 12A team in their home association. This same pilot will allow for 16-year-old/11th graders to play 15U. This change is geared more to those associations who cannot host a 15U team and will be utilized more outside of the

metro area. We do not expect this to impact D3 teams for the upcoming season. As part of this pilot program, we will be reviewing data after year two to assess the viability of this change to determine if it will be the long-term levels. During the two-year pilot the committee will also continue discussions on the viability changing 12U to 13U.

- Disciplinary Committee: nothing to report
- Tournament Coordinator: SEPT 12th! Mark the calendar for the Mandatory Tournament meeting at the PIC at 7pm. I still have not heard from the following associations regarding the invitational tournaments that they plan to host this year: OMGHA, SLP, Orono
Delano: Bantam C - Oct 28-30 and PW C - Nov 11-13
North Metro: Dec 16-18 no level indicated
Wayzata: Ban B2, C, PWB2, PWC - Nov 10-13, SqB2, C - Dec 2-4, SqB1, B2 - Jan 6-8, Jr Gold A - Jan 13-15, Jr Gold B & 16 - Jan 20-22
Mound Westonka - None
OMGHA:
Hopkins: Girls Nov 18-20, Boys Nov 25-27
Orono:
SLP:
Minneapolis: Nov 2022, Jan 2023
Armstrong Copper: Dec 2-4, Jan 20-22, Feb 3-5
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Boys: Tier 1 14 and 15 and Prospects 14 teams are set! Dryland training is up and running on the weekends. We are running two sessions each Saturday and Sunday. This weekend we expect about 50 D3 walleye players to be at the park working out. It is super exciting to see the athletes putting the off-ice work in. We also have a handful of D3 15 level athletes that will be playing on an at large team during the Tier 1 season. This is a new program this year at the 15 level.
- Registrar: The annual registrars meeting is set for Aug 16th at 7 pm at the Plymouth Ice Center. This meeting is mandatory. If your registrar is not available, please send your president. **Reps/board members - Please submit your USA Hockey registration number to me asap.** I am working on your questions about issues you are having with SafeSport.
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: no report

Delano: Setting fall ice times, Bantam C tourney is full, PW C still have availability, will not host a 12UA team (to accommodate the 13U age)

Hopkins: Summer clinics going on. Good number of kids participating. Our HDC putting plans together for on & off ice development for upcoming season. They are also working on plan for HYHA goalie development. Registration for 2022/23 season is open. Ramping up recruitment for fall.

Minneapolis: No changes to team designations - peewees and squirts will have further guidance/clarification following committee meetings this coming week. We have been informed that MHAHA Arena is likely going to remain open only through the 2022-23 season - barring any coolant issues - and is likely to close after that.

Mound-Westonka: Summer Training Programs in full swing, finalizing budget, buying ice, golf tournament this week, recruiting coaches

North Metro: Open registration for our December and January tournaments, some board members are having issues registering to do their safe spots, we will continue to try and get this done ASAP. Summer program training camp in full swing. We will open our registration for the upcoming season early August.

Orono: S squirt sub-committee input: Agree with Peter's characterization generally. We do not object to unlevel teams, but do not support allowing a team to play games only outside of the district. We feel strongly about moving to a 10-12 game schedule this season, particularly at the S squirt A level. There is no reason to wait to make this adjustment and it seems to have unanimous support. We also support moving to the limited district schedule more generally. It wasn't totally clear to me based on the last meeting whether this would be effective for next season or not until 2023-2024. We don't feel strongly about the broad application of the limited schedule, expect for the S squirt A level.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: Reviewing options and process for delaying our start date for our S squirt Level players. Verified with SLP registrar that a shortened schedule at S squirt A would not impact our fee structure. Need to verify that SLP is looking to host a Junior Gold A team for the upcoming season. That team was not included in the initial declarations document, but an update was sent in last week. HDC is meeting after D3 meeting to review current declarations and verify that they continue to align with our numbers and skill levels.

Wayzata: Preparing for registration. Are including a Parent Code of Conduct this year. Long-range planning for expansion and national tournaments.

Old Business:

New Business:

The S squirt Committee met for its June meeting and focused the discussion on a couple primary issues, with the results being provided to the D3 Executive Committee for their consideration: 1) allowing OMG or any other association to field imbalanced SQ A teams; 2) allowing OMG or any other association to permit their stronger SQ A team to opt out of a D3 season and play a scrimmage and tournament-based regular season (but still subject to the 35 game limit); and 3) having SQ teams start their seasons later in the year (we discussed SLP plan to start at

Thanksgiving and Delano suggestion to start Jan 1). The consensus of the committee was that D3 should not permit an association to schedule a SQ A team outside of a D3 regular season using tournaments and scrimmages. Subject to the D3 executive committee's final decision, the committee did endorse allowing each association to decide whether to have balanced SQ A teams or whether to tier them based on evaluations but restated that moving to a 10 or 12 game D3 regular season schedule would be a critical element of making imbalanced SQ A teams work. The committee was fine with SLP and other associations starting SQs later and is interested in getting feedback from SLP on how the late season start works out.

Mark added that teams that are region eligible are only teams allowed to have unbalanced teams. Other teams/levels must have balanced teams. Will be moving forward with teams playing each other once.

Peter asked about school waivers-will there be changes? Nothing substantial. May be seeing impact for Academies and directors making decision on where they fall. May be moving to see waivers recorded and saved electronically.

Adjourn TIME: 7:56PM Motion: Andy Seconded: Peter

APPROVED