



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Brian Thul ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator		Kristi Duis Delano Area
			x	Bob Larson Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.		Bill Robeck Hockey Operations
	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
	Neil Olson	BHRA President		Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1/Treasurer	x	Jeff Luke St Louis Park
x	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
x	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		

- **Call to order TIME: 7:07pm**
- July Minutes: Motion to approve: Matt O Seconded: Kelly
Minutes Approved
- **District 3 Director Report-** no report
- **District 3 President Report-** Had a meeting with schedulers last night to discuss the process for this year. Continue to work on getting things in place for the upcoming season.
Some talk about going to electronic scoring this season. AVARIO is set up for it if that happens. May be making one change to D3 year end tourneys (OMG and Delano)
Question if decision made about hosting of PW region tourney. Nicole will be answering that. OMG noted interested as well (if had not already communicated that).
- **District 3 Administrator Report-** Calendar largely filled in. Need to decide on structure for fall coach and manager meetings. Discussion that in person

would be best, a lot of rule changes to go over. Will work on reserving space and selecting dates.

District 3 Treasurer Report- Kendra reviewed the budget as it stands currently. Need final team declarations. Anticipate charging associations the league fees this season-did not last year. Change to move D3 to 501c3 status is in process.

Discussion on stipends for President and Director positions. The roles require a lot of time. There are other districts that compensate in some way. Board members would like to know proposed stipends and cost to each association. Brought up that there should be job descriptions and a clear expectations and accountability. It was added that all roles should have job descriptions. Kendra will put info together and send out to reps. Suggested stipends -Director-\$5000, President-\$3000, HP GM- \$1000, Administrator \$500.

Coach in Chief and Registrar are through MN Hockey.

D3 Associates Reports

- Supervisor of Officials: Rule changes for 2021 (the big ones)

- * Penalty length*

- Periods of 12 minutes or less - 1:00 minute minor

- Periods of 12 minutes to less than 17 minutes - 1:30 minute minor

- Periods of 17 minutes or more - 2 minute minor

The above changes to our expiring USAH Rule Book will only be used at the 12U and BELOW levels as Minnesota Hockey asked for and received an exception from USA Hockey to leave the 14U and above levels alone.

NEED competent clock volunteers.

As far as Majors, Misconduct and Match penalties, Minnesota Hockey is leaving them as they are currently (5,5,10). This pertains to ALL levels of play. The above rules will apply to ALL regular season games, Invitational, District, Regional and State Tournaments.

- * Face-offs after assessed penalties will take place in the offending team's defensive zone.

- * Player will receive a game misconduct if they receive 4 or more penalties in a game. * Coach will be assessed a game misconduct if their team receives 12 or more penalties in a game.

- *Removed restrictions on slap shot at 10U levels - Slap shot allowed

- *Prohibits all Youth levels of play to legally ice the puck during shorthanded situations. Excluding Jr. Gold

- *Eliminates tag-up offside at all Youth levels of play. Immediate offside is now applied at all levels except Jr. Gold

- * DISTRICT 3 RULE CHANGES * Any coach who receives a game misconduct for abuse of officials will serve a 3-game suspension - 1st offense. This will be for any league, tournament, or scrimmage games

in or out of district * Any coach who receives a game misconduct for abuse of officials with an official(s) 18 years or under will receive a 5 game suspension - 1st offense. * 2nd offense - coach must attend a grievance hearing (minimum 5 game suspension) * A team will receive a bench minor penalty for any fan removal * Jr. Gold - A team will receive a bench minor if their fans are on or over the rink glass before or during the game. - 1st offense * 2nd offense - fan removal and additional bench minor penalties.

Mike A reviewed the BHRA proposed contract with D3. Have never had an actual contract before. Mike said other ref associations have contracts with their respective districts. There are financial implications to the agreement. Some suggestions made to add clarity to the contract. Mike will amend and get out for review.

- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: During the ASSOCIATION LEADER EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE 20 different sessions were held ranging from "Diversity & Inclusion" to "Fostering a Better Girls Hockey Program." The information was invaluable to the attendees. The next conference will be April, 2022 in St. Louis Park.

I plan over the course of the next 4 months in my report to identify 5 sessions along with a brief description. The wealth of information is available to all members of Minnesota Hockey and attending the conference is invaluable to your association.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION - Jeff Baidoo (Equity Advisor, Minnesota Hockey) presenter. Updates on efforts to promote an inclusive and welcoming hockey environment in the State of Hockey with discussions on D & I efforts occurring in communities across the state. CLUB EXCELLENCE - A TOOL TO MAKE YOUR ASSOCIATION BETTER - Katie Holmgren (Director, Program Services, USA Hockey.) presenter. This is an online portal system designed to give USA Hockey associations a series of tools and resources to support the day to day needs of running a successful hockey association. This will guide an association through the entire season. THE MINNESOTA MODEL- Glen Andresen (Executive Director, Minnesota Hockey) presenter. This session examines what makes Minnesota unique and why it's considered the best model in the country. STATE & NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR GROWING HOCKEY - Katie Holmgren, Taylor Gross (USA Hockey), Derek Ricki (Minnesota Hockey) presenters. USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey highlight programs and resources designed to help associations grow the game at the grassroots level. MINNESOTA HOCKEY GRANTS, PROGRAMS & EVENTS - Glen Andresen & Mike Terwilliger (Minnesota Hockey) presenters. Associations and members can benefit from Minnesota Hockey's available grants, programs, and

resources. If you have any questions about the topics described above, please contact Derek Ricki at Minnesota Hockey. All of these topics will enable your association to continue working toward increasing and retaining your membership.

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE - November 6, 2021 and March 5, 2022. Even though many D3 associations host multiple pre-season events, they are encouraged to participate in USA Hockey's Try Hockey For Free program. Now is the time to plan your event. Registration information can be found on the USA Hockey web site.

- Jr Gold: JGA Teams: OMG, SLP & Wayzata JGB Teams: Wayzata Blue & Gold, OMG, Orono Blue & White, Delano, Mpls? JG16 Teams: Wayzata White, OMG? Armstrong Cooper? Need tournament weekends for JGB Orono Blue and White, Update on inclusive statewide JGB league, Option #1, Option 1a and Option 1aa & 1aaa geographic regions as proposed by DDs. There is debate on who should run Jr Gold...District Directors or JR Gold Metro High School League (current). Debate on how league is organized. Greg will participate in a meeting next Thursday. More to come!
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position-PLEASE RECRUIT
- Grievance Committee: no report (chair of committee-vacant position)
- Scheduling Coordinator: see President report
- Tournament Coordinator: Mandatory tourney director meeting Sept 13th-location TBD. **Required** if hosting invitational tourney or mite jamboree. Please communicate name/contact info if association has new tourney director.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Shelly presented info summarizing and highlighting the success of the Tier 1 and 2 off ice program that ran in July. Participation exceed expectations and feedback has been extremely positive. Kendra shared that next year there will be a Prospects (Tier 2) League for the girls. Looking to engage more coaches from D3 in the HP programs. Also shared this will be her last year in the D3 HP programs.
- Registrar: The annual registrars meeting will be on August 31st, 7 p.m. at Plymouth Ice Center in the Center Ice Room. I've sent out an email to the registrars but please pass this info on just in case they missed it.
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: We have worked out an agreement with North Metro and look forward to having our mites skate together this year. We are wondering about the collaboration with D4 this season as we have some tournament scheduled in Southwestern, MN. Is there still a need for hosting a regional tournament? We would be interested in applying.

Delano: no report

Hopkins: Registration is open. Numbers are looking good so far. Blocking off Mondays and Tuesdays for skating and skills development.

Minneapolis: Registration is open, numbers trending as expected.

Mound-Westonka: Registration opened on the 7th, in person registration event on the 10th at Back Channel Brewery, Golf Fund Raiser September 10th, evaluating association dryland training facility locations in Mound. Will have a few team level declaration changes once registration is complete.

North Metro: Registration will be open next week. Looking forward to co-op our Mites with AC. NM is hosting their annual golfing tournament on 8/20 @ Meadowbrook golf course, if interested to participate please visit our website. North Metro will only have 1 Bantam B1 team this upcoming season.

Orono: Registration starting soon, getting ready for golf tourney in Sept, finalizing coaches and pre-season clinics.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report.

St Louis Park: 1. Registration opened on 8/4. 2. SLPHA will once again host Learn to Play sessions, starting up again in September. It's definitely gaining momentum and we are hopeful for solid participation this fall. 3. Hopkins-Park 12U is still deciding between two or three teams, but leaning towards three. 4. HP-Mpls merge at 15U is set again for this coming season. Will host 15A and 15B. May need a 15A-level goalie but we have some options. 5. We are exploring all options for new player recruitment; school papers, better social media, leveraging current players' families for recruiting. 6. SLP is considering moving our 2nd Bantam team to A. We'd have AA and A & B2. Number of BSM registered players will be the deciding factor.

1. SLPHA would like to host one of the Pee Wee regional tournaments.
2. regarding the new rule changes from USA Hockey, there was a spirited discussion on the elimination of the offsides tag up rule for Bantams and 15U at our last board meeting. I see that it was discussed at our July D3 meeting; to your knowledge, is USA Hockey getting a lot of pushback on this one? Do we as a district have a stance on it?
3. SLPHA wanted to discuss options for a D3 3v3 league for 10U and Squirts prior to Thanksgiving. Of course, we don't want to go against the district directive on this but just want to explore if this is still within the spirit of the guidance.
4. Our Mite coordinator asked if the district is still in search for Mite coordinator, as he did not see it on the district site, but he thinks that it is needed.
5. Minnesota hockey is supposed to have an updated MN Hockey Model/program for associations. Quite possible this was discussed at the leadership conference; any updates?

Wayzata: Registration opens 8/13.

Old Business:
New Business:

Adjourn TIME: 9:05 Motion: Andy Seconded: Brad

APPROVED