



/1 Minnesota Hockey District 3
 Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
 Zoom Video Conference
 Wednesday, July 14, 2021

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| x | Nicole Brodersen | District Director | | Association Reps |
| x | Mark Brandt | President/Scheduling | x | Brian Thul ACYHA |
| x | Shelly Johnson | Administrator | x | Kristi Duis Delano Area |
| | | | | Bob Larson Hopkins |
| | Cheryl Myers | Social Media/Comm. | | Bill Robeck Hockey Operations |
| | Machele Whitmore | Registrar | x | Brad Butler Mound Westonka |
| x | Neil Olson | BHRA President | x | Kity Marinac North Metro |
| | Matt Olsonoski | BHRA Supervisor | x | Kelly Greene Orono |
| x | Mike Anderson | BHRA Scheduler | x | Steve Fischer OMG |
| x | Michelle Jirik | Tourney Coord. | | Paul Steenerson OMG |
| | Kendra Verbeten | HP/Tier 1/Treasurer | | 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: |
| x | Diane Margenau | Membership Devel. | | Rob Otos for SLP |
| x | Greg Gibson | JGHSL | | |
| | Todd Larson | JGHSL | | |
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- **Call to order TIME:** 7:03
- June Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Matt L
 Minutes approved

District 3 Director Report- MN Hockey annual meeting was held. There have been rule changes and they have been communicated via the MN Hockey newsletter. If you are not subscribed to that, please subscribe on MN Hockey site. Make sure and communicate rule changes to coaches and parents. A link on your association website to the rule would be a good idea. Penalty minutes will be by game length now, now level of team. Make sure managers, volunteers, etc. know this. Have a sheet at score/clock table showing the details.

USA Hockey implementing new match penalty plan. D3 will still have a grievance committee. A 3 game consequence will be offered to families with no hearing. Hearings may still be warranted and if so-will be scheduled. We will communicate details and process for D3.

Make sure coaches and volunteers are completing all the requirements (background screenings, safesport, CEP). Need this done before on the ice and with players-even during preseason activities.

D4 will be combined with D3 this season-will only impact some levels. Will work to minimize travel and doesn't look like impacting girls' teams as of now.

Reminder that MN Hockey identifies the function of a district board as an advisory board. Districts try and deal with priorities of the different associations-which can vary. Need patience and understanding. Girls planning may feel behind, but it is not. Girls league planning is happening with district directors. D3 does still need a girls coordinator. Please submit candidates! Cannot be on association board and prefer individual without a daughter currently playing.

Until we have all team declarations, we cannot make specific determination on what league play will look like. Turn in by June 15 at 7:00pm. We have been discussing this since May.

Squirt league play will start after Thanksgiving. Before that can do tourneys, practice, play in house. All should be getting the same experience regardless of level (A, B, C).

Will be having a squirt development meeting with Mike Terwilliger.

Discussion/question about 35 game limit for squirts. It is required for all districts. Some may not follow the rules. It is 35 games, not inclusive of district tourney at the end of the season. Can do shared practices and 3x3 as well.

D3 will be hosting PWA and B regions. Let Nicole know if interested in hosting.

District 3 President Report- Working on getting things in place for the upcoming season. Here is some information that has been sent to your association schedulers for the upcoming season. District 3 has decided to move away from the end of year tournament rotation and change to a permanent tournament assignment for each association. This was done for a number of reasons. First, and foremost, to achieve a more equitable use of ice time and volunteer resources based on association size relative to District 3 numbers. A major goal was to assist associations with a more consistent ice time and volunteer hours usage for the end of the season. Hopefully this allows for better planning going into the year. These tournament assignments will be permanent from year to year but if something were to change in the future, in terms of association size or resources, we will be willing to look at changes as needed. Your tournament assignments are listed below. They are based on the number of travel aged players in your association over the past five years as a percentage of the District 3 enrollment. We had 4 years of tournament data to use, and found an average number of ice hours used for each tournament level per year. The tournaments were then assigned to associations by the enrollment percentage and with an effort to balance the start dates for the tournaments. Exact game counts and ice usage for the year won't be known until leagues and team counts are finalized later this fall. You can take a look at the tournament page of the D3 website and look at past years tournament brackets to get an idea of the structure

that is commonly used, as well as the game count that each level typically has. Please let us know if you have any questions.

| <u>Team Level</u> | <u>Ave Ice Hrs/Year</u> | <u>Association Assigned</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BAA | 7.5 | AC |
| PWB1 | 16.5 | AC |
| Squirt B2 | 22.3 | Delano |
| BB1 | 17.8 | Hopkins |
| 12UA | 10.6 | Mpls |
| 15UA | 10.5 | Mpls |
| Squirt C | 21.5 | Mpls |
| PWB2 | 19 | MW |
| 10UA | 8 | North Metro |
| 12UB2 | 8.4 | OMG |
| 15UB | 5.8 | OMG |
| BB2 | 17.8 | OMG |
| PWA | 16.6 | OMG |
| Squirt A | 11.8 | OMG |
| 12UB1 | 9.1 | Orono |
| PWC | 20.8 | Orono |
| 10UB1 | 12 | SLP |
| 10UB2 | 12 | SLP |
| BA | 17.3 | Wayzata |
| BC | 14.1 | Wayzata |
| PWAA | 5 | Wayzata |
| Squirt B1 | 19.3 | Wayzata |

Week 1 Region bound brackets

Week 2 Bantam B2, C, Pee Wee B2, C and 12UB2

Week 3 Squirt and 10U

Conversation about this not being carved in stone. Some associations concerned about not being able to host as much as before. Can have further discussion. Need a solution that works for everyone and be more long term as issues arise each season with current rotation structure.

District 3 Administrator Report- Looking to fill in the gaps on the 2021-22 calendar. Need updates on new association presidents (name and contact info). Future monthly meetings will be a mix of in person and zoom-largely depending on space at PIC. I will note in the emails each month as a reminder. We have booked what is available now. More months may open up once some groups are out that are temporarily using space.

District 3 Treasurer Report- Budget documents sent to all prior to meeting for review. No immediate questions or concerns. Mark indicated we seem to be in a good position and comfortable with how things look.

D3 Associates Reports

- Supervisor of Officials: New rates for officials are posted. Getting together with other districts in state to share info and opinions. Short officials right now. Too much abuse of officials. Information on rule changes needs to get to coaches/parents. Associations should make a plan to deal with problem individuals. PW/12U rates and below will all be the same rate for the upcoming season.
Question if associations can get reports on problem people-Matt O does handle this. Kelly shared he started officiating last year and at 50% of games, coaches were barking at the refs.
- Coach in Chief: CEP classes are being offered virtually throughout the country. Coaches can attend these for credit. There is a Level 5 Coaching Clinic in Duluth this year in August. These are only hosted every 2 years, and they travel around the country. This is a good opportunity for coaches to take advantage of a local Level 5. Nicole added to make sure and let level 4 coaches know as they may not be looking for this opportunity.
- Membership and Development: ACYHA awarded a Pass the Puck Grant. Congrats to ACYHA!
- Jr Gold: Inclusive Jr Gold League for Outstate teams and JGHSL Twin Cities teams: Proposal presented to DDs on May 23rd. Provide update.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position
- Grievance Committee: no report (chair of committee-vacant position)
- Scheduling Coordinator: see Mark's report
- Tournament Coordinator: Hoping to get the district tournament meeting set up for September. Still need the "mistake" trophies from last season returned. Will give trophies to reps for teams that didn't get trophies yet that should have. EMAIL MICHELLE Association tourney director contact info if your association is hosting a jamboree or tourney.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Shelly reported the Tier 1 July off ice program is off and running with incredible participation. The athletes are amazing and all board members are more than welcome to come check it out on Saturday or Sunday mornings in July at Schied Park in GV.
- Registrar: no report
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Board is discussing the financial impact of COVID last season and what changes may need to occur to our current structures. Wondering if this is a concern of other associations? We are committed to working with North Metro's Mite Program if approved at

the district level. Planning to host a golf outing next summer. Do other associations have a golf event?

Delano: Delano board is curious to know how D3 will be handling Squirt/10U

Hopkins: Looking for goalies

Minneapolis: Latest Team Number and Level Projections:

Girls Program - 7 Teams (depends in part on 15U coop with Hopkins/Park): 10U 3 Teams: A, B1, B2 12U 2 Teams A, B1, B2 15U 2 Teams: A, B (could end up being 2x B or just one B)

Squirts - 8 teams: 1 A 1 B1 3 B2 3 C

PWs - 7 Teams: 1-A 1-B1 2-B2 3-C

Bantams - 7 Teams: 1-A 1-B1 2 or 3 -B2 2 or 3 - C

Looking for Bantam Coaches

Mound-Westonka: Would like more details on the D4 partnership and what to expect this season. Number of games discussion brought up the following questions...

Discussion on 5v5 games at mite level being capped at 6, can this be increased to 10? USA Hockey actually has no 5v5 at this level. Nicole shared we get an exception to do this that has been requested each year.

At Squirt C, could the champions of each group play a final game for top team? As teams are declared can look at this again but not definitely. Will explore further.

North Metro: Hosting golf event Aug 20 at Meadowbrook. Possible merger of Mites with AC this upcoming season.

Orono: We will need goalies at PW this year (2-3 needed) with only a returning C goalie from last year.

Osseo Maple Grove: Same topics as last month with planning girls' season, squirt model/committee, and Home/Away schedules where applicable, to limit playing same team too many times and allow teams the ability to schedule other games/tourneys to fill schedule. No progress and a lack of communication amongst D3 since last meeting.

St Louis Park: New D3 rep will be Jeff Luke. New SLP President is Rob Otos. Working on getting registration open before Aug 1. We have a new president. Majority of tournaments have been scheduled for the traveling teams. Learn to Play will be going again in Sept and Oct of this year. A few items from previous meetings: 1. how much are we looking at for a stipend for Mark and Nicole - the SLP board was on the fence but wanted more information. 2. Where are things at regarding district tournaments from what Cheryl presented back in April? SLP would like to host a bigger one. 3. Is the squirt program changing this year and if so when will it be communicated? Also, Justin was the point person and never received any communication

or survey. 4. If SLP has any outstanding bills that need to be sent please send and we will make sure it gets taken care of.

Wayzata: WYHA is seeking goalies at the Bantam B2 and C levels. If a D3 association is projecting too many goalies, contact vptravel@wayzatahockey.org. *We are in discussions with YouthSportsPlus + MNHockey TV for live streaming. Past performance has been poor, but apparently there is a new business structure and the tech. has updated... *Amending "Conduct and Behavior Policy" in our Bylaws.

Old Business:

New Business: Association Leaders Conference in St Louis Park at the Marriott. YOU SHOULD GO, along with others from your association! Aug 6-7. August meeting will be held at PIC

Adjourn TIME: 8:59

Motion: Andy Seconded: Matt L

APPROVED