



October 11, 2006

The October meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on October 11, 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  
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E.  
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator  
David Margenau – Minnesota Hockey Vice President  
Lynn Brandt – C League Coordinator & Registrar

Representatives:

Scott Dornfeld – Armstrong (alt)  
Mitch Trombley – Tri City  
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove  
Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Gene Ferrel – Cooper (alt)  
Marty Solhaug - Blake  
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park  
Greg Erickson – Cooper  
John Gabos – Orono  
Matt Symoniak – Brooklyn Park  
Mike Tabery - Wayzata

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**MINUTES –**

MOTION: Joe Arko moved to accept the September, 2006 minutes as presented.

Jim Gates seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting.**

1. Mr. Gates reported that a Level 2 & 3 referee clinic was held last weekend at Plymouth Ice Center. About 65 referees were in attendance at the Level 2 and 50 at the Level 3. A Level 1 clinic is scheduled for this coming weekend.
2. A score sheet must be completed and used for all tryout scrimmages.
3. About 60 referee evaluations have been completed during tryout scrimmages. Thank you to those associations who allowed this process to take place during their tryouts.
4. Again it was noted that with the new emphasis on rules for this season, there is a video that can be downloaded from USA Hockey. Mr. Brandt suggested that everyone download this video and view it and share it at the coaches and parents meetings. It will be shown at the upcoming Coaches & Managers meetings.
5. More end zone face off interference calls will be made.
6. Referees are willing to meet with association coaches to further explain the new emphasis on rules. Just contact John Sparling for details.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT - John Perry reporting**

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY FALL MEETING REPORT –**

1. Eric Olson and Hal Tearse will be the contact people for Minnesota Hockey on any feedback on the new rules emphasis.

2. Beginning next year, Minnesota Hockey will no longer be a member of the USA Hockey District Minnkota. They will become the Minnesota District.
3. A presentation was made by a group from the Blades organization supporting a pre/post 16 & Under season in order to participate in the USA Hockey National Tournament. An ad-hoc committee was formed to look into it.
4. 3M, a Minnesota Hockey Corporate Sponsor, is sponsoring a program to supply hockey equipment to hockey associations. Contact Mark Jorgenson at Minnesota Hockey for details.
5. The annual Minnesota Hockey summer golf tournament was a success. A new Coordinator is needed. If interested contact Mark Jorgenson.
6. High School sophomores may be added to the fall Elite league. This is still in the developing stage.
7. Bruce Johnson is stepping down as the liaison for the High School Coaches Association.
8. In regards to Minnesota Hockey State Tournaments, if a breakfast banquet is held it must begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and must conclude a minimum of 3 hours before the first scheduled game.
9. At this time, about 900 screenings have been completed by the committee. First time coaches are being screened at this time.
10. Districts 4 & 8 are the only Minnesota Hockey Districts that, at this time, are looking at restructuring. Nothing more is being planned.

#### DISTRICT 3 –

1. There have been no new developments in the Champlin Park/Brooklyn Park discussions. There is another meeting between them on October 17, 2006.
2. GOALIE FORM – (see attached) – In an attempt to address the shortage of goalies, a temporary substitute goalie form is now available. The completion of this form and the approval of the District Director would enable a goalie to play for a team he was not rostered with. The form is available on the District 3 website.
3. Mr. Davis inquired about possible over-lapping District boundaries, in particular District 3 and District 6. Mr. Margenau said that he would look into it.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Mrs. Margenau noted some changes in the calendar, in particular the change of the Coaches/Managers meeting from November 1 to November 5. She also pointed out the addition of CEP clinic dates. This updated calendar is on the website.
2. Mrs. Margenau commented that the Bantam and Pee wee scheduling went very well and that the final schedules would be available soon. Because of some scheduling conflicts, Squirts would be scheduled with the Girls Leagues and C Leagues on October 18. All ice schedulers had been notified of the changes.
3. Mrs. Margenau stated that after speaking with some of the personnel from Districts 3 and 10, there may not be cross-over scheduling next season. The association that appeared to benefit the most from this year's scheduling was Buffalo. Many of the teams want to do their own additional schedule, over and above the district schedule. Of course, it was noted, that the final decision to discontinue this practice would be between the District 3 and District 10 Directors.

#### **S.K.A.T.E.** – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. This year's costs have not yet been decided. Ms. Sullivan needs, from those associations participating, the number of skaters, for ordering materials.
2. At this time, only Cooper and Armstrong are participating from District 3.

3. Mr. Perry commented that Ms. Sullivan has done a great job with S.K.A.T.E. over the years of her involvement.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

MOTION: Brad Davis moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

Scott Dornfeld seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. The Association Tournament Chairpersons meeting, held September 20, 2006, went very well and was well attended.

**A.C.E.** – Dave Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. 3M, Minnesota Hockey Recognition Program
  - A. 2 coaches each month will receive a coaching jacket.
  - B. 20 coaches at the end of the year receive a coaching session with Jacques Lemaire.
  - C. Coaches are nominated by players or parents.
2. Associations need to order their HEP materials.

**MITE REPORT** – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. An organizational meeting was held on September 26, 2006. Everything went well and the meeting was well attended, with most District 3 associations represented. Great discussion, lots of sharing of ideas.
2. A committee was formed.
3. Games will be played cross-ice.
4. Possible mid-season jamboree.

**COACH IN CHIEF** – Dave Margenau reporting.

1. Helmets required for all coaches and worn properly.
2. Marc Sorensen has agreed to become the District 3 Coach in Chief. He and Dave will be co- CIC this season. Dave will continue administrating the CEP clinics this season.

**C LEAGUE** – Lynn Brandt

1. Scheduling will be October 23, 2006, at Plymouth Ice Center.
2. At this time Mrs. Brandt is planning on 9 D3 Squirt teams, 9 D3 Peewee teams and 6 Bantam teams, 3 from D3 and 3 from outside the District.

**GIRLS LEAGUE** – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. State organizational meeting was held last Saturday, October 7, 2006, at the Maple Grove Community Center.
2. There will be girl’s regional tournaments this season. The winners of the Regional Tournament will go to the State Tournament.

3. Wayzata will be hosting a 19 & Under team. OMGHA may also host a 19 & Under team.
4. It was noted that to participate on a 19 & Under team, a girl does not have to be attending school.
5. District 3 will be hosting a 14 & Under A regional. Orono stated they may be able to host the regional.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Mr. Brandt, in addressing future needs of District 3, stated that part of a long range plan needs to rethink the size of our leagues and address the number of teams in each league.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Gene Ferrel seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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.