



June 10, 2009

The June meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on June 10, 2009, at the Crystal Community Center.

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

Introductions were made.

Those present:

Scott Dornfeld – Director

John Perry – Past Director

Mark Brandt – President

Diane Margenau – Administrator

Jim Gates – Referee in Chief

John Sparling – President, Beltline Referee Association

Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer Beltline Referees

Amy Johnson – Girls League Coordinator

Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator

Representatives:

Matt Boente - Blake

Tim Sweeney – Hopkins (alt.)

Carrie Starry - Wayzata

Bill Hills – St. Louis Park

Jon Piazza – Armstrong Cooper

Craig Englund – North Metro

Todd Elmer – Osseo Maple Grove

Guests:

Greg Gibson – President, Wayzata Hockey Assoc.

Mark Smith – Mound Westonka

MINUTES –

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

Jim Gates seconded.

Discussion: Mike Anderson stated that the Referee's Report should read, ".....there would not be a pay increase for league games for the upcoming year but retain pay increase options for next Spring. He continued by stating that there *may* be some increases in charges for invitational tournaments."

The motion carried with corrections.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson reporting.

1. Jim Gates stated that this is a USA Hockey Rule change year and that there will be some new rules going into effect.
2. August 1, 2009 is the annual referees golf outing. Contact John Sparling for information.
3. August 21, 2009, Zebra Open, Stonebrook Golf Course. Proceeds to Cancer Fund. More information available on the MH web site.
4. Fall Seminars –
Levels 2 & 3 – September 19, 2009 – Brooklyn Park Community Center
Level 1 – October 4, 2009 - Brooklyn Park Community Center

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. MH Discernment Committee Report – (see attached)
A discussion followed where concern was shown by the representatives as to why a new Participation Rule is being presented. Why is MH making such drastic changes? Many stated that more thought needs to be put into this decision before any votes are taken.
2. 2010 District 3 MH Tournaments –
REGIONS -
Bantam A & 16 & Under – hosted by Wayzata Youth Hockey
Peewee A – Osseo Maple Grove Youth Hockey
Bantam B – St. Louis Park Youth Hockey
STATE –
16 & Under – Wayzata Youth Hockey

3. MH Tournament Committee is proposing a 2 Man refereeing system for region and state tournaments for Bantams and below. Junior Gold would continue to use the 3 man system. District 3 would not support this change.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting

1. Mark Brandt stated that he has some concerns regarding the size of the Peewee B and Bantam B leagues in District 3. The Squirt B issue has been resolved with the limiting of the number of league games. Mark proposes a 2 level league for D3's B's. If Mound Westonka play in D3's league schedule this will add still more games.

Todd Elmer stated that he felt it was important to keep the integrity of league play. Maintaining a higher number of league games may control the number of invitational tournaments a team would participate in. League games are more cost effective than tournament games.

Greg Gibson stated that some of the league games in D3 are lopsided and that parents are not happy with this. Is there some way to control this? How can we make games more competitive?

Mark stated that all associations need to place their teams at the appropriate level of play. Decisions need to be made as to whether or not a team should play at the B1 or the B2 level.

A straw vote was taken and most associations were in favor of trying a 2 tier system for league play.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. No July meeting. Our next meeting will be August 12, 2009.

2. A former St. Louis Park representative to District 3, Jim Bayres, died suddenly this past week. Jim had been an active member in the St. Louis Park Hockey Association for a number of years and a good friend to youth hockey. The District will send a plant to the funeral.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. MOTION: Todd Elmer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Bill Hills seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Diane stated that she would be sending out the proposed budget for 2009-2010 before the next meeting.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS –

OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Todd Elmer reporting.

1. Not getting any satisfaction from the Morris Benson Hockey Association in regards to the air quality issue in the arena during the Regional Peewee tournament this past season where several of the OMGHA players went to the local emergency room. Several families had out of pocket expenses that they feel the hosting association is responsible for. Todd was advised to get in touch with the arena rather than the association.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Bill Hills reporting.

1. There are some issues with the Storm that need to be resolved before next season. St. Louis Park is still not sure what the situation is between Richfield and Washburn Hockey Associations. This relationship will affect St. Louis Park levels of play and teams that they will field. The Director of District 1 has said that the Southwest and St. Louis Park relationship is ongoing.

WAYZATA – Greg Gibson reporting.

1. Wayzata Youth Hockey Association recently gave the City of Plymouth \$21,000.00.

2. Registration begins in July.

3. Wayzata willing to host additional D3 tournaments.

4. Plan to add another Junior Gold team next season.

NORTH METRO – Craig Englund reporting.

1. Hockey Operations are working at designating teams and at what level they will be playing. Have not done a good job of this in the past.

ARMSTRONG COOPER – Jon Piazza reporting.

1. Working at deciding what teams they will field for the upcoming season.
2. Have a concern with the arena and what to do if the system fails. Are working at being pro active to deal with this problem if it happens.

BLAKE – Matt Boente reporting

1. Matt was recently elected President of the Blake Hockey Association which means he will be doing the majority of the work.
2. Have concerns for the future but take it one year at a time.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Looking for a person to take over duties. Hope to have a name to present at the next meeting.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. A Recruiting and Retention Booklet has been completed. Hope to be able to distribute it in August.
2. A possible R. & R. State wide meeting in the near future.
3. January 22-24, 2010 – Minnesota Hockey Week-end. Associations should begin now to plan special events.

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

1. Please contact Sandie if your association is interested in the skate program.
2. Sandie has begun working on a special R. & R. project for MH. More information to come.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Amy Johnson reporting.

1. Working on forming an 8 & Under level of play. Will be holding a girls coordinators meeting soon.

OLD BUSINESS –

GOLF TOURNAMENT –

1. John Sparling, Scott Dornfeld, Dave Nyquist and Mark Brandt will be representing D3 in the MH Golf Tournament.
2. All proceeds go to the MH Scholarship Fund,

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE –

1. Wayzata will be hosting a recreational league this coming season. Any association having questions please contact Mark Brandt.

MOTION: Carrie Starry moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jim Gates seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting.

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.

