



June 14, 2006

The regular meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on June 14, 2006, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Introductions were made.

**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. Coordinator  
Kathy Fallen – Girls Coordinator  
David Margenau – Minnesota Hockey Maroon V.P.

**Representatives:**

Scott Dornfeld – Armstrong (alt)  
D3 Tournament Coordinator  
Matt Symoniak – Brooklyn Park  
Mitch Trombley – Tri City  
Mike Tabery - Wayzata  
Steve Robinson – Orono  
Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park  
Marty Solhaug – Blake (alt.)  
Todd Frisvold – OMGHA

**Guests:**

Marc Sorenson – Wayzata Hockey Assoc.  
Greg Gibson – President, Wayzata Hockey Assoc.

**MINUTES –**

**MOTION:** Mike Tabery moved to accept the May minutes as presented.  
Scott Dornfeld seconded.  
The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Mr. Gates presented two By-law changes for the 2006-2007 Rules & Regulations. After a brief explanation by Mr. Gates, Mrs. Margenau stated that she would incorporate these suggested changes into the preliminary copy and that it would be available for approval at the August meeting.
2. The suggestion by the District 3 Board to the Beltline Referee Board concerning using a 3 man referee system for all Bantam games was reviewed by the Beltline Referee Board. At this time it is their feeling that this would not be a good change and suggests that the referee system used for Bantam B's remain unchanged. If a change had been adopted the Bantam's would be used as a training facility for referees moving up to a higher level. It was felt that coaches at the Bantam level would not appreciate this. At this time referees wishing to referee at a higher level are trained during 16 & Under games. Scheduling would also be a concern. It was felt by the Beltline Referee Board that this change would not be an improvement over the 2 man system.

The District, in hearing the referees concerned, decided not to pursue this issue at this time.

3. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to set up a scholarship in Bill Leslie's name from the Beltline Referee Association.

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

1. This year’s program has ended and the winners to the statewide contest are listed on the Minnesota Hockey Journal website. District 3 had one winner.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – John Perry reporting.

1. Mr. Perry congratulated Sandie Sullivan for receiving the Director’s Award for 2005-2006 season. Mr. Perry stated that Sandie has been a strong supporter of the program and is an asset to the District 3 Board.

2. Mr. Perry read some of the changes that USA Hockey made at their recent congress in Colorado:

- A. Helmets are now required for all coaches.
- B. Accepted the “tag-up” rule for Junior Gold teams.
- C. Minnesota is now their own USA Hockey District, no longer a part of Minnkota.

3. Champlin Park Hockey Association has sent a letter of intent to Minnesota Hockey to leave District 10 and to become part of District 3, beginning in 2007.

Mr. Perry urged the Representatives to take this proposal back to their home associations for discussion and to understand how this may impact each association.

This proposal needs the approval of Minnesota Hockey.

4. Mr. Perry stated that District 3 is making a strong effort to get screening forms into Minnesota Hockey as soon as possible. Mrs. Margenau will be contacting everyone as soon as the new forms are available. Associations are also encouraged to have their Boards submitted completed screening forms to Mrs. Margenau as soon as they are completed. The District is hoping to have the majority of these forms into Minnesota Hockey by early August.

5. The Advanced 15 camp in St. Cloud will be starting this coming weekend and running through June 22, 2006.

6. The Minnesota Hockey state budget is looking very good at this time. Mr. Perry serves on the Finance Board.

7. Mr. Perry and Mr. Margenau met with representatives from St. Louis Park and Southwest Hockey Associations. They will again be joining their 2 programs for the 2006-7 season. The attached is a list of their level of play and the league they will be playing in. They will be known as Minneapolis Park.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Mrs. Margenau distributed a preliminary calendar. There were some questions she addressed to the Board concerning particular dates, especially the dates for the end-of-season tournament for the C League, Squirt League and 10 U League. As was presented on the preliminary calendar, District 3 would be hosting these tournaments the same time as the boys State High School Hockey Tournament. Mrs. Margenau’s concern dealt with the fact that associations might have trouble getting people to work the District 3 tournament. It was noted that the District tournament would cover several days, hopefully enough to get the tournament completed. The calendar will be voted on for approval at the August meeting.

2. Mrs. Margenau distributed a preliminary Rules & Regulations, By-laws. Suggested changes are marked in bold print. The Rules & Regulations and By-laws will be voted on for approval at the August meeting.

3. There is no July District 3 meeting. The next meeting is now scheduled for August 9, 2006.
4. Mrs. Margenau and Mr. and Mrs. Brandt met with Mike Bosquez to discuss improvements for the District 3 website. The meeting went very well and they feel that the proposed upgrades for next season will work very well. It was noted that there will probably be a charge in the amount of about \$500.00 for the website in the future. Mrs. Margenau will be adding this as a line item to the proposed budget for next year.
5. Mrs. Margenau said that she will be out of town from the end of June until early August and that she can be reached via email or calling her. She will be checking both her emails and phone messages while she is gone.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Mrs. Margenau stated that the proposed budget for next year was not yet available but that she would be sending it out via email to everyone within the week. She would also send out the final finance sheet and budget update via email. Mrs. Margenau asked that everyone take some time to review the proposed budget and that discussion and a vote would take place at the August meeting.

**GIRLS REPORT** – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. Mrs. Fallen and the girl's coordinators from District 3 met on June 1, 2006 to review this past season and to make plans for the upcoming season. They will be meeting again on June 21, 2006.
2. It has been requested that C.E.P. certification levels be the same for coaches of girl's teams as it is for youth teams. Mr. Margenau said that he would speak with Mike MacMillan about it.
3. There is an attempt to make 14 U's more appealing to girls so that they don't jump to a high school team.
4. At this time Wayzata is still willing to serve as the host association for a District 19 U team.
5. Some of the girl's coordinators would like to see a core group of evaluators from the District help with evaluation of girl's teams during try-outs, the purpose being more continuity in the level of play between associations.
6. OMGHA is planning on having 4 weeks of development for 10 U's before picking their A & B team.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld.

1. Have not set up the date for the association coordinators meeting.
2. Will be encouraging all associations to adopt Fair Play for their invitational tournaments.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

**TOURNAMENT ROTATION** –

1. President Brandt asked the Representatives if their home associations had discussed tournament rotation. After a straw survey it was evident that half the associations were interested in having a set rotation for state tournaments while half the associations were not. It was decided not to pursue it at this time.
2. The District Tournament rotation was review by Mrs. Margenau and although she had made some changes a permanent one will be available at the August meeting.

**SQUIRT B LEAGUE PROPOSAL** – David Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. Mr. Margenau presented a revised Squirt B League proposal.

MOTION: Steve Robinson moved to accept the proposed Squirt B League for 2006-2007 season.

Brad Davis seconded.

The motion carried with one abstention.

**CONTINUATION OF SQUIRT, 10 U END-OF-SEASON TOURNAMENTS** –

1. Mrs. Margenau stated that the issue of not hosting a squirt or 10 U tournament came up at the end of last season. Some coaches feel the tournament is held too late in the season. Some associations have a difficult time getting people to work the tournament. Some ice arenas no longer have ice and the tournaments have to be hosted in another arena. Give all this; Mrs. Margenau felt the District needed to look at whether or not we want to continue hosting this tournament.

It was noted that if the Board approves the proposed calendar, these tournaments, along with the C tournaments, will be moved up one week.

After a straw vote, it was decided to continue hosting these tournaments.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**HOSTS FOR THE 2007 BANTAM A, BANTAM B REGIONAL, BANTAM B, PEEWEE B STATE TOURNAMENTS** –

1. Wayzata Hockey Association presented a plan to host all four tournaments. With no other hockey association interested in hosting a tournament for next season, the four tournaments were presented to the Wayzata Hockey Association with the District thanks.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Matt Symoniak seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:30 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.