



**Minnesota Hockey District 3  
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes  
Zoom Video Conference  
Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		<b>Association Reps</b>
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
	Aric Stienessen	Treasurer		Reid Paul Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.		Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
x	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer OMG
	Chad Nicholls	Tourney Coord.		Paul Steenerson OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Todd Dvorak St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		Nicholas Cook Wayzata
	Ron Warren	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Rob Roy	Girls Coordinator		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		Bob Larson for Hopkins
	Greg Gibson	Metro League		Catie Boyum for SLP
	Todd Larson	Metro League		

- **Call to order TIME: 7:02**
- May Minutes: Motion to approve: Mike M      Seconded: Kelly  
Minutes approved

1. **District 3 Director Report-** Hot topic is return to play. MN Hockey send out a newsletter. If you are not getting, you can sign up to get it on the MN Hockey website. Planning on a regular season including tournaments-but will be dependent on any changes from the Governor. Can go on MN Covid website and look at what sports are deemed, low, medium and high risk. The more each association communicates with families, the better. The MN Hockey summer meeting is scheduled for June 26-28, may end up being virtual. Will have more communications after that meeting. Please make sure association presidents got the email relating to covid waiver, also presidents should make sure and read email about registration and refund policies. Encouraging associations to register for tourneys that can be released and refunded if necessary. The Competition Committee will be meeting to review declarations.

D3 is assigned region tournaments for Bantam and Peewee B (one host) and 12UA (one host). Let Nicole know if your association is interested in hosting. Welcome to new registrar Machele Whitmore and Michelle Jirik who will be transitioning in as Tournament Coordinator.

2. **District 3 Administrator Report-** Building the 2020-2021 schedule. Starting to think through fall meetings if need to do virtually-what will that look like and how can we make sure people participate and get the info they need?
3. **District 3 President Report-** A virtual meeting for Ice Schedulers is scheduled for Monday June 22 @ 7:00pm. Avario is hosting the meeting. Any invite was sent to all the schedulers from last year. If your association has a new scheduler, please get me the contact info so that we can get them included in on the meeting Based upon the MN Hockey plan we will plan on a scheduling a regular season. Ice schedulers should be in contact with association rinks about what is happening at their specific rinks. Mike M asked if it is up to each rink to decide what to do with protocols. Mark said all rinks should be following the MN Hockey minimum guidelines and can certainly do more if they choose.
4. **District 3 Treasurer Report-** still looking for new treasurer, exploring options
5. **D3 Associates Reports –**
  - Supervisor of Officials: Continued conversation about reducing officials for bantam b1 games from three to two and increasing bantam aa from three to four. Would like input from associations. Based on those discussions, will likely be able to propose rates next month. Nicole said no strong opinion either way, need to change bylaws and just get the feedback from associations. Bantam A would stay at three officials. Kelly shared he personally liked the idea. BHRA would like to do this, would reduce scrimmage costs for bantam b1. Nicole asked that reps email their boards before next meeting and get feedback. Diane asked why cutting back. Matt said this would allow for more official availability and possibly less blackout dates. Mike A added that three are just not needed at the B1 level anymore. B1 used to be the development level for A, now we also have AA teams. Diane added that maybe with the virus, taking one more person off the ice is a good idea anyway.
  - Registrar: If a coach is in need of CEP training this year, they can apply for a COVID-19 temporary card for the 2020-2021 season through USA Hockey. This is for Level 1 to Level 3 renewals. The current expiration date for the temporary card application is June 30th. Coaches interested in getting a temp card this season need to

register themselves with USA Hockey and follow the steps on-line. The cost of the temporary card is \$50.

<https://www.usahockey.com/coachingclinicsfollow>

<https://myevents.usahockey.com/2020tempcard> Please make sure that any coaches that will require CEP training for the upcoming season are aware of this.

- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: As you are all aware, this is a challenging time for everyone. It is also a time where we in the hockey community need to focus on the immediate needs of our individual associations. I am suggesting 3 plans that may be of help. USA Hockey offers a number of webinars. One that I am strongly encouraging members of your association's executive board, and of course for D3 Board members, to watch is Katie Holmgren's, "How To Grow Your Association Membership." You can find this on Youtube. Finances will be an issue for the 2020-21 season. As a reminder, Minnesota Hockey continues to offer their "Grow the Game" grants. I believe there will be a great demand for these grants this year, so I suggest submitting your association's application immediately.

I am in the planning stage of setting up a Zoom meeting in early July for all associations Membership Directors. I plan on working with Derek Ricki from Minnesota Hockey and possibly someone from USA Hockey. The main purpose for this meeting will be to share with all the associations in District 3 what is being done locally to encourage new members to sign up for youth hockey and at the same time what associations are doing to retain their existing membership. It is therefore, very important that all District 3 associations have a designated Membership Director or someone who will participate in the discussion. All associations, no matter the size, are dealing with similar challenges. This year's Try Hockey for Free dates are not set yet, will share when have more info. D3 always does a good job on our own as well.

- Jr Gold: Connor Cieminski of Wayzata JGA was awarded a MN Hockey Scholarship.
- Girls League Coordinator: no report
- Grievance Committee: no report
- Scheduling Coordinator: see president report
- Tournament Coordinator The Tournament Director's annual meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday September 23rd, 7pm at the SLP Rec Center. We had discussed hosting an additional meeting this

spring but with that delayed perhaps the fall meeting date should be moved up? Fyi, I have completed my last season as the D3 Tourney Coordinator. The plan is to transition the role over to Michelle Jirik for the upcoming season. Michelle is currently the Tournament Director at St. Louis Park and is excited about getting involved at the district level. She is attending this month's meeting.

- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: The HP Planning Committee has been working hard to plan, refine, re-plan and re-refine our fall programming. We are moving tryouts to the first week of August in hopes of being able to scrimmage at that time. We have put together a pre-season program that consists of both on-ice and off-ice options for our athletes to get them in shape for tryouts. It is scheduled to begin July 5. We will have a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00pm to go over all of the program offerings and the fall Tier One/Two programs. Tier One activities will kick off with TRIA weekend on August 7-9. Both programs will have practice and games starting late August. More info is available on the D3 website. We have started to look at booking our ice for the spring 2021 HP programs. One concern voiced over multiple years is the timing of the Girls Summer Camp. It is often scheduled to begin while some of our associations are still in school. We do not have the dates yet for next summer. Once we have them, they will be forwarded to you with school year data. It would be great if D3 could take the lead on voicing our District's displeasure with multiple voices about the timing. Kids miss enough school due to hockey because of weekend tournaments, regions and state. They don't need to miss more because of the timing of an advanced camp.
- Hockey Operations: no report

## **6. D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Filling open board positions Hockey Ops Planning for 2020-21 season Charitable gambling start-up.  
Will D3/MN Hockey have a template for communicating Covid 19 cases/infection that could Potentially occur at an association's rink?  
Thought it might be good to have a standard policy/procedure/action plan if needed especially between associations. I think it would make sense to have a consistent process. Maybe MHD has information. Could be part of MH phase 3?

Delano: Still needing a 12UB goalie for next season - please let us know if you have anyone that wants to have their own net for the season!! Adding a 15U team to our Girls program - will need a few more skaters to fill that roster. Adding a 2nd Junior Gold team for the Boys program.

Hopkins: Summer clinics starting up next week. Had to juggle some ice times around to accommodate size limitations. Working with Minnetonka ice arena since only one sheet of ice is available at this time.

Minneapolis: no report

Mound-Westonka New board members voted in last month. Board approved moving forward with new dryland training facility. Still working to finalize the girl's coop agreement with Orono.

North Metro: Working on advertising our tournaments, figuring out our summer skate programs, return to ice Covid Plan. What else is everyone doing on this topic?

Orono: Moving forward with summer planning. The ice is scheduled to be back in by June 22nd. Annual meeting pushed out to June 23, so we can meet and vote in person.

Osseo Maple Grove: Boys Traveling: Right now we are looking at potentially one additional squirt team to the mix as well. Likely at the B2 level to make a total of 11 teams. Girls Traveling: After digging into our U10 numbers a little more, we are right on the cusp of 5 teams. Originally we communicated we'd have 4 teams, but it could potentially be 5 and if that occurs we'd probably go with A, B1, B1, B2, B2, as this group is not as deep as this past years group.

St Louis Park: Would like info on what to tell parents about upcoming season. Something to assure them that practices, games and a season will happen. Elections happening in mid June.

Wayzata: We are delaying registration until August 1 this year with our experience of limited registrants July 1 - August 1 and with uncertainty on return to ice. We will be following Minnesota Hockey protocol on PIC / WCMS utilization.

With uncertainty of season and tournaments, WYHA would like to understand if there would be opportunity to reserve two open weekends in 2020 - 21 from D3 league play to allow for add-on tournaments. In addition, we would be interested in hearing how

other associations are viewing registration this year (e.g. budgeting for more scholarships, incentives).

7. **Old Business:** need for new treasurer-have a short term solution to get invoice taken care of. Working on long term solution.
8. **New Business:** Look at draft calendar next meeting
9. **Adjorn TIME:** 7:45      Motion: Kelly      Seconded: Mike M

Approved