



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

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

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:01
 - September Minutes: Motion: Reid Seconded: Kelly
Minutes approved
 - 2019-20 Rules and Regs
Discussion: Kristi-why are 12A and 12B length of periods different? Mark shared that it is consistent with other districts and keeps it uniform for crossover games. D3 bills associations different based on the levels of play. Diane: SLP had question about changing “indoor ice” to “artificial ice”. Mark said this opens up to being able to use outdoor ice which we cannot do right now for league games. Chad shared he knows SLP is looking ahead to next season. Nicole said we can still have discussion for next season but need to see use of outdoor facility being used effectively under the current agreements allowing the use of the ROC.
Motion to approve: Bill Seconded: Nicholas
2019-2020 rules and regs approved.
1. **District 3 Director Report**-Nicole: Congratulations to the Girls 14U Tier 1 Team for making it to the USA Hockey Tier 1 National Championships. The 14U Boys had a great season as well and lost in championship game to

Shattuck 2-0. Boys 15U plays this weekend (Oct 12-13) at PIC for chance to qualify for Nationals.

The girls state meeting is scheduled for Oct 13 -Rob and Nicole will be attending. 12UB1 and 12UB2 will only be played with D3 and D6 so far. Associations Reps should send their association's contact info for mite and 8U coordinators to Nicole. A meeting will be scheduled. There is no change to number of games and still need permission to play outside D3. The form is on the website.

Info from the MN Hockey fall meeting included info on the USA Hockey fair play initiative. Videos are available on the USA Hockey website. This will be reviewed at the fall coach and manager meetings. We need to promote in a positive way. Checking is not being removed from youth hockey but rather the efforts are focused on keeping it safe.

Head coach and manager meetings are mandatory. If a team has co-head coaches, both should attend. D3 board members should also attend these meetings. We have a lot of new reps and presidents this season.

2. **District 3 Administrator Report**-Shelly: Continuing to add updates to the fall presentations for coaches and managers.
3. **District 3 President Report**-Mark: League Game Scheduling has been moving along. Bantam and Pee wee teams are all completed. There may be some adjustment needed to games to make sure that there back to back with another game. There have been 2 issues that have caused some challenges in the process. The first one is changes in what teams different associations are going to field teams at. Had several associations make changes during the process. It appears that most of these changes have been at a B2 or C Level. Based upon that we are probably going to schedule the AA, A and B1 teams at a level, and then come back to the B2 and C teams at a later date in the future. Will actually help with getting games back to back also. I would like to know from every association when they will be holding Squirt and 10U tryouts this year so if we need to make adjustments to the scheduling dates for the B2 and C league at those classifications we can do that. The second issue that we have been having issues with is the crossover games with other Districts. There needs to be a better plan moving forward otherwise there is a lot of confusion. This is something that is one of my goals to fix before next year. Trying to get teams to 16-18 games, but also need to keep schedules balanced to avoid random draws and some teams with lighter schedules. Plan next year is to have associations meet with the competition committee in June with preliminary team declarations. Should be based on historical data. Example, bantams typically can have a 10% drop. Effort is in the interest of being proactive and if we can identify potential issues sooner, it would help. Discussion that for smaller associations, the margin of error can be so small. Might also discuss at meeting when associations plan to hold tryouts and look at adjusting ice/game scheduling based on that info. We

can also look at when league and playoff game start. Can we stretch some games out further (B2s?).

Delano: 12Ua only has 10 games. Mark indicated there will be more but need to wait until after the state girl's hockey meeting this weekend. Nicole added that we can never confirm the girls side until the state hockey meeting reviews the statewide data. Ice schedulers should not give up ice allocated to these teams until all confirmed.

Is there a plan to add more games for Bantam A and B1? Only 14 games currently. Associations could support additional games for these teams with additional ice. Associations only invoiced for actual league games played, so resources could be used this way.

Mark added there will be a November meeting with ice schedulers to review and wind down.

Hopkins: Our board discussed idea of having people on the ice simply to help move nets etc during practices and not have these people need to have full coaching credentials. This has been talked about before and not likely to happen. It is a USA Hockey rule and is a insurance liability concern.

4. District 3 Treasurer Report-Aric: no report

D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: MN Hockey pilot program involving Checking from Behind and Boarding rules. Minimum penalty for each infraction will be a 5 minute major and 10 minute misconduct. These rules will be in effect during all leagues games in district 3, as well as cross over games with District 6 at the 12U, 15U, PeeWee, and Bantam levels. District 5 will also be a part of the program during league games at the PeeWee AA and Bantam AA level. This rule will NOT be used during any invitational tournaments, but will be used during the district tournament at the same levels. MN Hockey is purchasing posters to be displayed at all rinks. The posters are title Respect the Refs. Once I receive the posters, I will distribute them to each arena. Losing refs. Younger refs have high rate of not returning. Data now exists to show the problem. A lot of it has to do with how refs are treated. Across the board in all sports, problem of losing officials. Lack of games is another reason we lose refs. Do we go back to officiating mite games? Discussion for down the road.
- Registrar: no report ...But please remind registrars to have team profiles entered into the portals. Coaches need to be properly registered to be on the ice.
- Coach in Chief: 110-120 at level 2 CEP last weekend. Make sure people know that if coaching anything other than mites, need to take level 2. If coaching only mites, can stay level 1 as long as staying at mites.

- Membership and Development: Try Hockey for Free -some association have been doing already. If doing this event, have verified as a special event to have insurance verified.
- Metro League:
JrGold Team declarations due to GGG by 7:00pm Wednesday 11/20
Provide GGG with Head Coach contact info if known
MHL game scheduling Monday 11/25, 7:00pm at Schwan's Convention Ctr. Each team must be present with ice to schedule 24 league games (12 away, 12 home)
Sat 11/23 & Sun 11/24: MHL coach level certification at Crown Plaza Plymouth
Safesport: all players who turn 17 before Dec 31, 2019 must complete Safesport training before participating in any events.
If unsure if having a Jr Gold Team or have players needing a spot, please contact Greg.
- Girls League Coordinator: see Nicole's report
- Grievance Committee: no report
- Scheduling Coordinator: Do have game rescheduling up and running and has been tested. All scheduling adjustments will need to use this form. There will be a short window for game changes at start of season- but must have legitimate reason. Mark will be providing deadline for that window. Rescheduling fees will be billed to associations this year, not the team. Associations can bill team if they choose.
- Tournament Coordinator: Mandatory meeting for all TDs was held on 9/25. OMGHA must contact Nicole regarding absence.
- Social Media/Website: Coach and manager registration will occur this year. Will be limited to one coach and one manager this year to limit the size of the list. Will be live day of manager and coach meetings.
- HP/Tier 1: see Nicole's report
- Hockey Operations: Conference call with district hockey directors on Sep 25 covered the following: Coaching Certification and Procedures Collaboration btwn Association HDC's and Coaches Hennepin County Grants.

5. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Team evaluations have been completed for Bantam, PW, U15 and U12

Delano: Hosted a Girls Hockey Weekend Season Kickoff Picnic - Intro, 8U, 10U, 12U, JV, and Varsity. Hosting only one 10UB1 team. Bantam A, B1 - would prefer to play teams three times to get to 18 league games vs. only 14 league games.

Hopkins: Team Tucker Hockey Explosion completed last weekend. Great event! Tryouts - starting this week and will be completed by Sunday, Oct 13th. Bantam Level - due to low numbers at this level Hopkins will be joining with St. Louis Park to help form 2 teams at the Bantam level. This partnership helps both associations. Will be dropping a 15U team.

Minneapolis: Registration #'s at both PW and SQ came in below expectations forcing us to reduce SQ teams by 1 and moving one of our PWB2 teams down to C. Also an adjustment at 15's - we had planned to have two teams but will likely end up with only 1 after HS tryouts take place (most likely 15B). Evaluations in full swing with Bantam/PW/U12 complete; SQ and U10 wrap up this weekend. Try Hockey for Free this Saturday @ Parade. Hockey Day in Minnesota planning starting to pick up steam; **we will need additional volunteers and will be looking for D3 associations/members that are willing to help out (Thu Jan 16 thru Sat Jan 18). Will need 400-500 Saturday that weekend, couple hundred that Friday.**

Mound-Westonka: Tryouts for the girls are underway, boys start this week- October 10th. Search for Hockey Operations Director continues. Looking for additional paid coaches at the squirt and bantam levels.

North Metro: Two openings for squirt B1 tourney over Thanksgiving weekend.

Orono: Evaluations completed for BTM/PW. 12 & 10 will be done this week and squirts the following week. OYHA dropped the BTM C team due to numbers Working to get the seasons started. Please remember that Orono Ice Arena has changed names to Morrison Arena.

Osseo Maple Grove: Our Girls traveling coordinator is looking for updates on the formation of the new U12 league formations D3/D6? Everything on track and moving forward? *(see prior girls discussion earlier in meeting)*

St Louis Park: Tryouts are beginning. Bantams are complete. Looking to take on some Hopkins players to add to our C team and move a couple players up to B1 and B1 to A. Will begin adding off ice training equipment in East rink. Fortis trainers will lead coaches and kids in off-ice programs 2 times per month.

Wayzata: Looking for 5 players for 15UB team. Need Bantam B2 and C goalies.

6. Old Business:

Items brought up at May Meeting:

*** Bracket deadline for playoffs by MEA. Reminder**

Need brackets online updated so ice scheduler can use. Cheryl will update. **We will be reviewing the brackets and approving at the November meeting. Please review before November meeting.**

7. New Business:

SLP-Need and want to know who U8 or mite coordinator for D3 is. *Nicole is main person.* Would like to meet early November if possible. Would like to change word in section 4.1.8. Want to change "indoor" to "artificial". (see rules and regs discussion)

SLP-Would like to have a discussion on how AA and A switch has benefited or hurt D3 associations. Has it helped Minnesota Hockey in developing more players to play beyond High school? Has it hurt any association high school teams. Discussion: Delano feels it has benefited their players as they move to high school level. "A" teams can play "AA" teams at bantams and peewees. At MN Hockey level they are the same – "A".

8. Adjourn TIME: 8:38

Motion: Carolyn Seconded: Kelly

APPROVED