



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Meeting Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

Members Present:

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff	Association Representatives
X Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	X Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
X Ron Walsh – D3 President	X Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
X Aric Stienessen- Treasurer	X Reid Paul – Hopkins
X Shelly Johnson – D3 Administrator	X Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
X Cheryl Myers- Social Media	Mound Westonka
Molly Anderson HP/Tier 1	Tim Donelon – North Metro
Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	X Kelly Greene – Orono
X Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	Paul Steenerson OMGHA
X Neil Olson – BHRA, President	X Steve Fisher – OMGHA
Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	X Todd Dvorack– St Louis Park
Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	X Mark Brandt – Wayzata
Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
X Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
X Greg Gibson – Metro League Rep	
X Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
X Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Todd Larson Metro League Rep	
Ryan Flom in attendance for Mound Westonka until D3 rep selected	

- **Call to order** 7:02
 - March Minutes: motion made by Mark, seconded by Kelly. Approved
- 1. District 3 Director Report-Nicole:**
Leaders conference was last weekend. Attendance was high. Thank you to all that attended from D3.

An orientation session will be scheduled for last week in June for association reps and presidents that were new last year or will be new this year.

District Tourney Assignments: The rotation is on the website. Look at it and see if any changes may be needed. Let Nicole know ASAP if any swapping is necessary based on ice availability etc.

Invitational Tourneys: If you are hosting, there will be a new rule. All registrants must be notified within 10 days after initial registration if they are accepted, on wait list, declined, or if incomplete (and why). Registrants should be given a deadline to be informed of wait list status. If your invite tourney dates are changing or association is thinking of adding a tourney, please reach out to Nicole. Some weekends are booked (MLK, Thanksgiving), making it impossible to secure refs. We want tourneys to be full and successful.

MN Hockey new president is Steve Oleheiser, from Grand Rapids.

D3 will be hosting the Bantam AA regional tourney next season. Let Nicole know if your association is interested in hosting. Wayzata will be hosting Jr Gold. MN Hockey website has reference tools on website for regional tourneys.

Initial Team Declarations: Due May 15. These should be based on standard expectations. Final teams will be fine tuned from that point. If requesting to go outside standard matrix, provide supporting data and reasons ASAP. If not fielding squirt A and 10uA, let Nicole know and what the reasons are. The competition committee this coming season will be reps from OMG, Mound Westonka and ACYHA.

2. **District 3 Administrator's Report**-Shelly: Going to start working on the calendar for upcoming year. Will send out updated board/association spreadsheet to confirm names and contact info.
3. **District 3 President's Report**- Nicole acknowledged Ron's service to D3 and the community of hockey. Thank you from all on the board.
4. **District 3 Treasurer's Report**-Aric: Assessments are coming in. Next year these will go out earlier. If rinks within your association are increasing ice costs, let Aric know so budget can be adjusted. Still waiting for final ice bills from some associations. Still working on non-profit status for D3.
5. **D3 Associates Reports –**

Supervisor of Officials: Neil gave report: Need to move to all penalties being 2 minutes. Nicole indicated this would be a bylaw change we can address this summer.

If any 16 year olds are interested in being refs, registration opens June. Registration is on the USA Hockey website. Strongly encouraging female refs and refs from the western burbs and Mpls.

Registrar: Our annual Registrar dinner was held on Wednesday April 17th at Jake's. It was a great evening honoring all of the hard work your

registrars put in over the past season. I have heard from all but 3 associations that their current registrars are returning for another season. If you are aware that your registrar is not planning to return next season please let me know as soon as possible.

Coach in Chief: no report

Membership and Development: Four D3 associations participated in the February, 2019 Try Hockey for Free. They were Orono with 5 participants registered, St. Louis Park-10, Armstrong Cooper-41, Delano-7. Across Minnesota a total of 36 hockey associations participated for a total of 698. Associations are encouraged to submit requests for Pass the Puck grants to Minnesota Hockey. **MH fiscal years ends in August and there are still funds available for the 2018-19 season. If your association has any questions concerning a grant contact the MH office.** I recently visited with the St. Louis Park Hockey Board and spoke on some activities and methods for player recruitment. I recently contacted current association Presidents, D3 Board members, D3 Representatives and Association Membership Development Chairpersons requesting any and all updated information. With new members being added to association Boards, it is important that I have the correct contact information to be able to forward any membership development news or requests. Please email me the name, email address and phone number of your current President, D3 Representative and Membership Chairperson.

It may only be May but now is the time for your association to start thinking about next season and your recruiting efforts. There are many opportunities during the summer months for an association to circulate information about their hockey association, baseball or soccer games, City summer celebrations, open skating at local rinks, etc. Summer is the time for Membership Boards to plan their strategies and implement reaching out into the community for new hockey members. I encourage all associations not to leave player recruitment to one person, it's too important a job. If your association does not have a sub committee for recruitment please consider forming one. An important aspect of this committee is to have a contact on the Board for each elementary school within your hockey boundaries. This person would be responsible for getting all hockey information, including registration, into the schools. For more information contact me.

Girls League Coordinator: no report

Grievance Committee: no report

Scheduling Coordinator: Mark gave report: Ice schedulers had meeting on April 15. Discussed needed changes-no single games will

be allowed. Need back to back games. **District tourney brackets need to be turned in mid-October.** Mike suggested having parameters and requirements in written form and centralized for all ice schedulers. Deadline will be added to the district calendar. Reps need to take info back to their associations.

There have been some changes to Autolce. **May 20 will ice scheduler training.**

Tournament Coordinator: no report

Social Media/Website: Will spend the summer doing more website cleanup and improvements. Will be working on website having a central place for D3 Invitational Tournament info.

HP/Tier 1: Nicole gave report: Teams had a good start. A lot of D3 kids going to the CCM HP camp in St Cloud. Should be marketing Tier I and maybe Tier II very soon. HP is a more individual based program, while Tier I is more team based. We need to encourage our smaller associations to participate in the programs.

Metro League: Looking to add more Jr Gold Teams. Let Greg know of you have a new person running Jr Gold in your association. **Nov 13 is the declarations date for Jr Gold.** Attended the leadership conference. If players are 18 or will turn 18 during the season, they need to complete Safe Sport Training as they are technically adults. Must be complete before being rostered. This is a USA Hockey Requirement. If your association is planning to field a Jr Gold team, let Greg know. Teams can be found for players wanting to play.

6. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: ACYHA Budget review and approval for 2019-20 season Filled most open Board Positions Reviewing Skaters/Goalie number at all levels

Delano: New President - Troy Malo and 3 new board members. Team Projections - 10U - A & B (possibly only 1 team); 12U - A & B; SQ - A, B2, C; PW - A, B1, C; Bantam - A, B1, B2?, C. Would like playoff rule clarification of when player is ejected from game, after 3 or 5 penalties in posted playoff rules. Concern for flexibility of time/date of D3 playoff games coinciding with the High School Hockey State tournament when association High School Hockey team is participating. Concern for consistency of minutes played during 12U A vs B games. 12UB playoff games are longer than regular season games, should 12UB be playing playoff game

length during season? Delano Area currently scheduled to host PWB2 & SQB2 D3 year-end tournaments.

Hopkins: Annual meeting scheduled for later this month. New board members announced at our April meeting. HDC met last month to start the discussions of Levels, coaches need, team size, development budget, fall clinics, etc.

Minneapolis: Board elections at next meeting. Declarations done by May 23ish.

Mound-Westonka:

North Metro: NMYHA has elected the following new executive board members: • President: Todd Berg (former VP) • VP: Danny Heinzmann • Treasurer: Keith Vowels (former D3 Rep) Other new board members of that may be of interest to D3: • Registration Director: Ame Carlson • Tournament Director: Amanda Naylor • Volunteer Coordinator: Lyndsey Sniezek • Concessions Director: Cassie Malak • Marketing/Fundraising Director: Tim Olejar • Scholastic Achievement – S.K.A.T.E.: Heather Lawrence NMYHA would like to thank Dianne Margenau for meeting with NMYHA Recruiting & Retention committee as well as with our President to share recruitment ideas for this upcoming season.

Orono: New VP & Secretary. Team Configurations. Most likely moving to AA for next year.

Osseo Maple Grove: Brian Blashack and Jeff Brandt have stepped away from OMGHA D3 positions. Thank you for the partnership over the last 4 years. Happy to say Steve Fisher and Paul Steenerson will be taking over as OMGHA D3 Representatives. OMGHA held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at the Maple Grove Community Center. Updates were provided by the association's officers and an election for new Board of Directors was held. Congratulations to the following people who will join the OMGHA Board for a new term: President- Adam Reiter Director of Girls Traveling - Chad Wieneke Director of House - Brian Grant Boys Traveling Directors - Bret Caywood, Rich Dean, Erik Kukkonen Mite Director - Jason Rogowski Coaching Director - Andy Hedlund District 3 Representative - Steve Fischer Assistant D3 Rep- Paul Steenerson Student-Athletes Celebrated! Congratulations to all our student-athletes who participated in the 31st Annual Scholastic Achievement Awards last night. OMGHA was proud to honor over 300 players who maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher during the hockey

season. Our student-athletes were motivated by guest speaker Breanna Blesi who appeared on the big screen, seated in front of her trophies for winning the NCAA Women's Hockey National Championship for the Wisconsin Badgers and for winning the Elite 90 award for all star academic and athletic performance. OMGHA is very proud of this alum who is succeeding on such a grand stage. Thank you for your words of encouragement, Breanna!

St Louis Park: Elections will be in June for SLP board. Looking for new President, VP, and scheduler.

Wayzata: Greg Gibson has retired as the Wayzata Youth Hockey President after 17 years of serving the association in that capacity. At the WYHA Annual meeting Greg and Rene (his wife) were presented with a couple of framed jerseys from the association in appreciation of their time with the WYHA. Jason Vinar has been elected president of the WYHA for the upcoming season. WYHA and the City of Plymouth are putting in a bid to host the 2021 USA Hockey National High School Tournament

7. Old Business: TIER 1 coach language for rules and regs.

8. New Business:

- 1) WYHA would like to see District 3 make the rule consistent with the Squirts for the Pee Wee and Bantam levels where if an association has more than 1 team at a level that the teams need to be balanced. If this is not going to be a rule then at least the association should have to declare that the teams will not be balanced.
- 2) EMT issues with letting kids play.
- 3) Review playoff rotation.
- 4) Bracket deadline for playoffs by MEA.
- 5) Discussion on girls programming and need for communication and information, attendance at D3 meetings.

D3 Exec Committee Elections:

Initial questions regarding process. Will follow Roberts Rules of Order. Nicole turned meeting over to Shelly Johnson for election of Director Position. Nicole Brodersen candidate for Director.

3 calls for additional nominations. No additional nominations made. White ballot -Nicole remains as D3 District Director for next three years. Shelly turned meeting back over to Nicole for remaining elections.

President: Ron Walsh not seeking re-election. Three calls for nominations. Mark Brandt indicated he would be willing to be president. Carolyn nominated Mark, Kelly seconded the nomination. No other nominations. All approve white ballot election of Mark to President.

Administrator: Shelly Johnson, only candidate, No other nominations. All approve.

Treasurer: Aric Stienessen, only candidate, No other nominations. All approve.

Nicole clarified that the D3 support associate positions are appointed and approved by the board annually. This will happen at future meeting.

9. **Adjorn** motion made at 8:41 by Mark, seconded by Carolyn, approved

APPROVED