



May 10, 2006

The regular meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on May 10, 2006, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, Beltline Referees
Kathy Fallen – Girls Coordinator
David Margenau – Coach in Chief

Representatives:

Lee Martini – Orono (alt)
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Edmund Chute - Blake
Todd Frisvold – Osseo/Maple Grove
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Matt Symoniak – Brooklyn Park
Scott Dornfeld – Armstrong
Kevin Turner – Tri City

MINUTES –

MOTION: Brad Davis moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Todd Frisvold seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. The Bantam A State tournament went very well. Armstrong and Cooper did a great job.
2. John Sparling reported that Bill Leslie recently passed away. He had been USA Hockey Minnkota District Referee-in-Chief for a number of years. A scholarship is being established in his name. More information will be coming.

District 3 sent a plant to the funeral.

3. The Beltline Referee Association will continue to work during the summer months, planning for next season.
4. Dave Nyquist has been elected the new treasurer of MOHA.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY SPRING MEETING REPORT.

1. The Screening Committee is making some adjustments in their process so that the screening forms can be sent to the committee earlier. This is especially true for association boards. Minnesota Hockey may also be hiring a new investigating company.

2. Fair Play – some changes this coming year may include a “Coach of the Year” in cooperation with Let’s Play Hockey. This could be in the form of an essay contest from team members or parents.
3. At the Chicago Showcase tournament the Minnesota boy’s team lost in the semi-final game. The Minnesota girl’s team won the tournament. Kathy Fallen manages the girl’s team. This is a very good venue to showcase Minnesota high school hockey players.
4. At this time, Minnesota Hockey is looking for a Director for the Ad. 14/15 girls program.
5. There will be a Minnesota Hockey President’s meeting on August 23, 6:00 p.m., at Plymouth Ice Center.
6. Mite Jamborees cannot be advertised in Let’s Play Hockey.
7. Kathy Hayes has been hired as Mark Jorgenson’s assistant.
8. District 3 had 2 Junior Gold Scholarship winners:
 Kent Spray – Osseo/Maple Grove Hockey Association
 Pat Swenson – Osseo/Maple Grove Hockey Association
 Mrs. Margenau noted that District 3 has a history of having at least one scholarship winner each year.
9. In regard to the new helmet rule, a suspension rule of up to 30 days has been added. Associations are encouraged to add helmet guidelines to their Rules and Regulations.
10. A by-law proposal was presented that would make unzipped breezers a penalty. This was defeated.
11. A residency guideline change was presented. This was defeated.
12. Tag-up Rule was approved for the Junior Gold level only.
13. USA Hockey will be presenting some new In-Line programs.
14. Re-Districting was discussed but no proposal was presented. Districts 4 and 8 are looking to create a new District in the southern part of the state. District 3 will not have any changes for next season.
15. Scott Dornfeld has been appointed the new Assistant Director for the Advanced 15 program. Gary Gibbons is retiring. John Perry is now the Director of the Minnesota Hockey Advanced 15 program.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. District 3 is planning on making some changes in their website. A meeting has been scheduled for May 25, with Mike Bosquez, in charge of D3 website, to work out the details for an upgrade.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. The District 3 Advanced 15 did very well in the tournament. It was a great group of boys and parents. Armstrong and Cooper Hockey Associations again did a great job hosting the tournament.
2. Mrs. Margenau stated that all support committee chairpersons have agreed to another term with the exception of John Anderson, ACE Coordinator, and David Margenau, Coach in Chief, who has recently been elected Minnesota Hockey Vice President. The District will therefore be looking for a new ACE Coordinator, Coach in Chief and continues to search for a Mite Coordinator. It was suggested that Mrs. Margenau post the positions on the website with a brief job description.
3. Mrs. Margenau said that at this time she is updating the District 3 Directory and will have a preliminary one available soon. She will email it to everyone. She is also formatting a new calendar and that too will be available soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau (see attached)

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Ed Chute seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

COACH IN CHIEF – David Margenau reporting

1. As was stated earlier, Mr. Margenau has been elected Minnesota Hockey Vice President. Therefore, he will be working with the District to find a replacement for his position of Coach in Chief. Mr. Margenau also stated that he will continue to work with his replacement. One of the main assignments for this job is organizing and running the C.E.P. clinics each fall.

HEP –

1. The HEP committee may be sponsoring an essay contest in conjunction with Let's Play Hockey or another hockey publication, where coaches may be nominated for "Coach of the Year" either by players or parents. There have been a number of suggestions as to how this may work and again the committee is still in the discussion stage. There could be multiple winners. Could also have an essay competition for players with such topics as "What Hockey Means to Me" with winning essay's published in Let's Play Hockey or Minnesota Hockey Journal. Again, these are continuing programs for HEP and still in the discussion stage.

2. Survey's were sent to every hockey association President regarding how HEP is being implemented in their association. Please check with your President and encourage that these survey's be returned to Dave Margenau.

3. Association's need to start planning on how they are going to facilitate for next season the Parent Education Program for HEP. It is suggested that there be a strong focus on mite parents but all parents need to receive materials. Some associations are successful in presenting the information at team parent meetings while others feel a larger information night is more successful. Each association needs to decide what works best for them. If there are any questions please contact David Margenau.

4. A HEP parent E-Newsletter may be available next season.

MITE COORDINATOR –

1. A brief discussion was held concerning the need for a Mite Coordinator. Mr. Perry stated that the District has been looking for someone to fill this position for over a year. Mrs. Fallen stated that wouldn't it be possible to have the mites run by a sub-committee for the District with members being those people who have a vested interest in the mites. Mr. Margenau stated that he had planned on having a meeting in April or May for association mite coordinators but had not been able to get it set up. It was then suggested that this meeting be moved to August.

GIRLS REPORT – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. Mrs. Fallen will be hosting a meeting for the association girl's coordinators in May to talk about what went well this past season and what needs to be changed or improved on for next season.

2. There has been a suggestion to have a District 3, 14 & Under team, composed of players from all the associations, a "rainbow" team. This is still in the discussion stage.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE –

1. Mark Brandt announced that the District went a whole season without having one Grievance Hearing.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Mr. Dornfeld said that he will be setting up a meeting for association tournament coordinators.

OLD BUSINESS –

REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS –

1. After a brief discussion it was apparent that no association was ready to make a bid for a region or state tournament for the 2006-7 season. Mr. Perry stated that due to the fact that Minnesota Hockey moved back the declaration date the District can postpone the awarding of the tournament venues. Association representatives were told to take this back to their home associations and that a decision will be made at the June meeting. It was noted by Mrs. Margenau that with the addition of B state tournaments, each District will be responsible to host at least 3 state tournaments each year from now on.
2. At the last meeting Mrs. Margenau proposed setting up a host rotation for the region and state tournaments similar to the one used for the District tournaments. This would avoid having bids made each year to host various tournaments. It also would assure that all associations host tournaments and not just a few. It would also alert an association to an upcoming tournament so that they could begin planning earlier. A decision as to whether or not we will adopt this proposal will be discussed and possibly voted on at the June meeting. At this time it appeared as though some associations were in favor of a rotation, others were not.

SQUIRT LEAGUES –

1. A meeting was held this past month, with 3 or 4 representatives from each association, to discuss revisions for the Squirt leagues.
2. It was immediately decided that for the most part the Squirt A league presents very few problems. However, there is a desire by some association to urge larger associations to field more than one Squirt A team.
3. President Brandt thanked all the associations for their participation in this round table discussion and said that many good ideas and suggestions were a result of the evening.

4. Mr. Margenau stated that 2 of the main questions for discussion were:

Do you support a type of “pool play?”

How many games does your association want their Squirt B teams to play in league play?

Orono – Would encourage 2 or 3 levels of play, one being an upper bracket, the other being a lower bracket (brackets being determined by ability of skaters). Would like about an 18 game schedule.

Wayzata – Would prefer 2 levels of play based on ability of players, no cross-over games between brackets, a 16 game league schedule.

Hopkins – Would like 2 levels of play, not 3, no cross-over games, 16 league game schedule.

Brooklyn Park – Would prefer 2 levels of play, cross-over’s games allowed, no less than an 18 game schedule.

Tri City – Would like 2 levels of play, no cross-over games, 18 game league schedule.

Osseo/Maple Grove – Would vote for 2 levels of play, the number of games is not an issue; teams will play up to the 35 games limit.

Mr. Margenau said that he would draft another proposal for presentation at the next meeting.

5. President Brandt said that the District would probably not schedule squirt league games until November, 2006. In the past this was done in September.

6. Mrs. Margenau also asked the question of whether or not the District should continue to host the end of season Squirt Tournaments. Comments have included the fact that the tournament is so late in the year and that teams don't really need another tournament. Mrs. Margenau requested that the Reps poll their associations as to whether or not they wish to continue this practice and a vote will be taken at the June meeting. This would also include the 10 & Under teams.

NEW BUSINESS –

ELECTIONS –

1. Election of Director for District 3.

John Perry agreed to serve another term of 3 years. Hearing no other nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

MOTION: Jim Gates moved for a white ballot for the office of Director of District 3.

Scott Dornfeld seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Election of President for District 3.

Mark Brandt agreed to serve another term of 2 years. Hearing no other nominations from the floor the nominations were closed.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved for a white ballot for the office of Director of District 3.

Jim Gates seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

RENEWAL OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT –

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to renew Diane Margenau's contract for another year at the same pay rate.

Todd Frisvold seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

3 MAN REFEEING SYSTEM FOR ALL BANTAM LEAGUE PLAY –

1. John Sparling stated that at this time the Beltline Referee Association is not sure how they would go about this. There are some concerns which include but are not limited to man power, control of game, costs. At this time, District 6 uses a 3 man system for bantams but it is used as a training for referees. Mr. Sparling is not sure if the District 3 coaches would be in favor of this. It was decided that the referees needed some time to discuss this and that this would be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jim Gates seconded

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:58 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.