



September 12, 2008

The Annual Fall President's Meeting and the monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on September 12, 2008, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
John Sparling – President, BHRA
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, BHRA
Dave Nyquist – Secretary, BHRA
Amy Johnson – Girl's League Coordinator
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Lynn Brandt – Registrar & C League Coordinator
Kelly Bonner – Assistant Registrar

Representatives:

Tony Cleveland - Orono
Craig Englund – North Metro
Tom Pitra – Osseo Maple Grove
Alex Becker - Wayzata
Jon Piazza – Armstrong Cooper
Greg Erickson – Armstrong Cooper (alt)
Brad Davis – Hopkins
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Ed Szalapski - Blake

Guests:

Derek Olson – Armstrong Cooper

Presidents:

John Gabos – Orono
Eric Ruikka – North Metro
Mike Urquhart – Osseo Maple Grove
Greg Gibson – Wayzata
Steve Rosen – St. Louis Park
Mike Goergin – Armstrong Cooper
Brady Bizal – Hopkins

MINUTES –

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to accept the August, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

1. This will not be a USA Hockey rule change year.
2. Continuing to evaluate referee's throughout the Fall league season.
3. Association Representatives will be used as contact persons if a housekeeping issue arises at an arena. It is expected that after a Representative receives this information, they will forward it to the appropriate persons.
4. The BHRA will be placing "Cheat Sheets" in all scoring boxes at arenas with information for those persons running the clocks and score board.
5. Referees billing for all league games will be sent out directly from Mike Anderson to association treasurers rather than Diane Margenau this season. This new process is on a one year trial basis.
6. Dates and times need to be submitted to Mike Anderson for try out scrimmages.
7. The 3 man refereeing system will be used at the Bantam B1 level this year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. John reviewed highlights from the summer Minnesota Hockey meeting. These can be found in the August meeting minutes. Also, Minnesota Hockey meeting minutes are posted on the Minnesota Hockey web site.
2. John recently attended a rally at the New Hope City Hall in support of the New Hope Ice Arena.
3. There will be some District 1 teams playing in District 3 leagues this season. St. Paul teams will play with District 2, west side teams with District 3. These games will count toward league standings but District 1 teams will return to their own District for Regional games.
4. Please inform anyone requesting a waiver to follow the correct procedures, outlined in the Minnesota Hockey and District 3 Handbooks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. 2007-8 was a very good year for District 3 associations and teams, many of whom participated at the region and state level. Congratulations to Blake for winning the Bantam B State Tournament.
2. League play appeared to exhibit balanced teams.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. Diane distributed updated calendars, President rosters, D3 Directory, preliminary traveling teams listing.
2. The District 3 web site address now is D3hockey.org.
3. Diane encouraged all associations to update the information on the Minnesota Hockey web site. Some of it is very outdated.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the Final 2007-2008 Budget report.

John Gabos seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the proposed 2008-2009 Budget as presented.

Brad Davis seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

TONI BOELTER – USA HOCKEY MINNESOTA DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF DISABLED HOCKEY

1. Toni (Antonia) Boelter is serving her first year as the Director of Disabled Hockey here in Minnesota. Toni met with District 3 to inform them of the programs available to challenged children and adults through USA Hockey. At this time Sled Hockey and Special Hockey programs are available in Minnesota. Other programs include Amputee Hockey and Blind and Deaf Hockey.

Special Hockey has 3 active team in Minnesota, Polars located in Blaine, Strikers in Edina and Eagles in Woodbury. There is also interest in starting a team in Moorhead. All ages and all disabilities are included.

Sled Hockey is looking for ice times. If you know of any that is available or that your association would be willing to donate please contact Toni.

For additional information on any of the programs mentioned, please check the Minnesota Hockey web site or the District 3 web site.

The 2010 Special Hockey International Tournament will be coming to the Twin Cities.

MOTION: Joe Arko moved to donate monies for 2 hours of ice time to the Disabled Hockey from District 3.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MITE LEVEL PLAY – Derek Olson presenting.

1. Derek sent out notices to associations inquiring who would be interested in participating in the advanced mite inter-association play this year.
2. Organizational meeting – October 12, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. New Hope Arena.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS –

ARMSTRONG COOPER – Mike Goergin reporting.

1. Members are trying to work with New Hope City Hall over financial issues pertaining to the Arena. There will be another meeting September 15, 2008, with City Officials to continue discussions.
3. Armstrong Cooper merger going well.

BLAKE – Ed Szalapski reporting.

1. Blake is looking for help from the District in regards to extending their affiliate with MH.

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. Hopkins now has an additional charitable gambling site.
2. The City of Hopkins is improving the outdoor rink adjacent to the Pavilion.
3. Hopkins will need goalies at the peewee and bantam level.
4. 10U's low in number.

NORTH METRO – Craig Englund reporting.

1. Looking for goalies at all levels, including girls teams.

ORONO – John Gabos reporting.

1. Orono has decided not to go with charitable gambling (pull tabs.)
2. Bantam A team may struggle a bit this year. Only have 4 returning bantams, the rest will all be first year players.
3. Orono may field a Junior Gold team. Level of play is undecided at this time.

OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. The second sheet of ice at the Maple Grove Community Center will be ready in November.
2. Try outs will be blended this year, both Osseo and Maple Grove players.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Steve Rosen reporting.

1. Beginning the 4th year of playing with players from Southwest. Has been a very positive experience for everyone.
2. Mite level of play is still separate, not blended with Southwest. Mite numbers have increases again this year.

WAYZATA – Alex Becker reporting.

1. Registration is going on now, mostly on line.

2. Looking for goalies, especially at the squirt level.

Mark Brandt stated that Associations need to be finding ways to encourage players to be goalies. All associations appear to be short goalies and it is up to the associations to improve on the numbers.

ACE – Scott Dornfeld reporting for Gene Ferrel.

1. The process for approval rosters will also include ACE Coordinators. This process has been changed for this year. The ACE Coordinator for the District and for the Associations will be responsible for identifying coaches who have not received the appropriate CEP certification.
2. Minnesota Hockey sponsors coaches clinics. Coaches will come to your arena to put on a specific clinic. These coaches are the best Minnesota Hockey offers and associations are encouraged to take part in the program. Associations are responsible for the cost of the ice. For information check on the MH web site.
3. ACE Meeting – Association ACE Coordinators – Plymouth Ice Center – September 18, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

C LEAGUE – Mark Brandt reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. All associations need to notify Lynn as to what C teams they will be fielding this year.
2. C League Kick off meeting – Plymouth Ice Center – October 9, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – Blue Line Room

REGISTRAR – John Perry reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. All roster verification dates are listed on the calendar and the District 3 web site.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Amy Johnson reporting. (see attached)

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Association Tournament Coordinator’s meeting – September 23, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – New Hope Arena.
2. Guarantee Gate – Teams need to know up front whether or not an invitational tournament has a guarantee gate or not. These should be listed in Let’s Play Hockey.
3. Mike Anderson needs to know tournament information 8 weeks in advanced to schedule referees.

OLD BUSINESS –

BY-LAWS –

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the following by-law changes and/or additions:

- 4.5. No league team shall be allowed to play in another league outside the District 3 Beltline League without approval from the District Director.

9.2. GIRLS ADVANCED 15

9.2.1 COACH SELECTION

9.2.1.1. District 3 Girls Advanc4ed 15 Coaches shall be selected from the active season District 1 14 & Under A Coaches and/or Girls High School Hockey Coaches from District 3 area High schools.

9.2.1.2. In the event one of the before mentioned coaches is unable to participate, the position may be offered to another hockey coach.

9.2.2. PLAYER NOMINATION

9.2.2.1. Players shall be nominated by their 14 & Under A coach from the current District 3 15-year-old players. Bantam level player’s participation shall be at the discretion of the District 3 Director.

9.2.2.2. High school eligible players shall be nominated by their Varsity High School Head Coach and participation shall be at the discretion of the District 3 Director.

9.2.2.3. Associations who do not field a 14 & Under A team may nominate players from their 14 & Under B team. Participation shall be at the discretion of the District Director.

9.2.3. TEAM TRY-OUTS

9.2.3.1. 2 nights of try outs shall be held.

9.2.3.2 Try out evaluators shall be the current District 3 14 & Under A Head Coaches, High School Varsity Coaches or Junior Varsity Coaches. In the event a Head Coach is unavailable, he/she may select a replacement from among his/her current coaching staff.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jim Gates moved to adjourn the meeting.

Brad Davis seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.