



**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Zoom**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

		<b>Association Reps</b>	
x	Nicole Brodersen District Director	x	Brian Thul ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson Administrator	x	Bob Larson Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers Social Media/Comm.		Bill Robeck Hockey Operations
x	Machele Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten HP/Tier 1	x	Jeff Luke St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Vacant Griev. Comm. Chair	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
	Vacant Girls Coordinator		
x	Diane Margenau Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>
x	Greg Gibson JGHSL		Brody Heinrich
	Todd Larson JGHSL		
	Vacant Treasurer		

**Call to order TIME:** 7:04pm

- September Minutes: Motion to approve: Brad Seconded: Kelly  
Minutes approved

**District 3 Director Report-** MN Hockey will be subsidizing GameSheet. The rollout is in progress. Cheryl will be helping associations get it going. MN Hockey will be renegotiating future costs as the whole state will now be participating. Initially standing at approx. \$100 or less per team. Concern raised about the ROC at SLP at outside iPad use. Nicole said GameSheet will be required but if it is impossible due to tech issues, a paper scoresheet may be used, and data entered after the game. Note that even if wifi not great in a rink, the scoring can still be done on the iPad and data will upload when better connection made.

Question needs to be answered as to how scoresheet is signed by officials and refs if tech issues. This will be used for all games (tournaments included). Reminder that all head coaches and primary team manager are required to attend fall meeting. If issue with coach or manager unknown yet, let Mark know. There should be no scrimmages night of meetings.

Oct 24 will be Hockey Operations meeting. There will be a lot of discussion around squirts and girls' leagues. If you have additional agenda items for consideration, let your association hockey operations person know. Please send names and contact info for Mite and 8U coordinators in ASAP. Planning a zoom meeting soon. Reminder mites/8U should have no out of district events without D3 approval.

Covid protocols will be up to the arenas and the local area/community. If covid case on teams, should seek out guidance from healthcare provider and MN Dept. of Health.

There will be zero tolerance for yelling at officials/bad fan behavior. Make sure we are on the front end of communicating this.

The grievance direction from USA Hockey will be that an option will be given to simply take a consequence if warranted (such as a 3 or 5 game suspension) or proceed with a hearing. There may be situations however when a hearing will be warranted. Hearings likely will occur via zoom. Other hearings will be scheduled as needed-for things like abuse of officials or too many penalties.

ACYHA mentioned discussing some kind of financial assistance for team participating in the league with D4 due to travel requirements. Delano has talked about the impact for the PWA and BA teams. The partnership with D4 is needed due to their lack of ability to have enough teams for a league. Last year D6 partnered w/D4. Schedules are being constructed to try and minimize travel as much as possible.

Discussion confirming 12A and 15A will be in league with D6. The 17<sup>th</sup> is final statewide meeting for girls' leagues

**District 3 President Report-** Been working on getting the scheduling done.

Scheduling with D4 proved to be challenging but we worked it out the best we could. The only levels that we scheduled with them was Bantam A and Pee Wee A. Most levels have been scheduled for a Home and Away with each team in the league. Some levels there is 14 games and other may have 18, or some number in-between. Schedules will be published this Friday Oct 15. This year the only way a game can be rescheduled is through the association ice scheduler.

Looking at the Rules and Regulations that we currently have for team declarations and the competition committee, this needs updating. This is something that we will be looking at in a couple of months since it does not impact anything until next spring.

Regarding team declarations, associations should look at what other associations do when opening registration. What are best practices/timing?

**District 3 Administrator Report-** As discussed in prior meeting and noted on the calendar sent to all, fall meetings are scheduled -Oct 18 and Nov 17 at the Brooklyn Park Community Center. Scoresheet books will not be handed out as we are moving to electronic scoring.

**District 3 Treasurer Report-** vacant position

Kendra provided budget review. No big surprises in the monthly budget. Reviewed some line items clarifying HP and Tier 1 financials. Documents will be sent out to reps. Steve F motioned to approve the budget. Kelly seconded the motion. Discussion: are stipends included in this budget if approved? Yes. Following discussion, budget vote-motion passed with SLP voting no. Additional discussion around last month's conversation about the need for job descriptions for board positions-particularly for positions with stipends.. Job descriptions will be created.

### **D3 Associates Reports**

- Supervisor of Officials: no report
- Coach in Chief: Courses Continue to get added to USA Hockey website. MAJORITY of the courses are going to be virtual, but there will be a few courses offered in person in Minnesota. Sunday 10/17 we will be offering a Female only CEP for level 1 and 2 in St Louis Park. <https://forms.gle/wFq4vhk5WpZFXuxU9>
- Membership and Development : no report
- Jr Gold: D3 JrGold Team Declarations \*JGA: OMG, SLP, Wayzata \*JGB: Delano, OMG, Orono Blue, Orono White, Wayzata Blue, Wayzata White, Mpls? \*JG16: OMG, Wayzata White, Armstrong Cooper? \*MN Hockey Mtg: Pilot 12 Team JGB State Tournament -Needs 2/3 vote since it is a Governance item vs simple majority -27 MN Hockey voting Board members requiring 18 to pass -24 present/proxy voted, 2/3 was 16 to pass, Pilot lost 14-10 -Reasons against: everyone will want it and then what will we do, need 2 rinks to host, 8 team State is tradition, some teams would be required to play 2 games on Saturday, water down competitiveness of State Tournament, some DD's prefer selecting teams to State via districts to geographic regions vs League play to Playdowns.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position. Note: We will be doing a joint league for 12U A with D6.
- Grievance Committee: no report, need committee chair
- Scheduling Coordinator: See President's report. Mark requested that going forward remove this separate report/position, as the President should be responsible for this.
- Tournament Coordinator: Had a great turn out for the Tournament meeting. There were some questions about electronic scorekeeping and how that was going to work. Neil was going to find about a few things as well.
- Social Media/Website: The Manager and Coach registration will be out soon. In an effort to head off weeks, sometimes months, of tracking down coaches and managers to register with District 3, we will be imposing some hard deadlines. More information will be sent out to the reps as we firm up the details. Game Sheet information and details are being pulled together for your team managers. I will speak with a rep on Thursday afternoon and hopefully we will be able to get

some information out to the associations over the weekend regarding team logins and scoring details. In the meantime, please pass along the following link for training videos: [help.gamesheet.app](http://help.gamesheet.app) Any questions on how to enter game information on the app will be directed to this resource throughout the season. The website will continue to be updated as the season begins. Many details, such as league information, are on hold due to the roll out of Game Sheet.

- HP/Tier 1: We have so much to be proud of this year. All four of our teams made it to the final weekend and District Playoffs. Unfortunately, we lost out in the first games - all tough battles! There were so many highlights to the program this year. The season began with an incredible off-ice training program, followed up by over 18 development sessions and 17 plus games. Our teams would win the best dressed, as we had matching breezer covers for all teams. For the girls team - the season isn't over! They will be playing one more weekend of hockey as they have games in the NIT the weekend of Oct 22-24. This tournament brings in teams from across the US, and it is great exposure for the MN Teams and programs. In our continued efforts to improve the programs, an email will be going out to all families with a survey, and a summary of the survey will be provided to the board next month. In the upcoming month, the general managers will be meeting in all of the programs to go over program improvement ideas and talk about next year.

We will also be setting up times to personally visit each association to face to face market spring HP and Fall Tier 1/2. We want to make sure everyone knows about these great opportunities. A new Tier 2 for girls will be launched in the fall of 2022, so this represents one more opportunity for players in District 3 to be exposed to national level opportunities.

Spring HP will be here before we know it, so we are working on finalizing tryouts and development sessions dates and times. Tryouts will start with goalie only tryouts on March 22 and wrap up player and goalie tryouts by April 1. All programs (Youth 14's and 15's and Girls 14's and 15's) will host three days of tryouts. A change for the spring will be our attendance requirement is changing to two sessions and not just one for this upcoming tryout. We do our best to work around spring breaks; however, we cannot conduct a fair tryout when players are only attending one tryout. We are working to finalize the development ice and hope to have all ice times posted by the end of the month.

- Registrar: As of Sunday night, I need USA hockey confirmation numbers from: Nicole, Mark, Kendra Mike Melsha, Bob Larson, Bill Robeck, Kity Marina, Andy Nordseth Josh Hicks, Diane Marganau,

Cheryl Myers & Mike Anderson. Shelly Johnson and Jeff Luke need to get their Safe Sport completed. I've heard from some registrar's that their board members are giving resistance with completing the requirements to be on the board roster. Please pass along to your boards that these are required and to get in compliance asap. Below is a statement from MN hockey regarding annual SafeSport training. According to the U.S. Center for SafeSport's policies, adults within sport national governing bodies who have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes are required to take training on preventing child abuse annually.

- Hockey Operations: Meeting Set for October 24th @ PIC Info went out to Hockey Directors over the weekend MN Hockey will be presenting info on Assn Hockey Director roles and Model Association Info Also plan to discuss Squirt Leveling and Girls Programs in addition to other topics recommended by individual associations.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: We have completed player placements and practices have started. We are discussing at the board level a stipend for our Bantam A Team and Pee Wee A teams to cover travel expenses for the D4 collaboration. Our board is wondering if any other associations are doing this? We are excited to have the North Metro Mites on the ice with us and this collaboration is going great!

Delano: Tryouts completed for Bantam/PW/12U - have one girl playing PW Goalie - what do we need to do in order to get extra space for her to dress before games? 15U - struggling to find a coach - suggestions? ideas? Currently don't have any teams signed up for our Squirt A tournament in early December - will likely cancel in the next week if we don't see any sign-ups Are teams required to have 2 jersey colors? Answer-teams do need two.

Hopkins: Preseason development clinics were well attended. Finishing up HP girls' tryouts. Boys' tryouts starting this week.

Minneapolis: Peter reported looks like Mpls not having a 15A team. Jeff L said still looking at recruiting players for a Mpls/Park 15A team. May not know until after high school tryouts.

Mound-Westonka: Evaluations will wrap up this Sunday. We may have a Bantam B2/C goalie available if anyone has a need.

North Metro: Teams are in full swing of practice, co-op with Armstrong is running smoothly. Still looking for one more Bantam team to play at our Thanksgiving tournament.

Orono: Tryouts completed & have started season and named all coaches. Having issues still with Orono (Morrison) scoreboard horn. Trying to work with company to get it fixed and on a waiting list.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: Bantam, Pee Wee, and 12U tryouts complete. Attendance numbers are light at 15U preseason clinics, and we are watching this close to understand the impact to our 15A and 15B declarations. Questions: Do we have enough teams at 12A? Will we have inter-district play with D4 or D6?

Wayzata: Bantam/15U, Peewee/12U tryouts completed. May have room on 15UB team.

**Old Business:**

Mites will be permitted to up to 6 play 5v5 games

10U and Squirt 3v3 D3 league discussion. Do we want to host 3v3 games intra-district before Thanksgiving? Will confirm if limit to 3v3. Need a roster together. No scorekeeping and no clock-will not count against 35 game count.

Any Bylaws and Rules/Regs updates we need to address/approve

We will have 6 12UA teams and will be in league with D6.

**New Business:**

**Adjourn TIME:** 9:22      Motion: Andy      Seconded: Kelly

APPROVED