



. Minnesota Hockey District 3  
 Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes  
 PIC  
 Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps		
x	Paul Steenerson	District Director	x	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis	Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator		Bob Larson	Hopkins
		Data Mgmt./Tech.		Peter Nelson	Minneapolis
	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler	Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President		Kity Marinac	North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor		Tim Becker	Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer	OMG
	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
x	KV-Girls/SJ-Boys	HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief			
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Comm. Chair			
x	Jeff Luke	Girls Coordinator			
	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>	
x	Greg Gibson	JGHSL	x	Tim Hanson-	Mpls
	Todd Larson	JGHSL	x	Matt Lichty -	Hopkins
	Bill Robeck	Hockey Operations	x	Hailey Fischer –	OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten	Interim Treasurer	x	Gina Hansen –	Orono

**Call to order TIME: 7:01pm**

November Minutes: Motion to approve: Jeff L Seconded: Brad B  
 Minutes approved

**District 3 Director Report-** Presidents Meeting - Jan 4th, 7pm at Pub 42 Squirts /10U Goalie Subs and Controlled Scrimmages – **make sure and have coaches/managers keep track of controlled scrimmages-form is on the website on the coaches tab.**

Discipline Issues - Coaches, Players - kicking, fighting, coach abuse of officials.

Happy Holidays!

**District 3 President Report-** Have sent the information out to the association schedulers for the District Tournaments. Have requested the brackets back by Jan 1. Should be able to post them in the first part of January to the website. Make sure that you find out from the schedulers when the ice times are so that you can start lining up the workers. (2 penalty box, 1 scorer, 1 timeclock, person, tournament manager, and an assistant manager). We are up to 200 rescheduled games now. We need to find

ways to cut down on the reschedules. One issue seems to be the size of teams especially at the Squirt and 10U Girls. The Holidays seem to be a real problem ...have teams rescheduling games from Dec 22-29. We need to consider a total block out of games for a period during the holidays. Also, tournaments are causing a lot of reschedules.

**D3 has two region seats for all regional tournaments.**

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Nothing major to report. Mandatory meetings are obviously done. Still had people that did not show up-or communicate difficulty in attending.

**District 3 Accounting Report:** Financials sent out via email. Associations that still need to pay league fees, please get paid. Nonprofit application-have Articles of Incorporation and Conflict of Interest Statement. Should have documents for January meeting.

**Regarding GameSheet:** Send any believed errors/issues to Kendra. If you have a 15U team, games played prior to Dec 8, please have managers score and resubmit under D6. Managers have been told.

**Associates Reports:**

- Squirt Committee: no report
- Supervisor of Officials: Two match penalties have been assessed for kicking this month. Please remind players, coaches, and parents of the dangers of kicking and the possible suspension that will occur, usually minimum of 3 games but in most cases 5 games. District 3 players have been assessed 9 fighting major penalties already this season, that seems like a lot. Please remind player, coaches, and parents that first fighting major penalty carries an automatic 3 game suspension per MN Hockey rules and second fighting major will carry a season long suspension, with no appeal. Thank you to all associations for being patient with our new official orientation process, including on-ice mentorships. We have started a bunch of new officials, with varying levels of experience. I will have better numbers of new officials at the meeting. As you all know it take a lot of effort to start and train new officials, while covering all our other game assignments. At this time, we have stopped accepting new official applications. We don't have enough experienced officials, or enough lower-level games to get any newer people started. We have responded to all that have reached out that we will make every effort to get qualified candidates started this spring in MASH hockey. Mike will send to Paul and Mark any blackout updates to communicate with associations. *Currently no additional exhibitions can be scheduled Jan 2, 14, 20-22.* Reminder-only squirts and PWs can have controlled scrimmages. **Ask ice schedulers to look at games from MLK going forward, what single games are scheduled (hard to get officials).**
- Coach in Chief: Final month for CEP. Coaches can take a virtual course from anywhere in the country.
- Membership and Development: no report

- Jr Gold: Final D3 JG Teams: Total 11 teams \*JGA: OMG, SLP, Wayzata \*JGB: Mpls, OMG, Orono Blue, Wayzata Gold, Wayzata Blue \*JG16: OMG Black, OMG White, OMG Black Delano JGB & Orono White JGB dropped due to lack of players JGHSL Playdowns: \*61 Games at PIC Tuesday Feb 28-Sunday March 5th \*Final schedule complete, sent to Referees & Medical \*Teams will provide Game volunteers League Play: \*Started Monday Dec 5th \*972 games \*21 Game Changes due to \*17 Additional Game Time Change by Ice Schedulers
- Girls League Coordinator: We are reviewing 12U teams that are utilizing the 8th grader rule for the pilot and monitoring their standings in the state.
- Disciplinary Committee: Hearing held Dec 14 for kicking penalty. Another hearing is scheduled for next week.
- Tournament Coordinator: no report
- Data Mgmt./Tech:  
Phase I website improvement complete with updates to Manager, Coach and Home pages,  
Phase II will be underway and completed in January with updates to Tournaments and High Performance pages.
- HP/Tier 1: Shelly: Spring HP tryout dates for girls and boys are posted on respective pages. I currently have a couple info meetings scheduled with PW and Bantam teams-will continue to review schedules and get as many done as possible.
- Hockey Operations: As reported by Paul, new development opportunity at the 13U level for spring. More info will be forthcoming-looking at two teams for girls and two for boys. Look at MN Hockey website and MN Hockey sent email out at well.
- Registrar: Reminder that all coaches need to be in compliance with CEP by the 31st of this month (December). Please have your level & ACE coordinators work with your registrars to get lists of who needs to get CEP done. We need to deal with Red Lined players. Mound has one red lined player, Delano has one red lined player, Orono has 5 red lined players and St. Louis Park has 18 red lined players. Please get your mite or 8U coordinators involved to get these players red lines removed. All red line players are ineligible to participate in any team activity until their red line is removed.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Mites are off to a great start! Kids are loving their hockey uniforms for the 1st time! Getting their pictures taken! Are Squirt teams are off and running...had a successful New Hope Classic. PeeWee teams are up and down depending on the day...but at least their healthy! Bantams are being encouraged to solve their on-ice disagreements without fighting:( I believe we had 9 players join Mpls to play JGB this year.

Looking ahead, we're likely to have 4 Bantam teams next year with only 2 goalies:( Anyone else having goalie issues, at any level? And what are you doing to try and remedy the situation?

First and foremost, we understand the complexity and commitment it takes to schedule a D3 hockey season. D3 and the associations, especially the ice schedulers, go above and beyond to make our players have the most fun and successful seasons possible. With that being said, we feel it's not right to fine teams when they must cancel games to excessive player illness. Yes, we (our PW B1, amongst others) teams had to cancel 2 district games due to over half our players having fevers over 102 degrees. That isn't human scheduling error...that's simply how life and winters are in Minnesota these days. And I'm sure this had happened to other associations as well. Moving forward, can we please reassess how we fine teams who have had to cancel games due to team illness?

Delano: Puck in the Park coming in January; over 100 skaters at Intro/Termite this year!!

Hopkins: no report

Minneapolis: Season is off to a good start, although like everyone else, flu season has made life very difficult. We have had several coaches reach out for EBUG exceptions at Squirts/10U. So far, we have only submitted one for approval because it was a tournament, and the team was already short players due to illness. Otherwise, we have pushed back internally on other requests. So far coaches are not enthused, but we'll take a more formal poll at the end of the season after everyone is a little more used to it. Game sheet continues to have some glitches, but overall managers and coaches really prefer it over the old paper sheets and stickers.

Close to significant ice buy at Richfield for next season. Officials indicated would not object to scheduling games at Richfield.

Mound-Westonka: Season going well.

North Metro: no report

Orono: Junior Gold is set. We ended up with only 1 very large team and were not able to help Delano. 4 skaters must sit for each game and roster will be reduced to 18 skaters and 2 goalies prior to playdowns. it has been communicated to the players and their families along with the criteria for decision making. We have taken a much stricter policy on addressing player behaviors and initiated some suspensions before they become larger problems. GameSheet - Seems to have a fair number of errors universally. Is anyone else experiencing this? Some are drastic (i.e., Game Misconduct when it was a 2 and 10 - this was a tournament so outside D3). Should we consider having coaches sign post game? Is there anything special with regard to the girls' games that are crossing districts?

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: Squirt season up and running after November team assignments. Ice scheduler verified that we would be able to manage the Bantam C district tournament based on ice availability. Rec Center hosted a MIAC game between St. Olaf and Bethel on the ROC. The event was well attended and brought a lot of attention to the facility and MIAC hockey.

Wayzata: Hosted tournaments to date going well. Final registration of 1234, about the same as last year. Hosted tournament chair is moving on. Considering making it a paid position going forward.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Meeting in December to ensure we set firm dates for the following season for start dates, tryout dates and scrimmages. Bylaws need updating -move this item to January.

**NOTE:** for April/May meetings-discuss tournaments being hosted (dates/size)

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:30      Motion: Andy      Seconded: Tim