



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
PIC
Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023**

Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps		
x	Paul Steenerson	District Director	x	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling		Kristi Duis	Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Chris Carr	Hopkins
x	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	x	Mick Mullen	Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler	Mound Westonka
x	Kendra Verbeten	Interim Treasurer	x	Gina Hansen	Orono
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Nick Rice	OMG
	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
x	Michele Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
x	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief			
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Comm. Chair			
x	Jeff Luke	Girls Coordinator			
x	Michele Jirik	Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:	
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL			
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			

Call to order TIME: 7:05

November Minutes: Motion to approve: Jeff L Seconded: Mick M
Minutes approved.

District 3 Director Report- Continue to have issues with LRMs - Reminder, LRMs **Must be IN the locker room**, not outside. Squirts - Need to ensure that your controlled scrimmages are registered on the D3 website, or those games will count towards your 35-game limit as discussed at the S squirt/10U coaches/mgr. meetings. We will have 2 mandatory trainings for District Presidents. One will take place after our January meeting, which will be held in a different location. This training will be "RISE" Training which will cover DE&I. Hoping to move up the board meeting to 6:00-will update everyone when confirmed. Also, we will have mandatory training for all Presidents and Board Members May 3 & 4 titled Association Leader Excellence Conference - at the Marriott Minneapolis West in SLP. This will be provided by MN Hockey.

District 3 President Report- Been working with the ice schedulers to get all the Regional and D3 tournaments scheduled for the end of the season. The schedules for the D3 tournaments will be posted by the end of the week for the D3 tournaments. **Just a reminder that associations need to line up the Trainer/EMTs for the tournaments that they are hosting.** For Regional tournaments D3 will have 3 seats at all levels except 15A and Bantam AA which we will have 2 seeds. Not sure about the 15B level yet. Have ordered custom made medals for 1st and 2nd place for the District tournaments this year. Game reschedules are lower this year than a year ago, hopefully this trend will continue. Next year between Christmas and New Years Day-no league games.

District 3 Administrator Report: Nothing major to report that is not already mentioned in conjunction with discipline committee and HP/Tier 1. HP tryout dates are on the D3 website HP home page.

Registrar Report: A reminder that your coaches need to have their CEP in order by the 31st of this month. We are down about 40 teams from last season. I believe this to be several missing mite and 8U teams. Please make sure your association is submitting your mite and 8U teams.

District 3 Treasurer Report: Financials emailed prior to meeting. Sent draft of bylaws as well. Affiliate agreements need to be updated as well. Will be sending league fees and affiliate agreements out to all. When you book EMTs for tourneys, please let me know rates you are seeing.

GameSheet Report: Uploading games is an issue-not being uploaded. Supposed to be uploaded within 48 hours. **Reminder to upload.** Managers need to check GS schedule for team versus game listed on website. Make sure they match. Rosters on GS should be USA Hockey official roster. Should be uploaded, not manually entered. **Should not be deleting players. Mark them as injured, suspended, not playing. Same for coaches. Do not delete players or coaches.** This is how suspensions are tracked. If not marked as suspended, will not count.

Associates Reports:

Supervisor of Officials: To date, we have had 32 incident reports filed with USA Hockey involving District 3 players and coaches, which is a little higher than normal. At this time, 4 coaches have been suspended for failure to report. All association representatives please review District 3 incident reporting procedures with all coaching staff. Two coaches have been suspended for 3 games each for abuse of officials. Both instances occurred out of the district. In District 3 two match penalties occurred that were reviewed by the D3 grievance committee. Due to an increase in abuse of officials, team/player actions, as well as other mistakes by coaches and managers it is my recommendation that District 3 return to in-person coach/manger meetings for ALL levels in 2024. The information provided to associations by BHRA and District 3 is not getting to the coaches/managers effectively at this time. Neil Olson, BHRA President, was sent an anonymous, vulgar, and threatening email multiple times on November 19th, 2023. After a short investigation, it was revealed where the email originated. Neil Olson contacted the police

department and filed a report. As District 3 Supervisor of Officials, I felt the threat to be real to all officiating staff and sent notice to District 3 as well as the association it came from. That effective immediately BHRA would not be sending officials to officiate any games with that team until BHRA was satisfied the threat was proved false. Additionally, the sender be held accountable for his/her actions. On Friday November 24th, BHRA was notified that a player on the team had formulated the email. He, along with the help of teammates created fake email addresses and sent multiple emails. The player who sent the emails, appeared in front of the District 3 grievance committee and is suspended through January 2nd, 2024. At this time, BHRA is unaware of any additional discipline to the team members that were involved in the creating of the email.

- Coach in Chief: Completed our last in person clinic at Brooklyn Park 12/10. There are still virtual courses available at all levels. More CEP classes will be added by Friday.
- Membership and Development: no report
- Jr. Gold/JGHSL: *JGHSL schedule completed *Season begins Monday Dec 4- Ends Friday Feb 23 *Playdowns: Tues 2/27-Sun 3/3 *JGA at Pagel *JGB at Braemar *JG16 at Eden Prairie
- Disciplinary Committee: We have had a couple of hearings since our last report.
- HP/Tier 1: Working to finalize the off-ice programing for the Tier 1 & 2 teams next summer/fall. Will begin association outreach on the HP/Prospects/Tier 1&2 programs immediately next calendar year.
- Girls Coordinator: The D3-hosted 19U MN Frost team is up and running. We still need a few players to round out the roster; a communication has been sent out to the association girls coordinators to reach out to eligible players. Association reps: please follow up with your girl's coordinator to assist with their outreach.
- Hockey Operations: Hockey Directors are looking to expand their district level Player development team within the district to work directly with associations. They are working on descriptions of the positions. Model Association Grants are going to be changing, there is a group working on developing a new application.
- Tournament Coordinator: Still 7-8 tournaments to approve.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: BB1 west region bracket is ready to go.

Delano: Struggling to find ice for our teams for practice; progress is being made on the 2nd sheet planning.

Hopkins: Thanksgiving tournament went very well. Will continue dialogue on neck guards when HECC issues certification. Will actively recommend and encourage cost-friendly resources.

Minneapolis: Season is moving along well. Mite season kicked off in early November and is running well. 220+ players at the mite level. Communicated the need for all post season tournaments directors to procure their own EMTs.

This has been completed. Minneapolis Youth Hockey facilitated All girls Try Hockey for Free on 11/4 and another All youth Try Hockey for Free on the same day. It was well attended for both events.

Mound-Westonka: Happy Holidays nothing to report.

Orono: Awaiting final ice schedule through mid-February. We have had some challenges: Warriors seem to be getting shorted -JG Tournaments with much earlier start times than published (i.e. Wednesday, and Thursday games) -Lots of frustration with the late release. - GameSheet - Communicated GameSheet reminders to Managers.

Wisconsin still in learning phase (imported wrong rosters SQC Blue for PWB2) Might have missed the mark on Squirt declarations – watching.

Thanks to Minneapolis for their help with Bantam A goalie situation - they are covering 9 games. Still working on tournament coverage. Wayzata and Mound are also helpful. Thank you.

Only able to field 1-JG team (did convert all but 2 of those cut from HS).

Osseo Maple Grove: -Completed first tournament successfully, minus some very minor hiccups -Bleachers in at Osseo West!

St Louis Park: Very close to filling our Bantam C/ 15U B tournaments in Jan/Feb. We may be opening some priority weekends for next year and we are looking at expanding these invitationals to include the B2 level for boys since we are hearing this is the next most difficult level for tournaments. Started the preparation for our Regional Tournament assignment. MN Hockey recommends a significant room block for lodging during these tournament times. How have our associations managed this historically knowing we have more options than out state locations?

Wayzata: WYHA is considering moving away from SportsEngine to Crossbar.

New Business: Thank you for all you do and Happy Safe Holidays to you and your families.

Old Business: Bylaws-draft sent, please read.

Adjourn TIME: 8:08 Motion: Andy Seconded: Nick