



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

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

Call to order TIME: 7:04pm

- August Minutes: Motion to approve: Peter Nelson Seconded: Jeff Luke
Minutes approved

- **District 3 Director Report-** no report

District 3 President Report- Working on collecting information so that we can figure out leagues and number of games. Working with D6 to figure out scheduling for Bantam AA and Pee Wee AA. Have had several requests about changing some of the hosts for the D3 end of season tournaments. Hoping to have that resolved by the end of next week. Will work with association schedulers on the team structures and end of season tourneys. Work on keeping to 14-16 games during the season.

District 3 Administrator Report- Fall coach and manager meetings are scheduled as indicated on the calendar -Oct 18 and Nov 17. Team managers and head coaches are expected to attend. Need to know plan for electronic scoring or old school paper scoresheets.

District 3 Treasurer Report- Since no team declarations were available, there is no updated budget. Information requested last meeting will be

available at the October meeting, along with the revised budget. August financials will be presented then as well as year end financials.

Mark added that we can table discussion of stipends for District Director and President. Job Descriptions are needed for board positions.

D3 Associates Reports

- Supervisor of Officials: Request that if associations are using officials for tryout scrimmages to make sure and connect with Mike.
Conversation about official recruitment and retention. We need to be better about how officials are treated by coaches, players and fans. We lose officials because of the abuse officials receive. Mark added need association boards and presidents to enforce consequences (game evictions etc). Go back to associations and talk about how going to handle problem parents and coaches.
- Coach in Chief: CEP courses from MN leaders will begin being loaded after this weekend. Coaches CAN take any virtual course listed for their level. In person clinics are going to be very limited this season.
- Membership and Development: Try Hockey for Free - USA Hockey dates - November 6, 2021 & March 5, 2022. All associations are encouraged to participate in THFF events on the USA Hockey designated dates. Registration and information can be found on the USA Hockey website. It is noted however that here in Minnesota the process of early hockey and recruitment are followed. This past month there have been several early hockey skates sponsored by D3 programs, all being well attended. Numbers are bounding back after last year. Keep up the good work. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have any questions about the topics described below, please contact Derek Ricki at MH. All of these topics will enable your association to continue working toward increasing and retaining your membership. As stated in this report last month I plan to identify 5 sessions included in the recent Minnesota Hockey "ASSOCIATION LEADER EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE." I encourage reps to share this information with their membership and boards as way of recruiting participants for the next conference to be held in the Spring. RUNNING YOUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - Dan Beckman, MH Legal Advisor presenter. Learn the essentials of running a youth hockey program as an affiliate of Minnesota Hockey including the legal duties of board members and developing effective bylaws. SAFESPORT POLICIES & BEST PRACTICES - Scott Gray, MH Vice President & SafeSport Coordinator, presenter. Learn policies and best practices for creating a safe off-ice environment for your players as well as how to respond appropriately when SafeSport situations arise. LOCAL DISCIPLINE & GRIEVANCES - Steve Gapinski, MH Grievance Committee Chair, Steve Oleheiser, MH President, Scott Gray presenters. Learn to minimize the stress involved with addressing complaints, issuing suspensions or holding hearings by implementing a

consistent process that emphasizes objectivity. **ASSESSING ASSOCIATION PERFORMANCE** - David Margenau, Immediate Past President MH & Tom Slaird, MH Advisor presenters. Learn to evaluate your organization's effectiveness in key areas and determine areas of focus. **MANAGING ASSOCIATION FINANCES** - Doug Kephart, MH Treasurer presenter. Fulfill your association's fiscal responsibility to its members and ensure long term financial stability by utilizing critical financial management policies, controls and processes.

- Jr Gold: JGHSL Board now oversees all Jr Gold hockey in MN JGA: looks like 10-11 teams, OMG, SLP and Wayzata in D3 JGB: 3 Twin Cities Divisions (12-13 teams per division) & 1 Northern Division (Moorhead, Bemidji, Brainerd, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Rock Ridge) JG16: 2 Twin Cities Divisions (9-10 teams per division) Proposing Pilot 12 Team JGB State Tournament for 2021/2022 season at Sept 24-26 MN Hockey Mtg.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position. Mark will draft up a few sentences to describe the position.
- Grievance Committee: no report, need committee chair
- Scheduling Coordinator: see president's report
- Tournament Coordinator: Sept 22nd at 7pm at the SLP Rec Center (in the Gallery Room) will be the mandatory tournament meeting. Remember that this is for those associations hosting an invitational tournament and any mite jamborees. I sent the list of tournament coordinators I had and all D3 reps the email. If your tournament coordinator for your association is unable to attend, then the D3 rep or the president of the association must attend. Someone from each association hosting a tournament must be present or tournaments will not be approved. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: The season is in full swing, with all Walleye teams doing well. A couple of glitches with weekend game scheduling, but for the most part running smoothly. Tier One is piloting the new scoring software program, and it seems to be going smoothly. Data is automatically updated to the game sheets data pages online. Playoffs are fast approaching, and we always have conflicts with Wayzata and OMGHA tryouts. Here are the dates for the District Playoffs: Oct 9 14U Boys- 2:00 and 2:15, 14U Boys Tier Two- 12:00 and 12:15, 15 Boys - 4:00 and 4:15, 14U Girls - 10:00 and 10:15am, Oct 10 14U Boys- 12:00pm, 14U Boys tier Two- 10:15am, 15 Boys - 12:15pm, 14U Girls - 10:00am. I will hopefully have dates and times for the League playoffs before the meeting. I am hoping the associations will work with our coaches to make sure no players have to choose between one of our games and a tryout session. We are providing this data well in advance of association tryouts to help avoid conflicts. Plans are already underway for next year's programs.

- Registrar: All associations have been given two of the new USA Hockey Rulebooks. Will be some changes to USA Hockey Award patches-will need to make sure all know the changes. Will be at manager meetings.
- Hockey Operations: Will be setting up a meeting for Association Hockey Directors in October; will be a 4-5 hour meeting with presentations from MN/USA Hockey for 1-1.5 hours in addition to D3 specific issues such as squirt programming; girls hockey and other items hockey directors suggest. will have a date set this week with the location being PIC.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Preseason camps start tonight which is coached by our high school coaches. Association coaches' meeting scheduled for later this month. We will be reinforcing the expectations and new rules for coaches this season.

Delano: Registration is closed for travel teams - numbers are in line with what we were expecting; Lost a goalie at 15U so we are entering into co-op with Orono/Mound-Westonka; looking at probably needing to add a 2nd 10U team; hosting Little Wild clinics starting on the 13th and pre-season clinics starting on the 11th. Need a 15U goalie!

*Mark added that teams need to play at their level. 15A and B teams need to play at their respective levels. Need permission from District Director to do otherwise.

Hopkins: Registration numbers look very good so far. Starting preseason clinics this week.

Minneapolis: Registration is open and - so far - ahead of schedule, hopefully back to 2019-20 levels. Clinics start on Saturday. MPLS Association Board was ok with assessing D3 fees for stipends subject to a final proposal on amounts for each position. Board was also ok with general parameters of the Beltline Contract subject to review of final language. Wondering if D3 or MN Hockey are planning to implement COVID protocols in addition to local arena rules and whether any D3 Associations are aware of arena rules that the other Associations should be aware of. For now, all MPLS Park Board rinks (Parade and NE) are requiring masks in the arena and the locker rooms. Updated Levels = Girls: 10U: 1-A, 1-B1, and 1-B2; 12U: 1-A, 1-B1 and 1-B2; 15U (coop with HP): 1-A and 1-B1. Youth: Squirts: 1-A, 1-B1, 3-B2 and 3C; PW 1-A, 1-B1, 2-B2 and 3C; Bantams: 1-A, 1-B1, 2-B2 and 3-C (could flip one B2 and one C team).

Mound-Westonka: Latest level declarations= Squirt- B1, B2, C. Peewee- A, B1, B2. Bantam- B1 Looking to co-op with Delano at U15 level for a 15A and 15B teams Looking for goalies at U12 level Golf Tournament September 17th Timber Creek.

BHRA contract comments- what is the recruitment plan for adding officials? Concerned about not being able to call on other/outside

officials for scrimmages, BHRA officials can work other districts not limited to D3...does this add to the shortage?

North Metro: Registration is now open. Our open house will be next weekend. Need 3 Bantam B and 1 Squirt B2 team for Thanksgiving Tourney. Live Barn available at the rink for your viewing pleasure!

Orono: Continuing with getting ready for season. Registration is open, in need of 2-3 PW goalies. Fall Golf Fundraiser later this month. Pre-season clinics start this weekend.

Osseo Maple Grove: Our board would like an update on any potential girls co-op leagues. D6? D3 hosting Pee Wee A & B regions update/selection process?

St Louis Park: Bantam B team switching to A. This will bring us to AA, A, B2 Learn to skate program has kicked off, hoping to get some new recruits Preseason clinics started this week. We have a few outstanding incoming player waivers needing approval.

Wayzata: no report

Old Business: Any updates on whether Mites will be permitted to play 5v5 games and if so, any final decision on team numbers? Mark will have to follow up.

Want to revisit the 10U and Squirt 3v3 D3 league discussion. Do we want to host 3v3 games intra-district before Thanksgiving? Will confirm if limit to 3v3.

New Business:

Any Bylaws changes/updates we need to address/approve as we start the season? Will update for October meeting.

Will D3 have enough 12UA teams to have an D3 only schedule or will we need to coop with D6 or another District? Do not have answer quite yet.

Will review team structures.

What are COVID protocols going to be? As of now, no new info. Last year followed MN Hockey rules. Individual rinks can be more strict with additional protocols.

Adjourn TIME: 8:06 Motion: Kelly Seconded: Steve