



**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Agenda**  
**PIC**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

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

**Call to order TIME:**

August Minutes: Motion to approve: Paul Steenerson Seconded: Brad Butler; motion passed

Connor Clark – MNH: Prospects and other programs. General discussion and explanation about the Prospect program. District 3 will offer both 13's and 15's. 15's will be co-ed to the extent required (maximize ice time and be cost effective). Looking for coaches; forward names directly to Connor. Overviewed the "type" of player who participated. New this spring will be an off-ice training pilot program for 13U and 15U within District 3. Opportunities available to those who might not get involved in other programs. May and June timeframe.

**District 3 Director Report-** Thank you all for the thoughts and prayers regarding my mom's death. Coaches and Managers meetings, how are they going? When

are they? Next week I will be calling the contacts that were provided to me for a D3 Goalie Coordinator position. Josh Hicks will be available if any association wants him to attend.

Discussion during the meeting related to changing the number and make up of teams to mandatory vs guidelines. General discussion, and an overall feeling of looking at data within and outside of the District. Decisions need to be data driven.

**District 3 President Report-** Working with Avario on league game scheduling. The plan is to have schedules posted to the D3 website and allow associations to post the game schedules on team pages by Oct 15 for Bantams, Pee Wees and 12U levels. Team Managers will have until Oct 25 to reschedule games due to school conflicts or religious conflicts on the team. After Oct 25 no matter what there will be a rescheduling fee of \$200 plus processing fees. Remember games cannot be changed to add tournaments to a team schedule. Squirts and 10U will start to be scheduled on Oct 25. 15U Girls will be scheduled after High School Girls Tryouts are completed. ✓

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Coach and manager registration should be ready for all levels. Let me know if anything is incorrect. We have talked numerous times about how this is mandatory for all head coaches and a manager from every team. It is easy. It is on the coach and manager pages. It takes about one minute. Did I mention mandatory? Please make sure message is sent to all. Have reserved ice for spring High Performance tryouts. Dates will be posted soon! In the process of securing ice for the Futures Development Program.

**Registrar Report:** The Registrar page on the D3 Sport Engine site is complete and working. We've had a few issues with people and access, but it should be fixed now. The board rosters for Delano, Mound & Wayzata are incomplete. No team rosters are able to be approved until they are in order. I need all organizations to support their registrars in getting these completed in a timely manner. For some reason this is a consistent issue which is why we ask for the board rosters to be completed earlier than the national required date. Next season we may require the board roster to be completed even earlier. I believe most of the associations complete their elections in the spring. We may require board roster to be in by August next season to help with this issue. Award patches will be using the D3 reps to bring in the completed forms and support and then delivering the patches to the managers.

All Locker Room Monitors can be listed on the team rosters.

**District 3 Treasurer Report:** Documents emailed out.

**GameSheet Report:** All team invitation codes were sent out. Working with GS to set up a meeting where our rep can attend. The merging of the manager's dashboard should make things a lot easier this season.

**Associates Reports:**

- Supervisor of Officials: My staff and I have completed 3 USA Hockey officiating seminars within the District this fall. All were full within days after they were

posted. Currently, we have 50 new official applications. All applicants have varying levels of experience, but many with no experience will need to complete on-ice mentorships before being allowed to work on their own. Discussion on retention and completion rates of new officials coming into the system.

- Coach in Chief: In Person Clinic in Shakopee this weekend. In Person Clinics in Brooklyn Park posted for November and December. Looking for a D3 goalie coordinator as well.
- Membership and Development: I listened in on the Pass the Puck Grant process last night and was getting a feeling for one of the things that is part of this position. More to come in the coming months but still figuring out everything.
- Jr. Gold/JGHSL: D3 Jr Gold Teams: \*Delano: 1-JGB \*Mpls: 1-JGB \*OMG: 1-JGA, 1-JGB, 1-JG16 \*Orono: 2-JGB (White & Blue) \*St. Louis Park: 1-JGA \*Wayzata: 1-JGA, 2-JGB (Blue & Gold), 1-JG16 (White) "A Perspective on Coaching JrGold": Saturday Dec 2, 8:00am-5:00pm Crowne Plaza Plymouth, cost \$50 including continental breakfast, lunch and pm snacks, designed for JG Coaches who have not attended previously. Qualifies for 3 continuing education credits from USA Hockey with \$30 USA Hockey fee.
- Disciplinary Committee: no report
- HP/Tier 1: For the first time, all 5 Walleye teams qualified for the MN District Playoff weekend and the **Youth 14U Tier II team qualified for Nationals** and will represent MN at Nationals in Amherst, New York, in the spring! MN Hockey has confirmed the intent to run "HP Futures" programs at both the 13U and 15U levels for both Youth and Girls in 2024, this will result in a need for several additional coaches to support these teams.
- Girls Coordinator: Final declarations for all girls teams are in and submitted to MN Hockey. Met with all MN Hockey girls coordinators on 10/8; the only inter district play D3 will participate in this season is 15A. The next MN Hockey meeting is 11/6 following HS tryouts to reevaluate 15U declarations if necessary. At the next D3 girls coordinator meeting early winter we will look at the declaration data from all metro districts to compare how we fare against the other metro districts. Still trying to get more players for a D3-hosted 19U team.
- Hockey Operations: no report
- Tournament Coordinator: Had a great meeting last Thursday with lots of questions and a good turnout. The regional meeting was a great success. Have some good questions and waiting on some answers for a few but overall, both meetings went well. No tournament games played Mon-Wed unless it is a holiday, and no games before 6:00pm on Thursdays. Host teams should play early game.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Bantam and PeeWee teams have been selected...we're dealing with an extremely disgruntled parent, from issues when the player was a Squirt C, that may possibly need to be "suspended" from being at the

rink...are using D3, and even MN Hockey, as guidance to how to properly deal with the issue appropriately- and, ideally, not litigiously... 15Bs are off and running...sounds like there was some discussion of moving U10 teams around but we're staying with U10 B1 and U10 B2 teams....Squirts have their placements in early November...still may need a home for our high school players who get cut from V/JV who'd like to play junior gold somewhere... Need guidance in helping register A/C as a "model" MN Hockey association thru USA Hockey.

Delano: Tryouts started this week; added a PWC tournament (Nov 10-12); struggling already to get volunteers for simple tasks; interviewing for Hockey Ops Coordinator (Administrative)

Hopkins:

Minneapolis: Manager and Coaches meetings will be scheduled between October 24th and October 26th. Team evaluations for Bantam, Peewee/12U, squirt/10U will be completed by 10/15/23. 15U evaluations and Junior gold will come in November. Mites are continuing their clinics. Inhouse activities will pick up in full force by November 1st.

Mound-Westonka: Stepping up our recruitment efforts in Watertown and converting more kids from Learn to Skate program to hockey. • Tryouts wrapping up, travel teams to be announced this week. • Need to drop a 12U B1 team. The anticipated number of players dropped for various reasons. Going from 4 teams to 3.

Orono: Bantam, PeeWee and Squirt evals are complete and teams have been announced. Warriors will finish on Friday. We have reduced one 12U B1 team after losing 12 players since registration. Still need Bantam goalies. The goalie placed on C (B2 talent but no B team) quit. Bantam A is still searching. Head Coaches just finalized, and email sent for them to register. Managers who are known have also been asked and will continue to ask as they are identified. Board members attending team meetings to reinforce new code of conduct and expectations. Would be interested in knowing what associations have goalies that would be likely candidates for sub at Bantam A and Bantam C.

Osseo Maple Grove: Bantam, PW, U12 and U15 tryouts complete. Squirt and U10 Tryouts are starting this week. Hosted a wildly successful "Girls Hockey Party" at Maple Grove Community Center last Saturday. November 9th we're hosting Women's Faceoff Classic, also at MGCC. Tickets can be purchased here... <https://mgcrimson.ticketleap.com/2023/>

St Louis Park: Bantam, 12U, Peewee tryouts are done. Getting coaches registered and managers assigned. Entering the second year of our squirt and 10u developmental model. It was received favorably by our parents at this level. Bantam C and 15b tournament keep coming in. Looks like we are on pace to fill both. At the meeting, discussion of a request to move 12U-B1 team to 12U-B2; that request was denied.

Wayzata: Bantam/15U, Peewee/12U tryouts completed. Squirt/10U starting. Coach and manager meeting on Oct 16.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:** Bylaws-review when ready

**Adjourn TIME:**            Motion: Andy      Seconded: Nick Rice

APPROVED