



February 18, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on February 18, 2009, at the Crystal Community Center.

Prior to the start of the business meeting, a tournament pairing meeting was held.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

John Perry – Director  
Mark Brandt – President  
Diane Margenau – Administrator  
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials  
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees  
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator &  
Recruiting & Retention Coordinator  
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator  
Lynn Brandt – C League Coordinator & Registrar

Representatives:

Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Tony Cleveland - Orono  
Tom Pitra – Osseo Maple Grove  
Alex Becker - Wayzata  
Ed Szalapski - Blake  
North Metro – Craig Englund

#### **MINUTES –**

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the January, 2009 Minutes as presented.

Joe Arko seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting. (see attached)**

1. Referee meeting, Saturday morning, February 21, for all tournament referees. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth Ice Center.
2. Crews from the Beltline Referee Associations will be working the following tournaments: PW A State, BB State and 14 A State. Beltline Referees will be doing the entire 16 U State tournament.
3. Checking from behind penalty has increased this year, especially the last 2 weeks.
4. There have been 2500 games to date.
5. Plan to have completed 75 evaluations by the end of the season.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.**

1. The President's mid season meeting went very well and was well attended.
2. August, 2009, a Level 5 Coaching Symposium will be held in Minneapolis.

#### **MINNESOTA HOCKEY WINTER MEETING –**

1. USA Hockey is presenting an American Development Model. This is a long term development program starting with mites up to high school.

2. USA Hockey has changed the date guidelines for their year. It will now run from May 1 through April 30.

Tom Pitra inquired how insurance coverage will be affected this year? John stated that he would look into it.

3. The MH Discernment Committee is working on updating the MH residency rule.

Tom Pitra stated that he is very concerned about MH adopting an open enrollment policy.

4. One Goal Program – link on MH web site. Start up packages cost \$70.

Joe Arko stated that St. Louis Park has bought equipment through the One Goal program and it is very good quality equipment. It's a very good recruiting tool.

5. MH Golf Tournament – July 13, 2009 – Victory Links. District 3 will again sponsor Hole #3 and sponsor a team.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Mark stated that he too felt the President's meeting went very well and good information was shared.

2. Am planning on having a mite coordinator's meeting soon to discuss how the season went.

3. Mark said that there have been some game cancelations with very little lead time.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. The annual appreciation banquet will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in April, replacing the April meeting. Invitations will be going out in March.

2. Advanced 15 information can be found on the MH web site.

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** –

**ST. LOUIS PARK** – Joe Arko reporting.

1. There is some talk about Washburn Association merging with the Southwest Hockey Association. This could affect St. Louis Park's relationship with Southwest. St. Louis Park is not in favor or joining with Washburn.

**NORTH METRO** – Craig Englund reporting.

1. Open hockey is available at the Brooklyn Park Arena on Sunday nights.

**S.K.A.T.E.** – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. A total of 36 associations participate state wide.

2. Web site – skatetoachieve.com

**GIRLS LEAGUE** – Diane Margenau reporting for Amy Johnson

1. An upcoming meeting soon to plan for next year.

2. OMGHA planning an 8 & Under Jamboree. Kendra needs to contact John with details.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. The Committee had 4 hearings this past month. Thank you to Craig Englund, Tom Pitra and Alex Becker as acting as ad hoc committee members.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. The year went very well.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Scott is requesting that each association establish a Recruitment & Retention Committee, headed by a Chairperson who would work with Scott at the District level.

**ACE CHAIRPERSON** – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Remind associations to encourage parents and players to nominate a coach for the Coaches Recognition Award.
2. “Dynamites” article recently appeared in the Star Tribune. Very good information about young hockey players in the inner city.
3. Lakeville Youth Hockey Association is hosting a sled hockey day, February 22, 2009/
4. Scott will be working with associations to see how best to get information out to parents.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

**REC LEAGUE** – (see attached)

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**SLED HOCKEY** – John Perry reporting.

1. One sled costs about \$500.00

MOTION: Tony Cleveland moved that District 3 donate \$500.00 to Disabled Hockey for the purchase of a sled for a sled hockey player.

Ed Szalapski seconded.

Discussion:

1. John Perry stated that he will match District 3’s donation for another sled.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jim Gates moved to adjourn the meeting,

Ed Szalapski seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

\*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.