



## District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

The September Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Ron Walsh at Plymouth Ice Center.

### Members Present:

District 3 Staff	Association Representatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Elmer – D3 Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Tuchtenhagen – Armstrong Cooper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Walsh – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Verbeten – D3 Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Brodersen – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Goldenberg– D3 Girls Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Keith Vowels – North Metro
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Fortin – Orono
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil Olson – BHRA, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Blashack – OMGHA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Dahlin– St Louis Park
<input type="checkbox"/> John Sparling(temp)– BHRA, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> – Metro League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tod Duagan - Mite Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
<b>Guests:</b> Scott Dornfeld – Maroon District Vice President Chris Hay – North Metro VP Buck Humphrey – President of ACYHA	

### Minutes

Mark made a motion to approve the August Minutes, Brian seconded the motion, and motion passed. (Minutes amended later in the meeting to reflect different language for the motion proposed by OMGHA-see below.)

### Special Presentation – Quinn’s Cup, Ryan ??

Key points about QC:

- 4th annual QC will be held January 28th, 2017 at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina
- Four on four pond hockey format with teams playing two 45 minute games
- Mites and squirts with suggested 8 players on each team. In 2016, 45 teams with 560 kids participated
- The approx. \$250 team fee includes 2 games, food, drink, swag bag.
- Funds raised support the Myocarditis Foundation
- QC began after 8 year old Quinn Kirsch died unexpectedly of Myocarditis in January 2013.
- **Purpose of QC:** Lets kids have fun playing pond hockey, something Quinn loved, raise funds & awareness of Myocarditis and keep Quinn in our lives.
- [www.QuinnsCup.org](http://www.QuinnsCup.org) for more information.



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### **Officials' Report – Matt Olsonoski/Neil Olson**

- District 3 is hosting 2 USA Hockey official seminars
  - Level 1 and 2 seminar – September 25<sup>th</sup> at Brooklyn Park
  - Level 3 – September 21<sup>st</sup> at Brooklyn Park
- BHRA's annual fall meeting 7:00pm September 19<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth Ice Center
  - All are welcome to attend
- BHRA started 12 new officials already this fall in the MASH league
  - Great place to train and for us to get a look at new officials to our association
  - We have sent out 4 more invitations out to officials and hope to get them started as soon as possible
  - We will added 4-6 more officials before the season officially begins, and will evaluate once season in under way determining how many more officials are needed at that time
- BHRA will use association's tryout scrimmages to look at and evaluate officials looking to move up and officiate high levels of hockey
- The FPP verbiage is now reflecting the fact a team has to earn their FPP, not lose their FPP by the number of penalties. A big win by Jim Gates as the language now reflects the actual purpose of fair play points and takes the responsibility off the officials.

**Neil Olson** - Schedule the officials for your scrimmages now!

### **D3 Director's Report – Todd Elmer**

- 2 /2 challenge – deadline is Friday, Sep 16; so far 6 associations have signed up.
- District 4 was unable to find a host for their scheduled Peewee AA East Regional Tournament within their District. They also asked other districts south of us and again was unsuccessful in finding a host. At that time they asked D3. I sent an email to Armstrong/Cooper as they were the other association to bid for our scheduled Peewee AA South Regional Tournament. Armstrong/Cooper has accepted and will host the Peewee AA East Regional Tournament
- Scott Dornfeld and I sat in on a webinar with a rep from King-Devick about a pre- season concussion base line testing and real time at the rink post trauma testing. This testing is in done in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic. Information attached.
- New affiliate agreements have been or will be sent out shortly to the association presidents. (new director, new president, and changes to the agreement )
- D3 will again host the Peewee AA League made up of D3, D5 and D6 teams. We will also host the scheduling meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for both the Bantam AA and Peewee AA leagues. District 6 will run the bantam AA league again this year.
- In the process of making some updates to our web site. First 2 thing that will roll out are a revamp to make it mobile friendly and changing out header.
- Next Mn Hockey State meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

***Conversation about return to play protocol for concussions. All associations should have a policy to address this in place.***

### **D3 President – Ron Walsh**

How does the report system work for all? Members gave positive feedback.

### **D3 Administrator – Kendra Verbeten**



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- Monthly report system works well.
- Fall meeting planning is underway.
- Website suggestions welcome, complete new look launching next week. System will be easier in the mobile environment.
- MN Hockey not changing to the new youth labeling until next season. Keep bantam, pee wee and squirt labels for another year.

### **D3 Treasurer – Tony Verbeten, interim**

- Todd introduced Tony as a candidate, Mark made a motion to appoint him as the new D3 treasurer, Nicole seconded, motion passed.
- Attached documents from previous treasurer.
- Motion to approve the July and August financials as submitted by Kelly Lowe. Carolyn made a motion to approve the July and August financials, Bill seconded, motion passed.

### **Association Reports:**

#### **Armstrong Cooper – Jim Tutchenhagen**

- Pre-season Camps started this week
- Finalizing Team Levels – hoping to have final details by Wednesday D3 Board Meeting
- Initial Try Hockey for Free Dates this coming week & next (Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Season Kick-off Get Together to be held at New Hope Ice Arena – September 30
- Managers meeting for all AC managers.
- Team Configurations:
  - Bantam – A, B1, B2
  - PeeWee – B1, B2, C
  - Squirt – B1, B2, B2, C
  - 15U – B
  - 12U – A, B or just A (girls coordinator working to resolve this)
  - 10U – A, B

#### **Delano – Carolyn Kivisto**

- Registration is coming in and we plan to host expected teams.
- A Mandatory Association Parent Meeting will be held in early October with PCA giving their presentation.
- Hosting a THFF October 1<sup>st</sup> and Hosting a “One Goal” – intro to Hockey program thru Community Education 4 Saturdays in October.

#### **Team Configurations**

- Bantam – A, B2, C
- Pee Wee – A, B1, B2, C
- Squirt – A, B2, B2, C
- 15U - no
- 12U-B
- 10U – A, B

#### **Hopkins – Nicole Brodersen**

- PeeWee Goalie - - we had one quit that we were expecting to return does anyone have an extra
- Clinics for PeeWees and Bantams started this weekend



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- Student coaches session in August so the High School kids could start helping with clinics and early season. Seems to be well received as they get very busy after their own season starts.
- Hired a skating coach to do early fall mite skating clinics
- Hired Hopkins alumni Alex Fons as a goalie coordinator/coach for our association
- Non-Parent coaches in place for all travel teams except Squirt C - still working on that.
- Talks continue regarding financing improvements to the Pavilion or building a new rink. Seems like a major renovation is the most likely outcome.

#### **Team Configurations**

- Bantam – A, B1
- Pee Wee – A, B2, C
- Squirt – A, B2, C
- 15U – A Hopkins/Park - B
- 12U- B Hopkins/Park
- 10U – A, B

#### **Minneapolis – Bill Robeck**

- Preseason skates started this weekend for 15U, 14U, 12U and 10U, 8U will start in early October.
- Mpls Hockey will be using TADS Financial Aid Assessment for their scholarship program this year
- Tournaments are nearly full - we have 62 of a possible 72 spots filled (as of our last board meeting in August)
- Registration is moving along, we have just over 400 registered and are expecting approximately 720 once complete.
  - Registration for 10U-15U will 'close' September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Registration for 6U, 8U and Jr Gold will remain open
- Teams/Levels
  - Girls:
    - 15U – 13-15 girls, we'll have one B team. A level players trying out for Hopkins.
    - 12U – 44-50 girls, we'll have 3 teams one A and two B unless we find a 4<sup>th</sup> goaltender.
    - 10U – 36-42 girls, we'll have 3 teams including one A and two B.
    - 8U – 33-36 players, 3 balanced teams.
  - Youth
    - Bantam – will need to discuss at the meeting. (AA, B for sure)
    - PeeWee – expect 115 total players, 7 or 8 teams: AA, B1, B1, B2, B2, C, C
    - Squirt – 120-130 total players and expecting 8 or 9 teams: A, B1, B1, B2, B2, B2, C, C, C.
    - Mites - expecting approximately 170 skaters

#### **Mound Westonka – Dean Swanson**

- Report: Travel team registration closed on August 21<sup>st</sup>. 111 boys (30 Bantams, 39 Peewees, 42 Squirts) and 33 girls (12 12U, 21 10U) have registered. Planning for 3 teams at Squirts (A, B1, C). Team numbers and levels remain status quo at the remaining classifications. Pre Tryout Skills sessions start the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mite registration opens on October 1. MWAHA are offering a \$50 Rookie Camp for boys/girls starting September 17<sup>th</sup>, is participating in the 2 & 2 challenge, and have plans for 2 Try Hockey For Free events. (October 29, November 9)



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- We have moved forward with scheduling dates for PCA, one for coaches and one for Squirr/U10 parents. Squirr/U10 players are not allowed on the ice if their parent does not attend.

**Team Configurations**

- Bantam – A, B2
- Pee Wee – A, B1, C
- Squirr – A, B1, C
- 15U – combined with Orono for the girls
- 12U- combined with Orono for the girls
- 10U – combined with Orono for the girls

**North Metro – Keith Vowels**

- Registration open house was this past Sunday/Monday. All went well.
- THFF – Saturday, September 17 and 18.
- Our tryouts are set and schedules posted.
- We expect to have 1 Bantam, 2 Peewee, and 3 Squirr teams for 2016/17.

**Team Configurations**

- Bantam – B1
- Pee Wee – B1, C
- Squirr – B1, B2, C
- 15U – coop-ing with OMGHA
- 12U - coop-ing with OMGHA
- 10U – coop-ing with OMGHA

**Orono – Jamie Fortin**

- We held Town Hall Meetings on 9/7 and 9/12 with our association members to create a more inclusive youth hockey association by increasing communication and transparency and provide a forum to create conversation.
- Bring a friend and Skate With a Pro Day. Bring equipment for donation as well.
- 2016-2017 Team Configurations (subject to change based on final registration numbers)

**Team Configurations**

- Junior Gold – B, B
- Bantam – A, B1, B2, B2, C
- Pee Wee – A, B1, B2, C
- Squirr – A, B1, B2, C
- 15U - B
- 12U- A, B
- 10U – A, B, B

**Osseo Maple Grove – Brian**

- Recruitment is going really well – over 450 players signed up and 125 new to hockey
- Team formation numbers for traveling are falling in line from initial submission. Bantams are a question as well as Squirrs depending on outcome of vote.
- Try hockey for free event on the 17<sup>th</sup> - Goldy the Gopher and players will be there – channel 12 news is running a spot about affordable activities in the area – ran first newcomer skate and over 80 players there. Osseo parade will be this week and school fliers have been sent out for the Wednesday envelopes. Road signs distributed in the



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entire community (targeting schools) and still offer free hockey for all new players plus \$100 at Lettermen Sports

- HEP is run mid-October and season starts at the end of October
- Coaches meetings and clinics setup for the start of October

#### **Team Configurations**

- Bantam – AA, A, B1,B2,CC
- Pee Wee – AA, A, B1,B1, B2, B2, C, C
- Squirt – dependent on vote
- 19U – B (could host additional players from other associations)
- 15U – A, B
- 12U- A, B, B
- 10U – A, B, B

#### **St. Louis Park – Todd Dahlin**

Interim president held first meeting last night.

#### **Team Configurations**

- Bantam – AA, C
- Pee Wee - AA, B1, C
- Squirt – A, B1, B2, C
- 15U -
- 12U -
- 10U –

#### **Wayzata –Mark Brandt**

Trying something different with recruitment due to the Total Hockey situation. Host try hockey day, November 3 – targeting mites. Built money into the budget for some equipment costs for new players.

#### **Team Configurations**

- Junior Gold – A, B, B, 16U
- Bantam – AA, A, B1, B2, B2, C
- Pee Wee – AA, A, B1, B1, B2, B2, B2, C (may change to addt'l C)
- Squirt – A, B1, B1, B1, B2, B2, B2, C, C, C
- 19U – B
- 15U – A, A, B
- 12U-A, B, B
- 10U – A, B (may need additional B team)

#### **Metro League –**

Todd will talk with Wayzata about a rep.

#### **Registrar – Shelly Slattery –**

- Our first registrar meeting for the season was very well attended and we had at least one representative from each association in addition to myself, Todd Elmer and Diane Ytuarte.
- Our second meeting will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at which time we will be going over registration logistics and birth certificate verification.
- I will have copies of the 2016-17 USA Hockey Annual Guide at the meeting if anyone is interested in taking one.



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### **Membership & Development – Diane Margenau**

- **2 & 2 Challenge:** We're excited to announce U.S. Olympians Lee Stecklein and Zach Parise will be playing roles in Welcome Back Week in Minnesota this fall. To take advantage of their efforts and the other components of the 2 & 2 Challenge, go to the USA Hockey website, 2 & 2 Challenge.
- **2016 Girls Hockey Weekend:** The sixth annual World Girls Hockey Weekend will be held October 8-9. This event is dedicated towards celebrating girls' hockey and associations can participate in a variety of on-ice and off-ice formats. Participants are encouraged to register with USA Hockey to be eligible for goodie bags and credit towards silver status for the 2 & 2 Challenge. To register go to the USA Hockey website, Girls Hockey Weekend.
- **Try Hockey For Free:** The national Try Hockey For Free dates have been finalized as November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. To complete the 2 & 2 Challenge, associations will need to participate in one of these events. Hosting both events will automatically garner an association silver status. You can register to host the November THFF (which is NOT on deer hunting opener) at the USA Hockey website.
- **USA Hockey Resources** – For those who are new to their roles or just need a reminder, USA Hockey provides a number of posters, videos and other marketing materials to help you positively promote hockey in your community. Here are a few quick links:
  - USAHockey.com/posters
  - Come Play Youth Hockey Artwork
  - Holiday Cards
  - <http://www.usahockeyprogramservices.com/page/show/896939-come-play-youth-hockey>
- **New Parent Resources:** As a reminder, Minnesota Hockey does have a series of resources on its website designed to help parents that are new to hockey. You can view them on the Minnesota Hockey website and can link them to your home association website.
- **Minnesota Hockey Grants** – It's never too early to submit a grant request to Minnesota Hockey. Submission form can be found on the MH website. New fiscal year starting September.

### **Girls Coordinator – Chad Goldenberg**

- By September 22 - Each Assn's 1st Team Declarations for MN Hockey due to Chad
- October 4 - 2nd Team Declarations due
- October 9 - MN Hockey Meeting to set up League pairings & each District's Regional Tournament bid allotments.
- Most D3 teams are set (not at risk-numbers wise), however 15UB remains cloudy. 15U scheduling Statewide always takes place a week or so after HS cuts (November), because they are so often disruptive to team viability. Unlike Bantam hockey, Girls HS hockey competes directly with 15U hockey.

### **Coach in Chief – Josh Hicks**

- District 3 CEP Level 1, 2, 3 have been posted. October 9, November 13, December 11.
- Level 4 has been posted. One session this weekend.



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- There will be a Level 4 held Consecutive Wednesday nights in December. 4 Metro Locations. Must attend all four sessions.
- Putting together a District 3 CEP team to assist with classes.

**Grievance – Kendra Verbeten**

**No report**

**Scheduling - Jay Knip**

Girls 12U is scheduling on Oct 3 even though team declarations are due Oct 4.

**No report**

**Tournament – Chad Nicholls**

**ACE Coordinator – Gene Ferrel –**

**No report**

**Mite – Tod Duagan –**

**TO DO: Please notify the association reps when the Mite Coordinator meeting is set up.**

**Old Business –**

**Motion to allow OMGHA to have unbalanced Squirt A teams.**

Below is the bylaw that is not allowing us to look at this development model.

*1.1.6 At the Squirt and 10U classifications, if an association is fielding more than one team at a level the teams must be balanced coming out of tryouts.*

OMGHA feels:

- Associations within the district not the District have the responsibility to answer to the players and parents for the success based on player development of how teams are structured and selected.
- D3 current bylaw mandates team formation and eliminates the flexibility for associations to decide/determine development models that fits their association. It is the right of the association, per the MN hockey affiliate agreement, that:
  - MH hereby authorizes the Affiliate to do the following:
    - A. To assess and charge a reasonable membership fee for members within its jurisdiction, in addition to the regular MH and USA Hockey fees;
    - B. To operate fund-raising programs to support its functions as an affiliate association of MH, including special charge on paid gate tournaments, games or events sponsored by the Affiliate;
    - C. To perform and/or provide certain other authorized services or functions to promote and regulate the play of the sport of amateur ice hockey as an Affiliate Association of MH.

And

1.3 This Agreement establishes certain obligations of and grants certain rights to Affiliate as an "Affiliate Association" of MH. MH acknowledges that Affiliate is and shall remain a separate entity with complete authority to conduct its affairs and programs, subject only to the express obligations and restrictions contained in this Agreement.



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The District 3 current 1.1.6 bylaw states that teams "must" be balanced under no definition for "how" or "what" balanced is determined

- Each year we evaluate our team formation based on certain criteria
- Number of players at that level
- Balance of competition with the league and the state based on the objective data for the hockey talent with the pool of players

This season OMGHA would like to propose to go with a upper and lower Squirt A team. We believe that this gives more kids the opportunity to play at the A level but potentially has risk to negatively impact our B program (Lower number of coaches and higher level players). It will should allow for a more competitive league at the B level based on historical results and add another competitive team at the A level. There are concerns this not a sustainable model and will need to be evaluated year to year. At the end of the day if OMGHA was just looking at the scoreboard we would just stick with one Squirt A team and keep it the same.

Brian made the following motion: *Change the rules and regulations from:*

*1.1.6 At the 10U Youth and 10U Girls classifications, if an association is fielding more than one team at a level the teams must be balanced coming out of tryouts.*

*To Read:*

*1.1.6 At the Squirt and 10U Girls classification, if an association is fielding more than one team at a level, the teams must be balanced coming out of tryouts. With the exception to Squirt A classification, which will be allowed to have unbalanced teams coming out of tryouts.*

Dean asked for a friendly amendment to the motion to add "For the 2016-17 season..." Brian accepted the friendly amendment. Mark seconded the original motion as amended. Discussion took place with high points: How will this one-year pilot be measured? Should it be limited to only the squirt A level? Deciding how to create teams should be left up to the associations. What other districts have rules directing associations team configurations and make up? Ron called the motion to a vote. On a show of hands vote, the motion passed 8-2, with one member abstaining.

Jim made a motion to have the above approved language amended to read, "At the Squirt and 10U Girls classification, if an association is fielding more than one team at a level, the teams must be balanced coming out of tryouts. *With the exception to the highest level which the association is hosting, which will be allowed to have unbalanced teams coming out of tryouts.*" Brian B seconded the motion. Bill asked this motion be postponed until the October meeting so all members could go back and gather data on their association's stance. Mark asked that we revisit the team deviation rule as well. ***Motion postponed until the October meeting.***

### **District 3 Handbook – By Laws and Rules and Regs**

The second reading of the Articles and Rules and Regs was presented. Mark motioned for the approval of the Articles and Rules and Regs, Nicole seconded, motion passed.

### **New Business –**



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Jamie brought forward questions regarding the number of games that must be reserved for the end of season tourney. Discussion took place on the double elimination tournament vs single elimination. Mark made a motion to move to single elimination tournament at the end of the season tournament and reserve two game days, Jim seconded, motion passed. New change will be reflected in the Rules and Regs previously approved in Old Business.

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconded; motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 10:03pm.

APPROVED