



August 10, 2011

The August meeting of the District 3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order by President Todd Elmer at 7:10 p.m. at the Crystal Community Center.

Those Present:

Scott Dornfeld – Director  
Todd Elmer – President  
Diane Margenau - Administrator  
Jim Gates – Referee in Chief  
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees  
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, Beltline Referees  
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator  
Amy Johnson – Girls League Coordinator

Representatives:

Steve Knop – Osseo Maple Grove  
Hans Eisenbeis - Minneapolis Hockey Assoc.  
Lee Goehring – Orono (alt)  
Josh LeVoiir – Armstrong Cooper  
Randy Lee – Mound Westonka (alt)  
Nancy Lyons – North Metro  
Michelle Hjelle – Crow River  
Pat Greeley - Hopkins  
Chad Nicholls – St. Louis Park  
Paul Larson – President, Minneapolis Hockey Assoc.

**MINUTES – MOTION:** Michelle Hjelle moved to accept the June minutes as presented.  
Pat Greeley seconded.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**REFEREES REPORT –** Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson

1. Jim Gates listed briefly some of the rule changes that will go into effect for the 2011-12 season.
  - A. Cross ice game marking will be added to the ice.
  - B. There will be added penalties for fighting.
  - C. Penalty for helmet removal during a fight.
  - D. Intentional head hits.

**DIRECTORS REPORT –** Scott Dornfeld

1. MH Rec. League is looking for ice for January through March on Tuesday and Saturday, 1 or 2 hours per week. Contact Scott.
2. MH will be presenting an A – AA tournament format for the 2012-13 season for Peewees and Bantams.
3. Screening for coaches, managers and board members will be done electronically beginning this season. Screening forms may be completed and submitted electronically. A copy may also be printed. D3 members who are not associated with a particular association's board are asked to complete their screening form as soon as possible.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT –** Todd Elmer

1. Todd and Scott have been attending all D3 association meetings this month.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT –** Diane Margenau

1. A listing of all declared teams was distributed. Some changes were made. Diane explained why it is important for all B teams, whether B1 or B2, to be identified by a different color designation. This color should not be repeated. For example, Wayzata should not identify a Peeewe B1 team as Wayzata Blue and also have a Peeewe B2 team identified as Wayzata Blue. This creates some confusion for the District. It also can create confusion in invitational tournaments and in standings. Diane will work with the individual associations on this matter before scheduling.
2. An updated calendar was distributed. This will be added to the D3 web site.

**TREASURERS REPORT –** Diane Margenau

**MOTION:** Pat Greeley moved to table the Treasurer's report.  
Hans Eisenbeis seconded  
The motion carried unanimously.

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS –**

### **MOUND WESTONKA – Randy Lee**

1. MW will be fielding a Bantam A team this coming season and C teams.
2. Registration is now open and they are in the processing of selecting coaches.

### **ARMSTRONG COOPER – Josh LeVoir**

1. John Champion has been selected as the HDC.
2. Added a 10UA division to their invitational tournament.
3. They will not have enough players to field a 14 A team. Players may waive to Osseo Maple Grove.

### **MINNEAPOLIS – Hans Eisenbeis**

1. Working on the new association's format, the merging of the Washburn and Southwest Hockey Associations. Waiting for approval from District 3 and Minnesota Hockey.

### **NORTH METRO – Nancy Lyons**

1. There is a new varsity boys coach for Park Center High School.
2. Golf Outing – September 16, 2011 – Sundance Golf Course.

### **ORONO – Lee Goehring**

1. Numbers have increased slightly according to early registrations. Will probably add a peewee team for the upcoming season.
2. May need some girls to complete some of their teams.

### **CROW RIVER – Michelle Hjelle**

1. Registration going on now.
2. Interviewing coaches at this time.

### **HOPKINS – Pat Greeley**

1. Hopkins will be fielding a Peewee C team this year and will add a Peewee C level to their Thanksgiving Tournament.
2. Have again purchased for \$1700 a K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade mailing list from the school district. A mailing will be going to all households inviting them to join the Hopkins Hockey Association.
3. Pat inquired as to whether any other association adds additional insurance other than what they get from USA Hockey.

### **OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Steve Knop**

1. There are some new Board members for this coming season including a new Girl's Coordinator.
2. September 17 – adding an additional “Try Hockey For Free” activity at Maple Grove Community Center. Information on the OMGHA web site.

### **R & R – Scott Dornfeld**

1. OMGHA is the only D3 association to submit a grant request.
2. October 2, 2011 – “GIRL'S DAY” – Information can be found on the USA Hockey web site.

### **GIRL'S LEAGUE – Amy Johnson**

1. A Girl's coordinator meeting was held in June. Agenda items: Post season highlights/disappointments, U8 Recap and Teams from last year

- OMG shared their approach to their try-outs. They did a separate U12A only try-out for girls. At the U10 level, this is the second year they did a development camp versus a try-out. It ended up being less stress and gave a better placement of players.
  - MW reported their co-op with Crow River at the U12 level went well. Combining the two associations made sure girls played at the right level
  - Kudos were given to St. Louis Park for their hosting of the District tournament
  - Several associations provided information on their player development strategies.
  - Hopkins and St. Louis Park reported that their rainbow at U14 was very successful.
2. There continues to be concern regarding the status of U14 teams given the difficulties that happened last year. The status of U14B seems most at risk. District 4 has reported that they will not have any U14B teams. Greta Wedell, state coordinator, was contacted to get her perspective. She has reported that most people seem optimistic about 14U this year. While she has heard from several associations who are considering hosting two 14As instead of an A and a B, there are just as many who seem committed to 14B.
  3. Plan to have another Girl's Coordinator Meeting in early September. (but not September 14<sup>th</sup>!)
  4. Teams for next year are as follows:

District 3 Girls Teams 2011-2012										
Association		8U	10U	10U	12U	12U	14U	14U	19U	
			A	B	A	B	A	B		
Armstrong/Cooper	5	1	1	1	1	1				11/12
	6	1	1	1	1	2				10/11
Crow River	2			1		1				11/12
	3		1	1				1		10/11
Hopkins	4	1		1		1		1		11/12
	2	1	1							10/11
Mound Westonka	3			1	1	1				11/12
	5	1		1	1	1	1			10/11
North Metro	3			1		1	1			11/12
	3			1		1	1			10/11
Orono	7	2	1	1	1	1	1			11/12
	6	2	1	1	1	1				10/11
Osseo	13	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	11/12
	13	3	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	10/11
SLP, SW, Wash, (Mpls Storm)	11	4	1	2	1	2		1		11/12
	9	3	1	2	1	1		1		10/11
Wayzata	15	4	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	11/12
	14	4	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	10/11
Totals	63	15	5	13	7	12	5	4	2	11/12
	61	15	7	11	6	12	4	4	2	10/11

'11/12 Notes:

U8: St. Louis Park will have 1 team, Storm will have 3 teams

U12: Crow River will co-op with Mound (lead). Hopkins players will waiver to A/C

U14: Following associations have a handful of "A" players: Hopkins, Orono,

Orono's players could play either on an A team or a B team depending on rainbow

St Louis Park may Co-op with North Metro at the U14A level

Crow River will co-op with D5 for two teams. Both teams will play in D5.

A/C will waiver players to Maple Grove

**ACE COORDINATOR** – Gene Ferrel

1. Please forward any new ACE Association Coordinator name and contact information to Gene.
2. A statewide meeting of ACE Coordinators will be held this Fall.
3. At this time there still appears to be a lot of confusion and not enough information concerning the new CEP programs and requirements. Clinic dates are not yet available for D3. Will probably not be posted until after Labor Day.
4. Diane Margenau stated that with the emphasis on keeping clinic number low it would be wise for D3 associations to encourage their coaches to attend clinics as soon as possible and not wait until the last minute, especially this year. The number of coaches who will have to attend clinics this year will be up and clinics will be filling fast.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**8 & UNDER – Scott Dornfeld**

1. Scott stated that there has, in the past, been some confusion in regard to the playing and rostering of 8U girls. To avoid confusion in the future Scott stated that a girl player may either roster on a girl's 8U team or a youth mite team, not both. Also, if a girl player is rostered on a team, she is not allowed to play or practice, under any circumstances on any other team. If there are any questions regarding this issue please contact Scott for clarification.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**SOUTHWEST/WASHBURN ASSOCIATION MERGER – Paul Larson**

1. Paul Larson presented a proposal to the District 3 Board allowing the Southwest Youth Hockey Association and the Washburn Youth Hockey Association to merge into one association to be called the Minneapolis Youth Hockey Association. Paul gave a brief history of the relationship of the two associations over the past years and outlined the process that has been going on over the past two years toward merging into one association.

2. If District 3 approves the merger Scott Dornfeld will present it to Minnesota Hockey at the Fall meeting for approval. It is hoped that this merger will be approved for the 2011 – 2012 season.

MOTION: Josh LeVoir moved to approve the merger of the Southwest Hockey Association and the Washburn Hockey Association. The new association will be known as the Minneapolis Youth Hockey Association and their boundaries will be identified in their affiliate with Minnesota Hockey.

Steve Knop seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**SQUIRT/10 U GAME FORMAT CHANGE – Scott Dornfeld**

1. Scott Dornfeld suggested a possible league game format change for squirt/10 U's for the 2012-13 season. Scott is suggesting 2 20 minute periods instead of 3 12 minute periods. This follows the format used in the High Performance programs. Representatives were asked to take this proposal back to their associations for discussion. It will be an agenda item later in the season.

**2 MINUTE MINOR PENALTY'S – Scott Dornfeld**

1. Minnesota Hockey conducted a pilot program during the 2010-2011 season, reducing minor penalties from 2 minutes to 1 ½ minutes for games with periods of 15 minutes or less. The Pilot Program is complete and the default minor penalty duration will revert to 2 minutes for the 2011-2012 season. However, based on the results of the Pilot Program, individual District and Invitational Tournaments have the option to continue with 1 ½ minute minor penalties for games with periods of 15 minutes or less during the 2011-2012 season.

The duration of minor penalties assessed at Minnesota Hockey District, Region and State Tournaments will be 2 minutes.

The Fair Play penalty-minutes thresholds by level as outlined in Playing Rule P-3 will remain as-is, regardless of whether 2 minute or 1 ½ minute minor penalties are assessed.

For the purposes of Fair Play penalty "equivalency" minutes, minor penalties will continue to be counted as 2 minutes as outlined in playing rule P-4, regardless of whether 2 minutes or 1 ½ minute minor penalties are assessed.

**TEAM DECLARATIONS AND LEAGUE PLAY –**

1. A review of all declared teams to date was conducted.

2. League game numbers were discussed. League play recommendation is attached.

MOTION: Jim Gates moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Randy Lee seconded.  
The motion carried unanimously

President Elmer adjourned the meeting.

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.

