



February 14, 2007

The District 3 Seeding Meeting was held prior to the District 3 February meeting. At this meeting details and information were discussed concerning the upcoming District 3 A & B tournaments.

The February meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on February 14, 2007, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Marc Sorensen – Coach in Chief
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
David Margenau – MH Vice President

Representatives;

Brad Davis - Hopkins
Matt Symoniak – Brooklyn Park
Mitch Trombley – Tri City
Greg Symicek - Armstrong
Marty Solhaug - Blake
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Andy Page – Orono (alt.)
Mike Tabery – Wayzata
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Greg Erickson – Cooper

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

DECEMBER MINUTES –

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to accept the December, 2006 Minutes as presented.

Matt Symoniak seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates reporting. (see attached)

1. Penalty's are down 37% from last year. Boarding and fighting penalty's are down. Some of this may be a result in 3 fewer Junior Gold teams this year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

MINNESOTA HOCKEY WINTER MEETING –

1. DISTRICT DIRECTORS MEETING -

A. Registrars want access to the screening lists. They are the ones who need the information.

B. Regional Tournaments –

1. Too many of them.

2. Some Districts run the Regional Tournaments themselves, some bid them out to Associations.

3. Some Districts use them as fund raisers.

4. Need to find out if the fee to participate in a region or state tournament needs to be increased.

2. Brooklyn Park/Champlin Park policy change was passed by Minnesota Hockey. Champlin Park has filed a grievance with Minnesota Hockey.
3. The Planning Committee has submitted to Minnesota Hockey 4 Initiatives to be considered and adopted.
4. In regards to girl's teams, there is a need for entry level teams, C teams, at the 10U & 12U levels. Districts need to address this and come up with some solutions, such as C teams which may need to be rainbowed. These teams would focus more on skills and less on competition. Need to know how the associations feel about this.
5. There are talks of game limits being mandated at the state level.

DISTRICT REPORT –

1. There are players playing at the B2 level when they should be playing on a C team. There is a need to have kids playing at the skill appropriate level. Director Perry plans on creating a "League Committee" whose purpose will be to review teams and the level of their play. Participants on this committee will be limited to the District Director, District President, District Administrator, District Coach in Chief and one association President (to be designated by a vote of the association president.)
2. If there are any issues that an association would like addressed at the Minnesota Hockey Spring meeting, please notify John Perry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. According to the District 3 Rules and Regulations, teams are not allowed to forfeit games. A 3 game suspension of the Head Coach is the penalty for deliberately forfeiting a game. President Brandt stated that forfeits appear to be a by-product of lopsided games.
2. Overall, things appear to have gone well this year

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Any person not returning to the District 3 Board next season needs to inform Mrs. Margenau.
2. The annual appreciation banquet is being planned for the second Wednesday in April, in place of our monthly meeting. Details will be available at the next meeting. Invitations will be sent out.

COACH IN CHIEF – Marc Sorensen reporting.

1. The Squirt C tournament that had been looking for participants has been cancelled.

C LEAGUE – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Tournament bracket on the website.

REGISTRAR – John Perry reporting.

1. Had a thank you dinner and planning meeting at Dehn's Country Manor.

MITES –

1. Director Perry stated that he had received Jamboree information from all associations except Orono.

NEW BUSINESS –

19 UB DISTRICT 3 TEAM - David Margenau reporting.

1. This year District 3 had one 19 & Under team, OMGHA. Would like to see another team planned for next season in District 3.

STATE & REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS –

1. With the new regional format and the fact that B State Tournaments were added a couple of years ago, each District needs to plan on at least 4 post season tournament.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mitch Trombley seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

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