



**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Plymouth Community Center - Aspen Room**  
**March 12th, 2025**

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

**Call to order TIME: 7:03pm**

Approval of Feb 2025 Meeting Minutes:

- Time: 7:03pm
- Motion to approve: Gina Hansen
- Seconded: Kristi Duis
- Minutes Approved: Yes

**District 3 Director Report:** Thank you all for a great season of District Play, Regions and Congrats to those who qualified for State this weekend. Super Championship Tourney, Minnesota Youth International Tournament Dec 31-Jan 4. Please let Paul or Mark know if your association is interested in hosting. Let me know if you need anything or have questions. Brooklyn Park Ice Arena - Meeting on Thursday, Level 5 Coaching Symposium in Columbus, Ohio, 8/14-8/17.



**District 3 President Report:** Taking care of some issues with Trophies and medals from the end of season tournaments. If there were extra trophies and medals from your D3 tournaments that your Association hosted, please bring them to the meeting on Wednesday as we can use this for in the future by changing the metal that has the printing on it. I will report on the schedulers meeting at the March 12 meeting. The schedulers meeting was really good. There were a few issues with Avario vs CrossBar that were having some issues with both systems talking to each other. Discussed game changes: 108 game changes due to back to back games not being scheduled. Next highest for game schedules was the high school schedule which is out of D3 controls. Established some dates for games to be scheduled over the Christmas/New Years break and will get those dates out to everyone soon. One issue that did come up was with Squirts and those games not getting completed at this level. Coaches should work with the team to help with this. District 3 end of season tournaments went pretty smoothly. Again, I will be retiring from D3 hockey on May 14 when my term expires.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Annual banquet will be on April 9th at 6-10pm and email will go out sometime in the next week or so for RSVPs.

**District 3 Registrar Report:** I have created an information gathering link on the registrar page of the D3 website to attempt to identify best practices for roster auditing. I have asked all registrars to complete the link and I will go over what the associations did that had no instances of incorrect or incomplete rosters at our end of season dinner. Hopefully this will help roster issues for next season. I am looking at dates for our end of season wrap up dinner/meeting.

**District 3 Treasurer Report:** Financial Statements will be sent out under a separate email.

**GameSheet Report:** GameSheet went through the year with minimal issues. There were a couple of updates to GS during our season, but they seem to go without any problems. The tournaments all happened without any major issues. Tournament directors did a great job of handling any issues. I will be making a couple of process suggestions to the next GS person to make it a little less time intensive during the tournaments. Having the coaches and managers updated in our database is critical to our communications with them. There were a few teams that did not have a coach or manager registered, so they missed out on some additional information.

### **Associates Reports:**

Supervisor of Officials: Thank you to all for a smooth and fun tournament season. Thank you to all the District and Regional hosts, you all made the games run great! Season ending incident reports - As of 3/11. **\*\*I am sure there will be one or two from the state tournament.\*\***

Total of 104 incidents - 2024 total 98

Incidents by association -

1. Wayzata - 41
2. OMGHA - 20
3. Minneapolis - 13
4. SLP - 8
5. Delano - 8



6. Orono/Mound - 6

7. Armstrong - 5

8. Hopkins - 3

Surprisingly 4-penalties in a game led the way with incident reports - 22

Abuse of officials - 16

All follow by Head Contact (13), Boarding (13), and Checking from Behind (12)

Bantam B1 led all age groups with (19) incident reports. Mike had a report of how many games we did last year. If you would like to see this report please reach out.

Coach in Chief: Developing curriculum for Continuing Education programs. Please have Hockey directors reach out with any suggestions.

Membership and Development: **OPEN POSITION – PLEASE HELP FIND A PERSON FOR THIS POSITION!**

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: \*Approve 2026 JGHSL Playdowns assigned to District 3

-JGA/JG16 at PIC: Thursday Feb 26-Sunday Mar 1, 2026 - (36 games)

-JGB at MGCC: Friday Feb 27-Sunday Mar 1, 2026 - (37 games)

\*JGHSL submitted rules change Section VII Levels of Play

→ Motion to approve the above schedule for the Playdowns for 2026

→ Motion made Gina, 2nd Kristi, all approved.

Junior Gold Playing Divisions (A – B) Classification

1. A Junior Gold program not fielding an “A” division team during the current season and their “B” team finishes in the top three of their JGHSL B League final standings during the current season and prior season shall field an “A” division team the next season.

2. Any Junior Gold program fielding an “A” division team and that team finishes in the bottom 20% of the JGHSL “A” League standings for two consecutive seasons may move their highest team to the “B” division for the next season. \*Under the rules proposal Shakopee, Hill, Rogers and Farmington would field JGA teams for the 25/26 season.

Disciplinary Committee: Dealing with a couple end of season issues. Players' seasons ended with penalties that will possibly require supplemental discipline.

Tier 1/HP Director: Preparing for HP tryouts and the Futures Development Program.

Unfortunately, due to lack of registrations we have closed our 13U Girls and 15U Girls Futures Development Program and gave those registered the option to participate with D6 who plans to continue with the program at this point. The registrations for the Futures Development Program is down across the state, this is not isolated to D3.

Girls Coordinator: From what I saw and heard all District Tournaments on the girls side were well run and exciting. One general comment for next year to advise associations and tournament directors on: Need at least one experienced person at the clock/scorekeepers station. Witnessed and heard from officials a number of games had very novice workers. This adds added stress and unwanted responsibilities onto the officials.

Hockey Operations: We have turned over the coaching search for the Futures Program to Minnesota Hockey. We were unable to fill the positions.



Tournament Coordinator: Start sending Michelle and Mike what your tournaments are going to be for next year. We will have a tournament meeting in June sometime and will send out a date hopefully by the May meeting. Any association that will be hosting tournaments should start working with your ice scheduler now on solidifying the ice and you can get those brackets done now. Mike and Michelle will be asking associations hosting tournaments to send their brackets and excel spreadsheet by Labor day this year.

Goalie Coordinator: Andy is the new goalie coordinator. Midsummer will get together and discuss goalie issues like shortages vs overages etc.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Super excited to have the A/C Bantam A's playing in the state tournament down in Marshall this weekend! Having a "send off" for them on Wednesday. The Bantam A region we hosted was a tremendous success. Our 12A's lost in OT to go to state:( Bantam C's won the district tournament in a 16 player shootout (yes, the 1st 15 players all missed!) Many of our teams overachieved in their respective district tournaments :) Already planning our placements for next year. Will have a huge goalie issue...again...next year at the Bantam level! 2 goalies for 3 teams and those 2 are likely to be on the "A" team! Mite Jamboree was awesome this past weekend! Raised over \$1000 selling old "vintage" AC hockey jerseys!

Delano: Wrapping up the season. Feedback from B2/C region tournament - overall great concept, change the weekend to not fall on HS state tourney weekend, ensure that teams are not able to sub in players (only goalies). Discussing parameters for scheduling our outdoor sheet for next season. Planning for annual meeting and board member elections in April.

Hopkins: Season went well. Great feedback about the Super Series tournament.

Minneapolis: Season is wrapped up and from an overall perspective the season turned out well. Level directors are starting the process of coming up with numbers for next year. There are multiple board positions open, but we have a lot of lines on people who could potentially fill them. Bantam A team will be heading to state and excited about that.

Mound-Westonka: Excited about the Super Series as well.

Orono: All 3 D3 Tournaments (12UB1, PWC and 10UB1) went well. We had a few bumps that caused us to adjust the schedule (frozen pipes and power outage). Smith EMS was once again absolutely fantastic. Will bring back extra medals and one 3rd place trophy (no 3rd place game for 10UB1). We had 5 teams advance to regions/playdowns: 12UA, 12UB1, 15UA, PWA and JGB. 12UB1 won the region and advanced to state. We did not have any teams advance to the new Super Series. We officially opened our first charitable gambling location. Meeting with Mound to discuss some JG opportunities. Next month will be focused on how we improve next year and planning for 2025-26.

Osseo Maple Grove: Wrapping up a great year, preparing for house jamboree this weekend and 5 teams heading to State! Overall player/parent conduct issues were way down. Positive feedback for all the hosts of the D3 tournaments! Positive feedback on the B2/C super regional.



St Louis Park: Somewhat relieved that the season is approaching its end. The regional/squirt b2/peewee c super series went really well with a handful of learning moments. Prepping our peewee b group for state next weekend. I am interested in discussing a motion at today's meeting to set a maximum allocation for the director, president, and treasurer roles. PWB1's are going to state as well.

Wayzata: WYHA had five teams advance to Regions during post season play, with four teams continuing to represent Wayzata at State. These teams are: 1) Junior Gold A; 2) 15U A; 3) 15U B; and 4) PW B. Final preparations for our hosting of the PW B/BB state tournament is well underway. Our welcome banquet for these 16 teams will be Friday, March 14, 2025 with guest speaker, Kevin Gorg.

### **New Business:**

Orono: Next year, could we consider advancing the consolation champion to the Super Series (assuming it is a go in the future).

President: D3 board will be mailing a check to the Mound Westonka family that lost their daughter in a car accident a couple of weeks ago for \$500 to help with anything that the family needs.

### **Old Business:**

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:17 pm

- Motion to Approve: Kristi
- Seconded: Gina

