

Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Community Center
Wednesday, October 9th, 2024



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

Call to order: 7:00pm

Sept Meeting Minutes: 7:00pm

- Motion to approve: Kevin
- Seconded: Mick
- Minutes Approved: Yes

District 3 Director Report: Calls from parents - Have been receiving a number of calls from parents about where their player has been placed. Pushing this back to the associations to take care of and follow up on including any emails that are received as well. Please remind your registrars and presidents about the mite waiver rule. I am receiving a number of requests for mite waivers that are not permissible. The associations can handle those, so they don't have to come to me. Association move-ins. Working on the deck for our upcoming coaches/manager meeting.



District 3 President Report: Been working with Avario on game scheduling. Have had some association's changing levels of teams during this process. Reminder to everybody that teams should not add tournaments or other events to their schedules until they see their league schedules. League games will not be changed due to adding a tournament. Seems to have a few associations moving teams around this year too close to game schedules going out, more last minute changes.

District 3 Administrator Report: Mandatory Coaches and Managers meeting, 15U encourages those team managers/coaches to attend Oct. D3 Monthly reports, Rules and Reg/Handbook, website has had some updates, looking for pictures from any teams from Fall teams or from Regions/State tournaments even from 2024 season.

District 3 Registrar Report: Please check with your website and make sure your Board of Directors and Hockey Op's/Player Development Committee is up-to-date. If you have a role and it's just an email - that's not enough. You need to list who the email is going to. Seeing a few rosters come in. Rosters need to be audited! If I see a roster that is clearly in error, I'm stopping the approvals for that association until I get confirmation that rosters are audited. If your rosters and board rosters are all approved then those teams can start scheduling scrimmages. Make sure that your team page websites are up to date as well and have the coaches listed as well.

District 3 Treasurer Report: Financials are available upon request. Discussion around moving some funds to a money market account within our bank to earn more interest than sitting in a regular account. Motion: motion to move \$75,000 to a money market fund through our bank by Gina Hanson then second by Mick Mullen and it was approved unanimously.

GameSheet Report: Team codes have been emailed to the D3 reps. I will make corrections as they are sent to me. The Exhibition Season was set up using the original team declarations. I will try and see if any corrections need to be made; however, if there is a problem please let me know. More GS information has been built into the fall managers meeting. There will be an additional short GS offering after the regular meeting in November for new squirt and 10u managers. Please keep the same colors for your teams from year to year for associations. It has ripple effects so please keep the same colors and stay standard. Officials will not start a game if there is a paper score sheet (these are no longer allowed) and needs to be scored on an iPad nothing else.

Associates Reports:

Supervisor of Officials: Waiting for games and numbers are good.

Coach in Chief: Coaching Clinics are in full swing. Brooklyn Park in person sold out!

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

Jr. Gold/JGHSL:

Teams:

A/C-Totino Grace: 1-JGB

Delano:1-JGB

Mpls:1-JGB



OMG: 1-JGA & 2-JGB, 1-JG16

Orono: 1-JGB

SL Park: 1-JGA

Wayzata: 1-JGA, 2-JGB, 1-JG16

JGHSL Winter Break: Dec 23-25 & Dec31-Jan 1. Super Bowl: no games start after 2:00pm. Final Team Declarations: due by Monday Nov 18 at 8:00pm. Final Game Ice: Tuesday Nov 19 at 8:00pm. JGHSL - If there is not a neck guard, plastic ear piece, face mask (cat eye etc) first person gets a warning for that team and then after that the next player to get a warning will be ejected for the rest of that game. This is only at the JR Gold Games.

Disciplinary Committee: No Report

Tier 1/HP Director: The 14U Tier 2 Girls team qualified for the Minnesota Hockey District Tournament and also advanced to USA Hockey Nationals next spring. The 14U Tier 2 Boys and 15U Tier 1 Boys teams qualified for the Minnesota Hockey District Tournament, but neither team advanced to Nationals. Next spring/summer we will remind D3 associations to avoid scheduling tryouts during Tier 1 & Tier 2 Minnesota Hockey playoff weekends in 2025 and beyond, there were a couple of associations that didn't do this, this fall which resulted in conflicts for players.

Girls Coordinator: Had second D3 Girls Coordinator Meeting on Wed 10/2. Only a few non attendees. Communicated about team declarations, exhibition rules, equipment rules review, and B2 and C regionals. 19U -- waiting on info for the flyer to distribute (Kendra). Wayzata moving 15U tryouts to post HS tryouts next year. Most other associations were doing the same so it was almost impossible to find a scrimmage partner. Wayzata - restructuring 12U declarations from 1 each 12UB1 and two 12UB2's to two 12UB1 and one 12UB2. Discussed impact of Winny/OS winter program -- heard Minnetonka lost 7 and Chaska/Chan 9 so southern districts were more impacted. Would like to activate Girls Tab update 19U tab on D3 Website

Hockey Operations: Jacob Mars has resigned as Head of Hockey Directors.

Tournament Coordinator: We had a great turn out for the sanctioned tournament meeting on Sept 23rd. We have several associations that have returning coordinators with a couple new ones. We also had all of the associations staying after that host regions and state tournaments. It was a great way for everyone to ask questions and be able to bounce ideas off everyone. As a reminder, in 2024-25, District 3 is partnering with District 6 and 10 to offer a post season tournament for all B2 and C teams at PeeWee, Bantam and 12U. More details will be provided soon. Tentative dates are the weekend of March 7-9, 2025.

Goalie Coordinator: Mid-September had a happy hour, great to meet some of the association goalie coordinators. Through discussions our group would like to see two initiatives this season. First, is that every goalie has a designated coach advocating for them on and off the ice. This coach tailors drills and team practice plans to include goalie development, they make sure their goalie is attending clinics, continue to work on skating, and ensure a fun, safe season. Second, each association's goalie coordinator should be included in their hockey operations meetings if not a voting member of that board.



Coordinators should be included in coaching board discussions, understanding specific level needs, outside goalie coaches, tryouts, equipment needs, etc. Plan to host another happy hour in November.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: U12s/PeeWees/Bantam teams have been picked and are up and running. We realize our Bantam C team is older and deeper than usual and there has been a request to move them to Bantam B2 and possibly switch if some association is struggling with the opposite issue. An age variance has been sent to the district to bring some of younger kids back down to our "13A" team as we did the opposite last year. We had to age waiver them up for being too young. Squirt and U10 camps are running well. Our little- U6s/U8s/Mites are currently having low attendance and we're hoping that'll change once fall activities are over.

Delano: Tryouts started this week. Canceled Bantam C tourney due to lack of registrations. Successful "Neon Night" Girls skating event - looking to replicate a similar event for the boys.

Hopkins: Travel Tryouts start 10/9/2024 and conclude 10/13/2024. Board looked at succession planning for outgoing members. Communication sent to D3 regarding change in Squirt levels. We will only have b1 and b2, not C.

Minneapolis: Tryouts are in full swing. 12U complete, 10U wrapping up this Sunday. Bantams wrapping up Tuesday. Peewees will be wrapped on Monday. Squirts will be wrapping up shortly there after. 15U will be in November. Everything is running smoothly so far. We have communicated to all managers/coaches for the mandatory meeting on 10/21. Worked with SLP on their goalie situation.

Mound-Westonka: Not a lot to report. In the middle of tryouts and kicking off the season.

Orono: Evaluations concluded as of Sunday 10/7 with exception of 15U and JG for obvious reasons. Bantam and Pee wee rosters are being submitted as coaches have completed requirements. Squirt, 10U and 12U are up next. We are 99% certain that we are dropping to 3 -10U teams (dropping a B2 team). It is being put to vote this evening (Monday, 10/7) and will advise ASAP. Orono is rostering the travel Warrior teams this year and Mound Westonka will roster the 6U and 8U teams. Managing the complaints as they come in which is fairly typical for this time of year (worst two weeks of hockey in my humble opinion). Registrations are still a bit down at our Mite levels which seems to be consistent across the state.

Osseo Maple Grove: Great attendance at travel parents meeting. Over 100 in attendance for an in person session on Sunday.

St Louis Park: Bantam and Pee wee teams are complete and rostered. We had to reduce our teams at Bantams due to a reduction in numbers of registrations at that level. Thank you to Minneapolis for connecting us with a goalie to be sure we had properly aligned skill levels with the teams we have. We had to drop the Bantam B level tournament from our plans for the November tournament due to lack of registration. Bantam C will have enough to proceed and the 15U tournaments in January will be filling up.

Wayzata: Bantam-15U teams are formed. Peewees/12U wrapping up this week. Crossbar going smoothly.



New Business:

Orono: Many questions if they can schedule a scrimmage before 10/15 if roster is approved. I told them 10/15 and I know we talked about this before and I believe the decision was that it was up to Machel. Is my memory correct on this? See Registrar report for response. In feedback from Paul on his thoughts about reactions to allowing school attendance waivers for Mites per the meeting last month and what if anything we should do to continue to provide data as they consider the proposal. - From Paul - MN Hockey will look at waivers again next year and the mite waivers next year.

Kendra: 19U open skate on Nov 10th and an email will go out with times and it is at Parade (Minneapolis).

Old Business: none**Adjourn TIME:** 8:02pm

- Motion to Approve: Michelle Ugurlu - Wayzata
- Seconded: Nick Rice - OMGHA

