



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Brooklyn Park Community Center
Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

				Association Reps	
	vacant	District Director		Brian Thul	ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis	Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Bob Larson	Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Peter Nelson	Minneapolis
x	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler	Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac	North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene	Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer	OMG
x	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson	OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Jeff Luke	St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair			
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator			
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:	
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		Judd Thomas for ACYHA	
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		Scott Dornfeld-Acting Director	
	Bill Robeck	Hockey Operations		*Kity present by speaker phone	

Call to order TIME: 7:05pm

- October Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Paul
Minutes approved

District 3 Director Report-

District 3 President Report- The election to vote in a new District Director will be Dec 8. The term position will be until May of 2022, at which time we will elect a District Director for a three-year term. Anybody that is wanting to be the District Director must keep in mind that they need to do what is good for the whole District, not what might be the desires of their own association. We have put together a job description for this position. Most of the description comes from MN Hockey. In the job description it also outlines the positions that the District Director needs to have other people perform and needs to delegate responsibilities. We will be needing to get these positions filled as well, if they are already not filled, which several of them are not at this time. We have also put some job descriptions together for other roles in D3 such as the President. The vote is a weighted vote based on the size of association. Machel added that associations need to make sure all mites are properly registered. There are not that

many mite teams currently registered. Also make sure to include mass waivers (co-op teams) and that they are rostered correctly.

Need to confirm if votes for positions can be split within an association.

Candidates and info will be sent out two weeks before December meeting.

All the scheduling for the D3 leagues has been completed. The only level that is not complete is the 15A girls. The 2 teams, Wayzata and OMG, will be playing in the D6 league and the scheduling for that level will be next week. Please remind our teams that only rostered coaches for that team can be involved on the ice or bench during games with your teams.

There have been a couple of incidents this year where there have been non rostered coaches on the benches. We are dealing with those associations. I am working on finalizing the D3 tournaments so that the schedulers can start to schedule the tournaments. Also please remember, that as D3 reps and leaders, we need to set an example of how to act and behave in public and meetings. If we see people yelling negative things at games, we must ask them to stop.

Reviewed power point of proposed organizational structure and job descriptions. Not opposed to parents of current players holding positions like girls coordinator and mite coordinator. Individuals just need to be able to represent the whole District.

Reminder, we CANNOT have coaches on the bench or participating with the team if they are not on the official roster.

District 3 Administrator Report- First Coach/Manager meeting night was packed. Had some squirt level folks attend Oct. meeting instead of Nov. meeting. Please make sure and communicate to teams that if the head coach and manager have not attended the fall meeting, they must attend November 17. Reminder, next month we will meet at BP Community Center again for the monthly meeting.

District 3 Accounting Report- Reviewed the balance sheet and P&L sheet. D3 purchased iPads for emergency situations. Jeff Luke-Motion to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Kristi. Motion approved.

D3 Associates Reports

- Supervisor of Officials: We have been instructed by MN Hockey to follow the USA Hockey Rule 402 Minor penalties. This change will take effect immediately for games beginning 11/9/2021.

The length of minor penalties shall be pro-rated for the following period lengths:

12 minutes or less - 1:00 minor penalty (10U, Squirt, 12UB, PC, PWB)

More than 12 but less than 17 minutes - 1:30 minor penalty (12UA, PWA, PWAA)

17- 20 minutes - 2:00 minor penalty

*****NOTE***** - All Bantam, 15U, 19U, and Junior Gold will remain 2:00 minor penalties regardless of period length.

MN Hockey has granted an exemption allowing all Bantam and higher levels to remain 2:00 penalties. They have also allowed for ALL major penalties and 10-minute misconducts to remain as 5 and 10 minutes respectively at ALL levels.

All associations - Please inform all players that they must not remove ear pieces from their helmets. If they do, the helmet has been deemed to be altered and the player will be removed from the ice until the helmet has been repaired. This has been a big issue at the Bantam level.

All associations - Please inform all coaches of the pre-game procedure. Head coaches are to go the scorers table during pre-game warmups to verify their roster and sign the scoresheet. They are to do this before the game not after. They are verifying their team's roster. They can cross off any players or coaches who are not at the game or suspended. We have had some confusion with this process this season already.

- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: Associations have reached out to their communities in creative ways. St. Louis Park has a pull down on their home page that lists over one hundred different languages that their website can translate. Saturday, November 6 was USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free. I attended three different sites this year, Armstrong/Cooper, Hopkins, and Osseo Maple Grove. Participation was very good at all three sites. Tina Greigel, Armstrong/ Cooper, was pleased with their turnout. Bob Larson, from Hopkins, told me that they had ten girls and seventeen boys participate.

Following my previous reports, I am adding 5 more Leader Excellence Conference topics. As a reminder, another conference will be held in April 2022, and it is not too early to begin planning on attending. CHARITABLE GAMBLING, Doug Kephart presenting... Experienced gambling managers from youth hockey associations share insight on state regulations and best practices for a successful charitable gambling program.

USING TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT COACHES & SCOREKEEPERS - Stephen Evans, Coach Them & Richard Berman, Gamesheet presenters. Coach Them shared how their platform helps coaches simplify practice planning while also increasing communication and collaboration between them. Gamesheet introduced its software which will be taking scoresheets into the digital age.

MENTAL HEALTH & EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS - Dr. Aimee Custer & Amy Hamilton from TRIA Orthopedic presenting. Prioritize player safety in your organization by preparing for emergency situations and learn how your association can prepare for and support its members during mental health crises.

ENHANCING ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION, Derek Ricke MH Marketing & Communication Manager. This session examines how associations' internal and external communication affect the experience of current and potential members and discusses how to improve in each of those areas.

BUILD YOUR HOCKEY OPERATIONS PLAN, Jacob Mars presenter. This session focuses on best practices of building a hockey director/hockey operations committee as well as sharing ideas of how various structures, philosophies and processes can positively impact players and coach development.

Diane handed out data on 8u numbers for D3 and other districts over the past nine years.

- Jr Gold: Team declaration formally due Monday 11/22, 8:00pm. (All teams set except Mpls & Armstrong Cooper who are exploring a combined team)
 - *JGA: OMG, St. Louis Park, Wayzata
 - *JGB: Delano, Orono White, Orono Blue, OMG, Wayzata Blue, Wayzata Gold, Mpls/AC?
 - *JG16: OMG, Wayzata White
 - *JGHSL will not be using GameSheet this season. District 2 and some Northern Divisions are postponing implementation. Additionally, JGHSL has an extremely short turnaround time between team declarations and start of play which increases the difficulty of implementation. JGHSL will use off season to prepare for using GameSheet to start the 2022/2023 season. GGG will distribute paper score books to all D3 JrGold teams.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position
- Disciplinary Committee: no report, need committee chair
- Scheduling Coordinator: See President's report
- Tournament Coordinator: First tournament is done in Delano and we have a few more this weekend. Things went pretty well with using GameSheet. I have communicated to all tournament coordinators that they have to verify rosters prior to the tournament. They should be asking for the team's link to their roster at least a week prior to the tournament so that they can get the rosters uploaded. This will eliminate the last minute of entering the roster right before the Game or at least they won't have to do a whole bunch. Rosters have to be verified through GameSheet in addition to the normal verification. Remind tourney coordinators that jerseys cannot be mismatched colors. Teams must wear same color. There cannot be duplicate numbers. Additionally, tourneys need to be submitted on time-at least three weeks prior.
- Social Media/Website: Have not started on the missing games yet. Working with appropriate people to get that done. There should be no reason games are not scored through GameSheet at this point. All

aspects of scoring are functioning. The only potential reason would be a catastrophic failure of the App itself. Hoping for Squirt/10U codes by Monday.

- HP/Tier 1: no report
- Registrar: Please remind all your team managers and coaches that only players and coaches on the roster can participate on the ice and on the roster. NO COACHES ARE ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO GAME SHEET THAT ARE NOT ON THE ROSTER!!
- Hockey Operations: Mark shared that Bill Robeck will hold mite/8u coordinator meeting. Reminder, no mites should be playing outside the district without Scott Dornfeld's (acting Director) approval. Machel added that very few mite rosters exist currently. Get mite rosters completed. *FYI mites may play only 4 5x5 games after Jan 1.*

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: We are currently conducting our Learn to Skate Clinics which are used as a recruitment and development strategy. We have around ninety skaters signed up and the majority have signed up for our mites. Our Try Hockey for Free events have been going well and we have involvement from our High School Teams. We are excited about welcoming a new group of players to our association! I received a phone call from another association about a concern regarding a few of our players "talking" to the referees. I appreciated that call and I spoke with our Boys Travel Director who talked with the coach about the concern. I would welcome this communication from all members as this is one step that will help support our officials and associations.

Delano: All tryouts have been completed; Looking for guidance on co-ed locker room situation at Squirt level-need to confirm if a female adult need to be in locker room as well if a female is on squirt team.

Hopkins: Tryouts went very well. Had nice jump in the number of mites signing up this year. Our Try Hockey for Free event was a huge success. We had 30+ kids try hockey. Almost divided equally with boys and girls. A handful have already signed up for this season. Hoping to add more in the next week.

Minneapolis: Evaluations wrapped up before MEA, teams have been formed and rosters should be almost final. Lots of Game Sheet questions as the platform rolls out, but big thanks to Mark, Cheryl and Michelle for working through the questions and issues. As discussed at the October meeting, we have confirmed that there will not be a 15U A team with the MPLS/Hopkins-Park coop. We are also unlikely to have enough players to field a Junior Gold team. Question on whether we are using "game days" for Squirts for tournaments, or whether every game counts towards the 35 game regular season limit?

Mound-Westonka: MWA signed a lease on a new dryland training facility in Mound across from the Pond. Working through GameSheet integration complications. Our Orono Westonka 15U team is still looking for added skaters if any association has players looking for a 15B team. 37 new mites this season and 80 registered for our learn to skate program through Community Ed.

North Metro: Need one more Bantam B1 team for our thanksgiving tournament. Getting settled in with scrimmages and learning how to use the scoresheet app.

Orono: Season off and running for most teams. Still working on jersey number issues with a number of teams. Hoping the jerseys will be in by Thanksgiving. Horn is now working at Morrison Arena. In need of a few 15U B payers for the season after Girls HS tryouts.

Osseo Maple Grove: Gamesheet rollout went well. MGCC iPads need to be checked out from office between rinks in lower level. Osseo they are mounted in the penalty boxes. A few problems, (one signed off on a game with error on a penalty. A 2 min minor was marked game misconduct by error. Second, volunteer minor official forgot to finalize/submit game and it was gone the next day). Neither of these have been corrected to date. Who can help with these situations? Why can't one designated person for each association have admin capabilities to fix things for association going forward? I am sure Cheryl is being bombarded.

Our U15A team had a game scheduled with Minneapolis Thurs. Nov. 4 and no opponent showed up. Apparently, they had not formed a team yet. Refs were there too. What happened?

St Louis Park: The Minneapolis-Hopkins-Park 15U program will only roster a 15B team this season. With so many players taking high school spots we didn't have the talent or numbers to field two teams.

Wayzata: no report

Old Business:

Mite meeting date...see hockey operations report.

Reviewed 2021-22 Rules and Regulations and made updates as discussed. Need to update mite games and change from 6 to 4. Peter -Motion to approve 2021-22 Rules and Regulations. Kelly seconded. Rules and Regs approved. Shelly will send out clean/final copy to all and get on the website.

New Business:

Adjourn TIME: 9:12 Motion: Andy Seconded: Kristi