



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

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| x | Nicole Brodersen | District Director | | Association Reps |
| x | Mark Brandt | President/Scheduling | x | Mike Melsha ACYHA |
| x | Shelly Johnson | Administrator | x | Kristi Duis Delano Area |
| | Vacant | Treasurer | x | Bob Larson Hopkins |
| | Cheryl Myers | Social Media/Comm. | x | Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations |
| 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 |
| x | Kendra Verbeten | HP/Tier 1 | x | Michelle Jirik St Louis Park |
| | Josh Hicks | Coach-in-Chief | x | Andy Nordseth Wayzata |
| | Vacant | Griev. Comm. Chair | | |
| | Vacant | Girls Coordinator | | Guests/Alternates Present: |
| x | Diane Margenau | Membership Devel. | | |
| x | Greg Gibson | JGHSL | | |
| | Todd Larson | JGHSL | | |
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- **Call to order TIME:** 7:04
- December Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Mike M
- Minutes approved

1. **District 3 Director Report-** Games start tomorrow. Thank you to Mark and all the ice schedulers for getting everything done. Reminder that if a game is cancelled due to Covid, contact Mike Anderson immediately so officials can be notified. If potential of cancellation, give him a heads up.
Phase 5: two spectators per player. Note that this may vary depending on the rink and the capacity allowed at the rink. Minor officials (scorebook, clock, box) count towards the two per player. Managers should let opposing teams know if their rink has different restrictions. Would be helpful for associations to post this info on websites as well. Asking managers to take attendance for their team at AWAY games. Keep the info in the event it is requested. Three coaches now allowed on the bench. Small drawstring bags allowed for small items (phones, tape, etc.). Locker rooms still strongly discouraged but allowed with no more than 7 in the room. Locker rooms

not to be used for team meetings. Parents are not to congregate before or after games while waiting to enter or leave the rink. Masks are mandatory! March 28 is the last day of the season. No organized team events after 3/28. Tournaments cancelled during the pause cannot be rescheduled. No scrimmages will be scheduled nor should they be requested. Not enough refs. Email will go out to coaches and managers tomorrow. Teams can scrimmage outside of D3 if not conflicting with their schedule. Mite/8u will be in house until Feb 9. Feb 9-March 28 will work with mite coordinators for events. Mostly will focus on getting older mites/8u players 5v5 games. Some allowance may be made for events outside associations.

Question asked about what is a team cannot play in district tourney due to Covid...will they be excluded from regional play eligibility? Possible may need to determine based on seeding or look at rescheduling games. Will have to figure out as we move along. Reminder there is not a week in between regions and state this year.

2. District 3 Administrator Report- no report

3. District 3 President Report- Rescheduled 823 games in 10 days. A few adjustments will need to be made and working on that. Have managers check team site to D3 schedule to verify they match up. If they do not, contact associations ice scheduler right away. Some games still need to be scheduled and will be done manually. Might need to make adjustments to the district tourneys. High school sections will be running the same time. Question asked about teams adding a tourney to their schedule. If a team has an open weekend, that is fine. Just cannot miss district games. Just a reminder that the D3 monthly meetings are ran by Roberts Rules of order. If anybody wants to address the board on anything and they are not a D3 association representative, they need to be put on the agenda in advance of the meeting to make their presentation. Only members of the board should be involved in discussions during the meeting unless the person running the meeting recognizes the person to be able to speak on the topic being discussed.

Our 3 year contract is up with Avario at the end of this season. I think we should continue this relationship and look at agreeing with them to a new contract in the couple of months

Question asked about what the Avario expense is -Mark said it has been \$36 per team. Associations pay their own expense for subscription.

4. District 3 Treasurer Report- Presented financial statements for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Reviewed and discussed the categorization of some info between years and the timing may impact the bottom line of 2018-20. Should look at those two years in aggregate due to timing issues. Reviewed a current balance sheet and discussed how much money should be held in a fund balance. There was discussion on our current fund balance and its

size and origin. Further analysis of where the increases in fund balance came from will be prepared and presented in February along with a recommendation on what an appropriate fund balance level should be. A plan of fund balance distribution will also be presented. An audit was discussed, but at this time it is not necessary as we essentially just audited the last three years' worth of data. More safeguards to monitor the financial processes will also be presented at the February meeting. Diane asked about a couple of expense categories and then provided kudos to Shelly and Kendra for decreasing operating costs of the organization.

5. D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: Met with supervisors from around MN. There has been mass reduction in the number of officials. D3 down 30+%. Lost experienced guys too. Some worked over 100 games last year. A lot of districts are not scheduling scrimmages. Also have Jr Gold games to schedule. Had the annual winter meeting and there was some excitement at getting back on the ice. Neil added that teams from Mpls, Orono, and Hopkins have requested scrimmages and those will not be scheduled. The link to schedule has been removed since people did not adhere to not requesting them. Make sure Neil has locker room info from rinks in your associations (open or not). Still have some games to get covered for this weekend and working hard on it. Controlled scrimmages are still ok, must adhere to controlled scrimmage rules. Exception is bantams and Jr Gold-not allowed due to concern of injuries. Games will still have two officials. Officials have been instructed treat players not wearing masks in the same manner they would deal with no mouthguard. Will ask player to put on, send player back to bench to be replaced by another and if needed, ask coach to address and assist. If persistent issue, will be reported to District Director. Nicole added masks are required and will need to be consequences if routinely not adhered to. Remind players and coaches that there is always people watching and not complying will get reported eventually.
- Membership and Development: February 20, 2021 is the next date for USA Hockey's "Try Hockey for Free." Associations are encouraged to try to host an event. There is still time to submit your application to USA Hockey to receive materials for hosting.
- Jr Gold: Nicole thanked Greg for continually working on behalf players and Jr Gold league. There will be 10-11 teams with 8 home games. Jr Gold having a zoom meeting for twin cities area teams.
*JrGold Team declarations are due Wednesday 1/13, 8:00pm *Need Head Coach & Mgr contact ***Need to designate 1 person to participate in league game scheduling mtgs** *JGA league game zoom scheduling mtg Thursday 1/14 *JGB & JG16 league game zoom scheduling mtg Sunday 1/17, Monday 1/18 or Tuesday 1/19. TBD as

soon as teams are declared *16 game schedule, need at least 10-75 minute ice slots to schedule 8 home games *Start Monday 1/25, end Friday 3/12

- Girls League Coordinator: Wayzata will have a 19U team. If anyone has girls that are interested, let Mark know. There are 5 metro 19U teams. There is also a 19U state tourney.
- Grievance Committee: no report, still need chair of committee
- Scheduling Coordinator: see President's report
- Tournament Coordinator: Will begin working on season end tourneys (trophies etc). May still take awhile for teams to get sanctioned tourney fee back from MN Hockey. If teams are opting out of tourneys and not getting a refund, let Nicole know-may be able to help as district directors working together on this. Refunds have not been required so tourneys have been "buyer beware".
- Social Media/Website: Nicole said need any remaining coaches and managers that have not registered on the D3 site to do so. A lot of communication will start flowing and need the contact info.
- HP/Tier 1: There are revised dates. Tryouts for HP will start March 29 and end approx. April 10, depending on the level. The program is getting condensed with two less weeks but no change in the actual depth/offering of the program. Players must attend at least one tryout session. Deal with injuries/illness as needed. Festivals are April 23-25 for all levels. Nominations for boys will be March 1, girls March 2. This will be done virtually, and communication/info will go out to coaches ahead of time to facilitate the process. HP is a nomination process which is different than fall Tier 1. Tier 1 tryouts will be in June and are being scheduled around the St Cloud camps. The D3 Tier 2 team will be in Texas for National Tourney 4/29-5/3. Will be asking for donation to the team and working on budget for the team's travel, etc. Every fall there are conflicts with Tier 1 playoffs and association tryouts. Would like feedback on how we can make sure players are not penalized or have to make a choice on what to attend.
- Registrar: Make sure your association registrars are getting all relevant info as they get questions as well. Will be going through redlining process in February.
- Hockey Operations: no report

6. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Recording all players/volunteers/coaches traffic into the rink by time and team. Added volunteers to monitor rink doors and flow into and out of the rink to meet the time limits/social distancing/mask wearing.

Delano: Initially had A LOT of pushback on the mask requirement but so far few have actually dropped out (primarily younger levels); Are other associations considering any refunds at the end of the season due to tournaments lost and ice time lost due to team quarantines? Wondering if there is any chance that we will have Mite/8U games this year?

Hopkins: no report

Minneapolis: Covid and not much else. We're happy to get going. Thank you to everyone @ D3 and BHRA that is supporting the opportunity for our kids to play once again.

Mound-Westonka: no report

North Metro: Will be hosting our MLK tournament this weekend. Hosting 2 (district) tournaments in March.

Orono: Working on getting teams back up and running. Had team manager/HC meeting Jan 4 to review rule changes. working through tourney issues with teams. Ok to host 12A district tourney and regions. Also, what will be our policy if we have a team that is not able to participate in the D3 tourney? (early spring break) Mark and Nicole said will need to look at this more.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: follow up with BHRA about ref fees at ROC.

Wayzata: no report

- 7. Old Business:** Squirt restructuring-looking at forming a committee after the season is up and running and work on for the future and come up with ideas. Let Mark or Nicole of interest in being involved.

8. New Business:

Adjorn: 8:57 Motion: Andy Seconded: Kelly