



**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Plymouth Community Center - Aspen Room**  
**May 14th, 2025**

|   | <b>Executive Committee &amp; Associates</b> |                        |   | <b>Association Reps</b>           |                |
|---|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| X | Paul Steenerson                             | District Director      | X | Kevin Pote                        | ACYHA          |
| X | Mark Brandt                                 | President/Scheduling   | X | Kristi Duis                       | Delano Area    |
| X | Michelle Jirik                              | Administrator          | X | Tim Klenz                         | Hopkins        |
| X | Josh Hicks                                  | Hockey Operations      |   | Matt Marsh                        | 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        |   | Charlie McChesney                 | St Louis Park  |
| X | Mike Anderson                               | BHRA Scheduler         | X | Ben Norton                        | Wayzata        |
| X | Michelle Jirik                              | Tourney Coord.         |   |                                   |                |
| X | Chad Wieneke                                | HP/Tier 1 Program Dir. |   |                                   |                |
| X | Josh Hicks                                  | Coach-in-Chief         |   | <b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b> |                |
|   | Tim Przybyski                               | Disciplinary Chair     | X | Rob Anklam - SLP                  |                |
| X | Todd Sherner                                | Girls Coordinator      | X | CR Childers - Mound               |                |
|   | <b>Open Position</b>                        | Membership Devel.      | X | Brad Johnson - MLPS               |                |
|   | Greg Gibson                                 | JGHSL                  |   |                                   |                |
|   | Todd Larson                                 | JGHSL                  |   |                                   |                |
|   | Andy Treno                                  | Goalie Coordinator     |   |                                   |                |

**Call to order TIME: 7:05 PM**

Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes:

- Time: 7:08pm
- Motion to approve: Kevin
- Seconded: Kristi
- Minutes Approved: Yes

**District 3 Director Report:** Referee Contract: Colin (OMGHA President) and Jaclyn (Wayzata President) joined me in the referee contract bid meeting last night. Some of the changes would be a four person crew at the Bantam AA. It was also talked about using the four person crew at the Jr. Gold 16U levels as well this would help with scheduling purposes. Ref fee increase was about 5% increase overall. The scheduler fee did increase a bit too. Thank you to all for support over the last 4 years as Director. Competition committee is Wayzata, Armstrong and SLP. Team declarations are due now and need to be submitted as soon as possible. Please send your team declarations to Michelle Jirik and Kevin Pote. Kevin will be



the chair for the competition committee and will help facilitate the process. Addressing the new business around 10u/squirts number of games for the 2025-26 hockey season. The recommendation to the board is to play 16-18 games at all levels and that also depends on how many teams are at each of those levels.

**District 3 President Report:** Not a lot to report on. Waiting to see who the president will be and waiting until that time to set the schedule and dates for next season.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Please review the calendar and add any dates that you know about right now. I would like to have this finalized no later than the July meeting but sooner if possible. Please update all contacts on the google doc sent out with new board members from your association. I wanted to send a HUGE Thank you to Kendra, Paul and Mark for all the work you have done for D3 Hockey! You are all going to be missed!!

**District 3 Registrar Report:** I will be attending the National meeting in June. Looking to implement some new standard practices for next year. Waiting to confirm them with our new District Director.

**District 3 Treasurer Report:** Financials will be sent in a separate email. Kendra will help through the end of the fiscal year with the bookkeeping. The fiscal year ends July 31st, 2025. Ice bills not received from some associations.

**GameSheet Report:** Still waiting to hear from MNH on a new contract. Use \$8 a game as a starting point. Associations need to figure out how to bill your teams. Associations will be paying a different amount based on the games played. If anyone is interested in filling this role please reach out otherwise Michelle Jirik has expressed interest to take over this role this coming season.

### **Associates Reports:**

Supervisor of Officials: No report

Coach in Chief: Be aware that Continuing Ed Credits will be a factor for coaches this season. They can see offerings on the USA Hockey Website. I'm also available for presenting/clinics, and will try to work with Association Hockey Directors to try and keep offerings local. We've been told that coaches will be able to track this themselves on the USA Hockey site, but it's not live yet.

Membership and Development: **OPEN POSITION – PLEASE HELP IN FILLING THIS ROLE**

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: \*Approve Todd Larson and Greg Gibson as D3 JGHSL Committee Reps for the 25/26 season. Mound exploring fielding a JrGold team for 25/26. OMG adding a JGB Tournament Feb 6-8, 2026.

- Motion was made by Gina Hansen to approve Todd & Greg as the D3 JGHSL Committee Reps. Second was made by Nick Rice. Motion passed unanimously.

Disciplinary Committee: All issues have been heard

Tier I/HP Director: The Girls Tier II Walleye team advanced to the semifinals of the USA Hockey National Tournament in early April, where they fell to the eventual champions. Congratulations on an incredible season! The HP 14/15 season has officially wrapped up for both the Youth and Girls programs. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it a success! Planning is already underway as we transition focus to the fall Tier I/II seasons, with



tryouts scheduled for late June. The Futures Development Program is coming to a close, and feedback on both the program and the coaches has been overwhelmingly positive.

Girls Coordinator: I have received calls from some girls coordinators regarding how many league games will the U10 level be doing this coming season? Are we for sure going back to 16 -- they need to know for scheduling tournaments. It was discussed to have the Girls College Recruiting Seminar at a different time than over the Holiday break -- looking for suggestions as to when would be a good time for U12-U19 teams?

Hockey Operations: attended the Hockey Directors Conference, presented on Evaluations/Tryouts. Hockey Directors meeting in April - Thanks to Minneapolis for attending. MN hockey is looking for Hosts for Mite Jamboree - A/C has been submitted, potential for others, if interested, please reach out to me.

Tournament Coordinator: We will have a date for the June Tournament meeting 16th at Plymouth Community at 6:30pm. Please update the contact list with your new or returning tournament coordinator roles as soon as possible by May 17th.

Goalie Coordinator: I just transitioned into the role of District Goalie Coordinator. I attended the D3 year-end banquet and met with outgoing coordinator Brad Butler to discuss the responsibilities, expectations, and key goals for the position—including addressing goalie shortages and overages across the district. Brad and I also reviewed some of the successful initiatives within our local association, such as creating custom goalie shirts to build pride and recognition for our netminders. I'm looking forward to working to support all of the goalies in our district moving forward

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Sadly, some big changes at our high school levels:( I believe interviews begin next week). Have a handful of new members joining our board this year! Main goal is improved recruitment at the Mite level! Early team classifications: Squirt- A B2 C C, PeeWee- A B1 B2 C, Bantam- A B1 C, U10- B1 B2, U12- A B2, U15- yet to be determined...unsure of where our best direction to go is given our high school situation...in talks to possibly join Mpls/H/Park. Could use a reminder for our coaches of the new CEP requirements.

Delano: Annual meeting rescheduled to 5/14. Working through planning for 2025-26 season

Hopkins: Working through the Showdown Tournament logistics, we are hosting 15UA with SLP. Registration opens mid June for us.

Minneapolis: Minneapolis voted on a new board at its May meeting. We are exploring Sprocket as a new platform for hosting our website and registration. We continue to evaluate team numbers and levels while also signing up for tournaments. I will be leaving the board. I want to thank you all. It has been a joy serving with you all.

Mound-Westonka:

Orono: We held elections in April. Our Executive Board (President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary) remains unchanged. We welcomed 3 new board members. This year we will train for ACE and Registrar positions. 4 new members were elected to our Coaches Board and 3 new members were elected to the Warriors Co-Op board. Our Charitable Gambling Board has been defined. We are planning to open registration on June 29th and close on July 27th.



Tournament registration is underway. Goalies at Bantams we have excess please reach out if you need any.

Osseo Maple Grove: Transitioning to a new Ice Scheduler, Matt Doucette...starting this week.

St Louis Park: Submitting on behalf of SLP Hockey, there will be a new representative voted into our board on May 12th. SLP and Hopkins are planning to host a 15u level tournament coinciding with the World Juniors. Working on finalizing levels based on current numbers.

Wayzata: Please welcome Ben Norton as Wayzata's new D3 Rep. Ben is starting his 2nd term on the WYHA's Board of Directors and looking forward to starting in the D3 role this season.

### **New Business:**

Goalie Coord: I'd like to propose that each association compile and share an easy-to-search list of contacts for each team, specifically for use when an emergency backup goalie (EBUG) is needed. This will help streamline communication across associations when there is a need for EBUG. This is still a ways away, but something to put on everyone's radar when we get teams put together.

Girls Coord: I have received calls from some girls coordinators regarding how many league games will the U10 level be doing this coming season? Are we for sure going back to 16 -- they need to know for scheduling tournaments. It was discussed to have the Girls College Recruiting Seminar at a different time than over the Holiday break -- looking for suggestions as to when would be a good time for U12-U19 teams. Earlier in the season right after teams are formed would be best.

D3 HP Program: Motion to approve a \$2,000 donation from the D3 Board to the Tier II Walleye team to help cover expenses associated with participating in the USA Hockey National Tournament. This contribution is consistent with the board's support of other teams that have qualified for Nationals in prior years.

1. Motion was made by Nick to approve the \$2000 donation for the girls Tier II team. Second was made by Tim Klenz. Discussion was conducted for a period of time before approving. Motion was approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Gina to restrict the excess funds raised by the girls Tier II team to go to future HP Tier 1/2 teams that make it to nationals. Motion was seconded by Kristi. Motion was approved unanimously.

Delano Rep: Looking for decisions on - SQ A game count, PWB1/12UB1 game length - Discussion should continue with the new board moving forward for next season.

Orono Rep: Initial team declarations are as follows: JGB Blue, JGB White, BTA, BTB2, BTC, PWA, PWB1, PWB2 Blue, PWB2 Red, PWC, SQA, SQB1, SQB2 Blue, SQB2 Red, SQC Blue, and SQC Red. For Warriors, it will be: 15A, 15B, 12A, 12B1, 12B2, 10A, 10B1 and 10B2.

Armstrong Cooper: For Josh Hicks- any chance of D3 hosting a USA Hockey "Mite Summit"?

### District 3 Elections:

District Director - three year term - No candidates came forward to elect and this has been postponed. Steve Gapinski will be the interim D3 Director until our board has elected a new director.



1. Motion made by Nick Rice to increase the D3 Director stipend from \$5000 up to \$15,000. Second by Gina Hansen. Discussion and then motion was approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Nick to increase stipends for remaining positions that receive one for up to three times the current amount. Motion was seconded by Kristi and motion was approved unanimously.

District President - two year term

- Kristi Duis made a nomination to elect Gina Hansen for D3 President. Gina accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Kevin Pote to elect Gina Hansen for president. Motion was seconded by Kristi. Motion passed unanimously.

District Treasurer - one year term - No candidates

District Administrator - one year term

- Nick made a motion to nominate Michelle Jirik as the D3 Administrator. Motion was seconded by Gina. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:56 pm

- Motion to Approve: Ben
- Seconded: Kevin

