



. Minnesota Hockey District 3  
 Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes  
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 Wednesday, November

9, 2022

Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps	
x	Paul Steenerson	District Director	x	Kevin Pote ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	X	Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator		Bob Larson Hopkins
		Data Mgmt./Tech.		Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	X	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor		Tim Becker Orono
	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	X	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.		Rob Anklam St Louis Park
x	KV-Girls/SJ-Boys	HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Comm. Chair		
	Jeff Luke	Girls Coordinator		
X	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>
X	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		Marni Lamberty– Mpls
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		Gina Hansen -Orono
	Bill Robeck	Hockey Operations		

**Call to order TIME:** 7:02

October Minutes: Motion to approve: Kristi Seconded: Kity  
 Minutes approved

**District 3 Director Report-**

Squirts/10U and Controlled Scrimmages – in addition to 35 games, will be allowed max of 5 controlled scrimmages. Be clear on what a controlled scrimmage is-cannot use clock, penalty box, officials, you stop play and coach...FOLLOW THE RULES.

Motion made by Steve to approve addition of allowing 5 controlled scrimmages for squirts and 10U and amending D3 rules and regs to reflect this. Seconded by Krisit

Amendment to motion -Fine for going over 5 is \$500

Motion approved.

Goalie Subs -Please make sure your coaches and managers know the rules before submitting. I have rejected a number of them because of substitution goalie team activities, rest period, etc. So please have them

read the rules. Same with controlled scrimmages. Know the rules regarding game clock, keeping score, etc. Fines have already been sent to associations for violating.

Association minutes - I have reviewed a number of association board minutes, to find nothing but an agenda. Effective immediately, please ensure your board is posting minutes so that I may review what took place.

Bylaws: Attorney is working on updating as getting 501c3 in order.

Mites-Allowed 4 scrimmages in the district (cross ice). After Dec 31-only 2 full ice games -MN Hockey changed this from 4 to 2.

**District 3 President Report-** Been busy working with everybody on getting the scheduling for the league games completed. Many issues with the scheduling of the of the 12A and 10A Girls with D5. Have made a recommendation to have Paul request that MN Hockey moves the girls meeting to discuss leagues up to the end of Sept.

Also, next year we will not start the season until Nov 4, which will give us an extra week in case, we encounter any problems like we did this year. We will start working now on putting next year's calendar together. Have had to reschedule a bunch of games this year due to teams having players out sick. When games are canceled like this, there will be a \$200 rescheduling fee plus there will be fees charged from the referees. These fees will be billed to the associations every month. The 15A and 15B Girls teams will be playing in the D6 league this year. The scheduling process is starting on that today.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Manager and coach registration is up and running. Some adjustments made as needed due to teams changing their level. Presentations are on the coach and manager pages. Next meeting is Nov 14-remind Squirt, 10U (and any 15U that were not set prior to last meeting) coaches and managers that the meeting is mandatory. We had some squirt folks at the last meeting. Some suspensions were issued because of failing to attend.

Most folks get reports submitted in advance of the monthly meeting. Thank you. Reminder to please do that. It makes everything run more efficiently and it is the same process every month-so nothing new.

**District 3 Accounting Report:** Sent financials to all via email. As soon as 15s are decided, league fees will be going out and due by December D3 meeting. If you do not send in ice bill, we will it out and pay what is believed to be accurate.

#### **Associates Reports:**

- Squirt Committee: The Squirt committee met to discuss two key topics - controlled scrimmages and the new rule for EBUGs for Squirts this year.

Controlled scrimmages, the consensus of the Squirt Committee association representatives at the meeting was that D3 should change rule 3.2.2(b) to allow up to 5 MN Hockey compliant controlled scrimmages per team that would not count against that team's 35 game limit. As drafted, 3.2.2(b) allows approved shared practices for teams from different associations not to count against the 35-game limit, but for those approved shared practices, only 10 minutes can be spent in a controlled scrimmage. The proposal would be to change 3.2.2(b) so that up to 5 MN Hockey compliant controlled scrimmage would be exempt from the 35-game limit. The Squirt Committee felt that as a result of the limitations as well as the pre-approval requirements that very few teams were taking advantage of the pre-approved shared practice. In addition, the Squirt Committee felt that not allowing MN Hockey compliant controlled scrimmage to be exempt from the 35-game limit meant that the majority of D3 teams were not taking advantage of using a controlled scrimmage as a development tool. While the Squirt Committee felt that MN Hockey compliant controlled scrimmage should be exempt from the 35-game limit, there was consensus that a limit of 5 controlled scrimmages was good compromise to help ensure that teams don't abuse the rules and overload their schedules. Several representatives on the committee didn't think a cap was necessary, but also agreed that it doesn't hurt and provides a guiderail for outlier teams that might push the limits.

EBUGs, the Squirt Committee shared best practices and ideas for making sure teams are ready. One idea was to have associations consider purchasing one or more extra sets of gear in the event the rostered goalie's gear didn't fit for other rostered players who may need to fill in. Another suggestion is to have rostered players suit up from time to time to take a couple of practices or be a second goalie at practice - again supporting the idea that associations may want to consider adding additional sets of gear. Generally, the representatives understand the theory, agree that we have a goalie issue and were willing to see how things work this year. There was discussion of making goalie programming a topic for an upcoming D3 meeting to allow association reps to communicate to each other what their goalie programs look like and hopefully share best practices.

- Supervisor of Officials: Have blocked out a few dates (Thanksgiving Day and Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend). Coaches and players have been pretty good so far. **Remember, fighting is a THREE game suspension. A second fighting penalty means done for the season.** Reminder that if officials are present -GameSheet must be used.

- Coach in Chief: Hosted in Person Clinics at Brooklyn Park 11/6 with Mike Orn from D10. Clinics are posted through December 15th. There will be another dump of clinics on December 1. Coaches can attend any Virtual Clinic from across the country.
- Membership and Development: Try Hockey for Free -there will be another opportunity. OMG is initiating a development program for squirt players for a squirt house league. Lower key than traveling. Play a few games and have practices. In January will join MN Hockey rec. league for more games.
- Jr Gold: D3 Teams: -JGA: OMG, St. Louis Park, Wayzata -JGB: Delano, Mpls, OMG, Orono Blue, Orono White, Wayzata Blue, Wayzata Gold - JG16: OMG, Wayzata White \*Mpls JG16 TBD?????? Key Dates:  
**Final Team Declaration: Monday Nov 21st at 8:00pm –**  
 Ice Game Slots: Tuesday Nov 22nd at 8:00pm –  
 Final League Game Schedule: sent to referees and published Thursday Dec 1st at noon –  
 Coaches/Mgrs Mandatory Mtg: Sunday Dec 4th at 6:00pm via zoom –  
 First Day League Games: Monday Dec 5th –  
 Last Day League Games: Friday Feb 24th Fees 22/23: -  
 \$600 league fee -\$600 Playdown fee for teams that qualify
- Girls League Coordinator: Delano's 15U team was dissolved with many more than expected players heading to play high school. Three 15U players were sent to 12U, taking advantage of the 13U hybrid pilot program. As such, Delano's 12B1 team was switched to 12A. Delano also had a late change from one 10B1 team to adding 10A and 10B2. - Wayzata's high school program ended up taking many more players than expected and as such may not have the numbers to support three 15U teams on their own. They are looking for additional 15U players to waive in or a place for ~4-5 players to waive to. - D3 and D6 are exploring a potential 19U team.  
 If there are any girls looking for place to play-please reach out! Girls will be placed within D3 before being placed on a team outside D3.
- Disciplinary Committee: no report
- Tournament Coordinator: Registrations coming in for sanctioned tournaments. If using Tourney Machine for tournaments-just need brackets and pool play- do not need other stuff. EMTs-can use firefighters and paramedics if traditional EMTs are not available. Try high school trainers.  
 Canadian teams-must have travel permits to tourney coordinator before they get to the tourney.
- Data Mgmt./Tech: GameSheet: Exhibition Leagues: teams are formed and get invite code, upload roster into exhibition league, email GS.
- HP/Tier 1: Kendra-2022 was a good year for HP for the girls. We had a high number of spring HP players make it to summer development in St Cloud, we had a few current players and HP alum get invited to

national camp training programs, and our staff included some returning District 3 collegiate players. Fall 2022 was also a success as our inaugural Tier 2 team had a great regular season and then fell just a bit short in the playoffs. Missing players due to tryouts (outside of D3) definitely had an impact! Our Tier 1 girls continued our strong record of success and took second in the league and also second in the District Playoffs. While the team does not have a guaranteed berth to Nationals, historically MN has picked up a second berth, and so we are moving forward as if we will be headed to Nationals in March/April of 2023. In the past, the Board has provided a donation to any National bound team, and I would like to proactively get the board's approval for a donation of \$1,500 to be used towards team apparel and any leftover for a team function. This money will allow us to have an order on standby ready to drop once the bid is finalized. If we should not receive the bid, there will be no money spent. Just makes it easier to get it all done now, just in case. Plans are underway for spring 2023 and fall 2023. Staffs are being recruited and Shelly is booking ice for all programs. This is also a transition time for the girls' side and the whole HP program as I am stepping off in my role with High Performance. I have been talking with Shelly, Paul and potential replacements and working with Shelly to make sure the program is solid and moving forward. There is a great committee of people who have put in a lot of time and energy. They will continue to provide continuity, passion and energy. It has been a huge pleasure to be a part of the Walleye Family and meet so many fine athletes who are great ambassadors of District 3. I will be around for the transition and will always be available to provide guidance and history. We have a good thing going, so let's keep supporting great things happening! Thank you again for letting me be a part of a fantastic program.

Motion to approve \$1500 to Tier 1 Girls team for Nationals if they get the berth made by Brad, seconded by Gina. Motion approved.

Shelly-Tier 1 Boys... Hoping to get going on setting up meetings with teams to share info about HP and Tier 1 for next season. Received heartwarming, unsolicited feedback from families as to how much they appreciated the programs in D3.

Working on getting ice scheduled for Spring HP tryouts that should occur right after the state tournaments. Will be posted when solidified.

- Hockey Operations: no report
- Registrar: We have a lot of players that are not verified. They cannot be on the ice until verified. Make sure associations know this! Talk to registrars-they know what is needed.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Still have an issue with team and SafeSport issue. Waiting for Safesport decision.

Delano: Preparing for SQ/10U tryouts (starting 11/14); experiencing what seems to be an increase in tournaments being cancelled due to low registration - trying to make alternate arrangements within the game schedule at this point is challenging

Hopkins: Great start to the season. Well attended Try Hockey for Free event. Several kids signing up. HYHA will have highest number of skaters in 5 years.

Minneapolis: No new news. Teams are formed and rostered and the season is off and running

Mound-Westonka: Issue with U15 game cancelations due to other teams not being set, otherwise all is well.

North Metro: Co-op of Mites with AC is going well, Looking for a few more Squirt C teams for our December tournament.

Orono: Still looking for a Jr Gold coach.

Osseo Maple Grove: Local Area Sales Tax vote on Maple Grove ballots- a 1/2 cent sales tax on goods and services purchased in Maple Grove ballot question passed. Will support the expansion of the Maple Grove Community Center. The expansion includes a third sheet of ice. OMHGA is hosting a National U18 Tier 2 boys' tournament in March 2023. 36 teams expected.

St Louis Park: Shared code of conduct expectations with our players, coaches, and parents after dealing with some issues in the first 2 weeks. Reiterated risk of league dismissal related to fighting incidents.

Wayzata: We are having a hard time getting EMTs for hosted tournaments.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Presidents' meeting will be scheduled.

At December meeting discuss firm dates for the following season for start dates, tryout dates and scrimmages.

Bylaws Update

Looking at maybe having January board meeting over zoom.

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:15      Motion: Andy      Seconded: Gina