



September 12, 2007

The Annual District 3 Fall Presidents and District 3 September meeting was held on September 12, 2007, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Referee In Chief
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, Beltline Referees
Dave Nyquist – Secretary, Beltline Referees
Jerry Heinen – Director of Official Development
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator
David Margenau – Minnesota Hockey, Maroon Vice President
Casey Whelan – Metro Liaison
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Lynn Brandt – C League Coordinator

Representatives:

Greg Erickson - Cooper
Greg Symicek - Armstrong
Matt Symoniak – North Metro
Chad Sande – Orono, President
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Tim Traff - Blake
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park

Presidents:

Sean Mickelson – North Metro
Mike Urquhart – Osseo/Maple Grove
Todd Pannek – Armstrong
Phil Ordway – Blake
Greg Gibson – Wayzata
Steve Rosen – St. Louis Park
Brady Bizal – Hopkins

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

VISIT MINNEAPOLIS NORTH – Megan Perry presenting.

Megan Perry, representing Visit Minneapolis North, described the services her company offers. Visit Minneapolis North is available to hockey associations and other sports associations to help with hotel accommodations, banquet facilities, etc. with local businesses and venues. Megan distributed goodie bags with a number of useful directory's and business contacts.

INTRODUCTIONS were made. Mark Brandt welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Brad Davis moved to accept the August Minutes as presented.

Mike Tabery seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson reporting.

1. In conjunction with USA Hockey's 2006 Points of Emphasis, a 2007 DVD has been issued and is now available through USA Hockey. This DVD does a very good job in highlighting the differences in what is and is not allowed. Mr. Gates encouraged each association to purchase a copy.
2. Referees clinics are listed on the USA Hockey website.
3. Tag up rule will be used by MH Junior Gold teams this year, including 19 U B's. These teams will be registered as high school teams, making them eligible under USA Hockey rules to follow this procedure.
4. Under Fair Play points, a penalty shot will count for two Fair Play points.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. The Minnesota Wild “Kick-Off” is this Saturday, September 15, at the Mall of America. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and take down and in working some of the booths. Please contact Mark Jorgensen if you would be interested in helping.
2. Minnesota Hockey provides clinics for coaches who are interested in learning how to teach particular hockey skills such as stick handling, skating, goal keeping etc. 35 – 40 clinics were held last season. Instructors are available to come to your home arena to conduct these clinics. All an associations needs to provide is the ice. For information or to set up a clinic contact Gary Gregus on the MH website.
3. Minnesota Hockey is sponsoring a “Volunteer of the Month”. Nomination forms are available on the MH website.
4. Schwann’s is again sponsoring their Fund Raising program. Information available on the MH website.
5. If a MH Corporate sponsor contacts your association, please be courteous and speak to them or return their phone call.
6. During tryouts, if a tryout scrimmage is held with a team from outside the District, a Cybersport roster must be submitted to Lynn Brandt. A written list of players is acceptable for District 3 teams provided the team does not leave their home ice. A score sheet must also be kept.
7. If, during a tryout scrimmage, a player receives a game misconduct penalty, this must be treated as though it was a league or tournament game.
8. MH does not recognize Open Enrollment and cannot be used when requesting a waiver. Waived player should be waived in the order of their being cut, i.e., last player cut first player waived. Players should be waived to another D3 association before being waived out of the District. D3 waiver policy is in the by-laws.
9. MH Affiliate Agreements were collected.
10. North Metro Youth Hockey Association was recognized by Minnesota Hockey at their summer meeting. Their boundaries will include the high school attendance areas of Park Center, Columbia Heights, Fridley and Brooklyn Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Last year was another good year for District 3. There was very good representation of District 3 teams in State Tournaments.
12 UB - Osseo/Maple Grove – 3rd place
19 UB - Osseo/Maple Grove – 3rd place
Peewee A - Wayzata – Champion
Peewee B - Wayzata Blue – Champion
Wayzata Gold – 2nd place
Minneapolis Park – 3rd place
Bantam A - Wayzata – participant
Bantam B - Wayzata Blue – 3rd place
Junior Gold A - Wayzata – Champion
Junior Gold B - Wayzata Blue – participant
16 U - Osseo/Maple Grove – participant
2. A Competition Committee has been formed to review the level of participation for District 3 teams. Members of the committee are John Perry, Mark Brandt, Diane Margenau, Kathy Fallen, Marc Sorenson. The Committee would also like to have an association president as a member. This person would be chosen by the D3 Presidents. Would like to have this person identified as soon as possible.
3. The split Squirt B League appears to have been successful and the same format will be followed again this year.
4. D3 will have a new website this year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane distributed an updated calendar, President’s roster, D3 Directory, and the D3 Association Tournament Host Rotation.
2. Diane stated that there has been a concern with the Squirt Tournament and that it appears as though, at times, the better teams face each other in the first game. It has been suggested that maybe the District should wait until after the teams have played a month and then place the teams in the brackets. After a brief discussion it was decided that the representatives would take this back to their associations and the District will discuss it at the October meeting.
3. 14 U league play will not start until after November 21, 2007. Rosters will not be verified before that date.

BY-LAWS –

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to accept the following by-law addition:
1. REGISTRATION, 1.1 ASSOCIATION AND TEAM, 1.1.4.” Must, at all levels of play, participate in District 3 league play and the District 3 end of season tournament. Failure to comply will result in sanctions as determined by the District Director against the team and/or the Home Association.”

Joe Arko seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to accept the following by-law addition:
7. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES, 7.1., “In the District 3 Peewee, Bantam, 12 & Under and 14 & Under Tournaments, the Home Team, throughout the tournament, will be the team that finished highest in the league standings. Home team will wear light colored jerseys.”

Tom Pitra seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane Margenau distributed a breakdown of the District 3 tournament expenses. There was some concern with the fact that one arena charges more for an hour of ice than the average of the other arenas. It was pointed out that several tournaments are costing more than what we are charging the teams to participate. After a brief discussion it was decided that before the 2007-2008 operating budget can be approved, a projected tournament cost at each level must be presented. Diane said that she would have this available for the next meeting.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. The mandatory association tournament coordinator’s meeting will be held on September 25, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at New Hope Arena. Scott requests that the coordinators bring their tournament dates with them.

2. Sanctioned tournament information will be available on line at the MH website.

3. January 15, 2008, is the deadline for all invitational tournament submissions.

A.C.E. COORDINATOR’S REPORT – Gene Ferrel reporting (see attached)

1. Gene Ferrel was unable to attend the meeting. He submitted a written report.

MITE REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Matt Deterding and Eric Hanson have agreed to once again head up the District 3 advanced mite inter-district league. October 7 is a tentative date for their start-up meeting.

2. Mark Brandt encourages all associations to attend this meeting, even if they don’t participate in this league. It is a good opportunity to share ideas with other associations.

3. Director Perry must be notified of all mite jamborees.

COACH IN CHIEF – Marc Sorensen reporting. (see attached)

1. Marc Sorensen was unable to attend the meeting. He submitted a written report.

2. C.E.P. clinics are listed on the USA Hockey website. It should be noted that clinics do not have to be taken in order, in other word, a coach may take the Level 2 clinic before he takes the Level 1 clinic.

3. A goalie clinic is being held at St. Louis Park Arena. Details can be found on the USA Hockey website. This clinic may be used for a Level 3 re-certification.

4. Marc could use help in conducting these clinics, such as helping with registration and handing out materials. It should only take about an hour on the day of the clinic. If you are interested in helping please contact Marc.

METRO LEAGUE LIAISON – Casey Whelan reporting. (see attached)

1. Casey is starting his first year as the District 3 Metro League liaison replacing Larry Franklin who retired after last season.

C LEAGUE COORDINATOR – Lynn Brandt reporting.

1. October 4, 2007, start up meeting with association C league coordinators.
2. Please send Lynn the C League coordinators contact information.

GIRL'S LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. Working on getting team declarations.
2. 19 UB league growing.

OLD BUSINESS –

3 PENALTY & OUT – Tim Traff presenting.

1. At this time, District 3 follows USA Hockey guidelines which allows 5 minor penalties before a player is ejected from a game. Mr. Traff is suggesting District 3 adopt a 3 penalty limit.
2. Matt Symoniak has some concerns with the fact that a player might receive 2 minor penalties such as interference and that he would be removed after his third. Steve Rosen agreed with this statement.
3. Chad Sande stated that this was discussed at the Orono Board meeting and they voted to stay with the 5 penalty rule.
4. Tom Pitra inquired if a 4 penalty rule might be considered?
5. After further discussion it was decided to leave the 5 penalty rule stand.

NEW BUSINESS –

NEW MEETING PROCEDURE – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Beginning at the October meeting, each association will be asked to give a brief (2 minutes) report on their association. This report could possibly include a new program, an increase in playing numbers or a new policy. This will be a good time to share ideas and news with each association.

H.E.P. – David Margenau reporting.

1. There is another essay contest being held this year. The topic this year is “Hockey is Fun because.....”. Essays should be submitted to Minnesota Hockey by December 15, 2007. Details are available on the MH website.
2. MH is again sponsoring a Coach Recognition contest. Details are available on the MH website.
3. There is a DVD available on mite 3 on 3 cross ice games. This DVD features the mite program from Armstrong Hockey Association. DVD's are being sent to MH associations from MH.
4. The HEP program will be modified with a different presentation for this year.

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jim Gates seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Margenau – Administrator

*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.

