



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
PIC
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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	x	Chris Carr	Hopkins
x	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	x	Mick Mullen	Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler	Mound Westonka
x	Kendra Verbeten	Interim Treasurer	x	Gina Hansen	Orono
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Nick Rice	OMG
	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
x	Michele Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
x	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
x	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief			
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Comm. Chair			
x	Jeff Luke	Girls Coordinator			
x	Michele Jirik	Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:	
x	Greg Gibson	JGHSL			
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			

Call to order TIME: 7:05

October Minutes: Motion to approve: Mick Seconded: Jeff
 Minutes approved.

District 3 Director Report- Coaches and Managers meetings, how did they go? Reporting misconducts/match penalties. Start dates for next season. Blackout dates for next season and rosters. Reminder-squirts can use the game clock but NOT the scoreboard for exhibitions. Discussion about timelines for tryouts and coach/manager meetings for next season.

District 3 President Report- Working with Avario and Associations Schedulers with game scheduling. Working on eliminating single games. 10U Girls and Squirt schedules should be available in the next few days. There will be a period up to Nov 22 for 10U Girls and Squirts to request to reschedule a game due to a religious and school program where a majority of the team is involved. This does not mean a team can add a tournament or some other event and get a game rescheduled. There were still some problems at the 12U Girls, Pee Wees

and Bantams where associations did not provide the correct tournament information to their scheduler. Some associations were fined for that this year. Still many reschedules requested for the Christmas and New Years Holiday. Most of them with the New Years weekend. Next year there will be no league games scheduled through the whole week. We were notified by NovaCare that they will not be able to schedule trainers for our end of season tournaments this year. After contacting other services in the area none of them have the staff season end tournaments. **Starting this current season, the host association for the district tournaments will need to line up the Trainers/EMTs for games that they are hosting.** The association will pay these individuals and D3 will reimburse them for these expenses, same as we currently do with the ice costs. I will be sending the information to the schedulers of each association in the next week on what bracket they need to fill out with ice times and will want them returned by the end of the month. That way the association should be able to start lining up the trainer/EMTs. This is the same way the MN Hockey Regional and State tournaments have the trainers /EMTs lined up for them. 15A league will be hosted by D6. 15B being hosted by D3. 15B should be done in the next week. Goal to publish Jr Gold schedule by is Nov 30.

District 3 Administrator Report: I hope reps have been using the registration updates that have gone out. The registration now includes mite head coaches and managers. Please make sure you are using the rules and regs currently posted on the D3 site. Reminder mandatory manager and coach meeting for squirts/10U is Monday Nov 13 (it is on the D3 calendar).

Registrar Report: A few associations are utilizing the new option of noting the Locker Room Monitors on the rosters. I think it makes it clear who is a coach and who is a locker room monitor (of course coaches can be LRM's) but please reiterate to your coaches and managers that coaches are the only ones that can be on ice/bench/dryland. Locker room monitors are not to participate in those areas. It's up to your associations to determine your use of this function within the portal.

District 3 Treasurer Report: Financials were emailed out. League fees going out this month.

GameSheet Report: GameSheet is up and operating with minimal issues. Working to make sure the period lengths, penalties, etc. all match the level rules. In addition, a reminder to all Tournament Coordinators to reach out to GameSheet to set up your tournaments.

Associates Reports:

- Supervisor of Officials: All association representatives please review district rules, regulations, and procedures with your members. I am getting way too many inquiries about how to do things. We have had 2 coaches suspended because of failure to report a game misconduct. Year to date we have had 6 game misconducts, 2 failures to report, and 1 match penalty. **Reminder when teams play in D3, we follow D3 3 penalty rule. Additionally, 4 penalties is an automatic game misconduct (USA Hockey rule).**

- Coach in Chief: Hosted 3 levels of CEP at Brooklyn Park Community Center 11/5. One more in person on December 10th at Brooklyn Park.
- Membership and Development: Still learning the position and what it all entails.
- Jr. Gold/JGHSL: *FINAL JG Team Declarations: Mon Nov 20th, 8:00pm to GGG *JGHSL League Schedule: posted Thurs Nov 30th at noon *JGHSL Coach Training: Sat Dec 2nd, 8:00am-5:00pm at Crowne Plaza Plymouth, cost \$50 *Registration at <https://www.jghsl.org/> *JGHSL Coach/Mgr Mtg: Sun Dec 3, 6:00pm via zoom *First possible league game: Mon Dec 4th. Last possible day for Jr Gold League play is Friday Feb 23.
- Disciplinary Committee: 1st match penalty of season for derogatory language to another player.
- HP/Tier 1: Organization for next year continues for all programs including fundraising planning for the Tier 1/2 teams that have already or are expected to qualify for 2024 Nationals.
- Girls Coordinator: The final 15U tryouts finished this past weekend so all teams are now set. 15A will be hosted by D6 and D3 will host D6's 15B teams this season. **D3 will be hosting a 19U "come and skate" event this Saturday 4:45-5:45 at the SLP Rec Center to encourage more players to join.** Associations, please continue to help get the word out. Our D3 19U will most likely merge with Edina as they only have 5-6 players. We will host an early-winter D3 Girls Coordinators meeting in early December to address any issues with the start of the season and revisit the 12U/13U/15U topic to prepare for the post-season review of the two-year pilot program that wraps at the end of this season.
- Hockey Operations: Was able to attend Coaches meetings in Orono and Mound/Westonka. Great job by D3 reps to host and disseminate information. Will be attending Wayzata in the future.
- Tournament Coordinator: Sanctioned tournaments are going well and getting approved. All are approved through Dec 2023. Please remind your tournament coordinators that when they upload the brackets or pool play brackets that the time and dates have to be on them with a placement team name (like team 1, team 2 etc.). I have seen a lot come through that are not that way.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: We've had very successful THHF and Learn to Skate sessions over the past month. Our littles will be starting this upcoming weekend. Squirts placements began on Sunday. Teams to be picked on Thursday. Next Monday, our "friend" will be attending our association board meeting. He has 4 questions he'd like to have answered. We have a plan how to best handle how this may go and we're hoping for the best. Was awesome having the U17 USA NTDP and New Hope for a couple of games! Extremely well-attended! Same with the last 2 Elite League tournaments. Believe our 3 youth tournaments are full as well. AC is off to a good start this year!!!

Delano: Hockey Ops position was filled with two people - transitioning the D3 Rep role (and multiple others) to them; Bantam C tourney was successful, looking forward to hosting PeeWee C this weekend - small tourney but planning to keep this for future years.

Hopkins: Trevor Knight has volunteered as the HYHA ACE Coordinator. We had one Match Penalty Suspension by a Bantam C player 11/03/2023. We will be discussing neck guards at the November meeting and consideration of requirement or continuation of recommendation.

Minneapolis: Manager and Coaches meetings were held on 10/24 and 10/26 respectively. All teams were in attendance, and we received positive feedback from all participants. Thank you for providing the slide deck. Last month's D3 budget was reviewed by our Treasurer. All good. No other items to report at this time.

Mound-Westonka: Good start to the season. Same annual questions around 15U, when to have tryouts, yet get them skating and prepared for the season?

Orono: Currently at 548 registrations (277 are mites) which includes only 12 JG players, and we are expecting ~ 20 more + Mites continue to trickle in. Girls HS has concluded. 3 - 15A and 2 - BT players made the HS team. There is no change to the number of our declared teams. We moved 1 player from 15B to 15A. Resolved Bantam C goalie issue. We had one come out of retirement. Still working on Bantam A. There is one practicing who has not played for 2 years. Currently evaluating. Boys HS will conclude on 11/15. Still planning on 2 - JGB teams. Everyone seems to be settling in.

Osseo Maple Grove: Tryouts complete and teams off to great start. Finalizing plans with City of Maple Grove for third sheet of ice. Bleachers will be in at Osseo East end of next week.

St Louis Park: Season is underway for most age groups with District games starting last week. We have dealt with several players that have quit playing and injuries at the Bantam B and C levels. We have likely corrected the issues, but early on we saw games start with 9 skaters.

Wayzata: Having teams responsible for their own Gamesheet iPads has eliminated issues and most questions. The High School Girls program took two 15U players.

New Business: Tier 1 and 2 National Tourney Team(s) donations. Motion by Mick Mullen, for D3 board to donate \$1750 to each team. Brad Butler seconded. Discussion- around how much D3 should help support these teams. Is \$1750 enough? What have we done in the past? This is the one thing that *IS* D3.. Motion approved. Suggestion of \$2000 per team. Another motion to add \$250 per team was made by Mick. Seconded by Kevin. Discussion...motion approved.

Old Business: Bylaws-review when ready

Adjourn TIME: 8:39 Motion: Andy Seconded: Kristi