



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
PIC
Wednesday, August 10, 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
	Cheryl Myers Data Mgmt./Tech.	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
	Neil Olson BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor	x	Tim Becker Orono
	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord.	x	Rob Anklam St Louis Park
x	KV-Girls/SJ-Boys HP/Tier 1		Andy Nordseth Wayzata
x	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski Disciplinary Comm. Chair		
x	Jeff Luke Girls Coordinator		
	Diane Margenau Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Greg Gibson JGHSL		Marina Kern - Hopkins
	Todd Larson JGHSL		Jason Vinar – Wayzata
	Bill Robeck Hockey Operations		

Call to order TIME: 7:02

July Minutes: Motion to approve: Peter Seconded: Brad
Minutes approved

District 3 Director Report- Currently working on a number of waivers from many associations. Pushing them back to associations for questions. Completed a draft version of the rules and regulations for D3. September 16-18 is the MN Hockey planning meeting.

N Metro and Coon Rapids wanted to co-op. Paul and Colleen (d10) declined due to not wanting to officially co-op over district boundaries. Agreed to allow waivers for players to play at appropriate level. Each district will host teams that majority of players are from.

District 3 President Report- Will be having a schedulers' meeting via zoom on Aug 18 at 6:30. Will be sending out date to indicate when scheduling specific levels.

District 3 Administrator Report: Nothing significant to report. Will be putting together fall meeting materials.

District 3 Accounting Report: Documents emailed prior to meeting. Final year end financials will be presented at next meeting. Working on non-profit status.

Associates Reports:

- Squirt Committee: no report
- Supervisor of Officials: Sounds like most officials willing to come back and do as much as they did last year. Looking to have a good season.
- Coach in Chief: Will be meeting this weekend with CiC's from the rest of the State. The CEP Schedule will be public September 1. Still planning and finalizing all women's CEP to be held in person, most likely in D3 territory. Would like to hear any ideas/requests for more involvement from this position (Coach in Chief) from district or association level. All female CEP will be Sept 25 (Levels 1-3).
- Membership and Development: All association should be focusing on recruiting new members. Yard signs are always effective as is social media. Be sure to have handouts to be distributed in the first days at elementary schools. Derek Ricke, Minnesota Hockey's Communications Director has resigned. Derek worked closely with associations in their player recruiting programs and with all Membership and Development Chairpersons. He will be missed. Minnesota Hockey is in the process of hiring a replacement.
- Jr Gold: *Notice for Avario ice scheduler training for Jr Gold will be emailed week of 8/8 to be held via zoom week of 8/15 *Met with Steve Oleheiser & Jeremy Reed to discuss JGHSL's role in Jr Gold within the State of MN.
Goal is to create more teams to play in Junior Gold League.
- Girls League Coordinator: 10A is currently set for 4 teams within D3 with one association considering dropping their 10A team to 10B1. If we only have 3 teams, we will need to look at inter-district play with another district. When do we need to make this decision? After discussion with all D3 associations, there appears to be no consideration for D3 hosting a 19U team this season.
- Disciplinary Committee: nothing to report
- Tournament Coordinator: Remind coordinators of mandatory meeting. MN Hockey sanctioned tourney info is ready to go. Can start getting info loaded.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Boys Program Report: All three teams up and running. Dryland training scheduled in conjunction with ice times continues to elevate D3's Tier 1 and Prospects offering. We purchased additional equipment (dryland tiles, green biscuits, stick handling balls) as part of that commitment. We have 6 D3 male athletes that were selected as At Large players and are practicing with the Walleye 15s. These athletes will be playing on the Grey Ducks team with players from a couple other districts.

Girls Program Report: All five programs are humming along. Competition for the girls has started with some mid-week games and will officially kick off in a couple weeks. Training Camp was held at PIC the last weekend of July with a shared practice, scrimmage, and a couple of speakers. Gathering feedback from our families to help MNH improve this weekend. We are the best dressed teams on the ice and on the benches. Thanks Shelly, for ordering the coaches apparel and coordinating a team hat.

Already working with New Hope on booking ice for the spring 2023 HP tryouts and development sessions.

- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: We will not be having a Squirt A team this year. Our HDC has decided that without a returning travel Squirt goalie, we would have an extremely difficult time competing at the Squirt A level. Not sure if even passed, but the new girls U13 age rule would NOT benefit us at AC. We understand the intention, but it doesn't fit our needs for our 12s for this year.

Delano: STP was successful, registration is open - getting some waiver related questions, finishing the prep work for the season. Question on number of squirt games-Squirt A will have no more than 10 league games.

Hopkins: Registration open and looking good. Working on schedule for preseason clinics and plan for goalie development.

Minneapolis: Minneapolis teams marched in the Aquatennial Parade in Downtown Minneapolis in July. Summer age-level meetings and final planning sessions are under way. Based on the meetings, we do have one change to proposed team levels at Pee Wees. Peewees are still 8 teams but based on assessments of the talent level and the departure of a couple of kids, they are moving to 1 A, 1 B1, 4 B2 and 2 C (the change from the original plan is to move one B1 team to be a B2 team). Bantams are holding at 6 teams, but the numbers are trending the wrong way, so five is a possibility. They are still waiting on a couple of registrations to get a final decision on whether it will be 3 B2 and 1 C Bantam teams or 2 B2 and 2 C Bantam teams. Clinics start the weekend after Labor Day.

Mound-Westonka: Registration opens Monday 8/15 with our second annual "Kick Off" night at Back Channel Brewery. Parents get to register in person, ask questions, meet board members/coaches, and have a beer while kids play street hockey and other games. Rookie Camp starts September 10th. Association Boat Cruise fundraiser August 24th. Working to recruit a few more non-parent caches and finalizing tryout evaluators. Will there be a mite meeting? Mark said there will be a mite meeting (September). **Paul said Mite Director**

position is open. Also asked about **goalie subs** at squirts and 10U.
Need further discussion. No decision made.

North Metro: December and January tournaments are filling up quick.
Registration should be opening soon.

Orono: New HS coach will be running STP for bantams and HS age players.

Osseo Maple Grove: OMGHA would really like to see the recommendations for the team formation requirements revised to be more realistic expectations. With 4 girls' teams we disagree with the recommendation to have 2 A teams, 50% of girls' hockey players are not at the A level and not one association in Minnesota fields 2 A teams at the U12 level. Recommendations should be changed to one A, B1, B2, and B2. We also disagree that an association with one team should be recommended to play A, this does neither that association nor their competition within and outside of D3 any good as many of their games are going to be non-competitive. (i.e., Armstrong-Cooper from last year). Armstrong fielded a total of 3 travel teams on the girls side last year, U10B1 (not following recommendations), U12A and U12B1. Those 3 travel teams collectively won a single D3 league game last season. Pushing girls to be more competitive is a goal of ours every year, but we also have an obligation that they want to play hockey in the future. What happened at Armstrong last year is a terrible recipe for retention. Another case. North Metro Boy BT team played B1 (not following recommendations) and didn't win a single league game. We understand that the team formations are only recommendation, but as written they are negatively impacting some associations decisions on their team formations. We would like the team formation recommendations to be discussed in greater detail and be revised. We should also move the final paragraph in section 1.3 to the beginning of the section (first paragraph. Squirt game count rules should be updated. Shared Mom coaching clinics around district- share responsibility. Can stats be public on GS? Discussion around that should be a coach's decision.

St Louis Park: Registration in open. Numbers still indicate that our Bantams will likely need to combine at the lowest level. Still discussing specifics with Hopkins.

Wayzata: Registration to open on 8/12. Many operational updates to include tryout process at Bantam and Peewee levels, bylaws and jerseys. Feasibility study continues for a 4th rink at PIC.

Old Business:

New Business: Rules and Regs -reviewed. Shelly will make updates requested and send to all. Vote next meeting.

Adjourn TIME: 9:05 Motion: Jason Seconded: Peter
Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED