



**Minnesota Hockey District 3  
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes  
PIC  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

<b>Executive Committee &amp; Associates</b>		<b>Association Reps</b>	
x	Paul Steenerson District Director	x	Brian Thul ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt President/Scheduling		Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson Administrator	x	Bob Larson Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers Social Media/Comm.		Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson BHRA President		Kity Marinac North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord.	x	Jeff Luke St Louis Park
x	Kendra Verbeten HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski Griev. Comm. Chair		
x	Jeff Luke Girls Coordinator		
x	Diane Margenau Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>
x	Greg Gibson JGHSL		
	Todd Larson JGHSL		
	Bill Robeck Hockey Operations		

**Call to order TIME:** 7:03pm

- February Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly    Seconded: Bob
- **District 3 Director Report-** Thank you to everyone! Past month a few issues with players and coaches at end of season games. Attended several games past few weeks-seemed to be going well. Waiver issue came up prompting research in how another district handles waivers.
- **District 3 President Report-** Starting to work on things for next hockey season. We will be holding a meeting with the association schedulers and Avario on March 15 to discuss improvements that can be in the process for next year. One of the main goals for next year is to reduce the number of reschedules. There were over 300 games that got rescheduled this last year. Rescheduling games is when most errors occur (teams not showing up etc.). Will be looking at the brackets for the district tournaments. and updating the portfolio on the website, Next fall, most likely at the November meeting, will review and approve the brackets. Pay attention to spacing of games, etc. Associations need to discuss within about

commitment to play-need to look at schedules within association and decide if there are blackout dates your association wants. Missing players at games cannot be reason to reschedule games. Tournament directors need to confirm tournaments teams in association are registered for. When teams are formed, managers should check again and confirm indeed registered for the tourney. If check is submitted for a tourney, if the tourney host does not follow up with any issues or communication, should be able to assume in the tourney-but NEED TO MAKE SURE-issues happened this season.

We are going to have to make sure we have someone watching locker rooms and players if they are removed from a game-possibly a coach escorts player to the locker room. Look at adding something to the rules.

### **Congrats to all the teams in D3 going to STATE!**

- **District 3 Administrator Report:** No major issues reported with EMTs during tourneys, couple holes due to short staffing. Working on banquet for D3 board.
- **District 3 Accounting Report:** Sent out financials for review. Ice bills are supposed to flow through the associations, but still getting invoices from rinks. Also getting invoices for ice for tourney games that is longer than the game length. Need to discuss if we want to build in cushions for tourney games-how much and how paid?

### **Associates Reports:**

- Supervisor of Officials: No issues, tourneys went well-sent out incident report for 2021-22. This is only district that had games fully covered with full crews. Seventeen first year, and sixteen experienced, officials that came into BHRA this year.
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: March 5, 2022, was USA Hockey's Try Hockey for Free day. To my knowledge, two D3 associations hosted an event, St. Louis Park, and Osseo Maple Grove. Several associations had a conflict with region tournaments. SLP had about 20 new skaters. OMGHA hosted about 60 skaters. I was able to attend OMGHA's event. In speaking to their chairperson, I learned that they, to follow MH diversity guidelines, focused on elementary schools where the hockey participation was low. They were able to obtain these numbers through their registration information. This event included a "Meet and Greet" where OMG coaches and parents spent time with various families and answered questions and encouraged guests to sign their skaters up for future events. The month of April should be the time where associations focus on membership for the upcoming season, September is too late! Now is the time when an association's membership committee begins to plan activities for the upcoming season. Now is the time to flood schools and community events with information for the 2022-23 season. Now is the time to plan summer

skates and next year's THFF. Events can also include non-skating activities such as hosting a "Girl's Hockey Ninja Day" or a "Youth Hockey Swim Day" at a local pool. Any activity that gets the name of your hockey association front and center works. Be sure to arrange for an information booth or "Meet & Greet" at community events such as Tator Days or Maple Grove Days. Approach local Lions Club to enlist their help. **ASSOCIATION LEADER CONFERENCE, April 30, and May 1, 2022** is fast approaching. Locally this conference will be held at the Marriott Minneapolis West in St. Louis Park (the May 1 date). This event typically features a couple of sessions dedicated to growth programs/resources and sharing ideas among associations. Has your association posted this conference on their website? It is very important that your association has representatives attend, especially volunteers who have recently been elected or appointed. It is a great way to jump start your upcoming season.

- Jr Gold: JGA State Tournament Qualified: OMG, St. Louis Park, Wayzata JGA/JG16 State Tournament at PIC March 18-20 JGA/JGB/JG16 Banquet March 17 at Medina Ballroom 2023 JrGold Playdowns assigned to District 3 per MN Hockey Handbook (need a host) JGHSL is looking to use Avario scheduling for 2022/2023 season.
- Girls League Coordinator: I will be reaching out to all girls D3 coordinators to host a spring meeting to debrief from the season and begin discussing player numbers, team levels, etc. in advance of the May date for preliminary declarations. I want to have a good handle on proposed teams to be able to run past the competition committee early in the offseason. - I will attend a meeting on 3/14 at MN Hockey to discuss a proposed 13U level. This proposal is not new, has been discussed many times, and has a lot of impact points for associations. This topic will be added to the spring girls' coordinator meeting. Talk to your association and think of pros and cons-get to Jeff Luke ASAP (by Sunday).
- Disciplinary Committee: may be a couple hearings coming up
- Scheduling Coordinator: see president report
- Tournament Coordinator: Huge thank you to Bob for getting the shirts put together so fast! They looked great! Thank you to Paul and Steve for helping get all the trophies to the meeting in Feb and helping me get them organized. I hope that all the tournaments went well. Get list of when your association is hosting tournaments next year to Michelle.
- Social Media/Website: GameSheet went smoothly for playoffs. There were a few times that games weren't uploaded at night but far less chasing down of scores than in past years. Only one photo came in this year for winning teams at our D3 tournaments so there are fewer social media posts this year. I will be pulling together some requests for Minnesota Hockey to present to GameSheet for next season. They are revamping their data base this summer so now is the time to give

them feedback. If your association has any insights, please let me know right away.

- HP/Tier 1: Spring High Performance Program is in full swing; invitations have been sent out; tryout details are being finalized; evaluators are being lined up. Evaluators from each association are needed to make this program work smoothly. Would like reps to help get coaches to sign up for the HP evaluations. Tryouts start the week of March 20 immediately following the youth state tournaments.
- Registrar: The end of season meeting will be held next Wednesday, March 16th at 6 p.m. at the Lake Room in Navarre. The association registrars have been notified but still let them know in the event they missed their email. There are processes that will be different next season so I would like all associations to be in attendance.
- Hockey Operations: no report

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Beginning to interview for open positions on the board for the upcoming season. Hockey development will be working on team declarations over the next month. Suggest D3 review of team placement guidelines for upcoming season. Discussion about reviewing historical data of team placements.

Delano: 15UB Regional tourney went well (even though Delano lost) :) Mite Jamboree is March 18-20, ice out on 3/21; starting to chat about summer training schedules, teams, and fall clinics and tryouts.

Hopkins: Hosted Bantam B2 tournament went well. Bantam A and Peewee A had a nice run in the regional tournaments. Congrats to all the D3 teams advancing to state! HYHA spring clinics starting soon.

Minneapolis: Worked with Jeff Luke, Scott Dornfeld and Scott Gray at MN Hockey to address a player's use of a racial slur against the Minneapolis players in the handshake line of the PWA regional tournament. Worked with Jeff, Mark and Paul on an unfortunate issue that occurred at the end of the 15UB district tournament. Minneapolis hosted D3 District tournaments generally went well except for some confusion amongst the refs on the penalty times for the first round of games at the PWC tournament. Squirt Committee meeting and info will be kicking off later this month.

Mound-Westonka: PWB2 tourney went smoothly.

North Metro: Looking at our numbers for next season. Adding new board members. Hosting 10UA, so far, the first 2 games ran smoothly.

Orono: 1 team advancing to State (15U B). Squirt C tourney going well so far. Working on planning for next year. Board elections are next month (3 of 9 spots open).

Osseo Maple Grove: Work at MG community center may mean adding a third sheet of ice (for high school).

St Louis Park: SLPHA hosted a very successful PWA Regional Tournament this past weekend. A few administrative issues with teams leading into the week, and one on-ice issue, but all in all it was great. Minneapolis PWA advances to state from this tourney. - Hosting 10B1 and 10B2 District Tournaments this week and weekend. - The association hosted a town hall this week to hear association member feedback on the season and communicate that we have many open board positions coming this year. SLPHA is also looking at changing the board structure to better align with our needs and gaps in our operations.

Wayzata: Districts for BA, BC and PWAA complete. SB1 finishing tonight. Feasibility study being done to add rink at PIC.

**Old Business:** Block off dates during tryouts for the Tier One League and District Playoffs as much as possible! Sept 30-Oct 2 is the biggest potential conflict. All in the league play that weekend.

**New Business:** MN Hockey is having elections for officers, VP Maroon (D3) will be open (among other positions).

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:55pm Motion: Andy Seconded: Brad

APPROVED