



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
			x	Bob Larson Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.		Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
x	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1/Treasurer	x	Michelle Jirik St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		Brian Thul-incoming ACYHA D3 rep
x	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:01
- April Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Kity
Minutes Approved

District 3 Director Report- Initial team declarations due May 19. Provide for each level the projected number of skaters and goalies and anticipated level of play. D4 will be playing in D3 this upcoming season. They played with D6 last season. Should have more info on their teams next month.

Wayzata is hosting Jr Gold state tourney-had already bid and been awarded the tournament.

We need a D3 Girls Coordinator. If there are any suggestions, please let Nicole know. Preferably not a parent and cannot be a voting member of association board.

Regarding the Girls League, the state makes determinations of that league. Some districts don't have a lot of teams, and declarations are not made until later.

Grievance hearings usually happen within 1-2 weeks of the incident. Families are given a 7 day notice and the grievance committee also needs to be able to collect the relevant information.

Over the next couple weeks, will be reaching out to association presidents to discuss affiliate agreements. Squirt Committee- everyone is coming at it from

different viewpoints. A survey is going out to those that expressed interest in order to collect info and perspectives.

May 23 is the next Directors Meeting. Bloomington has asked MN Hockey to merge the Jefferson and Kennedy programs.

District 3 President Report- Had a meeting with Avario and the refs and discussed ways to improve game scheduling in how it impacts the refs. Schedules will need to be submitted for the Bantams, 15Us, Pee Wees and 12Us by Oct 15 with no changes to the schedules until Thanksgiving at that time. Squirts and 10Us would not have any league games scheduled until after Thanksgiving. May want to consider looking at scrimmages or tourneys before league play begins for those levels. The ice schedulers will be the only person in the associations to submit a game change request. They will work out the changes with the other associations scheduler and then submit the request.

Looking at doing the AA levels only with D6 this season (so excluding D5).

Discussion around balanced schedule and number of games. Discuss within your associations what is the interest of your association (some liked 14 games, some wanted more, etc).

District 3 Administrator Report- Please send me any updates to association presidents and D3 reps-please include contact info as well. I have updated the couple included in this month's reports.

District 3 Treasurer Report- Reviewed monthly budget summary (sent to all prior to meeting). Recommendation of the board considering stipends for the President and Director positions. Those positions require a lot of time and work. MN Hockey has indicated it is within the rights of D3 to pay a stipend-no conflicts. Encourage reps to take back and discuss with associations.

Motion to approve financial reports as submitted by Mike M, seconded by Michelle -motion approved.

D3 Associates Reports

- Supervisor of Officials: There will be a meeting next week and seminars will be scheduled. Mike A asked associations to let him know of tourneys they are planning to host so he can begin planning. If there are any new tourneys being added or changing of dates for tourneys-reach out to Nicole first.
- Membership and Development: no report
- Jr Gold: 2022 JGA & JG16 State at PIC: ice is reserved and brackets sent to MN Hockey, refs and Medical, banquet reserved at Medina Thursday March 17th, Banquet Director confirmed, Chad Greenway tentatively confirmed as banquet speaker. 2022 JGB State Tournament: noise is that Grand Rapids MN or new arena at Virginia MN will host. Also rumored that outstate would like to move JGA to Grand Rapids or Virginia. D3 JGHSL Reps and JGHSL do not support moving JGA and/or JG16 State Tournaments outside of Twin Cities are due to additional missed school, added expense to families, etc. JGHSL: MN Hockey Directors are looking for plan to include outstate JGB in JGHSL Twin Cities League. I submitted 2 options to JGHSL for review. 1. Outstate JGB teams participate in 24 Twin Cities JGB League schedule that uses league play to qualify for Twin Cities JGB League Playdowns leading to State Tournament. 2. JGHSL and Outstate JGB work collaboratively to schedule weekend play in Twin Cities and at Outstate arenas on weekends.

With option #2 Outstate JGB teams participate in their own playdowns to qualify one (1) JGB team from outstate for the State Tournament.

- Girls League Coordinator: **vacant position-seeking candidates**
 - Grievance Committee: no report
 - Scheduling Coordinator: see Mark's report
 - Tournament Coordinator: Have not been to PIC to pick up the trophies that were not correct. These need to be returned, have three so far and there are about 8. Please bring to PIC or contact Michelle.
 - Social Media/Website: no report
 - HP/Tier 1: April was a busy month for High Performance Programs. We completed the spring 2021 High Performance Programs; sent two teams to USA Hockey Nationals; continued the fall Tier 1 program planning - all while still dealing with COVID and the MNH quarantines! A full report will be provided in June of both the HP and Tier One programs. June is also Tier One tryouts and we have been communicating with families directly via their registration for fall 2020-21. We would love some support and marketing by the associations as well.
 - Registrar: Association reps, please let me know if you elect new registrars this election cycle so I can communicate with them.
 - Hockey Operations: Meeting on May 23rd will be first meeting since prior to 20-21 Season.
- **D3 Association Representatives:**
- Armstrong Cooper: Introducing Brian Thul as the new ACYHA D3 Rep. Wrapping up Budget for next season starting June 1. Filled several Board roles, a few open roles but have interest.
- Delano: Refunds have been issued; annual meeting was held; officers have been elected - new President (Mark Foster) and Vice President (Derek Roers); working with the school to determine JV vs 15U; gearing up for summer training; Little Wild has approached us to be a participating site in September.
- Hopkins: Developing plan for fall clinics, including skating development at all level and office ice training. Meeting with newly elected board members and new coaches.
- Minneapolis: Electing Board Members @ meeting next week including new D3 Rep for Mpls.
- Mound-Westonka: Working through team declarations, reviewing surveys, recruiting for open board positions.
- North Metro: We have 4 new board members, working on our summer program.
- Orono: Continuing with off season planning. Elections coming up soon (Booster & Coaches). Teams just about finalized for next season & will be ready by this weekend. Starting to discuss coaches for next year.
- Osseo Maple Grove: Request for Equitable leagues for Girls. Pre-planning for joint/coop leagues and not wait until last minute. We would like to throw our name in the hat for hosting Jr. Gold A, U16 state tourney. Our association would like to get ahead of Winter league planning Co-ops. Do other associations utilize the ACE coordinator position? If so, would any associations be interested in discussing what they are doing or what is working for skills development. OMGHA is teaming up with Dynomites in 2021. DynoMites vision is to help urban youth become self-assured and

competent adults through long-term mentoring relationships from their elementary years through high school graduation.

<https://www.dinomights.com> We are requesting to end the pilot program for 5 & 10 penalties. Has there been any discussions on this? Request for grievance committee. We are requesting that grievances be heard as soon as possible. No reason with zoom calls that the hearings can't be done sooner. Discuss North Metro Co-op? We want to reiterate planning for league games next year that we only schedule Home and Away against each team.

St Louis Park: Board elections in June. Have team declarations and will email them.

Wayzata: *Board elections and annual report for 2021 where completed.

*Planning has started to host 2022 Junior Gold State Tournaments. *2021-22 tryout planning and team structure has started and should be completed by June 1st.

Old Business:

New Business:

Election of D3 President for 2 year term. Mark indicated he would do again. No other nominations. White ballot-approved, Mark President for two more years.

Adjourn TIME: 7:47 Motion: Andy Seconded: Mike M

APPROVED