



**Minnesota Hockey District 3  
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes  
Brooklyn Park Community Center  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

				<b>Association Reps</b>	
	vacant	District Director	x	Brian Thul	ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis	Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Bob Larson	Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Peter Nelson	Minneapolis
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	x	Steve Fischer	OMG
x	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson	OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Jeff Luke	St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair			
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator			
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>	
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		Scott Dornfeld	Interim Director
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			
	Bill Robeck	Hockey Operations			

**Call to order TIME:** 7:02pm

- November Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Andy  
Minutes approved

**District 3 Director Report-**

**District 3 President Report-** For the most part, all game reschedules should be completed except for emergency situations such as Covid issues, injured players, or weather. Any other reason for a reschedule, if approved, will be charged a \$200 fee. Have not had to many this year yet because of Covid. Have had some due to small team sizes with a couple of players out due to illness or injury. There has been way too many goalie sub forms that have been submitted. This is something that we need to address for the future (new business) **Only rostered coaches may be on the bench for games.** Each Association is responsible to have a point person for Game Sheet. All questions and issues should funnel through this person. Do not call Cheryl Myers and expect a response. Going directly to GameSheet should be the support help. *Would be good idea before a tournament, train volunteers that will be working GameSheet.*

There have been way too many racial slur incidents this year. Please make sure that players understand that this is unacceptable.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** November manager and coach meetings completed. Rules and Regs have been updated and are on the website.

**District 3 Accounting Report:** Documents emailed out prior to meeting, contact Kendra if any questions.

**D3 Associates Reports:**

- Supervisor of Officials: Discussion about some associations use of Game Sheet. Scoresheets need to be submitted as soon as possible after game is completed. Some teams don't have updated rosters of coaches on the player bench. Coaches need to be on the rosters. There will be no games scheduled with only one official. D3 only district in the state right now operating at full capacity with officials. Sticking with the number of officials in games per our rules and regulations. Will provide report of penalties in D3.
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: Now is the time to begin planning your associations "Try Hockey for Free" March 6 event. Make sure your association is registered with USA Hockey and that ice is reserved. This is a good time of the year to add members to your different committees. New mite parents are eager to become involved in the association and no better way than to work on an association project or committee. I especially support forming a MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE. I know that Armstrong/Cooper has this standing committee and it is working very well. From this committee the next Chairperson can be identified. This position is too large and important for just one person. "Many hands make light work."
- Jr Gold:
  - \*Final D3 Teams (12):  
JGA: (Wayzata, OMG, SLP)  
JGB: Delano, Mpls, Orono Blue, Orono White, OMG, Wayzata Blue, Wayzata Gold,  
JG16: OMG, Wayzata White
  - \*Elk River JGB White, Brainerd JGB and Bemidji JGB teams have disbanded since scheduling was completed.
  - \*All JrGold teams need to proof JGHSL Master schedule at [jghsl.org](http://jghsl.org) comparing to team's scheduling notes & team calendar
  - \*JGHSL has implemented GameSheet for the 2021-2022 season.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position  
Kendra shared that in MN there are only 2.5 19U teams. Used to be 5-6 teams. We need to be pulling the girls together to keep the girls playing and providing the opportunities for teams.
- Disciplinary Committee: no report, need committee chair
- Scheduling Coordinator: See President's report

- Tournament Coordinator: Make sure ice schedulers and tourney coordinators are scheduling only two games per day and two hours at least in between games. Everything should be getting uploaded and using GameSheet.

*Discussion on correcting clerical errors on scoresheets:*

*Coaches verify and sign roster prior to game. Officials only in charge of penalties, etc. Referee should correct clerical errors before signing the signing the scoresheet. If issues after, contact Matt Olsonoski.*

- Social Media/Website: Most of the GameSheet issues that I am receiving relate to rosters. We need to return to roster deadlines, and no scrimmaging prior to the fall meeting. This will not only help with GameSheet but a host of other issues that have been increasing in frequency over the past few years. All Tournaments are being set up by GameSheet as a courtesy this season, but associations should be able to make any necessary changes to schedules or team rosters through their Dashboard and in some cases at the rink on the ipad. I foresee that each association will be responsible for that set up in the future, so becoming familiar with those areas now will only be of help for the future. The roster in GameSheet MUST match your approved USA roster. All coaches need to be listed on your roster. Then, just like player, all coaches that are present at the game must be listed as playing. If there are 3 coaches on the bench all 3 must be listed as being active for the game. Only the head coach needs to sign the roster. They can put a line through the signature area for the remaining coaches that are active for that game. Coaches must sign prior to game time. Per MN Hockey rules, their signature is only confirming the roster of active players, so they should be verifying the accuracy of their players and coaches being listed as playing and ensuring that any suspensions are properly noted. The coaches should have no contact with the scorekeeper or refs after the game to try and change anything on the score sheet. Once a call is made, it cannot be changed and the goals and assists a cannot be changed either.
- HP/Tier 1: November and December are busy months for the High Performance programs. Ice is being finalized for the spring HP program and being booked out for the fall Tier 1/2 programs. All tryouts for spring HP are posted on the D3 website. We try our best to schedule and watch spring breaks, but with 10 associations, ten plus school schedules, and a shortened timeframe from MNH this year, it is difficult. We host three tryout sessions and encourage attendance at all three, but our requirement is attendance at one. Please help us get the word out to families early about the dates. As associations are looking forward to tryouts next year, please keep in mind the two season end tournaments for Tier 1/2. More dates will be forwarded as soon as they are sent from MNH. We will start our in-person marketing

for the programs this month and ask you to support our efforts within your association. We like to come and talk with teams about the programs and present to both the parents and the players. We just need you to make sure your coaches prioritize our presence wrapped around one of their practices.

Going forward, Shelly Johnson will be responsible for Boys 14/15 Programs, Kendra will remain responsible for Girls 14/15 Programs.

Looking for a passionate person to take over the girls' programming.

Happy Holidays from the District 3 Walleye Staff and Coaches!

- Registrar: We currently have 13 fewer teams than last season. With 163 more players than last season, I would expect more teams. Armstrong Cooper is still in the process of rostering its mini mites but even with that we are still below the number I expected. Make sure registrars are getting the support they need. Recommend that if any players are required to complete SafeSport, do ahead of trying out. Player Award info coming out-if a scoresheet is marked UNLOCKED, awards will not be going out for those games.
- Hockey Operations: no report

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: We are experiencing an uptick in reported COVID cases. Our COVID committee has been advising families regarding MDH guidelines and for the most part it has gone well. Recently we had a family inform us that they were going to make a "family decision" on whether a player should play or not. Our COVID task force was operating under an advisory committee and was unclear what our mandate is from MN Hockey. What is an association's responsibility to quarantine a player when we are made aware of the circumstances surrounding infection?

MN Hockey is not recommending anything as it pertains to quarantines. The recommendation is to follow MDH guidelines.

Delano: All teams (initiation levels and travel) are up and running - numbers are higher than last year; still encountering some Fair Play Point issues with GameSheet but generally the feedback has been very positive.

Hopkins: HYHA hosted a great Thanksgiving tournament. Teams and parents were very happy. Guessing many associations will return. Final registration numbers for the boys and girls participating HP co-op are highest in years. Looking for a Squirt A goalie for Brainerd tourney this weekend!

Minneapolis: Updated all coaches and managers about SafeSport and Locker Room Monitor issues and stressed the expectation of the Association, D3, MN Hockey, and USA Hockey that scheduled and full-time locker room monitors are required at all times. Need to work with

D4 ice scheduler better in the future around scheduling the games. If with D4 again, would not be for awhile.

Mound-Westonka: No report

North Metro: Thanksgiving Tournament went well, had a little mix up with the bracket but everything turned out well, everyone is getting use to GameSheet hopefully we can get all teams added to the system. D3 and Minnesota hockey are working with a racial incident that happened during our Thanksgiving tournament, North Metro wants to ensure that this kind of behavior is not tolerated within hockey or out of hockey.

Orono: Season off and running. Still waiting for jerseys from Gemini, they keep pushing out the delivery date.

Osseo Maple Grove: Adam Reiter resigned as OMG President. New President is Colin Steen.

St Louis Park: Gained five net-new players at 10U after the season started and added to our 10B2 team. This is due to Learn to Play and Try Hockey for Free programs at SLP and Hopkins. In addition to the communication from MN Hockey President we are reiterating cell phone and social media policies in locker rooms to all association members and players. We have a zero-tolerance policy. As COVID cases are increasing SLPHA President is re-organizing our COVID committee for purposes of responding to the questions coming from our members. Jr. Gold rostering complete ahead of first games.

Wayzata: Two hosted tournaments completed to date. GS works well, but if there are errors from the "event" setup, how to get immediate support? Question-D3 rules overall. Clarification made to what is in MH handbook and what really needs or should be in D3 rules book. "Fighting" for example is now duplicated.

**Old Business:** Scott Dornfeld-need a spot for 15U B regional tourney in March. Delano is interested.

**New Business:**

1. Director Election- Paul and Tim spoke to why they want to be District Director. Only association reps can vote. Paul Steenerson elected District Director Motion to destroy ballots-Kristi, seconded by Jeff. Motion passed. Shelly will destroy ballots.
2. Goalie Substitution – Need to recruit and be creative to develop/retain more goalies.
3. Team Size- Mark recommend at least 12 skaters on a team, bantams probably at least 13.

Kristi asked what is happening prompting the email from MN Hockey about locker room issues. Discussion on issues and having coaches be monitors. There have been SafeSport issues and more.

**Adjourn TIME:** 9:00 Motion: Andy Seconded: Kitty  
Meeting adjourned