



District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2016

The November Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:05pm by President Ron Walsh at Plymouth Ice Center.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff	Association Representatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Dornfeld – D3 Director (interim)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Tuchtenhagen – Armstrong Cooper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Walsh – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Verbeten – D3 Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Brodersen – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Goldenberg– D3 Girls Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Vowels – North Metro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Fortin – Orono
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil Olson – BHRA, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Blashack – OMGHA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Dahlin– St Louis Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Larson – Metro League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tod Duagan - Mite Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests: Dave Margenau, President of Minnesota Hockey	

Minutes

Mark made a motion to approve the October Minutes, Nicole seconded the motion, Kendra suggested corrections to the minutes to reflect the conversation and timeline for the election of the District Director and the motion passed to accept the corrected minutes.

Mark asked for the minutes from the emergency board meeting. Kendra provided an overview and stated formal minutes would be sent out and approved at the December meeting. General discussion regarding process of setting up emergency meetings, email voting and/or teleconference attendance was discussed. This topic was added to the D3 Handbook to do list.

Officials' Report – Matt Olsonoski/Neil Olson

- District League schedules
 - Need to get to Mike Anderson, BHRA Scheduler, in a more timely manner to allow time to schedule officials
- Coaches meeting October 26th - All coaches were told that they are doing a much better job controlling behavior toward officials. I personally thanked them all for their efforts.
 - New district rule last season allowing only the head coach speak to the officials is working



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- Thank you to associations for acting quickly when concerns about coaches or coaching staff are brought to them by the me
- Next coaches/managers meeting November 10th
- Please talk with your ice employees about the Hour Clock. It needs to be set and started at the beginning of the ice time.
- Dean asked if they could use D6 officials for a game on a D3 black out date if they are available. Matt said they need to use D3 rates when they come into the district and the D3 scheduler should be informed.

D3 Administrator – Kendra Verbeten

- Fall meeting #1 – went well with great attendance; reminded the reps of the one-game suspension if the Head Coach did not attend.
- Fall meeting #2 – November 10 at 7:00pm at Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center.
- District 3 clothing options – two options will be sent out to members to choose from.
- Thanks to those who have sent in their SafeSport and Screening receipts. Reminder to those who have not.

D3 Treasurer – Tony Verbeten, interim

- Financial documents were reviewed. Brian made a motion to accept the financials as submitted, Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election of District Director

- Process review – Ron overviewed the process that would be used:
- One candidate has come forward, a ballot will be used to vote, the associations vote will be weighted based on in-season player and coach registration numbers.
- Ron introduced Nicole Brodersen as the candidate for Director.
- Carolyn made a motion to conduct the election for district director and nominated Nicole Brodersen for the position, Jim seconded the motion. Ron called for discussion. Todd D shared the St Louis Park Board's concern of delaying the vote because of only one candidate coming forward. Mark stated that three people had indicated interest, but the other two withdrew. He also stated he felt there had been sufficient time to have people show an interest and put their name in the running. No one else had put his/her name in the running so the election should go on as scheduled. General discussion took place regarding the voting history of the position and the single candidate is not unusual. Ron called the motion to vote, ballots were distributed, collected, counted and Nicole was elected as the new District 3 Director.
- Diane made a motion to destroy the paper ballots, Jim seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Association Reports:

Armstrong Cooper – Jim Tutchenhagen

- **Try Hockey For Free:** Holding November 12th
- **Learn to Skate Clinics:** Last of 4 clinics held November 5th – Well attended by Mini Mites and New Mite Skaters.
- **Half Boards:** Purchased an additional set of Half Boards.
- **Concussion Testing:** Analyzing Costs and Age Levels (if recommending / requiring)
- **Held Association Managers Meeting:** Several first time managers. Held prior to the Bantam / Peewee / U12 District Meeting.



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Delano – Carolyn Kivisto

- Bantam C scrimmage fest was a great success! Hope to host one again next year.
- PCA will be presenting at our Coaches meeting this week.
- Starting our Skills & Goalie Clinics on Sunday nights.
- First Delano Girls High School Hockey game will be November 11th vs. Willmar at the Delano rink. This is a big step in growing the game for girls in Delano Area Youth Hockey.

Hopkins – Nicole Brodersen

- Tryouts for all levels completed and teams are up and running
- 15UB Team disbanded after high school tryouts. Three remaining players went to Armstrong/Cooper
- TRIA concussion baseline testing and partnership agreement includes two free visits when a possible concussion occurs
- Rink hard-dividers were ordered

Minneapolis – Bill Robeck

- One open spot for bantam tournament
- Sent 30 kids over to Sweden to play in a bandy tournament. It was a great success.

Mound Westonka – Dean Swanson

Future Agenda Item: Doing some planning for the mite jamboree. Need to look at purchasing some ice for the mite jamboree and the squirt C year end tournament.

- Travel team tryouts ended October 9, 2016. No notable issues.
- PCA events conducted for association coaches and for Squirt/U10 parents were well attended and well received.
- Mite registration opened on October 1. One week in, 64 mites had registered, 33 of them being first years. Several more should register over the next few weeks leading up to the start of the mite season.
- MWA is making a change with Squirt levels and will field an A, B2, & C.

North Metro – Keith Vowels

- Not much for us to report this month other than we have our Thanksgiving tournaments filled and are preparing to facilitate. Everything else is going as planned.

Orono – Jamie Fortin

- Thank you to the District and Associations for your support for our Bantam deviation created by our lack of goalie situation. We appreciate everyone's time needed to discuss, decide, and implement!
- Hotcakes for Hockey 11/12 – trying a new fundraising idea intended to create an environment for families across the association to connect while raising money for our youth program.
- Monthly Association meeting 11/8 and will bring any key updates to D3 meeting on 11/9

Osseo Maple Grove – Brian

- House has a total of 530 skaters for the season.
- Tryouts are done. Ended with 10 girls teams total from U10-U19.
- We ended up with a fourth U10 team which is the 1st time in many years.



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- Also have 60+ U8's
- Many of you may have seen the KSTP news story about a report on Maple Grove youth athletics that will be presented to the City Council later in November. The reporter was at MGCC to get reaction to this report from some of the OMGHA parents that were there during tryouts.

OMGHA has spoken to members of both the Maple Grove Citizens Action Committee (CAC) and the MG Park and Recreation Board. We have current and former OMGHA board members and OMGHA members that are on these MG committees and boards. Both the CAC and Park & Rec Board are valuable partners of OMGHA, and we have very good relationships with both. All of the people OMGHA have spoken to have said the reporter has overblown the story, and that what is implied in the story - city control over youth sports association - will not happen, especially with OMGHA.

OMGHA presented to the CAC a year ago. During the presentation, and in the report that will be presented to City Council in November, OMGHA comes out with the highest of marks by the CAC.

If you have any questions on this topic, or about the report, please let me know.

St. Louis Park – Todd Dahlin

- SLP Held Try Hockey for Free in October
 - 70 - 100 total kids
 - Boys and Girls each had their own hour of ice
 - SLP Board Members held an Open House in our Gallery Room during the event
 - Mite Coordinator would like to see if HS rule can be changed to allow some players on the ice
- Our East rink re-opened on October 30th with brand new refrigeration, boards, glass etc.
- 3d rink (Outdoor facility) opening no later than December 1st. Roof to be completed after season
- All Squirt Teams have been selected, completing all tryouts. Late for us due to rink construction

Wayzata –Mark Brandt

- Park and Rec has approved downsizing Rink A and making some other rink improvements. Will try to make changes next summer. Refrigeration system is 20 years old and needs to be replaced.

Metro League – Scott

A moment was observed for Bruce Kruger, long-time Metro League supporter. A donation to the MN Hockey scholarship fund will be made in his honor.

Registrar – Shelly Slattery

- There has been a lot of frustration with coaches not getting their SafeSport and Background Screenings completed so that registrars can submit their rosters in a timely manner for approval. Please assist your registrars with this process!



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- Discussion took place on SafeSport and who is required to take the training. Any coach will not be allowed on the ice if he/she has not taken SafeSport training and completed a background check.
- Further discussion regarding the requirement of locker room monitors taking SafeSport. Kendra shared what was being shared at the Fall Meetings, and Mark shared their president said it is suggested but not required. He stated he was in favor of it, but it needed to be voted on by the board. After general discussion, Matt Olsonoski made a motion to require any locker room monitor be required to take SafeSport and complete a background check. Carolyn seconded the motion. Mark suggested a friendly amendment to add the training and background check must be completed by December 31, 2016. Friendly amendment was accepted, the motion passed.
- Carolyn reminded everyone the SafeSport certificate must be printed out by the volunteer as proof of completion as it is next to impossible to look up volunteers' status. It is different for coaches.
- Players cannot move between teams unless they go through the rostering process and the roster has been approved. In addition, players can not be on more than one roster. Associations need to understand that this is not an immediate process and moving players between teams should be facilitated only in extremely necessary situations.

Association Name <i>Association totals as of 11/2/2016</i>	# of teams	Total Players Rostered	Total Players Claimed	# of Coaches
ARMSTRONG/COOPER	14	191	395	91
DELANO AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	11	155	345	53
HOPKINS YOUTH HOCKEY	9	119	281	59
MINNEAPOLIS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	17	243	773	148
MOUND/WESTONKA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	8	111	250	37
NORTH METRO YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	6	74	163	40
ORONO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	18	250	476	70
OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	18	291	1143	226
ST LOUIS PARK YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	5	67	299	70
WAYZATA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	17	281	1020	107

Membership & Development – Diane Margenau

- THFF Saturday. Our D3 associations have hosted many events to date.

Girls Coordinator – Chad Goldenberg

- If there are girls at the 15U looking for a team, please notify Chad with any players needing a home.



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Coach in Chief – Josh Hicks

- CEP class on Sunday and December 11.

Grievance – Kendra Verbeten

No report

Scheduling - Jay Knip

- Mark shared comments about the process of ice scheduling and the challenges we are facing. We need to make this a future topic for exploration of how to improve the system. Ron stated a Task Force will be established and anyone interested should let him know.
- All schedules have been completed and finalized. Schedules have been turned over to Mike to schedule the referees for all groups other than the 15's and 19's, which will be coming up later this week.
- One issue we had this season was the fact that some teams had not been announced before the one week deadline, which made for a mad dash for me to get things fixed. I know Maple Grove had concerns about adding an additional 10B team. But they kept me in the loop the whole time so I knew exactly where they were and what the thoughts were. Then when they did pull the trigger I was ready for the adjustment.
- I think there was a little chaos with the 12A and 10A schedules. Considering the delay in not knowing what was going to happen, I think everyone handled it rather well for the unexpected announcements of the various scheduling dates.
- One other issue we had was the review of the preliminary schedules for the Squirts and 10's. It seemed that people didn't want to look over the schedules in a timely manner. So when the deadline I set had been exceeded, and finals were sent out, there were 15+ additional changes after they were initially forwarded on to Mike. They had 3-4 days to review the schedules and forward any issues or discrepancies. As of Monday, there are a few issues that are still outstanding and need to be addressed. Most of these are at the lower levels, Squirts and 10's.
- Over the past five years we have averaged 1550 games per year. We are slightly short of the average, but we still need to schedule the 15's and 19's.

TO DO: A task force will be established to look at the entire game scheduling process. Anyone interested in joining the task force should let Ron know.

Tournament – Chad Nicholls

All groups are proceeding and getting the required paperwork filed.

ACE Coordinator – Gene Ferrel

CEP class announcements. Essay contest information from USA Hockey that was forwarded needs to be passed along to the players.

Mite – Tod Duagan –

No report

D3 Director's Report – Scott Dornfeld

Finish up some last-minute business. My door is always open and am more than willing to help when needed.



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Introduced Dave Margenau, President of Minnesota Hockey. Summary of the new Tier 1 program. Very successful program which included training, games and league and district play offs. Minnesota Hockey will send teams to the National Tournaments. Elite teams at the 16U and 19U levels finished in October as well. Congratulations to District 3 15U which made it to the championship game. MN Hockey is supporting THFF events. Thank you for introducing hockey to the public. MNH and the MN Wild are having a celebration of Girls and Women in hockey December 16 and 17. A combination of practices and games.

http://www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/719332?referrer_id=80470

MN Hockey allows half ice mite tournaments. OMGHA has been hosting a tournament for a few years with great success. MN Hockey winter meeting in January.

Questions for David:

Need clarification of the student coach requirements: High School students may be on the ice for one to two sessions without completing any paperwork or taking any classes. Student coaches under the age of 18, must follow the student coach process. Students 18 and over must, as of right now, complete the required SafeSport and background screening, appropriate age module and CEP class. Dave will look into the possibility of getting waivers for CEP, age module and SafeSport for high school student coaches who are 18 but still in high school.

Welcome Nicole. Nicole thanked Scott again for his time and commitment to District 3 players and families.

D3 President – Ron Walsh

As of today, there have been 20 game-change requests. As of today, no penalties have been assessed. Going forward, a fee will be assessed for any game change granted. This process will be reviewed along with the game scheduling process being addressed by a Task Force.

Old Business –

None

New Business –

None

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconded; motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm.

To Do List from Meeting:

- TO DO: send your SafeSport and Background screening form to Kendra.
- TO DO: if interested in being on the game scheduling task force please send your name to Ron
- TO DO: add end of season tournament brackets to the December agenda