

**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Plymouth Community Center - Aspen Room**  
**November 13th, 2024**



	<b>Executive Committee &amp; Associates</b>			<b>Association Reps</b>	
X	Paul Steenerson	District Director	X	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
X	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	X	Kristi Duis	Delano Area
X	Michelle Jirik	Administrator	X	Matt Schadow	Hopkins
	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	X	Mick Mullen	Minneapolis
	Machel Whitmore	Registrar		Mike Walsh	Mound Westonka
X	Kendra Verbeten	Treasurer	X	Gina Hansen	Orono
	Neil Olson	BHRA President	X	Nick Rice	OMG
X	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	X	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
X	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	X	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
X	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>	
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Chair			
X	Todd Sherner	Girls Coordinator			
	<b>Open Position</b>	Membership Devel.			
X	Greg Gibson	JGHSL			
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			
X	Brad Butler	Goalie Coordinator			

**Call to order TIME:**

Oct Meeting Minutes: 7:01pm

- Motion to approve: Gina Hanson
- Seconded: Mick Mullen
- Minutes Approved: yes

**District 3 Director Report:** Worked with Brad Butler to allow for an EBUG at Squirt/10U, EBUG questions and goalie requests at all levels and an email was sent to all presidents on Oct 23rd regarding the EBUG,U19. Squirt/10U number of games this year - We listened to our associations and the schedulers regarding game count and know that we will not satisfy everyone. As stated, one coach at the same level, from the same association loved the decision while another coach, same level, same association did not. So I think for the 2025-2026 season, schedulers and associations may want to go back to a 14-16 game count within D3.



Ensuring all individuals who may have interaction with players are appropriately background checked and Safe Sport. Anyone in contact with players and have not had their background and safe sport done, associations remove them immediately. Finished up the coach/manager meetings this week. Approving teams for out of state travel. Reminder about positions that are up for election on May 14th, 2025. The following are going to be open: Treasurer, District 3 Director, and President. These positions are needing to be filled. If you know of anyone please reach out.

**District 3 President Report:** Just finishing up the 15U Scheduling. Probably will be completed by meeting time. As of the meeting these schedules were sent out today. The 15B will have 12 games, only 7 teams so there will be a home and away for all teams. There have been 155 games rescheduled so far. Most of the theme that games have been rescheduled is due to getting games back to back. There have been problems with a couple of associations not having their tournaments confirmed or incorrect. One association was fined for a problem with the tournaments. There has also been some problems with teams wanting their schedule changed for their head coach or parents taking players on family trips. Will be starting to work on getting the district tournament schedule this month to get out to associations. Will work with Squirt and 10U schedules to work on getting a task force next year on best practices.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Finished the last of the fall meetings. Great turn out for the Squirts/10U meeting, a few suspensions were handed out to coaches for not showing at the Oct meeting and with only three from Nov meeting. I will be emailing those reps, presidents, and coaches before the end of this week. Reminder about board meetings, it is always the second Wednesday of each month. Question about coaches getting a suspension for missing a fall meeting but we don't for managers, why? This is something to look at for next year to see if this is something that wants to be changed.

**District 3 Registrar Report:** As of today, we are 158 teams below last season's total. We have 4 associations that have begun to submit their mite and 8U teams. Please have your mite and 8U teams submitted as you get their teams organized. If your coaches are not on the roster please have them stay home.

**District 3 Treasurer Report:** League fees from the district to each association are based on the number of teams in an association not based on the number of games that a team plays.

**GameSheet Report:** If there is no iPad then there is NO game to be played. Refs have been told that if there isn't a GameSheet then there isn't a game. It is the home team responsibility to have the iPad and the GameSheet app needs to be on the iPad. GameSheet will be all on the associations starting 2025-26 season. All team names are fixed. Encourage team managers to upload their logos. If a coach is added to GameSheet manually then they are flagged and this will be a fine to the association. Coaches should not be added to the roster manually.

**Associates Reports:**



Supervisor of Officials: The season is going well. Officials have made a few mistakes in regards to penalty time for each level of play. All officials have been given a "cheat sheet" to help to ensure there are fewer problems moving forward.

Coach in Chief: Clinics are still ongoing, plenty of openings. Please make sure coaches are registering, as courses will only be offered until December 15th. There are still openings for Brooklyn Park in person clinic November 24th. I would love to fill these to continue to be able to offer in person clinics in the future.

Membership and Development: **OPEN POSITION – PLEASE HELP FIND A PERSON FOR THIS POSITION!**

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: Teams:

\*Armstrong Cooper: 1-JGB

\*Delano: 1-JGB

\*Mpls: 1-JGB

\*OMG: 1-JGA, 2-JGB, 1-JG16

\*Orono: 1-JGB

\*St. Louis Park: 1-JGA

\*Wayzata: 1-JGA, 2-JGB, 1-JG16

\*Final Team Declarations: Monday 18th at 8:00pm

\*Schedule published Wednesday Nov 27th

\*Coach/Mgr Mtg: Sunday Dec 1st at 6:00pm via zoom

\*First day of League Play: Monday Dec 2nd

\*Last day of League Play: Friday Feb 21st

Disciplinary Committee: No Report

Tier 1/HP Director: No significant news to report, planning for 2025 HP and Tier 1/2 seasons is underway.

Girls Coordinator: D3 Girls College Recruiting Seminar is scheduled and set for Sunday 12/29 @ 7pm via ZOOM. All D3 15U and 19U teams will be invited. WCHR and College Hockey INC are graciously presenting and also putting together the marketing flier. The Flyer should be completed this week and will be shared and posted on the D3 site.

Hockey Operations: Tried to offer a meeting with Hockey Directors last week - only 1 showed up as he was driving to the rink for practice. Model Association Grant Program is on the Minnesota Hockey website

<https://www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/4556903-minnesota-model-association-program> Hockey directors have been made aware.

Tournament Coordinator: Tournaments and penalties - will email tournament coordinators but also want reps to know - sanctioned tournament directors need to email GameSheet and let them know that Game Ejection Penalty needs to be added back into the tournament penalties.

Goalie Coordinator: Association Goalie Coordinators weighed in on the no EBUG rule, good feedback. Finalizing a spreadsheet that displays goalie numbers by level from all D3



associations, waiting on Delano's numbers. Have weekly emails going back and forth and that has been going really well.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: We are hoping to get an exemption/waiver for our SQA and U12A teams to possibly be able to play some B1 or like games as we are worried that, by having A teams, we will struggle to find like competitive games this season...both in the cities and possibly out of the metro as well. We have reminded ALL of our coaches that if they are having a coach controlled scrimmage, the scoreboard MAY NOT be on!!! Lastly, as an association, we've had a couple of players make poor decisions with social media online posts:( As a board, we've dealt with it immediately. Are wondering if this issue is coming up in other associations?

Delano: Struggling to field a team for Jr. Gold - have been in touch with Greg. 2nd sheet is having delays - not expecting to skate on the ice this season. Looking for additional ice

Hopkins: Nothing to report

Minneapolis: Minneapolis is planning on having a JR. Gold team. Currently 13 skaters and 1 goalie. More kids expected to join after HS tryouts. We have received some negative feedback on the scheduling of the Squirt and 10U B1 season. One reason being it has been more difficult to schedule games outside of D3 as other district teams are having the same 35 game limit and they have a full district schedule(meaning less games needed to schedule). Do other associations have the same issue? With the Mite Season kicking off, what are the procedures to get approvals for out of association games? The D3 website has all the information regarding Mite Rules. Send Paul an email about jamboree and games for these types of questions.

Mound-Westonka: Tryouts went well for all levels. Looking for feedback on how other associations run different level tryouts, format. Had a few issues with evaluators, canceling last min. Possible to have an association swap with another district? Looking for clarifications on mite scrimmages. See notes in Minneapolis report. Does D3 allow associations to change the declared teams during/after tryouts?

Orono: Working through ice scheduling challenges. Girls HS tryouts complete. We are fielding a 15A and 15B team. Boys HS tryouts start this week. He anticipates being complete by Thursday (11/14). Likely will be 1 - JGB team but will confirm. Bantam B1 goalie is out for 4-6 weeks and he was the only goalie rostered on that team so working through EBUGs when one of our Bantam C goalies is not available. Managing a potential code of conduct violation on Bantam A.

Osseo Maple Grove: Great Start to the season!

St Louis Park: Resolved some issues with some coaches and managers related to paying D3 refs for scrimmage games. Saw an immediate response from our young players to our new Rookie Boot Camp program. We had 57 players join the program and 55 players carried forward with hockey in SLP. Completed our Bantam C tournament last week. Only ended up with 6 teams, but it was run well and was a great weekend.



Wayzata: - Completed 2 Team Treasurer onboarding meetings and 3 Team Manager onboarded meetings. Audited all Team Manager roles for Safesport and Background check compliance. Continuing to advocate for additional rink at Plymouth Ice Center. Developed own recognition for Hat Trick, Playmaker and Zero Club due to challenges receiving player recognition from D3. Donated ice time and skate rental for Halloween Open Skate open to the community. Promoted 19U program for awareness.

**New Business:** From Goalie Coordinator: D3 goalie coach training for squirt and 10U. Request money from D3 to cover ice and instructor costs. Not to exceed \$1,500.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brad Butler for goalie coach training for squirt and 10U only and second by Mick, Discussion and motion was amended to \$3000 towards goalie coach training and was second by Mick Mullen, motion to approve was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:23pm

- Motion to Approve: Andy Norseth
- Seconded: Nick Rice

