

District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

The Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Walsh at New Hope Ice Arena.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff	Association Representatives
Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	x Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
x Ron Walsh – D3 President	x Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
D3 Treasurer	x Reid Paul – Hopkins
Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	x Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	x Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	x Tim Donelon – North Metro
x Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	x Kelly Greene – Orono
x Neil Olson – BHRA, President	Brian Blashack – OMGHA
Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	x Jeff Brandt – OMGHA (alt)
Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	Todd Dvorack – St Louis Park
Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	x Mark Brandt – Wayzata
x Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	Cheryl Meyers and
Todd Larson – Metro League	Shelly Johnson present for approval of positions.
Mite Coordinator	
Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests: Dan Thompkins, Hopkins	

1. **Call to order and approval of Consent Agenda (VOTE) – President Ron Walsh**
 - June 2018 Meeting Minutes : *Mark B motion, seconded by Carolyn. Approved*
2. **Executive Committee member elections (VOTE):**
 - **Treasurer – administers the financial operations of D3 and reports financial results to the Board, member of the Executive Committee**
Mark B motion to approve Aric, Dean seconded, approved.
 - Candidate - Aric Stienessen
 - In house attorney at Carlson Wagonlit Travel and some other legal experience at law firms for around 5 years
 - Financial/Banking Attorney for around 11 years representing banks making real estate and asset based loans, as well as derivatives
 - Previously: Senior Financial Analyst and Tax and Financial Incentives Consultant
 - Head coach or assistant coach to approximately 60 teams across hockey, baseball, and football
 - Involved with OMGHA hockey board as a goalie director for around 5 years
 - Involved with OMGAA baseball board as a league director for around 5 years



- Three kids currently playing hockey: 2nd year PW, a 2nd year Squirt, and a last year Mite

- **Administrator – administers the business of D3, member of the Executive Committee, and a permanent member of the Grievance Committee**

Mark B motion to approve Shelly, seconded _____, approved

- Candidate - Shelly Johnson
 - Minneapolis Youth Hockey Association:
 - currently serving on the executive board as the Bantam Director
 - team manager for a large portion of time with Mpls Youth Hockey
 - kids in association hockey: first year 15u daughter and a second year Bantam son
 - over 10 years with Mpls
 - Non-hockey life: represents employees in contract negotiations, workplace issues and essentially all things related to terms and conditions of employment.
 - I'm super excited at the opportunity to have a role with D3 and being connected to the hockey community on an even broader scope.

3. **New District 3 Position:**

- **Communication and Social Media Support Associate** – Website, Social Media and District 3 branding *Motion to approve Cheryl in new position Mark B, seconded by Dean, approved.*
- Cheryl Meyers
 - Active member of Hopkins Youth Hockey (past) and Hopkins HS Hockey (current)
 - Manager on multiple teams for St Louis Park and Hopkins
 - Active member of the board for SLP and Hopkins in multiple capacities for both associations
 - Photographer for Sports Engine and Hockey Hub
 - Current player on the Hopkins HS Boys Hockey team
 - Looking forward to promoting and building the D3 brand in a variety of ways

4. **District Director's Report – Nicole Brodersen:**

Ron noted should expect more coming electronically.

- New President and New D3 Rep Orientation later this month
- Presidents' Meeting follow up
- Information from the MN Hockey meeting June 22-24

5. **District Support Associates:**

- a. Registrar – Shelly Slattery
- b. Coach in Chief – Josh Hicks
- c. Membership & Development – Diane Margenau
- d. Girls' League –
- e. Scheduling Coordinator – Jay Knip
- f. Tournament Coordinator – Chad Nichols: Fall meeting for tournament directors is scheduled for September 26 at 7:00 at the SLP Rec Center. This will include directors for mite jamborees. Chad will send out message to D3 reps to communicate to appropriate people within associations.



No other associate reports.

6. District President's Report (VOTE) – Ron Walsh:

- **VOTE** Motion to approve use of autoice by Mark B, seconded by Mike M, approved. Discussion about integration with website. Games will load to D3 then to associations sites. District 8 has been using for a few years. Mark B will be the D3 contact person with Autoice.
- Monthly meeting locations – rotate to different association locations. Generally thought to be a good idea. Hit Delano early to avoid the drive in winter! Minneapolis may not be super convenient for people (would be held at new building, not Parade). Make meetings fun-maybe have some food. Agree to give it a try. To Do: Make schedule
- Requiring D3 reps to attend fall meetings as support to the meetings and learn from the information presented. - Discussion around not making it mandatory, but encourage everyone to attend. Should level coordinators from associations attend appropriate level meetings? Managers and coaches likely have more contact with these people than D3 reps. Suggestion that association "higher up" (president, VP) attend coach meetings. D3 reps often don't know coaches. It would be good for them to know what goes on at coach meetings.
- Did people like the pre-meeting email from Ron? Help prepare and know what's going on.

7. Referee's Report – Neil Olson: no report

- Mike A indicated he will send elec copy of ref rate increases. Cheryl will put on the website.

8. Administrator's Report – Kendra/ new Administrator (Shelly)

- Proposal introduced to change the format of the fall meetings to make them value-added for rookie and veteran managers and coaches.
 - Preliminary outline would be to have coaches meet the first night and managers meet the second night.
 - Each group would start with a large group meeting and then break into two groups based on the number of years of coaching/managing
 - Discussion: Initial discussion favorable. need to work on/think about logistics. 1) do we do ALL coaches one night or split up by levels like before? 2) How to manage/schedule Matt going back and forth in meetings.
**Prompted discussion about coach attendance at meetings and conflicts that get scheduled (games/scrimmages). Motion by Mark B that D3 requires no games/scrimmages on fall meeting night. Seconded by Dean, approved. If practices are scheduled, assistant coaches should run practice.

9. Association Representative Reports –

Armstrong Cooper:

Delano:

Hopkins: Still looking at levels. Why do associations need to get levels in so early? Will be having a parent meeting prior to next board meeting. Should have more clarity after the board meeting.



Discussion around how tournaments fill up fast. Also, there have been times when associations have changed team levels very late. Levels also go to competition committee for review. The margin of error is tighter for smaller associations if lose a kid or two or a goalie.

Minneapolis:

Mound-Westonka:

North Metro:

Orono:

- Looking to open registration around end of Month
- Working with Mound to re-brand Girls Program
- Finalizing teams/tryouts/upcoming season
- Working on Gambling Manager/license for Pull-tabs
- **In need of 2-3 goalies for PeeWee's this year**

Osseo Maple Grove:

St Louis Park:

Wayzata:

10. Grievance Committee Report: no report

11. Old Business:

- Game Scheduling Proposal – President Ron Walsh (attachment) Request table until next month.
- Preliminary Team Declarations – Ron said Nicole should be reaching out to competition committee to schedule meeting for reviewing declarations. Meet in next couple weeks.
 - (Members for 2018-19: Minneapolis (large), Delano (medium), and North Metro (small). Discussion that competition committee needs to be sooner. Associations need to be able to sign up for tourneys. If a parent is on committee, should they remove themselves form decision if impacts their player? Should something be added to rules and regs? Add to agenda for next meeting.
- Rules and Regulations Discussion (topics identified during the year)– these changes will be incorporated into the Rules and Regulations (also discussion related to item #4)
Discussion: not sure if all changes are reflected in attachment -need more or all of the information. Mark B motion to defer reading until next month, Mike seconded, approved.
To Do: get document from Kendra
 - Fighting – automatic 3-game suspension (see rule 4.1.3)
 - Scheduled changes to reflect new proposed game scheduling system (see rule 5.3). Additional fines related to forfeited games should be discussed.
 - Regional seeds should align with our revised brackets (see rule 7)
 - Grievance hearing timeline should match our grievance calendar (rule 8.2.5)
 - Rules for selection of HP Coaches (Rule 9)
 - **In May 2013** a rule was passed related to Locker room monitoring and the discipline if not followed. It was **not** reflected in subsequent by laws. The topic came up this year for conversation:
 - 1st Time – Head Coach Suspended
 - 2nd Time – Head Coach 3-Game Suspension – Talk with Association President
 - 3rd Time - Team will not be able to play in D3 Tournament.
 - This rule was not incorporated into the Rules and Regs. (rule 11)



- OMGHA asked for a review of the game times – section 4.2; specifically pee wee game times: Jeff will talk to Brian for additional info. Will keep on the agenda.

12. New Business:

Mark B motion to adjourn, Bill seconded, approved.

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To Do-Previous Meetings:

- Ask associations what positions and what the stipends are? ***If you haven't sent this in, please do so.*** Seeking general info to compare/see what's going on in associations.
- Kendra to send out competition committee members and rotation (***posted on the website***) - ***done***
- Start submitting team levels and numbers for the competition committee (meet end of June) – ***done – below***
- Associations will need to put together a proposal for hosting the above tournaments - ***done***
- Chad to order trophies for the League Champions for Pee Wee AA – ***Done, trophies ordered. Kendra offered to pick up-***
- Reps to gather feedback on coaches being the locker room monitors – *Wayzata saw significant decrease in safesport hearings (zero last season, 10 the year before). ACYHA didn't have issues using parents, would rather keep decision within associations. Delano, need to select good parents to do it, opposed to making coaches do it. Orono-some teams may not have enough coaches to reasonably make it work. Ron, associations should be autonomous on this. Mark will bring safesport data from Wayzata. Locker room monitor rules and penalties to be approved.*
- AutoIce: reps need to go back and talk with their board and ice schedulers for discussion and vote in July 2018
- Ron and Nicole to review all game lengths
- Kendra to post season start and end on website (***done***)
- Reps to respond to Kelly's question on the weight rooms at the rink (see Orono report)
- Ron and Nicole to develop job descriptions for Exec Comm and support associates

TEAM DECLARATIONS:

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