



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

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
	Aric Stienessen	Treasurer	x	Reid Paul Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
	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	Chad Nicholls	Tourney Coord.		Paul Steenerson OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Michelle Jirik St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Nicholas Cook Wayzata
	Ron Warren	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Rob Roy	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
	Greg Gibson	Metro League		
	Todd Larson	Metro League		

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:04PM
- June Minutes: Motion to approve: Nicholas Cook
Seconded: Kelly Greene Minutes approved

1. **District 3 Director Report-** MN Hockey Meeting was held at the end of June. Association Presidents should have received an email on July 1 regarding where hockey is at with respect to Covid. The email came directly from Derek Ricke. Make sure your association presidents are getting these emails and reading them.
 Associations should be working with rinks as each may have their own pandemic protocols in addition to those that are applicable to all rinks. Each association is REQUIRED to report covid cases to the MN Department of Health. The MN Dept of Health will then do contact tracing through the team. Changes and updates will come as we get closer to the start of the season.
 July 13 is MN Hockey Roundtable on racism and racial issues in hockey. This will take place via zoom and registration is required. Nicole will send out

the info to register. Would like someone from every association to participate.

Diane M is having member development meeting via zoom and would like someone from every association to participate in that as well.

Please check the tourney page on the D3 website. Check what tourneys your association is assigned this season. If changes need to be made, we can work with associations, but need to know ASAP.

The competition committee will be meeting. Any updates etc. to team declarations, get those to Nicole ASAP.

Continue positive messages to families about the upcoming season!

2. **District 3 Administrator Report-** Making calendar adjustments as needed. Please let me know of any changes to reps/presidents so contact info can be updated.
3. **District 3 President Report-** Held a virtual meeting with the ice scheduler and Avario on June 22. Attendance at the meeting was excellent. We went over the dates for the start and end of the seasons for the different levels. Also, the dates for the District tournaments. These dates are on the District Calendar that we will be reviewing tonight. Please make sure that other people in your association are aware of these dates. ALL District 3 teams need to participate in the District tournaments. Avario has made process several improvements to the rescheduling process for the ice schedulers. They have also added several new features to the program.

Nicole and I (Mark) have been working on the lack of a treasurer and found somebody to clean up the mess from this year. If anybody has bills that were submitted and not paid, please email them to me. We will continue to find somebody to take this position in the future. Some associations may also be receiving bills as some may not have been billed for league fees. Please give associations a heads up.

4. **District 3 Treasurer Report-**

5. **D3 Associates Reports –**

- Supervisor of Officials: All USA Hockey officiating seminars will be conducted online through the use of ZOOM. Hopefully this increases participation. Prospective officials still need to register on the USA Hockey website the same a past years. I have our Minnesota Hockey Officials Association board meeting Thursday July 9th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. I am hopeful will receive more information about the upcoming season and how officials will fit in to games this winter. Currently in phase 2 only two officials are allowed on the ice. Will need to be looking at how limiting interactions between officials and players and officials and coaches.

Neil-The fees for officials are done. Mike will be posting in the next few days. Will send to Shelly to get out as well. There will be stipulations and subject to change.

Mark asked about the bantam AA and B1 officials and changing the number on ice. Matt talked to David from D6 about 4 officials at AA, and they would like to do this as well, but not sure about the numbers yet. BHRA would also like 2 officials at BB1. Michelle said how SLP has concerns over the amount of horsing around that still goes on at the BB1 level. Matt said that the positive thing is there would be two officials able to call penalties and this would allow more officials to be available for other games/scrimmages and tourneys.

Bill shared that Mpls also has concerns about 2 officials at BB1 level. The board in Mpls referenced experiences playing up north with just two officials and things getting out of control.

Kelly said Orono is in favor of two for BB1 but not for four at AA. Would like the high school model for AA. Matt said that is not an option as it is not recognized as an officiating model by USA Hockey.

Neil said trying to make it a better experience and will need to make a decision by next month. Mark added we will vote on this in August.

- Registrar: no report
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: Zoom MD call postponed one week due to conflicts with vacations. The week after the 4th of July was probably not the best time to set up a hockey meeting. Am working on rescheduling. Encourage anyone that is interested to participate. Will send out agenda with time and date of meeting. Does Wayzata have a membership development person? Who should be on the meeting? North Metro, need contact info for the member development person. Also need someone from Hopkins. Reid shared Bob Larson from Hopkins is recruitment coordinator. Mike M asked if the meeting can be recorded. Diane said she would work to get that done and shared.

USA Hockey Try Hockey for Free will be Nov. 7, 2020. All associations are encouraged to participate. Associations can register online with USA Hockey. A new policy from USA Hockey is requiring all associations to register directly with USA Hockey any recruiting or pre skate programs to receive their Waiver of Liability. They no longer need to go through Todd Elmer. Participants will register for events directly online through USA Hockey.

- Jr Gold: No report for JGHSL. Next Board mtg September 14th.
- Girls League Coordinator: no report
- Grievance Committee: no report
- Scheduling Coordinator: see president's report

- Tournament Coordinator: Meeting is scheduled for the end of September. Need to talk to Nicole and Mike about officials. Nicole added that associations should be following the registration rules for tourneys (notifications, waitlists, etc.). Mark said this meeting is mandatory for associations if hosting a tourney or mite jamboree.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: We are in the first week of our Tier One Pre-Season Off-Ice and On-Ice Clinics. We are super happy with the turnout. We filled one session of off-ice and three sessions of on-ice. We are following strict guide-lines for COVID-19 and created multiple arena plans and a D3 reporting plan if someone tests positive. We are still waiting for some guidance from MN Hockey on what has to happen if a teammate tests positive (quarantine athlete, pod, whole session, coaches?). MNH is also waiting on guidance from the MDH on the same topic. It really is a matter of when and not if, so we are trying to be very pro-active in keeping athletes safe socially distanced. Emails are going out to all coaches from last year about evaluating the Tier One/Two tryouts. Our goal is to have a representative from every association (we have kids signed up from all of our associations). I will forward an email to Shelly for distribution to reps and presidents about making it a priority for both fall Tier One and spring HP (2021). It is important everyone is in the game! Tier One/Two tryouts start the first weekend of August and then the season kicks in gear with TRIA weekend right away. As TRIA is sponsored for the Tier One level, we have taken it upon ourselves to set up something for our Tier Two team. We are working on details now, but it will be ice time, skills competition, speaker and hopefully some kind of safe socially distanced cook out or similar. Looking forward to getting the season moving! Reach out if you have any questions, thoughts or ideas.
- Hockey Operations: no report

6. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Focus on hockey operations. Recruiting/Retention for coaching. Tournament registration. STP training.

Delano: Summer Training has started and is going well with the new protocols. Still looking for a 12U goalie for next season and will need a few more 15U players as well. Board meeting moved to next Monday. Mark added that it would be good to know what associations are doing with 15u teams. Let Mark know if hosting tryouts before Nov 1.

Hopkins: Board meeting is Monday.

Are other associations adjusting team sizes to account for kids missing games due to Covid or will an entire team and coaches be removed and quarantined for 14 days? Nicole said rosters need to be viable and should err on the side of a larger team versus smaller.

Question about the ability to have more roster flexibility and moving kids from one team to another. Nicole said rostering rules will not change, there are insurance liability reasons. Some districts are now saying they don't want to even have sub goalies because of exposure to an additional group of players. Will work with teams as much as possible if games need to be reschedule due to covid concerns. Questions asked about if a goalie skates out, can a sub goalie then be brought it? Nicole said the rules are that the goalie has to be unavailable in order to get sub. However, will look at each case and the circumstances. Want games played as much as possible. Will MN Hockey be responsible for testing and/or policy for return if players or coaches test positive for Covid 19? Nicole said Associations/arenas may have own rules about covid testing, temp taking. MN Hockey will not have financial liability for things like that. Hopkins is on the fence about a few levels. Would like to know what other associations are planning. Nicole said to reach out to discuss. The competition committee will be meeting.)

Minneapolis: Mpls Board does not support changing BB1 referee from 3 person crew down to 2 person crew.

Mpls Hockey taking next steps in branding change - from Washburn (orange) and Southwest (Purple) to align more with our co-op high school program Black, Silver and White. Jerseys will no longer have orange and purple on them aside from our Storm Shield which will continue to be placed on the shoulders of our jerseys. Our website will be redesigned in the next few months.

Registration set to open latter part of July - Mpls Hockey board has determined fee increases will be necessary for the upcoming year as our gambling income is off significantly, MPRB increasing cost of ice and loss of concession stand contract @ Parade Ice Garden (MPRB is taking it over and will be running concessions themselves).

Level Coordinators at all levels Girls + Boys have had meetings in past 5 weeks to discuss plans for upcoming seasons - teams and levels submitted in May continue to look accurate pending actual registration #s.

Mound-Westonka: Signed new Girls' Coop Agreement with Orono for 2020-2021 season, extending the Coop to include two U15 teams. Association golf tournament scheduled for August 14th at Timber

Creek. Looking at Avario to do our ice scheduling. Evaluating coach options at each level.

North Metro: Looking for EMTS for our tournaments, anyone has good referrals for me please send me info. Nicole said she would send list. Looking at other ways to promote hockey while social distancing.

Orono: BTM Team Changes: AA, B1, B2, B2 Jr Gold Team Changes: B Hoping to have registration open around mid-month. Continuing to work on off season work (hiring coaches/tourneys/ice time) No changes to leadership after elections.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: Hosting 15U with Hopkins, also talking with Mpls. On the fence about bantam B2 and C numbers. Will see what happens when registration opens. Is there an 8U/mite coord for D3? Nicole said it was her. SLP would like mite meeting earlier than December. Nicole said possible to do sooner. May have a female playing bantams this year.

D3 logo on jerseys?? Is it updated? Nicole said the logo does need to be on jerseys and has not been updated. There is history with that logo as it used to be called Beltline Hockey. If anyone wants to work on this project, let Nicole know. Won't happen this season though.

Wayzata: Can we look at keeping two weekends open? Mark said that is association decision and not a district one. Association ice schedulers can block out weekends if desired, but keep in mind, that can make getting games scheduled more difficult.

Old Business: treasurer situation being worked on

New Business: Review 2020-2021 Calendar. Nicole, Mark and Shelly will work on filling in the calendar. Make sure associations are aware of key dates (season start and district tourneys). May look at extending the end of season dates for BB2 and PWB2.

Conversation about redistricting is on hold for now. D4 will be joining other districts on a rotational basis for league play. This season they are playing with D6, next year it will be D3.

Review and address any Bylaws changes August and September meetings.

Adjorn TIME: 8:14 Motion: Kelly Seconded: Kity
Meeting adjourned