



October 8, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on October 8, 2008, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Those present:**

John Perry – Director  
Mark Brandt – President  
Diane Margenau – Administrator  
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials  
John Sparling – President, BHRA  
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, BHRA  
Dave Nyquist – Secretary, BHRA  
Amy Johnson – Girl’s League Coordinator  
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator  
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator  
Joe Favorite – C League  
Gene Farrel – ACE Coordinator

**Representatives:**

Tony Cleveland - Orono  
Ed Szalapski - Blake  
Tom Pitra – Osseo Maple Grove  
Alex Becker - Wayzata  
Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Greg Erickson – Armstrong Cooper (alt)

**Guest:**

Dave Anderson - Pointstreak

**MINUTES –**

**MOTION:** Brad Davis moved to accept the September, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

Tony Cleveland seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**POINTSTREAK – Dave Anderson presenting.**

Dave Anderson, representing Pointstreak, presented a league management system better known as electronic score sheets. Dave stated that he would like to work with District 3 on a pilot program for Minnesota Hockey. He stated that implementation would be easy, most of the arenas in District 3 have wireless internet and all that would be needed would be a Pointstreak terminal or a lap top computer. Dave continued by showing the advantages of having all league games electronically scored which would allow access for players, spectators and District 3 personnel. This system is being used at the Schwan Super Rinks.

Mark Brandt stated that he was familiar with the system but had some concerns that it would be too late this season to implement this system for D3. There was also some concern as to the high cost of the system. Dave Anderson stated that he hoped there might be some funds coming from the Wild or Minnesota Hockey to help with the costs but that nothing was definitive.

After the presentation a brief discussion took place and the Representatives were instructed to take this information back to their home associations and to bring feedback on it to the November meeting.

Dave Anderson’s phone number is 763-732-2014, dave@pointstreak.com

**REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson reporting.**

1. All try out games must use score sheets. Suspensions will be served if called during the game.
2. Jim Gates presented a mock score sheet listing how penalties and scoring should be done properly. Copies of this will be distributed at the upcoming Coaches/Managers meeting.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John Perry reporting.**

1. John Perry distributed folders from Visit Minneapolis North.

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1. Some associations charge players a waiver fee. There is nothing in the MH Handbook disallowing this practice.
2. 3M, No Name Steaks, Minnesota Wild are some of the corporate sponsors for MH.
3. Mike Snee is the new Executive Director for MH. He is replacing Mark Jorgenson.
4. Apparel contract has been renewed with Custom Lettering. There are some changes from past contracts. In regard to tournament clothing, Custom Lettering has first right of refusal. After that an association would be able to pursue other clothing supplies for MH tournaments. MH will be available to work with individual associations on tournament situations.
5. MH logo cannot be used for invitational tournaments without permission from MH.
6. A Conflict of Interest policy is being written.
7. Irondale and St. Anthony youth hockey associations merger approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. As a reminder, helmets need to be worn by all coaches when on the ice. They must be HECC approved, fit properly and the chin strap must be secured.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. Diane distributed updated calendars.
2. The Mandatory Coaches/Managers meeting is November 5, 7:00 p.m., at the Brooklyn Park Arena. Please be sure to inform all your A & B managers and coaches.

### **ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** –

#### WAYZATA – Alex Becker reporting.

1. Try outs going on.

#### OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting

1. Began a new format this year for Bantam A try outs. These were held separately. Went very well.
2. Tom asked the question as to whether or not teams could play AAA teams. The answer is yes, as long as the AAA teams have USA Hockey rosters.

#### ORONO – Tony Cleveland reporting.

1. Bantam, Peewee & 12 U try outs are completed. The remaining try outs will be completed by this week end.
2. The association is focusing on improving C teams.
3. Will need some additional C Bantam players.
4. Joe Favorite stated that he has some suggestions for all the associations in regards to C teams. Please contact him for some input.
5. Greg Erickson stated that the Armstrong Cooper Hockey Association require their Bantam A coach to work with the C teams twice a month.

#### HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. Half way through try outs at this time. At this time they need 4 skaters and a goalie for their Bantam B2 team. Hopkins will have 4 extra peewee players who may be waived.

BLAKE – Ed Szalapski reporting

1. The Blake team has been picked.
2. A new hour clock has been installed and the Zamboni has been repaired.

**MITE LEVEL PLAY** – Mark Brandt

1. Organizational meeting, Sunday night, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. New Hope Arena.

**COACH IN CHIEF** – John Perry reporting for Marc Sorenson

1. C.E.P. Clinics listed on the USA Hockey web site.
2. John asked the representatives how many of the District 3 associations hosted a MH clinic in the past? These would be the specialized clinics under the direction for Gary Gregas. John plans to approach the MH Board requesting funds to cover the cost of these clinics for associations. They are very valuable to associations and offer excellent instruction for coaches.
3. 2008 D3 CEP Clinic Dates
  - a. L1 – Saturday October 11: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ BPCC
  - b. L2 – Sunday October 12: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm @ BPCC
  - c. L3 – Saturday November 22: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm @ BPCC
  - d. L1 – Saturday December 6: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm @ MGJH
  - e. L2 – Sunday December 7: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm @ MGJH
4. There are still plenty of openings in this coming weekend's Level 1 & 2 clinics at Brooklyn Park Community Center, so please help me quickly get the word out to the masses so everyone has a chance to sign up. On line registration will close on Friday evening, so please sign up ASAP! We will take a limited number of walk ups the day of the clinic.
  - a. Space at the December Level 1 & 2 clinics will be limited to what our materials & space will allow, so don't count on waiting until December!
5. Marc could still use 2-3 more volunteers to help with check in/registration for this week ends clinics – both Saturday and Sunday – time commitment would be roughly 7:45 am – 9:00 am. At this point I am all set for volunteer helpers for the November and December clinics. Thanks to everyone for helping out – it is very much appreciated!
6. CEP Requirements Change - IMPORTANT
  - a. Impacts Girls 10U and 12U
    - i. Previously 10U only needed a L1 – all 10U coaches now need a Level 2 certification (same as boys' squirts.)
    - ii. Previously 12U only needed a L2 – all 12U coaches now need a Level 3 certification (same as boys' peepees).
  - b. This change was made in order to bring MN Hockey's requirements back in line with USA Hockey – for the last few years MN was not aligned with USA Hockey & the decision was made in September to re-align. PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT SO THERE ARE NO SURPRISES COME DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.

**METRO LEAGUE** – Diane Margenau reporting for Casey Whelan

1. Significant planning has been done during the summer to prepare for the new season.
2. We are upgrading our communication tools – including starting on an upgrade of the Web Site.
3. We have set up a new “player clearing house” to insure all players have a place to play.
4. Wayzata and Osseo Maple Grove will have teams this year.
5. Orono/Mound and Hopkins have expressed interest in fielding teams.
6. A D 3 Jr. Gold planning meeting will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. @ Plymouth Ice Center if anyone is interested.
7. If anyone has questions please email or call me.

**C LEAGUE** – Mark Brandt reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. Kick off meeting, tomorrow night, October 9, 7:00 p.m., Plymouth Ice Center.

**S.K.A.T.E.** – Sandi Sullivan reporting.

1. Over 45 associations in the state of Minnesota participated in the S.K.A.T.E. program.
2. If an association has never participated and would like some information as to how to get started, please contact Sandie. It only takes a couple of people to run an association's program

**GIRL'S LEAGUE** – Amy Johnson reporting. (see attached)

1. 19 U players need to register with their home association before they can be waived to another association to participate on a 19 U team.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. There have been 2 Grievance Committee hearings held this past month. Thank you to Kelly Bonner for taking minutes at the first hearing and thank you to Ed Szalapski for acting as the ad hoc committee member at the second hearing.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Association invitational coordinators meeting went well. Well attended.

**A.C.E. COORDINATOR** – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. District ACE Coordinator's meeting went very well. Well attended.
2. All materials have been distributed.
3. This past Friday night was a state wide ACE Coordinator meeting in Blaine. Very good meeting. Some facts shared were:
  - A. First year Bantams and below have all played their careers using the Fair Point system.
  - B. Safety issues would liked to be addressed at all CEP clinics.
  - C. Concussion kits are available through the CDC.
  - D. The Mite Seminar, hosted by MH and organized by David Margenau, went very well. Information shared was excellent. Many good contributors from D3. Plans to expand this program next year.
4. Association ACE Coordinators will be helping registrars this year with coaches CEP certifications.

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to adjourn the meeting.

Alex Becker seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

\*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.