



October 10, 2007

The October meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on October 10, 2007, at the Crystal Community Center.

**Those present:**

John Perry – Director  
Mark Brandt – President  
Diane Margenau – Administrator  
Jim Gates – Referee in Chief  
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees  
Jerry Heinen – Director of Official Development  
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator  
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator  
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator  
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator`

**Representatives:**

Greg Erickson - Cooper  
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove  
Greg Symicek - Armstrong  
Tim Traff - Blake  
Chad Sande - Orono  
Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Corey Jensen – Wayzata (alt)

**Minnesota Hockey**

Dennis Green – President, MH  
Dave Margenau – V.P., MH  
Terry Evavold – ACE Coordinator, MH

Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**MINUTES –**

**MOTION:** Tim Traff moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Greg Symicek seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REFEREES –** Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting.

1. Levels 2 & 3 Clinics – September 22, 2007 – 100 attended.  
Level 1 Clinic – September 14, 2007 – 90 attended.
2. Will be sending a representative to speak at the C.E.P. clinics.
3. New referees have been used in try-out scrimmages.
  - A. Score sheets must be used for all try-out scrimmages.
  - B. Game misconducts will be treated the same way they are for league games.
4. Mark Brandt clarified that Beltline Referees would not be doing any mite or 3 on 3 games.

**INTRODUCTIONS –**

Mark Brandt introduced Dennis Green, President, Minnesota Hockey and Terry Evavold, ACE Coordinator, Minnesota Hockey.

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

1. Minnesota Hockey has changed their rules regarding invitational tournaments. MH now allows a “No Gate” tournament which means that there are no spectator charges. There have been some problems however if the participation team price was not raised to cover these costs. Therefore this year invitational tournaments may continue to charge a gate price for spectators.
2. Special group prices are available for Minnesota Wild games. (see attached flyer)
3. Guidelines for tryout scrimmages, according to Minnesota Hockey, can be found on page 81 in the MH Handbook. These must be followed.

4. There is more monitoring of teams, 3 or 4, who are playing games in a short period of time. These are recognized as tournaments by MH and must follow tournament guidelines.

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

1. Scheduling is coming along.
2. Communication remains one of the most important aspects of the Representatives duties.

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

1. Diane Margenau distributed a list of traveling teams.
2. A & B Coaches/Managers Mandatory Meeting – November 7, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – Brooklyn Park Arena.
  - A. John Perry stated that we need to be sure that any teams that are playing in our leagues, in particular girls teams, are notified of the meeting and that it is important that they attend. This needs to be made clear to other districts that if there are teams participating in our District league play they need to attend this meeting and they are required to participate in the end of season tournament. This also applies to the C teams.
  - B. Mark Brandt stated that it is not mandatory for St. Louis Park teams, i.e. Minneapolis Park, to attend our meeting due to the fact that they are playing in leagues in District 1.
3. Orono and Hopkins have switched their tournament assignment for 2008. Orono will be hosting the 10 UA tournament, Hopkins will be hosting the 10 & UB tournament.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau (see attached)

1. Diane distributed a revised proposed budget, a tournament costs budget and projected tournament expenditures for 2008. It was suggested that like levels of play should be charged the same fees, i.e. Bantam A's should be the same as Bantam B1 and 14 U's. Diane said that she would do this present a revised proposal in November.

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** –

**ARMSTRONG**

1. They are in a one-year plan of combining of all teams at all levels with the Cooper Hockey Association. A & B1 teams will be referred to as "Armstrong". B2 & C teams will be referred to as "Armstrong/Cooper."

**BLAKE**

1. Waivers have been received from all the associations. Thank you very much for your cooperation

**COOPER**

1. Combining with Armstrong appears to be going well. Mark Brandt stated that it will be good to hear an end of year report to hear how the season went and the plans for the upcoming year. John Perry inquired as to whether a Task Force has been formed to review the results of combining the associations and to make plans for the future.

**HOPKINS**

1. Pee wee and Bantam tryouts have been completed.

**ORONO**

1. Planning to revise program to have President serve a 2 year term.
2. Diane stated that the District wants Orono to host the District 3 tournament at the Pond Arena and not Orono Arena due to the cost.
3. Chad Sande inquired if other associations have a difficult time getting someone to be their ice scheduler? Are they paid? The answer is that some receive some pay. Some associations reduce fees for the family.

Dennis Green said that if a person in an association receives any kind of compensation, the association needs to be sure that this does not create a conflict of interest situation.

**OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE**

1. Tryouts are ending.

**WAYZATA**

1. Having problems getting 14 U players.

**ACE COORDINATOR** – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Association ACE Coordinator’s meeting – October 27, 2007, 8:00 a.m., at New Hope Arena.
  - A. Materials distribution
  - B. Help in planning parent meetings.
2. Cooper and Wayzata still need to identify their coordinators.
3. Someone suggested that the parents meeting be held earlier. Many associations have already had their parents meeting.
  - A. Terry suggested that a good time might be prior to their first league game. Another good time could be at an out of town tournament where all the parents are sitting around.

**TERRY EVAVOLD – MINNESOTA HOCKEY ACE COORDINATOR**

1. Terry thanked District 3 for allowing him to address this meeting.
2. Attend a camp at Lake Placid and met with other ACE Coordinators from around the country.
3. ACE and HEP are merging in Minnesota. Many of their programs are the same and it is a natural blending.
4. An ACE Coordinator has to have a passion for the game.
5. Lots of information on the MH website. Please use the evaluations and skills that are available.
6. This year MH Ace program will be focusing on parent education.

**MITES** – Mark Brandt reporting

1. Kick off meeting was held October 7, 2007. Went very well.

**COACH IN CHIEF** –

1. CEP Clinics are listed on the USA Hockey website.

**C LEAGUE COORDINATOR**

1. The kick off meeting didn’t go all that well. Only 2 associations from District 3 were represented.
2. Scheduling meeting is October 16, 2007, at the Plymouth Ice Center.

**S.K.A.T.E.COORDINATOR** – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. TPG Sports no longer sponsor SKATE. We are now looking for a new sponsor. Sandie will be administrating District 3 until a new sponsor is identified.
2. Contact Sandie if your association has any questions concerning the program.

**GIRLS COORDINATOR** – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. Had state-wide meeting in St. Cloud, always interesting.
2. Formation of 14 U leagues will be pushed back until after high school try outs.
3. Someone will be addressing the High School Coaches Association encouraging their help with forming 19 & Under teams.
4. Goalies are always at a premium. Need to encourage associations to promote the goalie position for players.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Had our mandatory meeting, went very well. All associations who plan on hosting invitational tournaments this year were represented.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**SQUIRT – 10 U’S TOURNAMENT BRACKETING REVIEW –**

1. A discussion was held reviewing the policy for placing teams in the tournament bracket. Names are selected in a blind drawing. It was pointed out that sometimes the top teams end up playing each other in the first round. Due to the fact that MH does not allow standings to be kept for squirt or 10 U leagues, there is no way teams can be placed in the bracket according to their league play. It was decided to keep the present policy.

MOTION: Greg Symicek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Corey Jensen seconded.

The motion unanimously.

Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting.

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.