



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Brian Thul ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
			x	Bob Larson Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1/Treasurer	x	Michelle Jirik St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:04
- May Minutes: Motion to approve: Paul Seconded: Kelly
Minutes approved
Discussion about Wayzata hosting Jr Gold state tournament.

District 3 Director Report- no report

District 3 President Report- Trying to work on getting everything going for the upcoming season. One thing that is being an issue though is some associations are not getting requested information to Nicole and me on the dates that we have asked for the information to be submitted. When this happens, it delays the meetings that we need to have since not everybody has submitted the information. Please make sure that as a representative of your association that you make sure that your association is getting the requested information back to us in a timely fashion. Will email associations and let them know they are missing needed info to be reported to D3.

Discussion about league scheduling and how many games teams should play. Depending on number of teams a home/away schedule for each

team could be hard to schedule-game count could impact ability to schedule tournaments. Brought up limiting number of league games for 10U/squirt in order to do a home/away schedule. Historically we have always tried to schedule between 16-18 games. Don't base anything on this past season. Just did the best possible to get games played.

District 3 Administrator Report- Hoping to get the 2021-2022 season calendar filled in as much as possible-soon. Those of you that generally have meetings that we out on that calendar, please give me any dates you have or get them to me when you have them. Please send any association board changes as well.

District 3 Treasurer Report- reviewed the May narrative Kendra sent ahead of time. More discussion next month. Reps looking for more detail on idea of paying Director and President a stipend.

D3 Associates Reports

- Supervisor of Officials: no report
- Coach in Chief: Attended Mentor Coach Developer Training in Plymouth MI. There are virtual clinics posted. Minnesota will be hosting a level 5 clinic in Duluth this August.
- Membership and Development: Help Minnesota Hockey Help You - Minnesota Hockey is committed to making an additional effort to support association growth initiatives for the coming season. They are in the planning stages of what that will look like and are requesting your feedback. Please complete this short survey to share your thoughts on how they can best assist your efforts to grow the game. <https://minnesotahockey.sportngin.com/register/form/689995648>
Save the Date - Association Leader Excellence Conference - August 6-7. Minnesota Hockey has scheduled their annual leader conference for August 6-7 at the Marriott Minneapolis West in St. Louis Park. More details including the event registration will be released soon. Pass the Puck Grants - Grants up to \$2,500 are available on a first come, first serve basis to support growth programs your association is planning for this coming season. Apply Now!
- Jr Gold: Mn Hockey District Directors requested plan from JGHSL Board of how Outstate JGB teams could participate in JGHSL Twin Cities League. Board presented 3 options for DD's and Outstate JGB teams to consider at May 23rd DD's meeting in St. Cloud. Outstate JGB teams have until July 1st to consider the 3 options and respond. I will present details at D3 July meeting. No need to take up everyone's time if no teams are interested in playing in JGHSL Twin Cities League.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position-looking for suggestions from associations!
- Grievance Committee: no report
Question was asked if MN Hockey was looking at getting rid of grievance committees and having more standardized approach. Mark

said a committee still would be needed as there are other issues besides penalties that can come up.

- Scheduling Coordinator: Mark shared that PW/Bantam/15U/12U likely start league games around Nov 1. Squirt and 10U after Thanksgiving- which would be opportunity to schedule scrimmages prior to league play starting.
- Tournament Coordinator: no report
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Quick update for Tier 1/2 is that we start tryouts this weekend.
- Registrar: I will be attending the USA Hockey virtual annual meeting during the time of the D3 meeting. I will communicate any new information that comes from that at the July meeting.
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Team declarations have been made and tournaments are being booked. Our ice scheduler is being proactive with beginning of the season ice. We are working on booking our coach's meetings for next year and identifying goals for our work. We are onboarding several new members including a registrar so this will keep us busy. Our HDC believes that having a schedule where we play every team is important and would prefer if the schedule is unbalanced D3 considers looking at tiering leagues that do not send teams to regional play. There was a question on how the unbalanced schedule is assigned, do we rotate who plays who a 2nd or 3rd time from year to year or is this random? Summer Training Programs start next week so our player will be cool for at least 2 hours a day!

Delano: HS recently announced that there will be no JV team for the 2021-2022 season - DAYHA will be working to figure out the 15U options both internally and in a co-op situation; monthly meeting was postponed to Sunday the 13th as we waited to hear the school's decision; STP programs starting on Sunday the 13th for girls and Monday the 14th for boys

Hopkins: Summer skating program with Hopkins varsity coach is under way. Added a skating coach for fall preseason clinics through the end of December. Adding Bantam team

Minneapolis: Peter Nelson will be new D3 rep for Mpls.´

Mound-Westonka: Finalizing ice purchase and budgets, need the latest season start dates by level.

North Metro: We have our summer training camps out, we will be offering P.M. hours. NMYHA will not be hosting our normal Thanksgiving tournament looking to hopefully host the week before thanksgiving or Halloween weekend. We should have this information out in LPH soon. Question about what can be done with a mite 3 player if still eligible

for another year of mites. Do they have to play? Can they play up. Mark added that playing up is an association decision. Can get conditional waiver (tryout for higher team in another association if home association is not hosting that level)-player must make that team to stay in that association. Follow up with Nicole.

Orono: 3 new board members from past election. Continuing with off season plans and working to 2021-2022 season. Looking at coaches for next year.

Osseo Maple Grove:

1- Girls leagues At A and B1 levels we need combined league. D6 and D10, Not D5. Time to plan is now to be proactive. Not September/October, too late! 2- Squirts Update on committee to discuss model? This also should be handled/discussed in June or early July. Not August too late! Since we only meet once a month maybe a special meeting(s) is needed? 3- Request on Home and Away game against each team only where applicable. We are requesting this at PeeWee, Bantam, U12, and U15 at a minimum.

Discussion around girls' leagues and how MN Hockey meets in October to make determinations. Having a girls' coordinator would help pull this together. Paul indicated he is willing to help until position is filled.

St Louis Park: Board elections are the 21st. Team declarations were sent in. I have resigned as the D3/Tournament Coordinator for SLP.

According to our bylaws the board will select a member to fill the remainder of my term which is one year. Once I know who the interim member will be I will let this board know.

Wayzata: WYHA Travel Team planning has continued, with a tentative teams structure in place. Anticipating 2021-22 registration numbers to increase, specifically at the Mini, 6U and Rookie Mite levels. WYHA is seeking goalies to waiver in at the Bantam B2 and C levels. If a D3 association is projecting too many goalies, contact vptravel@wayzatahockey.org.

Old Business: Squirt restructuring-committee is in the works.

New Business: Discussed having zoom meeting again in July. Looking at perhaps going back to in person in the fall.

Adjourn TIME: 7:51 Motion: Andy Seconded: Bill