



December 8, 2010

The December meeting of the District 3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order by President Todd Elmer.

Those Present:

Scott Dornfeld – Director
Todd Elmer – President
Diane Margenau - Administrator
Jim Gates – Referee in Chief
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E., & R. & R. Co-Chairperson
Amy Johnson – Girls Coordinator
Casey Whelan – Metro League Liaison
Kelly Bonner – Tournament Chairperson
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E., R. & R. Co-Chairperson

Representatives:

Brad McDonnell - Orono
Darren Nauss – Wayzata (alt)
Eric Ruikka – North Metro
Bill Hills – St. Louis Park
Steve Knop – Osseo Maple Grove
John Hoffman – Hopkins (alt)
Michele Hjelle – Crow River
Steve Seitz – Washburn/Southwest
Mark Smith – Mound Westonka

MINUTES –

MOTION: Bill Hills moved to accept the November minutes as presented.
Mark Smith seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

GIRL'S LEAGUE REPORT– Amy Johnson

1. Pond hockey for the 8U's has started. Appears to be going well
2. December 12 is the scheduling for the 5 on 5 league youth league. Not sure when the 8U's will schedule their games.
3. Some of the 12 U coaches are confused about the length of the periods. The 12A's play 13 minute periods because they are part of an inter-district league. The 12 B's play 12 minute periods because they are exclusive to District 3.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling,

1. Jim Gates review penalties to date. (see attached)
2. Mark Smith stated that the Mound Westonka 14 A team has had two players injured with concussions. The coach is concerned that the refereeing is not consistent.
3. John Sparling, speaking for Mike Anderson, stated that Mike has not received information from Orono for their upcoming tournament. Brad McDonnell said that he would look into it.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Scott Dornfeld

1. Representatives were reminded that teams are discouraged from rescheduling league games to attend invitational tournaments.
2. Scott stated that he misspoke at the Coaches/Managers meeting and he needed to set the record straight. In regards to Squirt 35 game count, all invitational tournament games are included in this count, whether a team plays 3 games or as many as 6. The only exception is the end of year District 3 tournament where teams only have to save 2 game slots.
3. All teams must follow the established Locker Room Policy. If a team elects not to follow these guidelines they could be suspended from post season play.
4. Artificial noise makers are not allowed in arenas as outlined in the Minnesota Hockey Handbook, page 36.
5. District 3 will be hosting an open forum to review League play from this year and to discuss possible formats for next seasons play. This forum has been scheduled for January 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the New Hope Arena, Meeting Room 1. Participants from the Associations should include Presidents, Representatives, Traveling Team Directors, Referees and Player Development Chairpersons.
6. The Minnesota Hockey Recreation League started this past Saturday. Appears to be going well. Many have signed up.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Todd Elmer

1. League play going well, no problems have been reported.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau

1. The Squirt and 10 U tournament draw will take place tonight after the conclusion of the meeting. Everyone is invited to stay and participate.
2. The Squirt, 10 U and girls Coaches/Managers meeting went very well.
3. Carrie Starry, Wayzata's Representative, Grandmother recently passed away. District 3 will be sending flowers to the funeral.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau (see attached)

MOTION: Mark Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.
Bill Hills seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

WAYZATA – Darren Nauss

1. Wayzata lost one 16 U team.

CROW RIVER – Michelle Hjelle

1. The President requested the tournament rotation.
2. The Treasurer from Crow River was wondering when a bill would be sent from the District. Diane stated that the billings were going out soon.
3. Crow River recently hosted a successful Peeewe B2 tournament.

NORTH METRO – Eric Ruikka

1. Thanksgiving Squirt tournament went very well.

ORONO – Brad McDonnell

1. Thanksgiving Girl's tournament went very well.
2. There was a situation with an air horn recently at the Orono arena. The person was asked not to use it.
3. Orono would prefer more league games next season at the B levels of play.

HOPKINS – John Hoffman

1. Thanksgiving tournaments went very well.
2. Hopkins too would like to see more league games.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Bill Hills

1. Registrar resigned, new one being assigned. This is not the best time to have this happen.
2. Having a difficult time getting mite coaches.
3. Free admission recently to a Varsity Game with a Food Shelf item donation.

WASHBURN/SOUTHWEST – Steve Seitz

1. Have had 2 players suffer broken arms during Thanksgiving Tournaments.

MOUND WESTONKA – Mark Smith

1. First season with District 3 under way and going well.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON – Kelly Bonner

1. January 15, 2011, is the last day to submit invitational tournament requests.

ACE REPORT – Gene Ferrel (submitted report)

1. November 20, 2010, we held the ADM Presentation for District 3 at Maple Grove. There were only 12 coaches, representing only 5 of our associations. There was a total attendance of 21 attendees including a few ACE Coordinators, D3 President and Minnesota Hockey representative. I want to thank Maple Grove for hosting this event. A special thanks also for 19 mite players who stayed after their practice and joined us on the ice. They each received a very nice jerseys from Minnesota Hockey.

While disappointed in the response, there were many who had conflicts with team activities. We had an additional ACE Coordinator attend the D10 presentation this week. I will be contacting associations who have not been exposed to ADM or have not met Guy Gooslin about the possibility of holding an association meeting with him. It was an excellent time.

2. The final CEP Clinics are scheduled for Dec. 18 (Level 1) and 19 (Level 2) at Brooklyn Park. Both have filled and we have added more. Right now we are telling coaches they can walkup, but we have limited space and materials. This is the first year I have had so many late coaches begging to get in. I have lists for a couple of associations – we will do our best, but we have been reminding everyone for 2-3 months.

Our ACE Coordinators have been very busy this fall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I have made some appearances in some of the arenas to attend games and practices. I am amazed at both the hard work that is going on and unfortunately, some parents (a small percentage) that don't understand sportsmanship or respect for the great game of Hockey, its officials, players and other fans.

I hope to see you around the rink. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (don't forget the New Years Day NHL Outdoor games.)

S.K.A.T.E. – Sandie Sullivan

1. Hopkins may be establishing a program.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION – Sandie Sullivan, Scott Dornfeld

1. Will try to schedule a D3 R & R meeting in January.
2. Brady Brady starting up.
3. Making some plans for Hockey Day Minnesota, February 12, 2011.

MOTION: Jim Gates moved to adjourn the meeting.
Michelle Hjelle seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

President Elmer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

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.

Following the meeting a draw was conducted placing Squirt and 10U teams in the District 3 End of Season Tournament brackets.