



District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2015

The March Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:05 pm by Director Scott Dornfeld at Plymouth Ice Center.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff	Association Representatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Dornfeld – D3 Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Tuchtenhagen – Armstrong Cooper
<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Elmer – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Lowe – D3 Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Broderson – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hans Eisenbeis – Minneapolis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Nelson – Mound Westonka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Goldenberg– D3 Girls Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Eskro – North Metro
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Wortman – Orono
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sparling – BHRA	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Pfeffer – OMGHA
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Gates – D3 RIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Arko – St Louis Park
<input type="checkbox"/> – BHRA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> – BHRA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Brandt – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Whelan – Metro League	
Guest:	

Minutes

Mark Brandt made a motion to approve the February Minutes with corrections as discussed, Carolyn Kivisto seconded the motion, motion passes.

Referee’s Report – John Sparling

- Reviewed monthly officials report; fighting numbers higher, but it was actually fewer fights with an increased number of players in each fight
- Congratulations to all of the associations for a great job on tournaments this season
- Concerns related to parent conduct: There is a small group of people having a major negative impact on the game. People officiate for different reasons and some of the “professional” officials are talking about leaving the game because of poor parent conduct. Fan conduct is burning out level 4 officials. There were problems at Regions where the officials had to leave through a different exit. General discussion took place.
- Action: Add a section to the manager and coaches’ meetings to discuss parent conduct and consequences of poor fan behavior.
- Officials need to deal with things more at the rink, immediately after the game. With new app’s and social media the officials will start charting fan behavior.



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- We need to educate our parents on the “different roles” of the officials; ie., linesmen vs head official.

Presentation by Positive Coaching Alliance – Andrew Pillsbury and Kate

- Presentation on the approach taken by PCA and shifting the focus from win-at-all costs to creating life lessons. We need to teach more positive parent behavior and how to encourage others to model similar behavior. PCA offers parent workshops and coaching workshops. They have a partnership with MN Hockey and will work with associations to set up a program that works for each association’s needs. Some D3 associations are already working with PCA, and there is still some money available to help with the costs.

D3 Director’s Report – Scott Dornfeld

- Congrats to all teams making it to Regions.
- April meeting at Axels in Loretto.

D3 President – Todd Elmer

No report

D3 Administrator – Kendra Verbeten

Discussion related to the difficulties encountered with the HP 15 Girls program and recruiting players to try out and coaches to participate. Bantam coaches are expected to be a part of the program, but this same expectation is not clear on the girls side.

D3 Treasurer – Kelly Lowe (handout)

Financial statements reviewed and noted that the large tournament miscellaneous expense was the cost of pucks. Derek Wortman motioned to accept the Feb transactions and the P&L, Tina seconded, motion passed.

Association Reports:

Armstrong Cooper – Jim Tutchenhagen

- District PW tourney went well; hosted Regional tourney and one person complained about officiating; hosted a successful mite tournament; sent surveys to members on coaching

Delano – Carolyn Kivisto

- THFF hosted 33 kids; still moving toward hosting a girls high school team next season.

Hopkins – Nicole Brodersen

- 14U and squirt tournaments. Folks were not happy the squirt bracket did not have true double elimination; THFF hosted 45 kids

Minneapolis – Hans Eisenbeis

No report.

Mound Westonka – Andrea Nelson

- Jamboree weekend went great; Mound and Orono are rainbowing the girls programs.



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North Metro – Tina Eskro

- All District tourneys went well; one parent incident during a bantam B2 game; sending an end-of-year survey to parents and coaches; overview and follow up of issue from last meeting: the mtg went poorly and the parent/coach was inappropriate. Tina is requesting Wayzata to take some steps to make sure the parent/coach is held accountable for his behavior.

Orono – Derek Wortman

- Three teams at State; THFF hosted 30 skaters; raised \$20,000 in skate-a-thon with mites/squirts; Jr Gold B team next season; some parent issues during the season; competition committee and bantam C's was a joke; evaluations coming out soon; mite jamboree at Lord Fletchers outside was a huge success; mite program had new coordinator which worked out well; need to clarify goalie situations.

Osseo Maple Grove – Tracy Pfeffer

No report

St. Louis Park – Joe Arko

- Good season; coaches evaluations finished and results shared with coaches; losing the biggest group at bantams; maybe will have a Jr Gold B team next year.

Wayzata – Mark Brandt

- State bound teams: 3 junior gold and 14UA and 14UB; hosting Jr Gold state tourney at PIC; ramping up for next season; want D3 to settle on team structures; figure out the Squirt tourneys for districts and manage expectations; MN Hockey went to game days not games; THFF day set up something different with Total Hockey for August; *General Discussion of Try Hockey for Free Day and the events in November*; discuss at spring meeting the appropriate number of games for squirts.

Metro League – Casey Whelan

No report

Registrar – Lynn Brandt

Membership & Development – Diane Margenau

- Got to some THFF events; 35 associations across the state participated; encourage associations to look at new ideas on the THFF website; hard divider program still has funding available; cross ice dividers has some funding available too;

Girls Coordinator – Chad Goldenberg

- USA Hockey Female Development Award – nominations still open till April 11th

Grievance –

Scheduling - Jay Knip



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No report

Tournament – Chad

No report

ACE Coordinator – Gene Ferrel

Level IV certificate available in conjunction with the women's national tourney; Gene would like to know if associations have gotten any feedback or have ideas on coaching kids with special needs (ie., ADD, ADHD, autism spectrum)

Mite – Dave Essen

Need to have mite jamboree information sent in to be approved by D3 officials.

Old Business –

No report.

New Business –

No report.

Mark Brandt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Derek Wortman seconded; motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned.

