



January 10, 2007

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

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Dave Nyquist – Secretary, Beltline Referees
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator
Marc Sorensen – Coach in Chief

Representatives:

Gene Ferrel – Cooper (alt)
Greg Symicek - Armstrong
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Matt Symoniak – Brooklyn Park
Mitch Trombley – Tri City
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Brad Langfus – Wayzata (alt)
Ed Chute – Blake (alt)

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting. (see attached)

1. Mr. Gates stated that at this point in the season, we are down half the number of penalties from last season and are about half of what other Districts are reporting. We have assessed another match kicking penalty and there will need to be a hearing for that.
2. Mr. Gates, in addressing the Armstrong Representative, noted that a gate latch needs to be repaired at New Hope South Arena.
3. There have been a couple of problems with Hour Clocks. Please inform those people working the clock that the Hour Clock should not be turned off, it just causes problems.
4. General Membership meeting was held last Monday night. One of the discussions revolved around renewing focus on the Standards of Enforcements and the Rules of Emphasis for this year.
5. Mr. Langfus commented that at a recent Edina Tournament (District 6) he observed that the referees were calling a much tighter game. The question he asked was why isn't there more consistency in refereeing between Districts? He felt that the referees were "over-calling" the game.

Mr. Sorensen stated that, in his opinion, in coaching teams who have played in several different Districts so far this year, his observation is that District 6 is calling too many penalties. The other Districts appear to be similar to District 3 in the way a game is being called.
6. Mr. Sparling stated that emphasis is placed on communicating well with their organization and that he believes this is reflected in the quality of the refereeing in District 3.
7. Mr. Sparling would like to have the dates of the Mites Jamborees sent to him.
8. Mr. Brandt asked if there has been time remaining on the hour clocks at the conclusion of Bantam games? The District will probably go to 15 minutes periods next year for all bantam games.
9. Mr. Brandt said that there have been some problems with the "3 penalty's & out" rule. District 3 follows USA Hockey guidelines of 5 penalties. Districts 1 & 2 have the 3 penalty rule and this does affect our girl's games and will affect teams who play games in other District. Basically, teams need to follow the rules of the District they are playing in.

10. Mr. Gates stated that Minnesota Hockey does need to address the different rules from District to District and urge more consistency. The 19 & Unders at this time does not use the “tag up” rule as do the Junior Gold teams.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. Annual District 3 Presidents meeting was held last Saturday morning at the St. Louis Park Arena.
2. Junior Gold Scholarship program has been extended. Applications are available on the Minnesota Hockey website.
3. Coach Recognition Award, sponsored by HEP & 3M. Information on Minnesota Hockey website.
4. Minnesota Hockey Winter meeting this coming weekend. General meetings are open to the public. The meeting is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth, MN.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Information throughout an association needs to be funneled through the correct sources, for example, mite information should come through an association’s mite coordinator, information concerning girls teams should come through the association’s girl’s league coordinator, etc. The purpose of which is that many times the District is approached concerning an issue which should be addressed at the association level.
2. Mr. Brandt distributed “Recommendations for District 3 League and Scheduling Improvements.” (see attached) These suggestions are a result of a meeting held with ice schedulers and interested individuals to address various issues concerning the scheduling of league games. It is hoped that these will be adopted by the District. After some discussion it was decided that we would revisit these issues at a later meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Mrs. Margenau distributed “Tournament Chairperson Responsibilities” to the Association Representatives. The tournament seeding meeting will be held before the February District 3 meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. It is the obligation of the District 3 Association Representative to be the On-Site Coordinator for the Tournament. If the Representative is not the designated tournament coordinator, their designee needs to be at this meeting.
2. Mrs. Margenau distributed an updated D3 Directory. She said that this information is available on the District 3 website.
3. Mrs. Margenau distributed a packet with the tournament brackets. There were still a couple of brackets that are missing. These should be added in the next day or so. It was noted that there needed to be a correction on the Bantam A, Peewee A and 12 A brackets. She said that this would be done immediately and that the website would also be changed.
4. Regarding the 14 UA tournament, due to the fact that 5 teams were advancing to the regional tournament from League 3, a tournament bracket had to be decided on to designate the 5th team advancing. After a brief discussion a bracket was decided on and will be posted on the website. The 14 UA teams will also be notified so that they are aware of this new information.

MITES –

1. All Mite Jamboree information needs to be submitted to John Perry for approval.

COACH IN CHIEF – Marc Sorensen reporting.

1. Had a couple of coaches looking for certification late in the season. The problem is that all certification clinics are done by the end of the year.

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

1. One District in the State is sponsoring all their players (D10). Would that be something District 3 would be interested in doing? The cost would be about \$1.00/player.
2. Ms. Sullivan stated that she is available to help any association interested in participating in the program.

GIRLS COORDINATOR – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. 19 & Under tag up rule has caused some problems.
2. Mr. Brandt inquired as to what is being done to address the 14 UB league and some of the problems that they had this year. At this time Kathy knew that there were problems but they will be addressed in the off season.
3. Would the District support a 10 or 12 UC team?

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Held a Grievance Hearing recently. Thank you to Brad Davis for acting as the Ad Hoc Committee member.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. The last day for submitting tournament requests is January 15, 2007.
2. Everything going well.

A.C.E. COORDINATOR –

1. Director Perry stated that Gene Ferrel has been appointed the new District 3 ACE Coordinator. Thank you to Gene for taking on the job.

OLD BUSINESS –

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS – John Perry reporting.

1. Minnesota Hockey now has many post season regional and state tournaments. As Districts we are responsible to host our share each year. A trend has developed where it is difficult to get associations to step forward to host these tournaments. This is an issue we as a District need to address soon. If anyone has any suggestions please contact John Perry.

METRO LEAGUE – Larry Franklin submitted report.

1. Leagues going well.
2. District 3 Metro League numbers are down this year. The feeling is that some players have elected to participate in the Excel League.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Gene Ferrel seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

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