



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
	Aric Stienessen	Treasurer		Reid Paul Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
		Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
	Chad Nicholls	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1		Todd Dvorak St Louis Park
x	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		Nicholas Cook Wayzata
	Ron Warren	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Rob Roy	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
	Greg Gibson	Metro League		
	Todd Larson	Metro League		

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:06
- March Minutes: Motion to approve: Paul Seconded: Mike M
Minutes approved

1. District 3 Director Report- MN Hockey is working with Gov. Walz around the conversation of returning to play. MN Hockey has great season recaps on website for state tournament teams. Awards and banners going out to teams. Associations are facing a lot of challenges right now. Encouraging associations to review budgets -hoping to avoid increased fees. Associations are facing challenges with no pull tab dollars from charitable gambling right now. Shelly Slattery resigned as the D3 registrar. Thank you to her for all her years volunteering. Her replacement will be Machel Whitmore from Mound Westonka. Team declarations should be coming going to Nicole. If not submitted yet, please do so. The next step is to be reviewed by the competition committee. In order to have continuity, the competition committee will

include the same members as last season. Thank you to those individuals for being willing to do this again,

2. **District 3 Administrator Report-** Not much to report. Hoping to be able to start getting next year's calendar info as we learn more about how we move forward (staying positive) and play hockey.
3. **District 3 President Report-** Have not had any scheduling meetings. Have been more or less in a holding pattern until we get some information on what the guidelines for the arenas will be in the near future. Different rinks are exploring different things. PIC is looking at spacing out ice times by 30 minutes-kids would have 15 minutes prior to ice time and 15 minutes to exit the building. Will be emailing ice schedulers to see if in contact with ice rinks. No ice schedulers meeting scheduled yet.
4. **District 3 Treasurer Report-**
5. **D3 Associates Reports –**
 - Supervisor of Officials: BHRA will present pay rates for the 2020-2021 season as more scheduling information becomes available (gaps between games, game lengths, etc.). Mike will speak about tournaments when/if they are planned to be played. Mike M asked if ok to keep tourneys scheduled as they are for now. Neil said ok to keep as is, but know can change pending any changes to game playing expectations.
 - Registrar: no report, see Nicole's Director report for new registrar info
 - Coach in Chief: Hoping to have CEP clinics at satellite sites around the district. Rumor is clinic may be shorter in length. If your association is interest in hosting a clinic, let Josh know. Will need two rooms capable of holding 75 and will need ice. All this could change, but planning for now.
 - Membership and Development: At this difficult time, associations have many questions as to what is down the road for youth hockey for the 2020-2021 season. It is therefore important that associations take positive positions going forward. Communication with active members to keep them informed is key. Therefore, I am suggesting that over the next 2 months Board members personally call each family in their association encouraging their continued participation. This will be especially important at the mite level. This would also be a good opportunity to get any feedback concerning the past season and any suggestions for the program as a whole. Retention is as important as recruitment.
 - Jr Gold: *Armstrong-Cooper has inquired about fielding team for 20/21 season.
JGHSL 2020/2021 *Boys High School Tryouts: Nov 9th-13th
*JGHSL Tryouts: Nov 15th-18th
*D3 Association Team declarations due to GGG: Wednesday Nov 18th, 9:00pm

*JGHSL League Scheduling Mtg: Monday Nov 23rd, 7:00pm at Schwan's Convention Ctr.

*D3 JGHSL Mandatory Coach/Mgr Mtg: Sunday Nov 29th, 6:00pm at PIC Center Ice Room

*JGHSL starts league games: Monday Nov 30th

*JGHSL ends league games: Friday Feb 19th

*JGHSL Playdowns: Tues Feb 23rd-Sunday Feb 28th *State Tournament: Friday March 12th-Sunday March 14th

- Girls League Coordinator: Reminder to have association girl's coordinator working with D3 coordinator to make sure we have same info. Looking to schedule meeting in near future.
- Grievance Committee: no report
- Scheduling Coordinator: no report (see President's report)
- Tournament Coordinator: no report
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: The High Performance Planning Group has been meeting and working on our "Return to the Game" plan. We will follow the lead and direction of MN Hockey in all aspects of our programs. We have rescheduled tryouts to the week of July 13, and the information will soon be communicated to families and posted on the D3 website. It would be great if all associations could also post the information on their websites and get the information out to their membership. We are also working on a system to "pre-register" for the tryouts so that we can make sure we have adequate ice times to safely evaluate players. We are not sure when the formal registration process will open, but we need to have the numbers as early as possible. We are still waiting for guidelines on what will be allowed for tryouts (ie., drills only, scrimmages allowed, number of skaters on the ice at one time, etc.). Please email any questions you may have directly to me at mnv123@comcast.net
Date Group Time Monday, July 13 Goalies 5:00-6:15pm (may start earlier if needed Monday, July 13 Girls 7:30-9:45 (depends on #'s) Tuesday, July 14 Boys 14 5:15-6:15 and 6:30 to 7:30pm Tuesday, July 14 Boys 15 7:45-9:15pm Wednesday, July 15 Girls 5:30-7:45pm (depends on #'s) Thursday, July 16 Boys 14 5:15-6:15 and 6:30-7:30pm Thursday, July 16 Boys 15 8:45-9:45pm (working on extending)
Nicole emphasized this is tentative, but the plan is to move forward with the Tier 1 season. MN Hockey working to finalize return to play protocols. Great work done marketing the program now in holding pattern. If families ask, please tell them plan to move forward and details will come out.
- Hockey Operations: Sent out videos from MN hockey, hoping families watched and found value.

6. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Budget approved, highly dependent on restaurants and bars for pull tabs revenue, interviewing for open board positions, closing out 19-20 FY and financials.

Delano: Still looking for a 12U goalie for the 2020-2021 season; will likely need to co-op for a 15U team in the 2020-2021 season; Board is wondering if there will be any re-visit of the USA Hockey plan to increase the cost of the background screening under the current financial situation; Arena Manager is looking for an update on the District Tournament invoice for Delano.

Hopkins: no report

Minneapolis: Just working through financial scenarios. Reached out to families regarding preliminary intent to play this next season. Feeling good about the results. Is anyone discussing what to do if tourneys are cancelled? Returning fees? Nicole added that many are delaying registration until have more info.

Mound-Westonka: Board elections in April, working on Co-op agreement for the girl's program with Orono with our goal to have something completed by the end of May, continue evaluating an opportunity for a year round dry land training facility.

North Metro: no report

Orono: postponed member election/annual meeting to June. Looking at a number of by-law changes, rink making upgrades- including new lighting, looking to open registration in late June. Boys teams looking at new jerseys. Progressing with off season decisions and looking for coaches next year. Not sure what will happen with rinks that are on school property. Will rinks be able to be used if schools closed? Could be a factor in ice availability.

Osseo Maple Grove: Common theme is the budget. Treasurer been talking to legislators. Sent letter regarding charitable gambling taxes and need for revenue. Possible reduction in charitable gambling taxes. Push from MN Hockey and Districts could help. Will share the letter that was sent

Squirts - all balanced • A - 1 team • B1 - 3 teams • B2 - 3 teams • C - 3 teams
PeeWee - • AA - 1 team • A - 1 team • B1 - 2 teams; not balanced • B2 - 3 teams, balanced • C - 3 teams balanced
Bantams - • AA - 1 Team • A - 1 team • B1 - 2 teams; not balanced • B2 - 2

teams; balanced • C - 3 teams; balanced Junior Gold - • A - 1 team •
B - 1 team (if two B teams, they would be balanced) • U16 - 1 team
U15- -2 or 3 teams (depending on HS departures) -U15 Team
Projection: 15A, 15B (if 3rd team is necessary, level TBD) U12- -4 Teams
-U12 Team Projection: U12A, U12B1, U12B2, U12B2 U10- -4 teams -U10
Team Projection: U10A, U10B1, U10B1, U10B2

St Louis Park: no report

Wayzata: Wayzata has delayed any changes to board at present time as it typically is aligned to our annual meeting but was delayed due to COVID-19. Biggest concern for WYHA with timing is tournament signups that we typically would complete in early summer months and the impact of those delays. We will tentatively start registration on August 1.

7. **Old Business:** need for new treasurer-have a short term solution to get invoice taken care of. Working on long term solution.
8. **New Business: OMG** COVID planning/budgeting: Discussion occurred as noted in OMG report. Diane added that 88 associations in MN benefit from charitable gambling.
9. **Adjourn TIME:** 7:38PM Motion: Kelly Seconded: Steven F
Meeting adjourned

APPROVED