



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, February 12, 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	x	Reid Paul Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
	Shelly Slattery	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President		Tim Donelon North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor		Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Chad Nicholls	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Todd Dvorak St Louis Park
x	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Nicholas Cook Wayzata
	Ron Warren	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Rob Roy	Girls Coordinator		
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
	Greg Gibson	Metro League		Guests/Alternates Present:
	Todd Larson	Metro League	x	Matt Lichty-Hopkins
			x	Jamie Fortin -Attending for Orono

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:58PM
 - January Minutes: Motion: Kristi D Seconded: Bill
Minutes approved
1. **District 3 Director Report**-Nicole: Change in regions for 12UA and B. Going from three to four regions. 12UA will have third going to north region (Greenway), 12UB will have third going to Thief River Falls. Communicate this to association girls director.
15A and B regions both determined on a year to year basis. MN Hockey Girls Committee makes the decisions. Same number goes to state each year, but the number from each district can vary based on % of teams. Question on why D6 has 3 teams again this year. Nicole can check into it. Every year there are questions as it does change each year.
Reminder, with playoffs starting, remember that all are leaders in your association. It is important to head off problems and have a positive end to the season. Seedings for teams that are in league play with other district will be seeded based on head to head competition with D3 teams.
Reminder: May 15 is preliminary deadline for team declarations.
 2. **District 3 Administrator Report**-Shelly: Been putting together the totes full of materials for playoffs. Please remember to have tourney directors or association

reps return these (binders, totes, puck buckets) at the conclusion of playoffs - bringing to next board meeting would work great. I had to replace some totes, buckets and binders which is really an unnecessary and avoidable expense. Planning for annual board banquet to be April 8 (which replaces the usual monthly meeting). Details soon.

3. **District 3 President Report**-Mark: Want to start some discussions about some changes for next year: 1.) Cut off dates for rescheduling league games. First part of Dec? Only emergencies after that. 2.) Bantam teams having a min of 13 skaters. 3.) D3 reps being the first point of contact for team managers and coaches with questions and what the rules are. Not D3 President and Director. 4.) District Block out dates for games. Christmas is on a Friday this year. Do we need to blackout Saturday Dec 26? Need to start these conversations. 5) Sub goalies: what can we do to attract and develop new goalies? Need to talk about sub goalie process and how teams contact each other.
4. **District 3 Treasurer Report**-Aric: no report
5. **D3 Associates Reports –**
 - Supervisor of Officials: All association representatives and associations please be mindful that playoffs begin this weekend. It is an exciting time of year, but it also sometimes brings out the worst in our players, coaches, and parents. Please provide escorts to officials off the ice, if needed. Be proactive and have association representatives in each rink during games to help with crowd control. Please don't hesitate to step in the well being of all participants. If anything happens that you all think I should know about please email me immediately at matt@bhraofficials.com. Thank you.
 - Registrar: no report
 - Coach in Chief: no report
 - Membership and Development: There has been some successes with the Minnesota Hockey Family Mentor Program. If your association is interested in finding out more about the program you can contact me or Glenn Andreson at Minnesota Hockey. Try Hockey For Free Day is February 22, 2020. There is still time for your association to plan something. Save The Date - Minnesota Hockey will be hosting the fifth annual Association Leader Excellence Conference (ALEC) this spring. Once again, the event will be hosted at two locations. On Saturday, April 25th, the ALEC will be held in St. Louis Park, MN and on Sunday, April 26th, it will be held in Mankato, MN. The conference is designed to provide new and current youth hockey board members with information, resources and networking opportunities, and one of the highlights each year is the ideas and best practices for local growth programs shared between attendees. Your association is strongly encouraged to send several participants to this conference. Information and registration can be found on the Minnesota Hockey website.

Some associations are experiencing successes with the Minnesota Hockey Family Mentor Program. Basically, families in your associations are assigned to a family new to hockey. Existing families have a wealth of information that they can share. Suggestions include but not limited to helping a new family become involved with the association, being at the rink their first couple of practices, introducing them to other association members, going out to dinner together

sometime, all while creating a welcoming environment. If your association is interested in finding out more about this program you can contact me or Glenn Andreson at Minnesota Hockey.

- Jr Gold: *JrGold Playdowns at PIC 2/25-3/1, 57 games *Associations with multiple Jr. Gold "B" teams must have these teams selected equally
- Girls League Coordinator: no report
- Grievance Committee: Held another hearing for a kicking penalty in Feb. The squirt player was reinstated.
- Scheduling Coordinator: no report
- Tournament Coordinator: Tournament instructions/materials/trophies to be distributed at 2/12 meeting. T-Shirts for all Squirt and 10U levels will be delivered to host rinks prior to the start of the trophy games. No team trophy for consolation game, medals but no trophies.
- Social Media/Website: 13 leagues finished last week I have been communicating with teams over the last few weeks asking them to verify their standings prior to the end of the season in an effort to get brackets out early in the week. We had mixed results Be aware that only D3 match ups are used for playoff standings. So leagues that play crossover games with District 6 can't rely on the online standings to determine bracket placement. And tie breaker criteria are not reflected in the online standings for any league. Next week I will start asking Squirt, 10U and C league teams to start looking at and verifying their standings. Reps- please help by reiterating the importance of getting discrepancies fixed now so we can get brackets published quickly.
- HP/Tier 1: BUSY! Working on getting the player invitations out to the nominated 2005 and 2006 players (boys and girls) We visited all PeeWee and Bantam AA and A, 12U and 15U teams who responded to us, and we provided great information to the players and families about the Spring HP and Fall Tier One/Two programs. We are in the final stages of coach selection for Fall teams and developing the selection process for the spring HP teams. We continue to meet as a Planning Committee to solidify our summer and in-season off-ice training. Thank you to those who prompted their coaches to fill out the grid and attend the nominating meeting. It is important each association have coaches advocating for their players. Moving forward, we expect each association to provide at least one person to attend the spring HP tryouts for both boys and girls. I will make sure to keep you in the loop if your association needs representation. If you have any questions, please reach out. Girls 14U Tier One Walleye will begin practices in March to prepare for the 2020 Nationals. Each Associations' Girls Coordinator will be getting information from MN Hockey and WHAM (Women's Hockey Association of MN) about different programs related to the tournament. They will be looking for folks to be minor officials (score clock, scorebook, penalty box) and are offering to pay folks for their time. I will send more information out once the schedule has been set up. We hope everyone will add information to their Association websites about the games

and encourage your members to come out and support the District 3 Girls 14 Walleye.

- Hockey Operations: Hockey Director call on Feb 9 - most of discussion centered around whether or not MN Hockey should implement game limits at levels above U10/Squirts. Email will go out to your association hockey directors - please reach out to them and encourage them to provide requested data and other feedback on behalf of your association. MN Hockey HDC will be meeting again next week via conf call to discuss each districts feedback and determine the committee's initial recommendation to be provided to MN Hockey at the April 2020 state meeting.

6. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Wrapped up Invitational Tournaments Accepting Board Applications thru end of February for next season District tournament Dibs positions all filled.

Delano: 8U teams had a Skate with the Wild event at the Wild game on Saturday, February 1st; teams are preparing for District playoffs; Looking ahead to next season, we will be in need of a 12UB1 goalie. Discussion at board meeting requesting better communication between D3 and D6 (ex. what rules are followed). Mark added clarification that the agreement had been that the rules of the home team would be followed.

Hopkins: Issues with interpretation of blackout dates. What are ramifications for a team that skips district playoffs for a tournament somewhere else? Is there something that says what the fine could be or what happens if you don't? Can we look into, going forward, a way to expand the blackout dates? Not the only other association that did this.

Nicole answered that the district director and president would talk about it. There would be a consequence to the association at large.

Mark, autoice is for league games. Won't be pulling in other blackout dates beyond the regular season games. Only dates to block out should be dates of other events or tourneys during regular season play. Set the calendar at the beginning of the year. We can look at dates and discuss but we set the calendar early. Ice schedulers are aware of the playoff dates.

Minneapolis: Season going well across our association, looking forward to end of season tourneys starting this weekend and over the next month. Hockey Day MN was a success - specific thank you to Shelly Slattery for volunteering so much of your time helping out!

Mound-Westonka Voted in our new Hockey Operations Director Todd Schmidt.

North Metro: no report

Orono: Season starting to wrap up and getting ready for D3 playoffs Getting close to gambling up and running...hopefully by summer New LED lighting has been installed inside and outside the rink Starting to work on off season priorities.

Osseo Maple Grove: Osseo East received a grant to get all the boards redone. \$160,000 project and Hennepin County paying half.

St Louis Park: no report

Wayzata: no report

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Old Business:

New Business: Mark noted that Aric will not be returning as treasurer next year and we need to recruit a replacement.

Adjorn TIME: 8:51 Motion: Kristi Seconded: Reid

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