



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
PIC
Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

Executive Committee & Associates		Association Reps	
x	Paul Steenerson District Director	x	Kevin Pote ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson Administrator	x	Bob Larson Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers Social Media/Comm.	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor		vacant Orono
x	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord.		Jeff Luke St Louis Park
x	KV-Girls/SJ-Boys HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
x	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski Disciplinary Comm. Chair		
	Jeff Luke Girls Coordinator		
	Diane Margenau Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Greg Gibson JGHSL	x	Brian Thul -handing off to Kevin
	Todd Larson JGHSL		
	Bill Robeck Hockey Operations		

Call to order TIME: 7:01

March Minutes: Motion to approve: Andy N Seconded: Brian Thul

- District 3 Director Report-** Reminder about the May 15th deadline for the team declarations. President's meeting to be scheduled for late May or Early June.

Mites playing outside of the district -recommendation may be to allow a few games to play outside the district. It will be local-not traveling games.

D3 handbook updates - Final draft by 6/1 with final due by 8/1

Competition Committee - SLP, MPLS, NM *two-year term*

June Meeting – *propose, discuss, and vote on no goalie subs for squirt/U10s (some reasoning - could get kids interested in being goalies, these levels do not go to regions, emphasis on development-not just winning).*

Fines paid will be used in D3-set up scholarships, buy equipment as ideas, still in discussion.

- **District 3 President Report-** Had a meeting with Avario and the associations schedulers back in March to review this past season and discuss improvements to the process going forward. Had good attendance at the meeting. There will be 3 or 4 new ice schedulers for the upcoming season. One of the goals for the upcoming season is to cut back on game reschedules. There will be a game reschedule fee implemented for the upcoming season. Last year over 300 games rescheduled. There will be a short period after the mangers' meetings for teams to get games rescheduled due to church or school functions, after that all rescheduled games will be charged a game rescheduling fee. Managers need to get info from teams right away if school conflicts exist that warrant rescheduling. Tourney schedulers should be starting to think about tourneys for teams. Managers should also confirm they are indeed registered in tourneys that they think they are registered for.
- **District 3 Administrator Report:** Will begin putting together the calendar for 2022-2023 season. If you usually have D3 relevant meetings that are included on that calendar, please submit dates as soon as you have them. Rules and Regs updates will be worked on as well.
- **District 3 Accounting Report:** Need ice bills from district playoffs from a bunch of associations-please get those sent to Kendra. What has happened is getting billed for "what if" games in tourneys. Need D3 to have a policy on how we handle those situations. Possibility is for ice to be reallocated to associations to use for other levels and associations pay for it. If not possible to be used, district pays for. Will write up policy in line with that and bring back to board.
Storage unit is now empty and no longer being rented. Associations should plan to budget \$100 per team for GameSheet.

Associates Reports:

- Supervisor of Officials: Mike-report on MN Hockey Task Force on Referees-discuss how to solve shortage of officials. Last year number of officials was down compared to pre-covid. A big issue is number of officials that register but do not complete what is needed or just sit and never ref.
Tournaments drive the schedule right now rather than league games. Some tournaments have become so big and require utilizing a ton of officials.
There WILL BE blackout weekends again.
Association Ice Schedulers should be blacking out the BHRA blackout dates.
- Coach in Chief: I will be attending USA Hockey Coach Developer training next week in Bloomington, MN With CEP courses being mostly virtual, Coaches can attend anywhere across the country, and some courses will start to be released in the near future, as other parts of the country start to offer them.
Kendra added there will be an all-female course again in the fall.

- Membership and Development: No report
- Jr Gold: Completed JGA & JG16 State Tournament at PIC
 *Krisit made motion to approve Todd Larson & GGG as D3 JGHSL Board Reps for 2022/2023. Kity seconded, approved.
 D3 is assigned JGHSL Twin Cities Playdowns for 2022/2023 season
 Dates: Tuesday Feb 28-Sunday Mar 5, 2023. Games: 61-64 games Ice has been reserved at PIC through WYHA (72-90 minute game slots)
 *Krisit made Motion to approve WYHA/PIC as hosts of the 2023 JGHSL Twin Cities Playdowns JGHSL Twin Cities is moving to Avario scheduling for the 2022/2023 season, Kity seconded, approved. This will likely require moving Bantam C tournament from Wayzata.
 JGHSL Twin Cities plans to continue with JGB Inter Division games
 JGHSL
 Twin Cites expects Moorhead JG16 to play with JGHSL Twin Cities
 JG16 League.
 Suggest looking at Jr Gold state tournament entry fees increasing, have not increased in a long time. Current \$400 doesn't cover costs.
- Girls League Coordinator: I attended the District Director's portion of the MN Hockey meeting in April where the 13U proposal was discussed. At this point the 13U proposal as originally written will not pass for this coming season. The Girls Committee will take the discussion away from this meeting to discuss a long-term solution that may include a change of the levels, and they will assess options for this season that may allow 8th graders to play down on a hybrid 13U/12A team IF their association does not have a 15U team or co-op opportunity. I requested that the district Girls Coordinators be added to this committee since we are better positioned to understand the impact to our communities and players, where a MN Hockey committee made up exclusively of board members is not. I expect to be pulled into this committee to represent District 3. The district girls coordinators spring meeting has been postponed to later May due to schedule conflicts. **Would like to have one 19U girls team in D3.**
- Disciplinary Committee: nothing to report
- Scheduling Coordinator: see president report
- Tournament Coordinator: District tournament meeting will be Sept 12 at 7:00pm, location TBD. Survey went out to association tourney directors. Feedback very positive on GameSheet. Improvements-get feedback on trophies-what do associations want and not want.
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Boys: Successful Spring HP for D3. 14s and 15s each had 80+ athletes trying out for HP this year. Ultimately this resulted in D3 being represented at the St Cloud Camp by 11 young men at the 14 level and 12 at the 15 level. Pretty amazing representation from D3! Tier 1 Tryout info is on the respective D3 pages and registration is open. Birth years eligible are 2008 and 2009 for 14s and 2007 for 15s.

Kendra provided spreadsheet on how many tried out for HP from each association and how many made festival team and camp.

- Registrar: We had our end of season meeting with Association Registrars (Kari - Wayzata, Dani- Orono, Erica - Mound, Nancy, Kim & Paula- Delano, Jessica - Armstrong Cooper, Emily - OMGHA, Hopkins - absent, Karmine- North Metro, Cecilia & Randy - Mpls, Brooke - St. Louis Park) as well as Todd and Paul. There was a lot of new information and processes for next season. If your registrar was not at our meeting, please have them follow up with me for the changes for next season. I am meeting with registrars that have had issues this past season to go make sure issues do not arise again next season. Would like to look at deadline for getting team submissions so ice schedulers can allocate ice better. Start working now to get background screenings, safesport. etc now.
USA Hockey Patch availability for this season will be closing!
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: I would like to introduce Kevin Pote, ACYHA's new D3 Rep. to the D3 Board. Kevin is currently a father of 3 children two of which play hockey, middle school teacher in the Wayzata School District, AC's former Boys Travel Director, and long-time coach at many levels. He is currently on the Girls High School Staff at Armstrong Cooper. Kevin will do an excellent job moving the current work forward and provide great leadership for D3 and Armstrong Cooper. Personally, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication to community-based hockey. This is not easy work and I know this board will continue to serve our players and organizations with the best of intentions. I am excited to be leading ACYHA over the next three years. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns regarding our organization. It was a pleasure serving on this board and I wish all of you an enjoyable summer!

Delano: Transitioning into the new season; new director and new officers have been elected; summer training to start on June 12th; moving forward with city and school on 2nd sheet (outdoor) - question was raised as to whether we could host any outdoor games in a winter tourney? No outdoor games.

Hopkins: Finishing up spring clinics. Summer clinics starting soon. Many players participating in hockey over the summer. Established team levels for submission.

Minneapolis: Will submit team declarations. Likely last year of Minnehaha Arena being open.

Mound-Westonka: New girl's co-op agreement in place with Orono, eight co-op board members were voted into the co-op committee. Finalizing initial team declaration discussions this week. Incorporating

our new dryland facility into our summer training programs and open hours for the youth.

North Metro: Working on some co-op for the upcoming gap year but nothing is definite, eagerly anticipating MN Hockey changes. We have new board members, working on getting them settle into their positions.

Orono: no report

Osseo Maple Grove: No report

St Louis Park: The SLPHA board is reviewing a proposal to revamp the board to better align with our association needs. A few new positions will be added immediately this year and a full revamp including changes to our bylaws will be done this season. We are considering hosting Squirt and 10U tryouts closer to Thanksgiving. SLPHA's new Culture Committee has held its first few meetings. This committee is designed to deal with issues within the association and grow our presence in the community. The SLP Summer of Sundays clinic program has high number of registrants. This program is for established players but is also incentivized to bring a friend to grow future players.

Wayzata: completed elections

Old Business: Block off dates during tryouts for the Tier 1 League and District Playoffs as much as possible! Sept 30-Oct 2 is the biggest potential conflict. All in the league play that weekend.

New Business: MN Hockey new Maroon Director -Steve Gapinski -replacing Scott Dornfeld

Election of District Director: Kristi nominated Paul Steenerson, Brian Thul seconded. No other nominations. Motion for white ballot to elect Paul S by Brian T, seconded by Kity. Approved.

Working on job descriptions for board roles. Would like to have for June meeting.

Squirt committee report given by Peter- Really good meeting, got baseline on how each association looks at squirt program. Talked a lot about competition and leveling, especially at the A level. Idea that was discussed was reducing number of league games which opens up opportunities for scrimmages. Can create a season better for their team (ex. not playing same team three times in D3). Will spend future meetings talking about best practices, other levels, etc.

D3 board larger discussion on impact on lower levels if different structure for A level. Examine competition at all levels and development.

Adjourn TIME: 9:09 Motion: Andy Seconded: Peter