



District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

The October Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:32pm by President Ron Walsh at Plymouth Ice Center.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff	Association Representatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Dornfeld – D3 Director (interim)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Tuchtenhagen – Armstrong Cooper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Walsh – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Verbeten – D3 Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Brodersen – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Goldenberg– D3 Girls Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Vowels – North Metro
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Fortin – Orono
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neil Olson – BHRA, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Blashack – OMGHA
<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Dahlin– St Louis Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> – Metro League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tod Duagan - Mite Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests: Todd Elmer	

Minutes

Mark made a motion to approve the September Minutes, Nicole seconded the motion, and motion passed.

Ron made a motion to recognize the hard work Todd Elmer has done for District 3 over the years. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Many thanks and praises were shared.

Officials’ Report – Matt Olsonoski/Neil Olson

- Include a meeting with officials as part of your association education plan. Officials are available to talk with parents, coaches and players. Nicole would like to connect with BHRA for their squirt A team.

D3 Administrator – Kendra Verbeten

- Fall meeting planning is underway.
- Website changes.
- Thank you to those associations who were able to send in their reports.
- All D3 board members must complete a background screening each year and Safesport every other year. TO DO: Send email to Kendra once complete.



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D3 Treasurer – Tony Verbeten, interim

- Attached documents were reviewed. Brian made a motion to pass the financials as submitted, Carolyn seconded. Motion passed.

Association Reports:

Armstrong Cooper – Jim Tutchenhagen

- Held 4 Try Hockey For Free Events in the last Month = Sept 17th / 24th and Oct 1st and 8th. Will also be hosting a THFF Event on Nov 12th.
- October 8th held Community Kick-Off to the Hockey Season = Open Skate, Equipment Exchange, Ice Cream Social, Registration Drop Off, Mite Information Booth, Food Shelf Benefit and Jersey Give Aways.
- Hosting 4 Upcoming Learn to Skate Clinics = Oct 15th / 22nd / 29th and Nov 5th
- Camps and Evaluations Going Well = Bantam & Peewee Evaluations concluded this week.

Delano – Carolyn Kivisto

- Bantam and Peewee Tryouts completed this past weekend. Squirt and 10U tryouts next weekend.
- PCA will be giving their presentation at our Mandatory Association Parent Meeting this week.
- Hosted a THFF October 1st (24 kids) and Hosting a "One Goal" – intro to Hockey program thru Community Education 4 Saturdays in October (59 kids). Hosted a Girls Hockey weekend event – Inaugural Season Kick-off Picnic with "One Goal", Intro, 8U, 10U, 12U & High School girls.

Hopkins – Nicole Brodersen

- Thanksgiving Tournament has a few openings: U12A - 1, Squirt A - 2, PWB2 - 1
- PeeWee and Bantam Tryouts were last weekend - nearly 100% retention at these levels. Parent meeting pre-tryouts this year at all levels was a good idea to do them earlier than in the past. Squirt Tryouts at the end of October
- 15A team found a goalie
- Mite pre-season skating clinics were very well received. Professional skating instructor working with both players and our mite coaches
- Doing concussion baseline testing event with TRIA on Friday. They are also providing training to our coaches at the event
- J.J.s Clubhouse in Golden Valley has been added as a 3rd pull tab site for HYHA
- Doing THFF November 12th as part of our 2 & 2 challenge
- Looking for two squirt A teams for the Thanksgiving tourney.

Minneapolis – Bill Robeck

- Bantam/14U/Peewee/12U tryouts are wrapping up and Squirts/10U have begun this week
- Registration Numbers are at forecast - we should have 750-800 registered when Mites complete registration
- Little Wild Program was a success - 60 skaters (31 from MPLS)

Mound Westonka – Dean Swanson

- Travel team tryouts ended October 9, 2016. No notable issues.
- PCA events conducted for association coaches and for Squirt/U10 parents were well attended and well received.



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- Mite registration opened on October 1. One week in, 64 mites had registered, 33 of them being first years. Several more should register over the next few weeks leading up to the start of the mite season.
- MWAHA is making a change with Squirt levels and will field an A, B2, & C.

North Metro – Keith Vowels

- Tryouts are complete and teams have been formed and practices have started.

Orono – Jamie Fortin

- Skate w. the Pros was a hit! Anticipate additional registrations as a result.
- Evaluations (tryouts) are in full swing. So far, so good!
- Our volunteer policy has been fully implemented with all families having to submit a "guarantee" check prior to their child(ren) trying out. Everything has gone pretty smoothly given this is a new approach for the association.
- We ended up with three U12 teams, one A and two B as part of our girls Co-op with Mound Westonka.
- We are projecting to field two U15 B teams this season.
- My response to Armstrong Cooper's proposed amendment was submitted separately to the group.
- Looking for a bantam B2/C goalie.
- Question about 12U-A and additional game scheduling with only four teams. *Per Scott, we have been talking with District 5 about joining; also conversations with District 6 about adding games for our league that would be league games for us and scrimmages for them. Also additional conversations with District 15. It is not yet decided. Some conversations have also taken place with D-10 as they have seven teams. (their scheduling meeting is the 29th)*

Osseo Maple Grove – Brian

- Need five skaters and a goalie for the 15U B level. *Nicole – Hopkins/Park has half of a team and a goalie as of right now. Nicole will send info to Brian.*

St. Louis Park – Todd Dahlin

- SLP will Host "Try Hockey for Free" on Saturday, October 15th. Boys, Noon - 1:00 & Girls, 1:00 -2:00.
- Open House during Try Hockey for Free in our Gallery Room. Board members available to answer questions, treats will be provided.
- Our East rink is on schedule to be renovated and open on October 31st.
- Brand new 3rd rink (Covered/Outdoor Facility) is on schedule to open around January 1st, 2017.
- Brand new refrigeration system, boards and glass in all 3 facilities.
- 2nd Pull-tab Booth at Bunny's Northeast. Restaurant scheduled to open later this Fall.

Wayzata –Mark Brandt

- Going through try outs right now.
- Wayzata was awarded, along with the City of Plymouth, the National Junior Gold Tournament for 2018.
- All tournaments are full except for 16U Junior Gold.



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Metro League – Scott

- The annual meeting was held and not a lot of new information for this year.

Registrar – Shelly Slattery

- The birth certificate verifications are all current.
- Associations are starting to submit their rosters for approval.
- We will be having a Registrar meeting in early November.
- Assist your coaches in completing their SafeSport and background screening prior to roster deadlines.

Membership & Development – Diane Margenau

- **Try Hockey For Free:** The national Try Hockey For Free will be November 12, 2016. To complete the 2 & 2 Challenge, associations will need to participate in this event or the THFF in February. Hosting both events will automatically garner an association silver status. You can register to host the November THFF (which is NOT on deer hunting opener) at the USA Hockey website. This must be done now.
- **New Parent Resources:** Now that most registrations are completed, and as a reminder, Minnesota Hockey does have a series of resources on its website designed to help parents that are new to hockey. You can view them on the MH website and can link them to your home association website.
- **Minnesota Hockey Grants –** Four associations were recently granted \$1,000 to \$2500 from MH to help in recruiting programs. It's easy to submit a request. Complete and submit the request form found on the MH website.

Girls Coordinator – Chad Goldenberg

- Final Team Declarations have been submitted ahead of the State Meeting.
 - 10U=+1 to 18 teams (5A)
 - 12U=-1 to 15 teams (4A)
 - 15U=+3 to 12 Teams (5A)
 - 19U=Same = 2 teams; 15U is up 33% vs 2015, but when you factor Delano's 15U departure with all hands on deck for the new JV & Varsity programs, it was a 50% increase District wide.
- OMG had a big surprise walk up registration at 15U tryout time Tuesday. The new Hopkins 15UA team still needs a goalie. Based on the current skater/goalie counts, Wayzata is the only Association in the District that could fill the gap (4 goalies for 3 teams). There is an interested Life Long Wayzata B goalie who would like to step up. A few requests have gone unanswered explore the potential to waive her before Wayzata's tryouts, because committed families are getting restless about rescinding their waivers in fear that there will be no goalie.

Coach in Chief – Josh Hicks

No report

Grievance – Kendra Verbeten

No report

Scheduling - Jay Knip



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Discussion on the number of games being scheduled for peewee and how many times each team will play other teams. We have been using the 16-18 game parameters for each league. Discussion and then final decision - we will keep it at the 18 games.

Tournament – Chad Nicholls

Had the tournament meeting on the 28th and all associations were present. North Metro is looking for teams for squirt B1 for thanksgiving and pee wee C in January.

**ACE Coordinator – Gene Ferrel –
No report**

**Mite – Tod Duagan –
No report**

D3 Director’s Report – Scott Dornfeld

- Todd Elmer’s resignation and move over to the Minnesota Registrar position.
- We will vote on the District Director at the November meeting. Interested parties should contact Scott.
- Todd Larson, Metro League Rep.
- Todd was a WYHA Board member for 6+ years, a coach for WYHA and had kids playing Jr Gold for 5 years. He has also been an instrumental in helping with the annual WYHA JG-A tournament and the State Tournaments WYHA has hosted.

**D3 President – Ron Walsh
No report**

Old Business –

Jim made a motion to have the above approved language amended to read, “At the Squirt and 10U Girls classification, if an association is fielding more than one team at a level, the teams must be balanced coming out of tryouts. *With the exception to the highest level which the association is hosting*, which will be allowed to have unbalanced teams coming out of tryouts.” Brian B seconded the motion. Bill asked this motion be postponed until the October meeting so all members could go back and gather data on their association’s stance. Mark asked that we revisit the team deviation rule as well. ***Motion postponed until the October meeting.***

Jim formally withdrew his motion but would like to add this to a future agenda item in the spring. General discussion about the topic and the value of having tiered levels for the girls levels.

**New Business –
none**

Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, Keith seconded; motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 8:26pm.

To Do List from Meeting:

- TO DO: Send email to Kendra once background check and Safesport are complete.