



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff		Association Representatives	
		X	Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
X	Mark Brandt – D3 President		Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
	Aric Stienessen- Treasurer	X	Reid Paul – Hopkins
X	Shelly Johnson – D3 Administrator		Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
X	Cheryl Myers- Social Media	X	Brad Butler - Mound Westonka
	Molly Anderson HP/Tier 1		Tim Donelon – North Metro
	Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	X	Kelly Greene – Orono
	Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	X	Paul Steenerson - OMGHA
	Neil Olson – BHRA, President	X	Steve Fisher - OMGHA
X	Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	X	Todd Dvorack– St Louis Park
	Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	X	Bruce Turek– Wayzata
	Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD		
	Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments		
	Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler		
	Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar		
	Greg Gibson – Metro League Rep		
	Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.		
	Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief		
	Todd Larson Metro League Rep		
Kristi Duis in attendance for Carolyn for Delano			

1. **Call to order** meeting called to order at 7:07pm
 - May Minutes: motion to approve Kelly, seconded Bruce, approved.
 - Support Associates: motion to approve Bruce, seconded Mike, approved
2. **District 3 Director Report**-Nicole: MN Hockey summer meeting is this weekend. Thank you to associations that got team declarations in. Please get any changes in as soon as possible -hoping competition committee can meet by end of June. If declaring teams outside the matrix provide reasons and if planning to have weighted or unbalanced teams, asking associations to declare that as well.
3. **District 3 Administrator’s Report**-Shelly: Filling in the D3 2019-2020 calendar. Updating D3 contact list with new reps and presidents, etc.
4. **District 3 President’s Report**-Mark: All monthly meetings will be run according to Robert’s Rule of Order. Every association should have a designated alternate to attend meetings, please let Shelly know who the alternate is. If you or alternate are unable to attend a meeting, please let Mark, Nicole or Shelly know in advance.

The game rescheduling process will be enforced and changed. Ice schedulers should get block out dates from associations-be checking school calendars for events that need to be scheduled around.

5. District 3 Treasurer's Report-Aric: no report

6. D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: no report
- Registrar: no report
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: no report
- Metro League: no report
- Girls League Coordinator: Nicole reported that Rob will be reaching out to girls coordinators to confirm team declarations. There will be a girls coordinator meeting scheduled this summer. Discussions around having 12U B2 teams.
- Grievance Committee: no report
- Scheduling Coordinator: There will be a meeting Monday June 24, 6:30 pm at the PIC Center Ice room for training on the Autoice updated scheduling program. The main training will be on the back to back game scheduling and how it works. There will be other topics also covered at this meeting. It is important that all D3 schedulers attend this meeting. Please make sure that everybody send me their associations schedulers name and email address ASAP. I know there are some new schedulers this year and I do not have their contact info. The game rescheduling process will be different this year. It also will be connected to Autoice. The referees will not be getting the game reschedules until they have been approved starting this year. District tournament brackets with ice times will need to be submitted by MEA weekend starting this year also.
- Tournament Coordinator: Annual Tournament Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9/25 at 7:00pm. St Louis Park Rec Center (Gallery Room). One representative from each association that is planning to host an invitational tournament next season is required to attend.
- Social Media/Website: Need to get on promoting D3 invitational tourneys.
- HP/Tier 1: Nicole gave report: Registration is up and running for Tier 1. Looking at the possibility of hosting a Tier II league if enough interest. Email will be going out in next 10 days to all age eligible players. At least two coaches have been secured for each team. May work with another district around Tier II if interest.
- Hockey Operations: no report

7. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Started the interview process for Hockey Operations Director. · PCA session with HDC in June for Sports Culture (Coaches, Players, and Parents) identify ways to strengthen and reinforce developmental culture · Interested in revamping travel policy reimbursement for paid coaches. Shelly will send out email to association presidents seeking data on paid coaches.

Delano: Would be interested in swapping D3 year-end tourneys with another association for smaller tournaments (12+ team tourney for 8-10 team tourney) both PWB2 and SQB2 or at least SQB2. Issue of ice availability. Team declaration modification: 10U (B1 and if enough players for 2 teams would like two equal B1 teams).

Hopkins: 1. Implemented a Hockey Development Committee: a) Committee Members included are a combination of leaders who have played at the professional/collegiate level, have extensive coaching experience and have visibly demonstrated an interest in improving hockey in HYHA. b) Three Meetings completed, way ahead of last year in planning for the season. c) Team declarations in and are 90% confident, all depending on numbers.

Committee Members:

Jack Hillen: Jack grew up in Minnetonka and played youth hockey for HYHA from Mites through first year Bantam. He attended high school at the Academy of Holy Angels, winning the hockey AA state tournament in 2002. He attended Colorado College and graduated in 2008 with a degree in economics. While at Colorado College, Hillen was a three-time All-WCHA Academic Team member, WCHA Scholar Athlete, and recipient of the Paul Markovich Award as the team's top student. He also had on ice success earning honors in 2008 as an NCAA All-America First Team and WCHA Defensive Player of the Year. Hillen went on to play 8 seasons (304 games, 71 points) in the NHL for the NY Islanders, Nashville Predators, Washington Capitals, and Carolina Hurricanes. After retiring from the NHL in 2015, Hillen became an assistant coach at Holy Angels for 2 seasons before joining Minnetonka in 2017. In addition, he currently is the lead HYHA Mite 4 coach and helps with Mite 2. Hillen resides in Minnetonka with his wife, Caitlin, and their three boys.

Dan Tompkins: Dan is a Hopkins High Alumni who played hockey for Hopkins as a Mite through High School. He then continued his hockey career in the USHL, WHL and the WCHA playing for the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Furthermore, Dan was selected to 3 USA National Teams, including World Junior U-20 Championships and minor league professional hockey. Dan's HYHA experience includes: At large board member, Mite Coordinator, Squirt A Head Coach, Squirt B Head Coach and U12 HP Assistant Coach.

Jesse Bull: Jesse grew in Fairbault, MN and played hockey at Shattuck-St. Mary's from 1990-1994. He then went on to play in the USHL for the St. Paul Vulcans in 1995. He went on to play college hockey in the NCAA playing for University of North Dakota from 1995-1999 where they won the NCAA National Championship in 1997. Jesse then played professional hockey in the ECHL until 2000. Jesse's coaching experience started at Duluth East, Assistant Coaching Pee-Wee A for the 2000-2002 seasons. He then went to The Blake School where he was the Bantam Head Coach for the 2003 season. He continued his coaching career at The Blake School, Assistant Coaching Varsity from 2004 until 2011. Since 2015 he has

been lending his talents to HYHA as a Mite 1, 2 and 3 coach and is currently HYHA's Assistant Mite Coordinator.

Dave Bakken: Dave played high school hockey for Apple Valley in '83-'85. He then played college hockey in Williamstown, MA for Williams College in 1986 through 1990. Dave started his coaching career as the Assistant Coach at St. Olaf College in 1999 where he stayed until 2003. He then took on the Head Coach position for St. Paul Como Park for the 2009 through the 2015 hockey seasons. Dave is currently the Head Coach for Hopkins High School Boys Hockey. **Geno Parrish:** Geno is a Defensemen who grew up in Bloomington, MN playing high school hockey for The Academy of Holy Angels from 1992-'94. Upon graduation, Gino played in the USHL for the St. Paul Vulcans in 1994-1995. He continued his hockey career attending college at and playing in the WCHA for St. Cloud State University until 2000 when he started playing hockey professionally.

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2. Fall Training and in Season Skills coaches and instructors established and consist of: Marty Sertich - 2001 Mr. Hockey, 2006 Hobey Baker. Geno Parrish - See Bio above. Dan Tompkins - See Bio above. Dave Bakken - See Bio above. 3. Board Elections and Annual Meeting: a) New Ice Scheduler and Ace Coordinator b) Made some adjustments to our By-Laws and Travel Policy 4. Thanksgiving Tournament a) Planning is underway b) Working with Hendrickson Foundation to add a special bracket 5. Article in Let's Play Hockey - June or July issue introducing the new system in place at the Highschool level and how that filters down into the youth program.

Minneapolis: no report

Mound-Westonka: Working out co-op of Orono-Westonka 10UB teams. Leadership is meeting with Orono to smooth out recent issues with the girl's co-op.

Rich Carlson, our Operations Director recently resigned. The search for his replacement has begun.

North Metro: likely short a bantam goalie and would like help getting another one.

Orono: Hired Mite Director to run Mite/U6/U8 program. PW Level changes to AA, B1, B2 & C. Working to amend by-laws to allow for gambling. Getting ready to open registration late June or early July.

Osseo Maple Grove: Heard from Edina at D6 that they are running a B2 league at U12s this year, we are very supportive of creating that level within D3 as well.

St Louis Park: Annual meeting on the 24th. Will be electing new President and other positions as well.

Wayzata: New President and VP of Travel. Balanced peewee teams, would like to explore across D3 level. Would like to see balance for competitive play.

- 8. Old Business:** TIER 1 coach language for rules and regs. Keep on agenda, address at meeting with bylaws discussion.

Items brought up at May Meeting:

- 1) WYHA would like to see District 3 make the rule consistent with the Squirts for the Pee Wee and Bantam levels where if an association has more than 1 team at a level that the teams need to be balanced. If this is not going to be a rule, then at least the association should have to declare that the teams will not be balanced. *Nicole added on 6/12 that D3 will be asking associations this year to declare if unbalanced. Reps go back and get feedback from associations for discussion next month.*
- 2) EMT issues with letting kids play. *6/12 Nicole asked for info to be sent to her (game date and teams) so can work on contacting the EMT group we use.*
- 3) Review playoff rotation. *6/12 Please go back and review, make sure ok with current assignments and let Mark know if can help Delano.*
- 4) Bracket deadline for playoffs by MEA.
- 5) Discussion on girls programming and need for communication and information. Attendance by board members at D3 meetings.

- 9. New Business:**

League Dates: We will need to establish the start dates for League play at the June meeting. This what I (Mark) am proposing: Bantam, Pee Wee and 12U Girls starting on Saturday Nov 2. (D3 Home Games), Squirt and 10U Girls starting on Saturday Nov 16. (D3 Home Games). Also, the dates for Autoice to do game scheduling for the levels will be: Bantams - Wednesday Sept 25, Final Schedules locked on Oct 1 Pee Wee and 12U - Wednesday Oct 2, Final schedules locked on Oct 8 Squirts and 10U Girls - Wednesday Oct 16, Final schedules locked on Oct 22. All game reschedules will need to be done be using the proper procedure, no exceptions. There may be a time period that fees will not be charged, but the proper process will still need to be used. THIS IS FOR ALL DISTRICT 3 HOME GAMES.

Discuss with associations and get feedback the start of league play. Can address further at July meeting. Could still schedule games with another district that starts before our D3 start dates.

10. **Adjorn** 8:00 motion to adjorn by Bruce T, seconded by Kelly. approved

APPROVED