



December 12, 2007

The December meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on December 12, 2007, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
Jerry Heinen – Director of Official Development
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator,
_ Armstrong (alt.)
Kathy Fallen – Girls Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator

Representatives:

Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Greg Erickson - Cooper
Tim Traff - Blake
Tony Cleveland - Orono
Joseph J. Arko – St. Louis Park
Brad Davis - Hopkins

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to accept the November minutes as presented.

Tom Pitra seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates reporting. (see attached)

1. Jim Gates distributed a break down of penalties in District 3 to date.
 - A. Jim Gates pointed out that the number of penalties has double from last years numbers to date. Not sure why this is occurring but many of them appear to be happening at the very end of a game.
 - B. About 2/3 of the penalties are District 3 players, 1/3 players from other Districts.
 - C. These numbers reflect both league and tournament play but do not include Junior Gold teams.
2. Jim stated that he had made a presentation at the recent CEP coach's clinic.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. There will be a Minnesota Hockey state meeting in January in Plymouth.
2. In defining the hockey season, it runs from September 1 through the end of the MH State Tournament.
3. Players are not to be approached by any coach to participate on any team before the official end of the season. The purpose of this rule is to discourage player recruitment during the regular season.
4. There was a Maroon Directors meeting last evening. One of the main topics included finalization of the Girls Regions. There are 6 19 & Under B teams this year. It had been hoped that there would be more teams but that didn't happen.
5. District 3 and the Beltline Referee Association will be hosting the Metro League All Star Game on March 19, 2008 at Plymouth Ice Center.
6. Upcoming all day meeting for Directors, MH Planning Committee and MH Steering Committee will be addressing such topics as:
 - Residency issues – private schools, open enrollment
 - Season structure – AAA teams, Tier 1 & Tier II teams, equal strength B teams
 - Squirt B1 and B2 leagues.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

- 1. The new website is proving to be very successful and continues to evolve.
- 2. Mark stated that he has had some opportunity to view some games and it appears as though games are very competitive.
- 3. Mark stated that he felt there were too many reschedules and that associations should discourage teams from rescheduling games. District conducted scheduling earlier this year and will probably move it back at least one week next year. Early scheduling appears to be part of the problem.
- 4. Rescheduled games need to be scheduled as soon as possible. Ice becomes very hard to come by as the season progresses.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

- 1. Diane Margenau reported that District 3 accepted, with regret, the resignation of Greg Symicek as the Armstrong representative. Armstrong President, Todd Pannek, informed the District that a new representative will be appointed soon.
- 2. A list of Tournament Chairperson’s duties was distributed.
- 3. Hal Tearse, MH Safety Committee, continues to work on getting injury report form on-line. HCMC will be involved. District 3 will be taking part in the trial process. Hoping to get it up and running by the first of the year. More information will be available at the January meeting.
- 4. There were a couple of changes in Tournament Hosts for this year and this was reflected on the sheet that was distributed. Orono would now be hosting the 14 A tournament, not Armstrong and Wayzata would be hosting the Bantam B2 tournament, not Orono.
- 5. There were 2 CEP clinics held in early December. Both were well attended. Marc Sorensen did a great job in planning and executing the clinics. Thank you to everyone who helped. There have been some calls from D3 coaches who still need to update their certification and did not make any of the clinics hosted in D3. There are some clinics remaining but coaches may have to travel to Wisconsin or Iowa to attend.
- 6. District 3 sent flowers to Debbie Gates. Debbie has had some recent health issues.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented.
 Tim Traff seconded.
 The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

- 1. The association is placing new banners in the Hopkins Pavilion.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joseph J. Arko reporting.

- 1. The hockey association is working with the City to build a dry-land facility. Very excited about it.

ORONO – Tony Cleveland reporting.

- 1. The association is looking into pull-tabs.

BLAKE – Tim Traff reporting.

- 1. In need of a new Zamboni.

COOPER – Greg Erickson reporting.

1. Combined teams with Armstrong continue to go well. Positive move.

WAYZATA – Mike Tabery reporting.

1. Continue cranking along.

OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. Special thanks to John Perry for signing so many waivers.
2. It appears as though the City will go forward with a second sheet of ice at the Maple Grove Community Center.

C LEAGUE – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. The league is up and running. Information can be found on the website.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. One meeting remaining.

S.K.A.T.E. – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. www/SKATETOACHIEVE.com is the S.K.A.T.E. website. This will be linked to the D3 website.
2. If any association in D3 is at all interested in starting a program, Sandie will be available to help the association get started.
3. The organizers are looking at making this a national program. There is a lot of good interest and participation in Minnesota.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. 12U's only need CEP Level 2 certification. Some Districts are requiring their coaches to have a Level 3 CEP certification, to basically align them with the peewee's. District 2 is one of these Districts. Osseo-Maple Grove also requires their 12U's to have Level 3 CEP certification.
2. Mark Brandt inquired as to how the 14 UB league is going. Kathy stated that to best of her knowledge everything was going well.
3. Kathy Fallen will be the General Manager for the Girls Advanced 15 program in District 3. They will be having an organizational meeting January 26, 2008, at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud.
4. Kathy Fallen has indicated that this will be her last year as the Girl's Coordinator for District 3. Amy Johnson, Wayzata Youth Hockey, will become the Girl's Coordinator, with the Board approval. Amy plans on attending the January meeting.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. January 15, 2008, is the last date for District 3 association to submit applications for invitational tournaments for approval.
2. Canadian teams who participate in any USA Hockey tournaments use their passports as identification.
3. Any USA Hockey teams must have the correct identification information to participate in invitational tournaments.

ACE COORDINATOR – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Gene has contacted all association ACE Coordinators and has distributed all materials.
2. HEP Newsletter is being sent out to all the Coordinators.
3. There is now a HEP site on the District 3 website. Gene hopes to be able to post needed information and updates on this site. He also hopes to be able to download some informational DVD's.

4. John Perry asked if it would be possible to post some of the mite videos on this site also. Gene said he would work on it.

NEW BUSINESS -

TOURNAMENT DATE CONFLICTS -

1. Some tournament date conflicts were reported. It had been suggested that the District 3 tournament will coincide with President's weekend and that some schools are having field trips where players would have to miss some games. After a brief discussion it was decided that it was too late to make any date changes.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jim Gates seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Margenau – Administrator

*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.