



`Minnesota Hockey District 3
 Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
 Plymouth Ice Center
 Wednesday, November 13, 2019

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator		Carolyn Kivisto Delano Area
x	Aric Stienessen	Treasurer	x	Reid Paul Hopkins
	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
x	Shelly Slattery	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Tim Donelon North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
	Chad Nicholls	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
		HP/Tier 1	x	Todd Dvorak St Louis Park
	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	Kristi Duis Delano Alternate

- **Call to order TIME: 7:00**
 - October Minutes: Motion: Kristi Seconded: Kelly
1. **District 3 Director Report-Nicole:**
 Thank you to everyone that helped at the fall meetings.
 At the squirt/10U fall meeting, we did cover the 35 game limit. Have been approving practice plans. Teams can do 3x3 etc. while doing battle drills and conduct in a practice environment. There are shared practice plans on the MN Hockey website if coaches are looking for resources.
 Association Reps should read through the coach/manager presentations on the D3 website so you are able to answer questions and be a resource as needed.
 REMIND MANAGERS AND COACHES to register on the D3 website. This is used to communicate throughout the season.
ONLY head coaches should be communicating with officials regarding calls and concerns in a game. Matt added, it is too early in the season if seeing more or less calls. Everyone, including parents, should watch the video in the coach presentation.

There are a few players coming close to progressive penalty concerns with new boarding/checking rule.

Kendra is coming back to be GM for HP/Tier 1. There is a planning committee in place.

- 2. District 3 Administrator Report-Shelly:** Fall manager and coach meetings complete! Not an overwhelming amount of no-shows. Some that were supposed to come to first round, did show up for second meeting on the 4th. Nov 4 meeting started off bumpy when HDMI connection died. Got things going without powerpoint until had situation fixed.

- 3. District 3 President Report-Mark:**

Game Scheduling is almost complete for the year. Finishing up 15A, 15B and 19B girls. All 3 Leagues are being ran by District 6. We only have Jr Gold games left to schedule. There is a meeting scheduled for all D3 ice schedulers on Dec 2 to discuss improvements to the scheduling process for next year.

This year there was a big push to get games back to back. It was a challenge to do that but what we learned this year will make it easier for the future. Looking below you will see that the majority of game changes that were made. Looking at the reasons for the other changes there are some things that need to be taken back to your associations. We should not be having any game changes due to tournaments. With the MN Hockey rule where tournaments have 10 days from the time that you have completed the registration process for the tournament, why at the end of October would a team find out that they are not in a tournament or the person scheduling the tournament put the wrong dates down. Associations need to make sure that they have checks in place so that this does not happen. Next year games that need to be rescheduled for that reason will be billed \$200 for each game that needs to be rescheduled.

The other item that we need to address is the Christmas and New Year Holiday time and what we should do as far as being able to schedule games in the time period. There was one team that rescheduled 2 games in that time period. They could not play a game from Dec 21 until Jan 2 because they claimed they only had 4-5 players available. We should establish dates that league games will not be played in that time period, and then if a team reschedules a game due to lack of players not available, they will need to pay the rescheduling fee.

Game Change Stats:

1. 1765 Games Scheduled
2. 168 filled out (9.5%)
 - a. 106 – to have games Back to back
 - b. 12 – Tournaments

- c. 19 – Other Conflicts
- d. 5 - Holidays
- e. 4 – Band Concert
- f. 2 – Too late for Peewees
- g. 5 – Rink Change
- h. 6 – D6 Rules (game length)
- i. 2 – Coach Availability
- j. 5 – Not enough players

Squirt and 10U teams need to submit practice plans and follow rules around 35 game limit. D3 will follow up if seeing problems.

Tourney brackets are not done yet, Will be getting to ice schedulers and we will review at next month's meeting.

- 4. District 3 Treasurer Report-Aric:** Tier 1 finances are wrapping up. Assessments to associations will be coming out shortly.

D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: I have the MN Hockey posters and I will bring them to the meeting. I am asking the association representatives to take enough posters to be able to place 1 poster per rink in their association. MN Hockey has asked to make sure the posters are in a highly visible location that players, coaches, and spectators can be able to have access to it.
Mike A added that he cannot schedule scrimmages over Thanksgiving weekend. Just not enough officials. Please make sure your associations know this.
Neil reminded everyone, and please share, teams/managers CANNOT reach out directly to officials to schedule games or scrimmages. You must use the official scheduling process. Among other things, this is an insurance liability issue.
Again, BHRA needs refs! Spread the word.
- Registrar: Currently we have 314 team profiles with 272 teams being approved. 42 teams have been redlined; 28 player verification issues, 2 coach missing module and 12 coach incomplete screenings.
As a reminder if your association uses "skills coaches" they must be listed on a Skills Coach Flex Roster which your association registrars have information on how to create within the Portal. Skill coaches are not allowed on the bench for scrimmages or games. Skills Coaches – (Members of the Association) must be registered with USA Hockey, SafeSport current, and should have the age specific module for the highest level they are coaching. High School Coaches are considered members of the association. Skills Coaches – (Hired from a Company) If

they are hired from a company they to be registered at a minimum of a volunteer, current with Safesport Training and pass the MN Hockey background screening.

- Coach in Chief: Completed Level 1 and 3 CEP clinics at Brooklyn Park. 75 coaches in each. December level 1 and 2 clinics are full. Coaches who need to register, will need to find CEP outside of District 3.
- Membership and Development: This past Saturday, November 9, 2019, was the USA Hockey Try Hockey for Free day. Four associations in D3 participated but it should be noted that all D3 associations have conducted introductory hockey days at their local rinks. Another opportunity will be available in February.

It should be noted that besides the recruiting of new players to the game, associations should always be cognizant of retaining active members. Participating numbers do drop as players age through the program for a number of reasons. However, one of these reasons should not be dissatisfaction with the program. Keeping players and parents excited about the game of hockey should always be part of an association's purpose. One way of accomplishing this can be off ice team building activities. Suggestions include renting a school pool for a night of swimming for the whole family, volunteering in the community such as being a Salvation Army bell ringer or a spaghetti feed the night before a game. Friendships are made both on and off the ice.

Be nice if associations made an effort to see what is being put out on association or team social media sites...by players, parents etc. Posts should not come at the expense of another team or player. Should not be negative. Should be positive reinforcement.

- Metro League:
 - *Team declarations due to GGG (Greg Gibson) By Nov 20th, 8:00pm. Please confirm via email. -Delano: 1-JGB -Mpls: 1-JGB -North Metro: 1-JGB? -OMGHA: 2-JGB, 1-JG16 -Orno: 1-JGB -St.Louis Park: 1-JGA -Wayzata: 1-JGA, 2-JGB, 1-JG16
 - *JrGold Coach Certification -Sat 11/23, 8:00am-4:00pm & Sun 11/24, 10:00am-2:00pm at Crown Plaza Plymouth -Details/registration at <https://www.metrohockeyleague.org/> -Cost: \$100 cash or check only
 - *JrGold League Scheduling: Mon Nov 25th, 7:00pm at Schwan's Convention Ctr. -Coach/Mgr present to schedule games -Need 15 - 90 minutes games times for 12 home games -Dec 2: first day to schedule league games -Feb 21: last day to schedule league games
 - *Mandatory D3 Coach & Mgr Meeting -Sunday 12/1: 6:00pm at PIC Center Ice Room

- Girls League Coordinator: no report
- Grievance Committee: Have had two match penalties (both kicking) so far. Both players have been reinstated
- Scheduling Coordinator: see Mark's report. **In addition, please note that the end of season Squirt A tourney will start the first Monday in March.**
- Tournament Coordinator: no report
- Social Media/Website: Reps, please send another communication out to your Head Coaches and Managers asking them to get registered on the District 3 website. There are close to 100 registrations still outstanding, (across all associations and team levels). Those who have not yet registered did not receive important communications that went out this week about score submissions and HP coaching opportunities. The sooner they get this done, the better. Also, please emphasize that just one coach and one manager from each team should be registering.
- HP/Tier 1: see New Business
- Hockey Operations: no report

5. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Question for other associations, has back to back games had unintended consequences.

Delano: Association leadership is concerned with the number of teams that ended up with fewer than 15 games this season. 8U game schedule - many are looking for the details.

District Game Counts - As a smaller association with only one sheet of ice we will struggle to make up for the lack of district games by getting scrimmages scheduled. This puts the coaches and managers of these teams in a hard position to be searching for, and trying to arrange, scrimmages. Delano would like to put forth a requirement for future seasons that each team be guaranteed a minimum of 18 district games.

Mark commented... need to discuss. Take back to associations and ask where everyone thinks we should be at for games. Would like to have plan in place for next year early. Past few years been between 16-18 games. Effort has been made to make sure schedules are balanced and seeding at the end of the season is fair. Need to balance these issues.

Hopkins: Good start to the season. Just completed coaches meetings last night for the Squirt and PeeWee levels. Getting ready for the Hopkins Thanksgiving Tournament. Memorial Service, November 2nd for long

time board member and gambling manager Angie Quale. For those of you that knew Angie, you were lucky and HYHA will miss her. Questions: Mite Coordinator meeting - When is this scheduled for? Our mite coordinator has not heard anything about this meeting from the district. Mark said he'll talk to Nicole about this again.

Minneapolis: HDMN volunteering. Please share with associations. Bill will send out info.

Mound-Westonka: Season off to good start. 19 participants in Saturday's Try Hockey for Free. Search continues for Operations Director. Waiting to hear back from D3 on a player inquiry/incident from October.

North Metro: Hosted USA Hockey's THFF event on 11/9/2019

Orono: Working through numerous ice scheduling issues. Discussed what tryout changes we want to see for next year. Pancake fundraiser this weekend. Voted in and approved 2 new board members to replace 2 members who resigned recently. Discussed next round of improvements that will need to be done to the rink and thinking about fundraising for the rink (hopefully getting the community to help out), and not OYHA youth.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: All teams are going at all levels. Board would like district to allow district games in the ROC facility for 2020-2021 season.

Wayzata: no report

6. Old Business:

_ * Bracket deadline for playoffs was by MEA.

Need brackets online updated so ice scheduler can use. Cheryl will update. **We will be reviewing the brackets and approving at the November meeting. Please review before November meeting.**

7. New Business:

WYHA would like to understand documented processes and escalation steps from other associations on parental ejections. MH dictates 3 game suspension but it's unclear on recommended documentation and communication workflow. Matt explained that when a fan is ejected from a game, the official fills out incident report and BHRA exec committee informs appropriate association. It is up to the association to make sure the suspension is enforced (3 days).

ACYHA would like to see written Policy and Procedures on Major and Match Penalty. Nicole indicated rules and regs walks through policy and procedure aspects.

Orono-For next year would it be possible to have a league game be considered a back to back if it is with an already set scrimmage? Mike A says ok if already set scrimmage.

Tier 1/HP Info/Financial Request Kendra: Back as GM for Tier 1/HP. HP planning group has been meeting. In process of booking all the ice. Coaching staffs for Tier 1 by mid-December. Interview committee will be Nicole, Kendra, Josh, and Bill. Work with Shelly to contact families. Reaching out to families to talk about the program. Secondly, Tier 1 14u Girls Walleye are going to National Tournament. Asking on behalf of the team, \$50 per player to get matching team apparel. Roster of 18 and three coaches. Need motion to amend the budget. Question from Steve, where will D3 get the money? Aric- The D3 budget currently has the funds to be able to amend the budget if approved. Working on budget for the National Tournament, will be paying tourney fees, hotel fees, ice, coach expenses etc. Motion to amend the budget by \$1500 to allow a donation to the D3 Walleye Girls for the Tier 1 National Tournament by Steve, seconded by Mike. Approved. Mark said take Tier 1 info back to associations and get the word out.

Scheduling games at the ROC next year.

8. Adjourn TIME: 8:27

Motion: Steve Seconded: Kristi approved