



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – MEETING MINUTES
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, September 12 2018

Members Present:

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff	Association Representatives
X Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	X Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
X Ron Walsh – D3 President	X Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
X Aric Stienessen- Treasurer	X Reid Paul – Hopkins
X Shelly Johnson – D3 Administrator	X Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
X Cheryl Meyers- Social Media	X Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
	X Tim Donelon – North Metro
X Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	X Kelly Greene – Orono
Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	X Brian Blashack – OMGHA
X Neil Olson – BHRA, President	Jeff Brandt – OMGHA (alt)
X Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	X Todd Dvorack– St Louis Park
Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	X Mark Brandt – Wayzata
Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
X Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
X Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
X Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
Todd Larson – Metro League	
X Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests:	

- 1. Call to order** at 7:05PM
- 2. Consent Agenda**
 - Budget and August Meeting Minutes.
Motion to approve consent agenda by Mark B, seconded by Carolyn. Motion approved.
- 3. District 3 Director Report-Nicole:** MN Hockey Fall Meeting coming up. Mark asked if squirt practice to game ratio will be discussed. Nicole mentioned D3 will focus on the 35 game count and monitor the ratio as the season progresses. Mark said 2:1 is good enough and Wayzata has data. Diane M offered that the 3:1 ratio is not a rule but rather a recommendation. Brian asked for clarification whether the 35 games includes district playoffs. It is 35 games plus playoffs, not including playoffs.
- 4. District 3 Administrator’s Report-Shelly:**
 Met with focus group of coaches and have some great ideas on making the October meetings more engaging. Started revising the power point and would like to review with those that have roles-check in on anything needed/missing. Looking to get one more manager to do same thing with manager presentations. Hoping new report format will make monthly reports easier.
- 5. District 3 President’s Report-Ron:** Met with Steven Randall from AutoIce. Ready to go. We need to know changes from initial team declarations. Mark B added deadlines are

as follows: Bantams by 9/19, Peewee and 12U by 9/25, Squirts and 10U by 10/10. Bantam AA do old fashioned way with teams outside D3. Same for 15U. We need to send out one last copy of declarations to get this done.

6. District 3 Treasurer's Report-Aric: no known or expected variances to the budget

7. D3 Associates Reports –

- **Supervisor of Officials:**

BHRA's fall meeting is scheduled for Monday September 17th 7:00 pm at Plymouth Ice Center, all are welcome to attend. District 3 is hosting 2 USA Hockey officiating seminars at Brooklyn Park. - Level 1 and 2 Saturday September 29th at 8 am - Level 3 Wednesday September 26th at 6 pm

- **Registrar:**

The D3 Registrar "Kick Off" meeting was held on Monday, August 27th, eight out of our ten associations were represented. A few discussion points were:
1) Student coaches are not allowed to participate on ice with any pre-season clinics.

2) Skills Coaches – (Members of the Association) must be registered with USA Hockey, SafeSport Screening 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 only need to pass a background screening. Either MN Hockey's or their employers is required.

A listing of skills coaches is required to be sent to the D3 registrar prior to participating with players.

3) Tryout scrimmages – The following information must be sent to the D3 registrar prior to the event. The association/team name, level of play, a list of players & coaches participating, the name of the opposing association/team with who your team is playing, the location of the game and when the game is scheduled.

4) All team profiles are to be entered into the USA Hockey Portal 1-2 weeks prior to players and coaches being rostered. Please be sure that your Registrars are receiving that information. Associations should only be creating profiles for teams that they will actually be having.

- **Coach in Chief:**

All clinics for District 3 have been added. October 14th, level 1 and 2. November 11th Level 1 and 3. December 9th Level 1, 2, and 3. Last weekend - Level 4 in Bloomington 125 coaches. Hockey Director Conference in Plymouth had several D3 coaches leveling up their CEP.

- **Membership and Development:**

IIHF World Girls' Hockey Weekend October 5-7, 2018 USA Hockey is looking for associations and rinks to host opportunities to build awareness, celebrate current players and grow participation for girl's hockey as part of the 8th annual IIHF Girls' Hockey Weekend. To participate, host sites can utilize; season kick-off party, cross-ice jamboree, try hockey for free, or create an original event to celebrate local female hockey players. *Please register with USA Hockey and we will pass it along to the IIHF. 2018 Girls' Hockey Weekend Registration:
https://portal.usahockey.com/tool/signup_form/girlshockeyweekend

2 and 2 Challenge The 2 and 2 Challenge guides youth hockey leadership through national programs and tools to drive participation at the 8 & under age group. By

growing hockey in this age group, programs will experience long-term growth as kids continue to develop. 2018-19 Season 2 and 2 Challenge and Registration: <http://www.2and2challenge.com/> 2 and 2 Challenge Brochure: https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0154/4758/2and2Guidbook_1819_FINAL.pdf By completing the 2 and 2 Challenge, associations receive up to \$250 in Pure Hockey credit to enhance growth initiatives. Thank you for your continued commitment to growing hockey and supporting these growth efforts Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sept – Skills Clinic – Full list available on
www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/930238 Minnesota Hockey
Goalie Clinic - September 17, 2018 (Monday) - New Hope Ice Arena - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. \$50.00 - register on Minnesota Hockey website. September 18, 2018 (Tuesday) - Tria Arena, St. Paul - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. \$50.00 - register on Minnesota Hockey website ** Minnesota Hockey Goal Coaches Clinic - September 30, 2018 (Sunday) - Brooklyn Park Rink 2 - 11:00 - 7:30 p.m. Next level CEP certification - 2 on-ice sessions. Register on MN Hockey website. - www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/3533353-goalie-coaching-clinics

Try Hockey For Free November 10, 2018 & February 23, 2019 Try Hockey For Free Days provide hockey associations a national platform and opportunity to acquire new players locally. Associations will attract new players as well as capture interested families for the following season. This is a joint-effort between USA Hockey, the National Hockey League & NHL member clubs. Try Hockey For Free Host Site Information and Registration: <https://programservices.sportngin.com/page/show/895439-2018-19-try-hockey-for-free-dates>

Added that the American Prospects game is Sept 19 at the Xcel.
Referenced back to the treasurer's report: no mention of donation to MN Hockey Disabled Hockey Program, Nicole affirmed it is accounted for and donation is usually in the fall. Diane also asked about what rooms we pay rental fees for. Can we book BP through North Metro?

- **Girls League Coordinator:**
- **Grievance Committee:**
- **Scheduling Coordinator:**
- **Tournament Coordinator:** Will send out reminder of Tourney Directors Meeting
- **Hockey Director:** Nothing new aside from new baby boy Owen!
- **Social Media/Website:** Will be scaling back access to the website. Right now 30 people have access. Will adjust as need when cleaned up.
- **HP/Tier 1:** For those of you who are not aware, my name is Stephen Perry and I am taking over Kendra's responsibilities for the 14/15 HP and Tier 1 Programs. Additionally, I am the Boys 14 HP & Tier 1 Program Manager with Minnesota Hockey. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact me anytime. The Tier 1 season is in full swing and all teams are competing well. Team records so far:
Boys 14: 5-0-1
Girls 14: 5-0-0
Boys 15: 2-3-0
3 more weekends of hockey to go before potential playoff participation!

8. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper:

Delano:

Registration Open, Hosting a THFF and Girls Hockey Weekend skate & BBQ on October 7th

Hopkins:

PeeWee level changes: Due to 8 kids leaving Hopkins Hockey at the PeeWee Level to go play at Minnesota Made we need to make adjustments to field 2 peewee teams instead of 3. The PDC committee believes that 6 of the 8 kids that left would have been on the A level team which puts the program in a very difficult position. Asking the competition committee to review and make changes. Current recommendations are to change declarations to field a B1 as the highest level and a C as the lowest. Question from one of our PDC members: Can Hopkins declare B2 as the highest level and play in B1 tournaments? If yes, this may be the best option for the majority of this group from a development stand point. Other note: The Hopkins Pav renovation is close to complete. Putting in Ice this weekend and looking like we are 1 week behind schedule. Answer to questions regarding tourney: you can play in B tourney as B1 or B2. If tourney is specifically designated as B1 or B2, need to confirm with tourney director.

Could Hopkins have a fluid roster until roster deadline? Would like to move kids around as the pool of peewees will be practicing together. Want to focus on development and would like to roster kids on the likely two different peewee teams until roster deadline. Nicole said the rosters are not intended to be fluid and the deadline is meant for unique rostering circumstances. Bill asked if this is on our bylaws. It is not in the bylaws. Shelley S added that technically under USA Hockey, rosters are fluid until 12/31 however districts can make stricter rules than USA Hockey. Nicole said she would talk to Shelley S and Todd Elmer. Reid said want to do the right thing for the kids. If changing a roster, can be ~~three days~~ 24 hours where a kid is not technically on a team and cannot skate.

Minneapolis:

Mound-Westonka: Girls co-op is now branded as the Orono Westonka Warriors. A new jersey design for the 2018-2019 season was approved by both the Mound Westonka and Orono BOD's. • Travel team registration closed early last week. No surprises with projected numbers outside of Bantam goalies where only 4 of the projected 5 registered. • Hosting Rookie Camp beginning September 9th. • Hosting an equipment swap September 15th & 16th.

North Metro:

Orono: Registration is going well Fall Golf Fundraiser is 9/24. Finalizing Coaches & tryout plans. Possible more information after Board Meeting next Tues (9/11)

Orono Westonka

Osseo Maple Grove:

St Louis Park:

Wayzata:

9. Old Business:

- Rules and Regs Proposed Changes
 - Motion by Carolyn to add 12U A to having 15 min periods as well. Seconded by Dean. Approved.

Note to add clarification to the 35 game change that this does not include playoffs.

Diane concerned that there is no criteria for picking coaches with proposed change. Nicole said this is transitional with new HP/Tier 1 Director and he would work in consultation with D3 coaches. He will present to board a process for selection. Mark B added that there needs to be a committee. We have a coach in chief. Better off with a committee.

Nicole suggested we hold off on the HP specifics in rules and regs and revisit next month. We will keep 9.1.1 as a placeholder and leave blank. Mark B motioned to approve the rules and regs as they are with the HP part to be discussed next month. Kelly seconded, approved.

- Job Descriptions no discussion

10. New Business:

BHRA would like to ask the D3 board to consider requesting individual associations to declare invitational tournaments in June/July. At this time, multiple tournaments can be stacked on any given weekend causing large number of games that might be difficult for our association to cover. For example, this season on Martin Luther King weekend (January 18th-20th) D3 is hosting a large number of tournaments accounting for over 170 games before any league games. That game count will be almost as high as Thanksgiving weekend, where most college students are around and helping out. A possible cap on number of tournaments each weekend would help to insure all in district games are covered by BHRA officials. Can there be a D3 calendar where all associations have tourneys and it is a single place to see what is happening across D3? Need to work together to maximize fund raising and difficult to have that many games for the refs.

Mark asked if there should be an approval process for tourneys. Chad said it would be easy after tourney meeting to create master calendar.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 by Mark, approved.