



District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

The Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:08pm by President Walsh at Plymouth Ice Center.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff	Association Representatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Walsh – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input type="checkbox"/> – D3 Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reid Paul – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Robeck – Minneapolis (Bob Dehaven)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Donelon – North Metro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Greene – 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"/> Jeff Brandt – OMGHA (alt)
<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Dvorack– St Louis Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> Todd Larson – Metro League	
<input type="checkbox"/> - Mite Coordinator	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests:	
Machel Whitmore – Mound Westonka (for Dean Swanson)	

1. Call to order and approval of Consent Agenda – President Ron Walsh

- A quick round of introductions and then the presentation by AutoIce
 - Currently work with District 1 and 8
 - Have talked with 8 of 10 associations; 4 are signed up (Wayzata, Armstrong Cooper, Hopkins and Minneapolis)
 - Cost per team is \$35 per team (even for associations already signed up)
 - Once contract is signed; can have D3 up and operating within 48 hours
 - Most important part of the process is proper input
 - Eliminates all scheduling meetings
 - Discussion about pricing and a discount if all associations were using the product
 - Autoicescheduler.com
 - Mark-first year will be lots of work while all of the parameters are loaded into the system; after that much easier; he has been the ice scheduler for 20 years and he is excited to get going on the system; will also include dryland schedules too; anytime a change is made to the schedule it is automatically updated on the website; run a demo with last year’s ice and they will estimate your cost; comes with training and support; also have a tournament function available that will help track all the tournaments
 - **TO DO:** reps need to go back and talk with their board and ice schedulers for discussion and vote in July 2018

- Consent Agenda Items - April 2018 Meeting Minutes and Financial: Mark B motion, Mike M seconded; discussion of additional financial items: no ice bill received from SLP for district tournaments; no district tournament payment from North Metro, Champlin Park and Park Hopkins girls; additional receivables
- Financial Reports
 - a. Profit and Loss

2. District Director's Report – Nicole Brodersen:

- District Hockey Director announcement – Bill Robeck from Minneapolis will be stepping into the role; non-voting position appointed by the Director; he will remain in his role as D3 rep for Minneapolis; Bill will be an advocate for D3 associations and making them aware of the programs provided by MN Hockey
- Update on the Squirt/10U game count for 2018-19: number settled on was 35 total games in a season – not game days; consider using 3on3 with hard ice dividers as that does not go against game count. Additional information on the MN Hockey website
- D3 Assigned regions and state – June 1st deadline and no one responded; Wayzata offered to take both regions and the state tournament; with no one else being interested Wayzata will handle all three tournaments.
- Waiver questions - contact Nicole:
 - Nicole provided an overview of the waivers: **School based waiver** – not discretionary(automatic); player is not allowed to be on the top team for a period of one year; this is not negotiable. There is one exception related to a second-year bantam. This change was made last year. **Discretionary waiver** – a waiver granted at the discretion of the District Director (there are parameters Directors must follow as well).
- Competition committee and team declaration process overview –
 - Team declarations need to be made and will be reviewed by the Competition Committee; Final date for submitting is July 1st
 - Competition committee will be prior to the July board meeting
- New Association President and New D3 Rep Orientation will take place after the 4th of July
- North Metro – numbers have declined and the board has been working on options for their families; working on an option to have their travel players tryout and play for OMGHA for one year; they will keep their mites and house and work on recruiting for future years; OMGHA is committed to helping the players find a home; ?? Will they continue their two tournaments? - Tim thought they would still host the tournaments; Nicole will send out an email once the decision has been made. Kudos to the North Metro Board on their continued commitment to their players and families
- MN Hockey meeting June 22-24; agenda is up on the MN Hockey website; minutes are also posted on the website

3. District Support Associates:

- a. Registrar – Shelly Slattery
 - there are still a couple of associations who have not informed me of their new Registrars. I plan to have a meeting in mid-July for all the new Registrars and will need that information to ensure everyone is notified.
- b. Coach in Chief – Josh Hicks; no report
- c. Membership & Development – Diane Margenau – no report

- d. Girls' League – Rob Roy (Girls Coordinator Meeting, Thursday, June 14, 8:00pm New Hope); goal is to talk about teams, player numbers, where are we at across the district; be pro-active in planning for problem areas; starting to work on recruiting initiatives to grow the girls numbers; working on some data analytics on trend data – where are we losing players? where is largest growth? what programs could impact identified areas? where is the first year player coming into the system?; ??How will we get that data? The district registrar will be able to provide most of the info. ??Does anyone already look at that data? How many girls move to the youth program?
- e. Scheduling Coordinator – Jay Knip
- f. Tournament Coordinator – Chad Nichols

4. District President's Report – Ron Walsh:

- Presentation of Autoice Scheduling Software – Stephen Randall and Mark Brandt
- Update – district tournament brackets are done and will be posted on the website soon and this will provide a faster turnaround for the ice schedulers.

5. Referee's Report – Neil Olson:

- Referee Fee Schedule – Mike Anderson (attached) walked through the three tiers of officials; increases are at the squirt and 10U level because they will no longer schedule two youth together because of the problems with the coaches and their behavior; working to recruit more female officials; retained 95% of the female officials from last year; last year was difficult on the officials with squirts and 10U; this may impact other levels as more experienced officials will be required for squirts and 10U games
- Nicole introduced the concept of Disciplinary Hearings for coaches who are getting game misconducts
- Bill asked about Minnehaha Arena; Mike said no because it is just too many single games and they are too hard to staff; Bill is concerned about Mpls needing to find more ice. It would require later start times and two games in a night to make it work. More discussion to take place.
- Todd D asked about scheduling league games at the ROC; the answer is no and it was agreed when it was built; it is in our bylaws that all league games will be played on indoor ice. There are other ways to utilize ROC for games (scrimmages, tournament games – all with parameters)

6. Administrator's Report – Kendra Verbeten:

- Final report – Thank you to all.
- Review Preliminary D3 Calendar; TO DO – post season start and end on website

7. Association Representative Reports –

Armstrong Cooper:

Delano:

- Held elections
- Moving forward with planning for upcoming season

Hopkins:

- Created an org chart with responsibilities

- Created a Player Development Comm which is analyzing team level placement to meet the needs of the association
- PDC and additional members are working to fill all coaching positions
- Renovations are on timeline and group will meet with contractor to discuss off-ice space
- Hired new boys HS coach, David Bakken, and he will be active with PDC
- Hired new girls HS coach, Ryan St Martin
- What are the options for bringing in a goalie for practices when a team only has one goalie and he/she is absent?

Minneapolis:**Mound-Westonka:**

- New president, VP and secretary
- Why are the PeeWee A games 14 minutes and not 15 minutes similar to the PeeWee AA? General discussion took place. TO DO: Ron and Nicole will review the game time and length

North Metro:**Orono:**

- Moving along with off-season plans
- **Need help at PeeWee's for goalies (needing 2-3 this year)**
- How do associations treat weight rooms for the rinks that have them?

Osseo Maple Grove:

- Added new business items below

St Louis Park:

Wayzata: this is the 50th year Wayzata Youth Hockey has been around

8. Grievance Committee Report:

- Discussion on prescheduled hearing dates (calendar impact)

9. Old Business:

- Game Scheduling Proposal – President Ron Walsh (attachment)
 - Based on the new game scheduling software and process the proposal will need to be adjusted
- D3 tournament hosts requirements for 2018-19
 - Pee Wee A East Region
 - 12 UB American Region
 - Bantam B and PeeWee B State

10. New Business:

- A. Preliminary Team Declarations –
 - a. Schedule Date for Competition Committee Review of Declarations (Members for 2018-19: Minneapolis (large), Delano (medium), and North Metro (small))
- B. Rules and Regulations Discussion (topics identified during the year)
 - a. Fighting – automatic 3-game suspension (see rule 4.1.3)
 - b. Scheduled changes to reflect new proposed game scheduling system (see rule 5.3). Additional fines related to forfeited games should be discussed.
 - c. Regional seeds should align with our revised brackets (see rule 7)
 - d. Grievance hearing timeline should match our grievance calendar (rule 8.2.5)
 - e. Rules for selection of HP Coaches (Rule 9)

- f. **In May 2013** a rule was passed related to Locker room monitoring and the discipline if not followed. It was **not** reflected in subsequent by laws. The topic came up this year for conversation:
 - i. 1st Time – Head Coach Suspended
 - ii. 2nd Time – Head Coach 3-Game Suspension – Talk with Association President
 - iii. 3rd Time - Team will not be able to play in D3 Tournament.
 - iv. This rule was not incorporated into the Rules and Regs. (rule 11)
- C. High Performance Program Update
- D. OMGHA – decrease warm up time from 5:00 to a lower amount; impacting the game finish
- E. OMGHA – pee wee B1 game length change to 75-minute time frame and period length similar to pee wee A and AA; discussion about potential impact to moving bantam games later in the evening
- F. Carolyn asked if would be possible to have job descriptions outlining who does what on the D3 side of things; (TO DO)

To Do-Previous Meetings:

- Ask associations what positions and what the stipends are?
- Kendra to send out competition committee members and rotation
- Start submitting team levels and numbers for the competition committee (meet end of June)
- Associations will need to put together a proposal for hosting the above tournaments
- Chad to order trophies for the League Champions for Pee Wee AA
- Reps to gather feedback on coaches being the locker room monitors

To Do-Added this Meeting:

- AutoIce: reps need to go back and talk with their board and ice schedulers for discussion and vote in July 2018
- Ron and Nicole to review all game lengths
- Kendra to post season start and end on website
- Reps to respond to Kelly's question on the weight rooms at the rink (see Orono report)
- Ron and Nicole to develop job descriptions for Exec Comm and support associates