



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

| Executive Committee & Associates | | Association Reps | |
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| x | Paul Steenerson District Director | x | Brian Thul ACYHA |
| x | Mark Brandt President/Scheduling | x | Kristi Duis Delano Area |
| x | Shelly Johnson Administrator | x | Bob Larson Hopkins |
| x | Cheryl Myers Social Media/Comm. | x | Peter Nelson Minneapolis |
| x | Machele Whitmore Registrar | x | Brad Butler Mound Westonka |
| x | Neil Olson BHRA President | | Kity Marinac North Metro |
| x | Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor | x | Kelly Greene Orono |
| x | Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler | x | Steve Fischer OMG |
| x | Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord. | | |
| x | Kendra Verbeten HP/Tier 1 | x | Jeff Luke St Louis Park |
| | Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief | x | Andy Nordseth Wayzata |
| | Vacant Griev. Comm. Chair | | |
| | Vacant Girls Coordinator | | |
| | Diane Margenau Membership Devel. | | Guests/Alternates Present: |
| x | Greg Gibson JGHSL | | |
| | Todd Larson JGHSL | | |
| | Bill Robeck Hockey Operations | | |
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Call to order TIME: 7:02pm

- December Minutes: Motion to approve: Kelly Seconded: Bob
Minutes approved
- District 3 Director Report-** For the past 4 weeks, I have been reaching out to each association to learn what is working well/not well from a D3 perspective as well as an association level. Also, reading many handbooks, preparing for the Jan 28th MN Hockey meeting, working on suspensions, Jr. Gold rosters, coaches, association coaches/rosters. Also working on a number of goalie substitution goalie requests. Need to identify a better process for next season and potentially look at changing the requests for 10U, Squirts, U12B, PW B2 & C. Will follow up with Michelle about form approval through google docs.
Reviewed the roles and committees for the D3 Board.
Discussed idea of setting ice aside for makeup games, D3 communications with coaches and individuals within associations should start with the D3 reps.
- District 3 President Report-** Been working on get the brackets set up for the District tournaments and to the ice schedulers. They are all supposed to

have them back with the game times by Jan 15. We will make sure that they are correct and then get them posted. The Bantam A & Pee Wee A both have 3 seeds to regions, but we may be getting some from D4. As of Jan 11, there have been 237 district games rescheduled, 163 of these games have been since league play started. Not all due to Covid, many are due to not checking school events etc., prior to league games starting. Managers are supposed to check this and confirm. Again, I would like to remind the Association Reps that one of your major responsibilities is to make sure that you communicate back to your associations from items that are discussed at this meeting or sent out by email. Go back to associations and decide if there are times your association wants to block out due to vacations/holidays. Canceling games and rescheduling due to vacations is problematic.

Going forward, no more scrimmages can be scheduled, or we will have trouble getting league games in. Currently scheduled scrimmages are ok.

District 3 Administrator Report: Nothing major to share-will be starting to assist in getting everything ready for year-end tourneys.

District 3 Accounting Report: All as it should be currently, paying bills, etc. Will be reaching out to associations with unpaid league fees and outstanding bills. Greg will follow up regarding Metro League billing. League fees are based on youth teams excluding Jr Gold. Jr Gold will be billed separately.

Discussion around idea of consequences for not paying fees (should there be?).

As soon as tourney brackets done, can get tourney billing out.

Motion to approve December minutes _____ Seconded _____

Motion approved.

D3 Associates Reports:

- Supervisor of Officials: Season is going very well. Abuse of officials has gone down.
Can start a game with 6 players-FYI
With hosted tourneys, would like a volunteer to watch locker rooms, anywhere there could be interactions with officials. (Dibs hours?)
Would it work to have associations pay BHRA electronically?
Mark-shout out to our officials for their work and keeping games going with right number of refs. Thank you to the D3 officials! Make sure your associations know how great we have had it in D3.
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: Remember March 6, 2022, for Try Hockey for Free. Not too late to have your association plan an event. Also, with new boards being formed this spring if your association has not developed a MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE now is the time to research the possibility.

- Jr Gold: *JG Playdowns at Schwan's Feb28-Mar 6th *JGA & JG16 State Tournament at PIC March 18-20th: brackets sent to MN Hockey *JGA & JG16 State Banquet at Medina Ballroom Thursday March 17th *St. Michael Albertville/District 5 hosting JGB State have asked to have a shared banquet *Distinct possibility that State Banquet could be canceled due to Covid concerns so as not to jeopardize the tournament *Wayzata JGA attempting to qualify for USA Hockey National Tournament along with St. Thomas and Centennial JGA in Division 1 (all players from one high school) *OMG JGA will represent MN Hockey in Division II (players from multiple high schools) *Covid derailing some JG League games, possible that teams may play less than 24 league games *If all teams do not play 24 games in a Division/League points earned per game will be used to determine final standings for advancement to Playdowns.
- Girls League Coordinator: vacant position
Disciplinary Committee: One match penalty was handled in the past month. No hearing held. Followed USA Hockey Match Penalty guidelines.
- Scheduling Coordinator: See President's report
- Tournament Coordinator: We are getting ready for districts and end of season. Really hard to believe! I will be placing orders for the trophies in the next two weeks. There are a few items that I would like feedback on. 1. When are we having the tournament meeting for districts as in the past. 2. Would like feedback on doing something different for the district trophies than the MN state one in the past. I will send some examples via email by Wednesday meeting. The rest of the tournaments are being approved for the rest of the season and there will be a few changes to next year's approval from my end. I will not approve a tournament unless they submit the actual brackets for the games.
- Social Media/Website: There are approximately 20 games that have not been completed in GameSheet. A few were scored in the exhibition league rather than the D3 league and I'm sure that several are being rescheduled for Covid reasons. But I am concerned that we may have a few missing scores. Managers have been asked to clean up these games, so hopefully we will know if there is a problem in the near future. Please remind everyone that they must fill in EVERY field on GameSheet completely and accurately. Most teams are not filling in the Off time for a penalty. The only time the Start and Off time for a penalty should match is when a goal is scored on a delayed penalty call. There is a new registration link for Out of State Travel on the managers' page. This should clear up the issues of the error messages.
- HP/Tier 1: It is calm before the storm :-) Ice is booked for the spring High Performance Programs and player information is being analyzed to plan for the nomination meetings. Nomination Meetings and

Invitations will take place in February. Tryout dates and times are posted on the website. Every association is encouraged to have a representative present for the tryouts and team of 30 selection. The head coaches are invited and strongly encouraged to attend, but they can send a substitute in their place who also has knowledge of the players. We will send updates to the association reps of who isn't attending a week or so prior to tryouts to ask for your help in getting a representative. Fall Tier One/Two - marketing meetings are taking place/getting set up for the AA and A teams at 15U, 12U, Bantam and PeeWee levels. We are open to presenting to any group that is interested. Reach out to Shelly on the youth side and Kendra for the girls. Fall ice is about 70% booked and we are looking to finalize that shortly. Tryouts have been set and posted on the D3 website.

- Registrar: All coaches that were out of compliance with CEP have been red lined on January 1. Travel rosters are in order. Only expected roster changes may be in mites with re-rosters for occasional jamborees. **DISTRICT REPS- PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR TRAVEL TEAM MANAGERS:** The USA Hockey Award Patch request is up and running on the D3 web site. All managers were told about this change at the manager meeting. Big thanks to Cheryl for getting that automated this year. This will help with requests getting lost or delayed in the mail coming in as well as those that filtered to my junk folder that were sent via electronic mail. All requested have been processed to date. Please remind all your teams that only one of each patch per player, per season. I've already had a manager put in 3 separate requests for a zero patch for one goalie. Also, any game FLAGGED with GAME WAS UNLOCKED cannot be used to receive a patch. This indicates that a game was opened after a ref closed it and someone may have altered information on the scoresheet. Unfortunately, we have a history with people changing score sheets to receive award patches. Game Sheet App should help cut on those instances out and that's why unlocked games are not allowed. Yet another reason to make sure your scorekeepers know to be accurate prior to having the ref lock the game. I will note that when Matt Olsonoski makes a note on a game in Game Sheet App that a penalty was recorded by the minor official (score keeper) incorrectly, this does NOT flag the game as unlocked. Any correction from the Referee in Chief will not result in a score sheet flagged as unlocked.
- Hockey Operations: no report

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: We are experiencing an uptick in COVID cases and have had many questions about the CDC vs. MDH guidelines. As a

new rep. I am wondering about responsibilities for the upcoming district playoffs.

Discussion... should advise to follow CDC guidelines.

Delano: Season is progressing well. Question from someone in our association - has MN Hockey (or D3) ever considered limiting the start time of youth tournaments to not conflict with school? Mark shared that MN Hockey used to have a rule on this. Now up to association hosting tourney. Should find out from hosting association and ask.

Hopkins: City Council met-all public areas, including the PAV will require masks.

Minneapolis: Season is going well - although the biggest challenges with COVID quarantines continue to plague teams. In particular, the variations between school quarantines, CD guidelines, MDH, etc. is leaving some teams in a difficult position. One question that has come up is whether there is a stated minimum number of skaters and whether there is any flexibility with rescheduling fees if COVID/injury reduce available players below that minimum number. Minnehaha is looking for resources to help defray a significant portion of the estimated cost for repairs and upgrades. If anyone has ideas for grants or other funding sources, the rink will likely be shuttered if a funding plan cannot come together. How are regions working for Bantam A and PW A where D3 is combined with D4 for district play? Will D4 continue to get 3 bids to regions even if they only have 3 teams?

Mound-Westonka: Recently opened our 3,000 square foot dryland training facility in Mound, across from the Pond rink, a few covid related game reschedules, Westonka is not on Matt's penalty incident report!

North Metro: Excited to host our MLK tournament this upcoming weekend.

Orono: Progressing with season. Working through a few GameSheet issues from time to time (players falling off rosters/incorrect players/incorrect game schedule).

Osseo Maple Grove:

St Louis Park: Association board met to adopt updated COVID rules for isolation/quarantine. Chose to follow the CDC guidelines; communication sent to association members. Our recruitment coordinator created and sent out a mid-season mailer with SLP window clings and sending message that our members need to play a role in our recruiting process. Also working with Josh Levine from Fortis Academy on recruiting opportunities with the Joy of the Pond program. 8U and 6U numbers are excellent this season and 5v5 games are starting.

Wayzata: No major issues. Hosted another successful tournament this past weekend. Had GS integrated into the tournament website...worked well.

Old Business: Scott Dornfeld-need a spot for 15U B regional tourney in March. Delano is interested.

New Business: Block off dates during tryouts for the Tier One League and District Playoffs as much as possible! Sept 30-Oct 2 is the biggest potential conflict. All in the league play that weekend.

Nomination of Tim P as Discipline Committee Chair

Brian Thul nominated, Jeff Luke Seconded. Approved
D3 Tournament meeting is Feb 9 at 7:00, D3 monthly board meeting to follow at 8:00.

Adjourn TIME: 8:49 Motion: Andy Seconded: Kelly

APPROVED