

**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Plymouth Community Center - Aspen Room**  
**December 11th, 2024**



<b>Executive Committee &amp; Associates</b>		<b>Association Reps</b>	
Paul Steenerson	District Director	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	Kristi Duis	Delano Area
Michelle Jirik	Administrator	Matt Schadow	Hopkins
Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	Mick Mullen	Minneapolis
Machel Whitmore	Registrar	Mike Walsh	Mound Westonka
Kendra Verbeten	Treasurer	Gina Hansen	Orono
Neil Olson	BHRA President	Nick Rice	OMG
Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.		
Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.		
Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>	
Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Chair		
Todd Sherner	Girls Coordinator		
<b>Open Position</b>	Membership Devel.		
Greg Gibson	JGHSL		
Todd Larson	JGHSL		
Brad Butler	Goalie Coordinator		

**Call to order TIME:**

→ Time: 7:04pm

Approval of Nov 2024 Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to approve: Gina
- Seconded: Mick
- Minutes Approved:

**District 3 Director Report:** EBUG - Please remind your mgrs/coaches to add the screenshot of the calendar for both goalies. Do any associations have a clause within regarding ambulances and whether or not an association would cover the cost of an ambulance? No, they do not. USA Hockey would cover if needed. Finally received seedings for Regions, Mark sent those out I believe. B2/C tournament plans are underway and going well.

**District 3 President Report:** Received the information on Region Seeds now so send out the tournament brackets to the Associations Schedulers for the end of the season tournaments that they will be hosting. Host Associations will need to schedule the EMT's, Time clock,



Scorekeeper, Penalty box and other personnel to run the tournaments for the ones that they are hosting. Please make sure that you work closely with your schedulers to get this information and start to get everything in place for the tournaments. Medals and trophies have been ordered already so we will get those out at the Feb meeting to the host associations. As I have previously stated, when my term is up in May I will be retiring from D3 Hockey. The reason I bring this up is planning for the 25-26 season actually starts in March as soon as the 24-25 season ends. If there are some people that are interested in being President or District Director, it would probably be a good idea for those people to be involved in the planning for the 25-26 season to make a smooth transition.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** I will be emailing reps and presidents of coaches and managers that are not registered so watch for that email.

**District 3 Registrar Report:**

**District 3 Treasurer Report:**

**GameSheet Report:**

**Associates Reports:**

Supervisor of Officials: None

Coach in Chief: No Report

Membership and Development: **OPEN POSITION – PLEASE HELP FIND A PERSON FOR THIS POSITION!**

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: \*JGHSL Season started Monday Dec 2nd

\*Ends Friday Feb 21st

\*Wayzata JG16 White coop team of Wayzata, Orono and Armstrong Cooper

\*Special "THANKS" to Gina Hansen, Aaron Holscher, Miles Death for efforts to form Wayzata JG16 White

\*JGHSL League schedule, playdowns and State Tournament posted at jghsl.org

Disciplinary Committee: One possible hearing but accepted discipline without a hearing

Tier 1/HP Director: Held meeting with D3 program leadership to debrief on the 2024 season and begin planning for our 2025 programs.

Girls Coordinator: Starting to see numerous registrations come in for the College Recruiting Seminar. I have checked in with Coaches when reffing to ensure they have seen the information. Steve Oleheiser is putting together a committee for 19u/15u revamping for next season. I have sent the info over to a few contacts within D3 (Ryan - Wayzata's Girls VP and Chad Dorn - Current 19U Coach) -- Association reps can ask if anyone else is interested to reach out to me and I will get them in touch with Steve.

Hockey Operations: Looking for "Prospects Tier 1 coaches. Please reach out to Josh if you know of anyone.

Tournament Coordinator: nothing to report right now

Goalie Coordinator: Working with Devenir Goaltenders on a 5 session virtual goalie coach clinics that they already offer to associations for \$1,200. He will work within our budget to offer the previously recorded three videos and two remaining live sessions to our district's goalie coaches. Once final agreement is reached, links will be sent to association goalie



coordinators. Working on a spreadsheet that shows all district travel teams by association with head coach email addresses. This is intended to help coaches with EBUG needs connect with appropriate teams more efficiently.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Just had a successful New Hope Classic tournament (for our SQ)!! Our planned JGB team with TG sadly fell through...they pretty much ghosted us! We did find spots for our players in Wayzata and Mpls. Saturday is our traditional AC Girls at New Hope! All our girls' teams play back to back leading up to the V/JV games. Currently without a PWA goalie. EBUGS are in place. Hoping for some final decisions to be made before 12/31.

Delano: Extreme ice crunch during the week - making notes for next year on ways to improve the schedule. Board discussion regarding number of league games - DAYHA supports playing each team twice at all levels as we struggle to get solo ice for scrimmages so end up playing fewer games or taking a bigger budget hit for scrimmages (with the 2nd sheet we are already counting pennies). Team declarations seem to be reasonable this season

Hopkins: Hopkins tournaments went well. We had some last minute changes to our tie breaker rules which did cause some issues but I think we landed in the right place. I am new to this and am not sure what else to provide on an association level.

Minneapolis: Season has been running smoothly so far. All teams are up and running with some good success.

Mound-Westonka: Season started well and many tournaments in the coming weeks. Had an issue with an unapproved fill in referee and has been dealt with. Goalie training sessions have had an uptick in interest and participation with our younger levels.

Orono: Bantam Roadshow was a great success. JG is off and running. Converted all but 1 who was cut from HS. Thanks to Wayzata for helping us to find a home for our JG16 players so we didn't need to make any cuts. Working on a few complaints relative to coaches. Otherwise, things are pretty quiet on the western front.

Osseo Maple Grove: Season off to a great start!

St Louis Park: Season is off to a good start. Girls tournaments are filling up. Working through details on ice availability for the b2 regional expansion. New patch program is a lot more efficient.

Wayzata: Player/Parent code of conduct reminder went out. Tis the season...

### **New Business:**

Orono submission: Working on the lingering Coach CEPs. Understand that D3 wants to hold the 12/15 deadline but what if a coach completes after 12/15. The portal is going to automatically update so as long as they are rostered before 12/15, assume that is OK. Please confirm.

Armstrong Cooper submission: 10UA Schedule questions

Paul discussed being more lenient for EBUGs so long as parents and coaches agree that a goalie may miss a scheduled event for his/her team to play for another team. Paul will still be somewhat strict on the rest rule for goalies.



**Old Business:**

**Adjourn TIME:**

- Motion to Approve: Andy
- Seconded: Kevin

