



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, December 17, 2020**

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
	Vacant	Treasurer		Bob Larson Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.	x	Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Operations
	Machele Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.	x	Paul Steenerson OMG
x	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Michelle Jirik St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
	Vacant	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Vacant	Girls Coordinator		Guests/Alternates Present:
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
x	Greg Gibson	JGHSL	x	Reid Paul, Hopkins Adam Reiter, OMG
	Todd Larson	JGHSL	x	Tim Hanson, Mpls
			x	Mike Follrath, Mpls
			x	Peter Nelson, Mpls

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:02
- November Minutes: Motion to approve: Mike M Seconded: Kelly
- Minutes approved

1. **District 3 Director Report-** Practice only starts Jan 4. Everyone must comply and not look for loopholes to play. Hearing people are attempting to skate at Wisconsin rinks. We all have to “pause” and comply, or it will be harder. If people are violating the rules, please let me know.
Not sure when games will begin. Indications are at that we should get that date by Christmas. The details on how many games, pod sizes, etc are still being worked out.
MN Hockey has established rules to be followed statewide, many we have already been doing in D3.
 1. No locker rooms. Arena managers support this.
 2. maintain distance of 6 feet. Areas to be established to get skates and remaining equipment on.

3. Players arrive full dressed. No bags. Goalies may bring bags but should be as dressed as possible-carry in large pads. No locker room applies to goalies as well.
4. No spectators except for mites and 8U-allowed one parent. Hoping this will not be permanent.
One person will be allowed at older levels to videotape/stream the game. Do Not gather around one laptop to watch. Should still maintain distance and watch on own device.
5. Two minor officials per game. (scorebook, box, clock)

Still only two coaches will be allowed on the bench for games. All rostered coaches may attend practices. Coaches must always be wearing a mask.

There will be new dates for the district tourneys. Check the ones your association is hosting and talk to your ice scheduler to make sure still possible. Let us know right away if will not work. Do NOT commit to rescheduling tourneys that were missed during the pause. Hoping to get bulk of league games in. District Directors are meeting Monday and tourneys will be big topic. There are different ideas (nothing set yet)-don't do any tourneys or don't try and reschedule missed ones. More info will come.

Adam R commented that some teams already a couple tourneys played prior to the pause, some had none. Would like to do what we can to make this equitable. Nicole said we are looking for equity.

For out of state tourneys where approval was given, teams cannot participate in those tourneys if still being held. Bill asked about tourneys like Fargo. Nicole said hopefully answer soon on tourneys. If you are able to get money back, you should try.

Mites will be in-house until Feb 1 at least. Will figure out if able to do jamborees and 5x5 for older mites. Recognize these are important experiences. Need to evaluate where we are at and how to accommodate events for the younger kids.

Nicole will share last night's webinar with everyone.

2. **District 3 Administrator Report-** no report
3. **District 3 President Report-** No date to start games yet. Would still like to get 14 games played. Planning for D3 schedule as follows:

Bantam AA, A, & B1, Pee Wee AA, A,& B1, 15UA & B, 12UA & B1:

Last Day of League Play Feb 28

District Tournament March 6-14

Regional Tournament March 19-21

State Tournament March 26-28

Bantam B2 & C, Pee Wee B2 & C, 12UB2

Last Day of League Play March 7

District Tournament March 13-20

All Squirt and 10U teams

Last Day of League Play March 14

District Tournament March 20-28

There will be no gap between regional and state tournaments this year. Make sure ice schedulers look at proposed schedule and identify any concerns.

Question asked if we look at extending B2/C calendar to get games in. Mark said worry about ice availability. Normally B2 would go same time as B1. They did start earlier so did get some games in. Suggestion made to have all non state eligible teams to follow same schedule as so more time for league play. Mark indicated that there are a lot of squirt teams and again the concern over ice availability. Another option would be to have single elimination instead of double, to have more time. Need to look at options. Kelly shared that they will lose ice at the POND mid-march. Michelle and Steve shared that high school will be going the last couple weeks of march as well. Mark will send this schedule to ice schedulers for review and they need to work on getting March ice. Nicole shared that D3 is also hosting 3 regional tourneys. If we need to adjust, we can.

Kity asked about teams needing to reschedule due to covid. Nicole said will reschedule as much as we can. Mark asked that all rescheduling is done by association ice schedulers instead of team managers to get done quicker. If not all games can be played, we will adjust seeding and use a percentage.

Do not commit to tourneys until we have games figured out.

Question asked about scrimmages. Nicole indicated we need to focus on getting games scheduled. With games and district tourneys, may not be a lot of room for scrimmages. Teams can play until March 28 even if not in post season tourneys-if they want some more ice time. Mark said D6 not doing scrimmages. Much will depend on the direction we get from the Governor and MN Hockey.

Adam asked if we need to look at reduced league schedule. Practices pose less risk with reduced exposure to other teams. Example of max two games a week. If we did that, would not want teams filling practice time with scrimmages. Adam said we should take it slow and do this right. Get kids practicing, support the MN Hockey model of development.

Suggestion to meet after additional guidelines are known. Nicole said will communicate as soon as additional is known, expecting some limitations.

Tim shared that need to consider the kids and how hard this has been for them. Want the kids to have fun and games are fun-create memories.

Request for follow up meeting. Nicole said we can have district update via zoom after Christmas. Will probably be short notice but can do.

Nicole said she has been strongly advocating for as much of an extension to the season as possible.

- 4. District 3 Treasurer Report-** Goal is to cover costs. D3 not a money-making operation. Conversation for later may be to look at moving some money to

savings. TCF has been sold and perhaps D3 should consider a different bank that is not based out of state. Steve shared that Premier bank has been offering very good interest rates lately. Premier has sponsored OMG hockey. Steve will forward contact info to Kendra.

Will have a more comprehensive balance sheet at later date. Sent out bills to associations that need to be paid and also paid associations money owed. Some of this was long past due. Should be caught up now. Tim H commented that timely submittal (from associations and D3) is important. Getting bills that are a year or two old is difficult. Going forward need to stay on top of budget and timeliness.

Kendra shared that the goal for the district tourneys is to get bills sent out the week after the tourney. Nicole added that we have been looking for a long-term solution for the treasurer and we do need to do better. Mark said we will be reviewing the budget every month going forward. Would prefer associations bill D3 for ice rather than getting bills from the arenas. It is too complicated. Associations can pay and get reimbursed or submit invoice right away to get the money to pay the rinks.

Diane questioned why sending out invoices week after? Historically, said some associations have trouble getting money from teams when the tournament is over. Kendra said better to send out actual costs versus estimates. Does not get actual costs for officials until tourney is over. In the past, sometimes, had to issue refunds. Kendra said would be happy to help any association treasurer estimate their costs for tournaments when figuring out association budget. Mike M shared that ACYHA does not bill teams for end of season tournament costs. Costs are built into registration fees and do not bill extra if a team is successful at the end of the season. Question asked about the \$6000 accounting fees on the proposed budget. Kendra said this includes the 501c3 application. Additionally, Metro League does not cost anything. It is an income/expense wash.

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 season budget as proposed from Steve, Seconded by Mike M, budget approved.

5. **D3 Associates Reports –**

- Supervisor of Officials: Question if officials are responsible for people wearing masks? Nicole said the teams and arena are responsible. Officials do need to always wear mask.

Nicole reminded that all coaches should be wearing masks at all times. Do not want to suspend coaches. 1st offense-verbal warning, 2nd offense-3 game suspension and all activities leading up the 3 games. 3rd offense-30 days suspension. Any official can warn a coach. Some coaches and managers have still not registered on the D3 site and have to do that or will not get communication. Cheryl will send out update on those that have not.

- Membership and Development:
- Jr Gold: Will send out key dates and info in email to all tomorrow. Planning for 16 games, playdowns and state tourney. Number of games has been reduced by 33%. Start tryouts Jan 10-13 after high school.
- Girls League Coordinator:
- Grievance Committee:
- Scheduling Coordinator:
- Tournament Coordinator: Refunds for sanction fees are being worked on for tourneys cancelled over the pause.
- Social Media/Website:
- HP/Tier 1: D3 website has new timeframe for HP tryouts. Specific dates not posted yet. Working on acquiring ice. March 29-April 14 is window. Tell families to plan ahead as this does impact some spring breaks. Festival schedules will not be moved. Losing about two weeks from the program overall. Tier 2 team going to Nationals-that event may be moved to last week of April or beginning of May. Plan to start setting up info meetings via zoom with teams regarding HP/Tier 1. We will be figuring out the format and hope to accomplish during the "pause".
- Hockey Operations:

6. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper:

Delano:

Hopkins:

Minneapolis:

Mound-Westonka:

North Metro:

Orono:

Osseo Maple Grove:

St Louis Park:

Wayzata:

- 7. Old Business:** need for new treasurer-have a short term solution to get invoices taken care of. Working on long term solution.
- a. Squirt restructuring-looking at forming a committee after the season is up and running and work on for the future and come up with ideas. Let Mark or Nicole of interest in being involved.
 - b. Need new grievance committee chair.

9. New Business:

Adjorn Motion: Andy Seconded: Mike M
Meeting ended at 8:45