



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Plymouth Community Center - Aspen Room
October 8th, 2025

	Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps	
X	Paul Steenerson	District Director	X	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
X	Gina Hansen	President/Scheduling	X	Kim Kane	Delano Area
X	Michelle Jirik	Administrator	X	Tim Klenz	Hopkins
	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	X	Matt Marsh	Minneapolis
X	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	X	Mike Walsh	Mound Westonka
X	Todd Sherner	Treasurer		Matt Kinder	Orono
X	Neil Olson	BHRA President	X	Nick Rice	OMG
X	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	X	Charlie McChesney	St Louis Park
X	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	X	Ben Norton	Wayzata
X	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		Guests/Alternates Present:	
	Tim Przybyiski	Disciplinary Chair	X	Jennifer Benoit - Orono	
	Open Position	Girls Coordinator			
	Open Position	Membership Devel.			
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL			
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			
X	Andy Treno	Goalie Coordinator			
X	Michelle U	Mite Coordinator			

Call to order TIME: 7:02pm

Approval of Sept 10th, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

- Time: 7:02 pm
- Motion to approve: Michelle U.
- Seconded: Ben
- Minutes Approved: yes

District 3 Director Report: Working with many associations regarding goalie issues, quitting, too many, not enough, EBUG, etc. Also hearing from many individual families regarding placement of players. Please note that I will guide them back to the association. Working to identify the impact of no mite waivers across the district and will further continue that throughout the state because of the inconsistencies within the state. Will propose at my next director meeting we re-look at mite waivers within the metro and be ok with having two



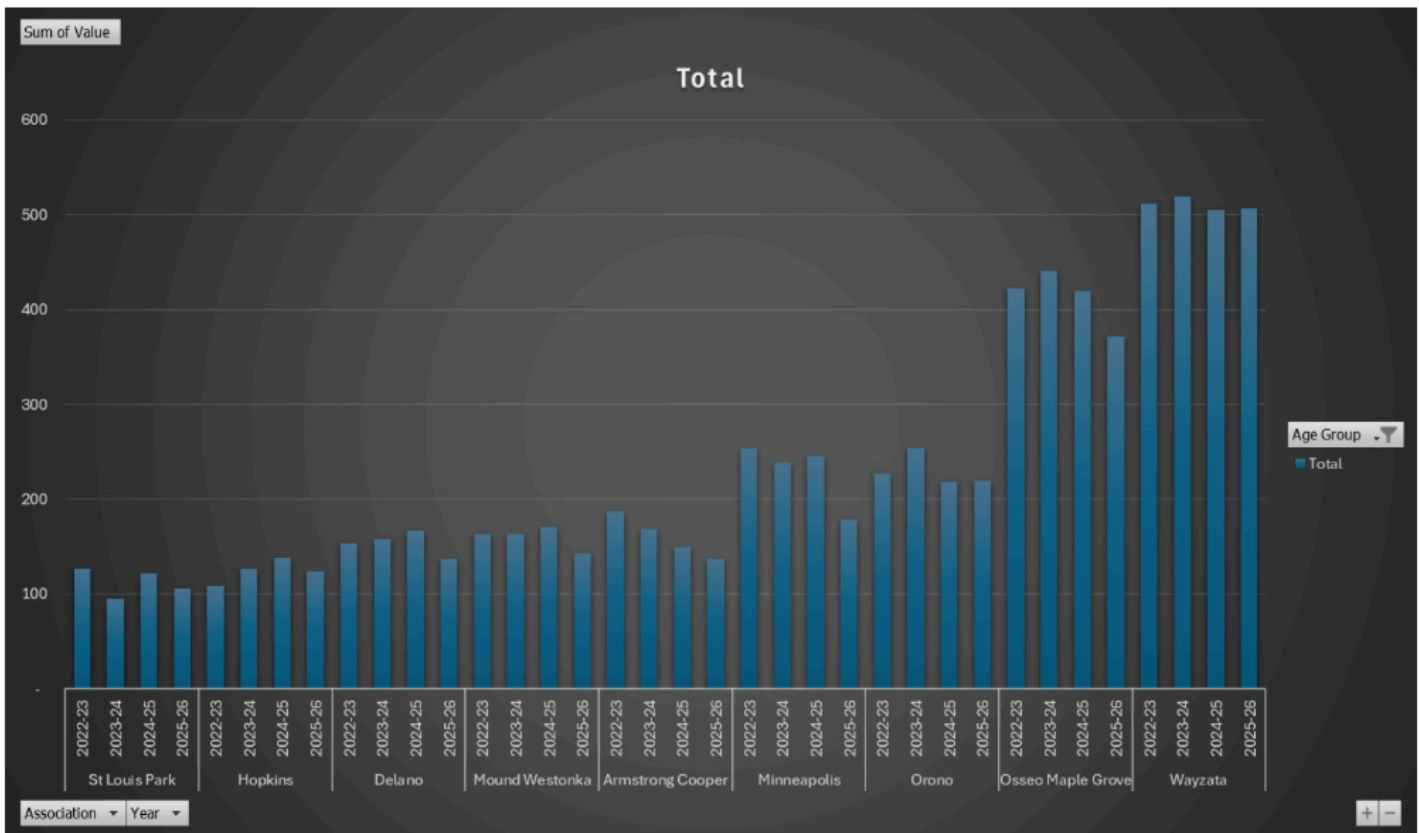
different rules for instate vs. outstate. Planning for the mandatory meetings. Jeremy Reed is the new executive director for MN Hockey as Sadie resigned. Steve Gapinski is the new treasurer for MN Hockey and will leave the Maroon coordinator open in MN Hockey.

District 3 President Report: District 3 President Report: Schedulers have been responsive and working hard. Everything proceeding on schedule Bantam schedules in review through 10/10. PeeWees and 12U schedules in review through 10/17. Squirts and 10U are on schedule to be published for Schedulers on Friday. 15s in early November and JG in mid November. Reminder to everybody that teams should not add tournaments or other events to their schedules until they see their league schedules. League games will not be changed due to adding a tournament. Here is the most up to date team declarations and not expecting any changes at this point:

2025-26 Team	grey = No team			Pink = Undecided right now			Hasn't submitted anything yet.					Total
Team Level	ACYHA	DAYHA	HYHA	SLP	MPLS	Westonka	Orono	OMGHA	Wayzata	Buffalo	STMA	Total
Bantam AA								1	1			2
Bantam A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			9
Bantam B1	1	1	1		2	1		2	2			10
Bantam B2				1	2	1	1	3	2			10
Bantam C	1	1	0	1	2		1	2	2	0		10
Peewee AA								1	1			2
Peewee A	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1			8
Peewee B1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2			12
Peewee B2	1	1		1	3	1	2	3	2			14
Peewee C	1	1	1		2		1	3	3	1	1	14
Squirt A	1	1			1	1	1	2	2			9
Squirt B1		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2			10
Squirt B2	1		1	1	3	2	1	2	4			15
Squirt C	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	3			16
15UA				1			1	2	1			5
15UB1				2			1	2	2			7
15UB2												0
12UA	1		1		1	1	1	1	1			6
12UB1		1			1	1	1	1	2			6
12UB2	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	2			9
10UA			1		1	1	1	1	1			5
10UB1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1			6
10B2	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	2			9
J Gold A				1				1	1			3
J Gold B		1			1	1	2	2	2			9
J Gold 16								1	1			2
19U									1			1
Total	15	15	15	9	29	20	15	44	45	1	1	209

As teams are beginning to schedule scrimmages, please make sure your roster has been approved by Machel. GameSheet should be up and running by Wednesday for the Exhibition Season. Paul and I reviewed Mite Data that Machel was able to provide for the last 4 seasons. While I am still parsing some of the data and recognize that we will likely see additional Mite registrations for the 2025-26 season, here is a current summary of the data:





As we did last season, we are requiring team rosters to be audited. Please have your teams put all coaches on your team on their team web page so audits can be completed accurately. Have your level coordinators communicate with your teams so they know of this policy. I need to know which of our associations will participate in the district mite activities so I can make sure they are rostered appropriately. I attended the MNH meetings for Paul last month. I have a better understanding of how things happen at MNH. Lots of excitement around her arrival. Nate Wold (D5) is the new District Director Chair. We need a Membership & Development Rep, we got called out for this. Please reach out within your associations. This group is really working hard and being a part of it does provide some political clout for things in and around the larger hockey community (i.e., Wild sponsored events). The Rec League is looking for ice in D3. Does anybody have any to give? Mark Blaisdell is the new Treasurer (interim) and official vote expected in April.

District 3 Administrator Report: Mandatory Meetings for Head Coaches and ONE team manager are the following dates: 15U, 12U, Bantam, and PeeWee on Oct 20th at 7pm and Squirt and 10U on Nov 10th at 7pm both nights at the Brooklyn Park Activity Center 5600 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. Please make sure that each team page is up to date with coaches (head and assistant coaches) and managers are posted.

District 3 Registrar Report: Team rosters have begun to be approved if the association's board roster is complete. We are still waiting on a couple of board rosters to finalize all of their membership. There are still very few teams submitted and approved so please remind your



teams that they must wait to start their exhibition games until they have an approved roster. As a reminder, we do not approve place holder coaches - only coaches assigned to teams will be approved to the rosters. If a coach is waiting for their background screen (or any other minimum requirement to be added to the roster) they must refrain from team events both on and off the ice until they are on the roster. As we did last season, we are requiring team rosters to be audited. Please have your teams put all coaches on your team on their team web page so audits can be completed accurately. Have your level coordinators communicate with your teams so they know of this policy. I need to know which of our associations will participate in the district mite activities so I can make sure they are rostered appropriately.

District 3 Treasurer Report: Meeting with Kendra on Tuesday to get up to speed.

GameSheet Report: Exhibition will be updated this week (10/6/2026).

Associates Reports:

Supervisor of Officials: None

Coach in Chief: Thank you to OMGHA for inviting me to the Coaches Clinic! We were able to offer CEU's for coaches in attendance.

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

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: Potential 25/26 JG Teams from D3:

*Armstrong/Cooper JGB? Likely coop

*Delano JGB? Likely coop

*Mpls JGB

*Mound JGB? Likely coop

*OMG: JGA, 2-JGB, 1-JGB16

*Orono: JGB, possible 2nd JGB?

*St. Louis Park: JGA, possible JGB?

*Wayzata: JGA, 2-JGB, JG16

Final Team Declarations: Monday Nov 17th at 8:00pm

JG Game Ice due to Avario: Tuesday Nov 18th at 8:00pm (minimum 14-90 min slots)

JG League Schedule: published Wed Nov 26th at noon

Disciplinary Committee: No report

Tier 1/HP Director:

Girls Coordinator: Please share with all appropriate contacts -Michelle J. will send this to all D3 Reps and will post on D3 website. This information was sent to the girls coordinators.

Hi Minnesota District 3 Families!

We hope that you are able to join our free seminar on Monday, November 24th at 7:30 PM CST / 8:30 PM EST. This seminar will cover navigating the NCAA recruitment process, NCAA legislation changes, the transfer portal and so much more!

Presented by: Carla Pentimone, Founder of WCHR & DI – UW-Madison

Special Guests:

Todd Sherner, Treasurer, Minnesota District 3



Taverie Sherner, NCAA DIII Student Athlete – St. Mary's University, WCHR Alum
Tom Hofman, Advisor WCHR, Former DIII Coach
Anna McCluskey, Advisor WCHR, Former DIII Athlete

This seminar will include:

- Navigating the NCAA Transfer Portal
- Picking the right school
- Recruiting timelines and key dates
- Exposure opportunities and outreach strategies
- WCHR's 6 Pillars of Recruiting
- Casting a Wide Net

Below is the link to register! – <https://womenscollegehockeyrecruiting.com/seminars/>
We look forward to getting the opportunity to share some very important information with you in collaboration with Minnesota District 3.

Hockey Operations:

Tournament Coordinator: OMGHA, Delano and MLPS have entered and uploaded all of their tournaments for the year! Thank you! Please bring back to your association's tournament coordinator that they need to register their tournaments through MN Hockey. They have been sent the link and there shouldn't be any reason that any sanctioned tournaments can't be registered and paid for now. This will save all of us time and effort down the road.

Goalie Coordinator:

Mite Coordinator: Met with Mite Directors. Covered new guidelines, reporting games played and a central game board to post or accept games within the district. Good feedback. We will do a check in meeting once the season gets underway and continue to work on getting everyone games in the district.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Our Try Hockey For Free events have been awesomely fun and super well-attended! Our registration numbers for both boys and girls are up from last year! Bantam and U12 teams have been picked and they are up and running! PeeWee teams will be picked on Wednesday. Great Mite parent kick off this past weekend! We're looking for an association to coop with this year for a Junior Gold team! Greg has been informed and is on the email chain!

Delano: We are finishing up Bantam/PeeWee and 12U tryouts this week. Squirt and 10U will be in two weeks. Registrations for travel are flat this year. We will be having an open house and ribbon cutting with the city for our new 2nd sheet on Nov.16th.

Hopkins: Tryouts for Boys Travel completed and all rosters should be all approved. We don't have a PWA goalie rostered so we will be busy looking for EBUGs, so if anyone can help out with this please get in touch with the Goalie Coordinator. New Scoreboards and controllers are installed at the Pavilion, which should greatly help with better clock operation and management. 10/25 HYHA is having a MN Wild night, with a portion of ticket proceeds



coming back to the association. Try Hockey For Free day last month had 17 new skaters and resulted in a few of them registering for the season. In addition to these, we added a total of 3 new last minute families to our travelling teams.

Minneapolis: Minneapolis Storm has completed most of our evaluations, teams have been formed and the athletes have started practicing.

Mound-Westonka: Tryouts running smoothly for warriors, bantam, peewee. Gearing up for mites to begin. Pond Ice rink open, need cooler temps for ice to take hold.

Orono: Teams at all levels of Bantams and Pee Wees have been set. Rosters should be fully approved later this week with D3. Squirt tryouts concluded Monday October 6th and those teams should be announced mid week. All level mite evals will begin October 11th. Warriors 15U banned together with Chaska to create a 15UA team, which is a change from the last board meeting where we believed we would not have a 15UA. 12U have the last tryouts this coming weekend.

Osseo Maple Grove: Tryouts about 75% done, going about as smoothly as possible...new rink set to open in early December.

St Louis Park: Adding U10 team, will have A/B1/B2 (Paul/Gina informed 10/1). Bantams underway, PW tryouts started 10/7, U15/U12 tryouts this week. SQ tryouts 10/22-10/25. Board meeting pushed back to next week, will provide additional updates via email if warranted.

Wayzata: just finished 12U and PeeWee tryouts, Bantams already done. Getting closer on a 4th rink being approved. Registration #s are slightly higher than last year. Continuing to focus on non-parent coaches at the higher levels.

New Business:

Wayzata: not all 15 u coaches determined yet...can they go to the 2nd D3 coaches meeting? - Yes, if the teams are not formed as of 10/20 then they may attend the Nov 10th meeting.

Old Business:

Michelle J: We also need to vote on the addendum for the Mite's section on the D3 Rules and Regs.

Adjourn TIME: 8:04pm

- Motion to Approve: Ben - Wayzata
- Seconded: Nick - OMGHA

