



District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

The Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:07 by President Walsh at New Hope Ice Arena.

Members Present:

District 3 Staff and BHRA Staff	Association Representatives
X Nicole Brodersen – D3 Director	X Mike Melsha – Armstrong Cooper
X Ron Walsh – D3 President	X Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
X Aric Stienessen- Treasurer	X Reid Paul – Hopkins
X Shelly Johnson – D3 Administrator	X Bill Robeck – Minneapolis
X Cheryl Meyers- Social Media	X Dean Swanson – Mound Westonka
Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	X Tim Donelon – North Metro
X Rob Roy – D3 Girls Coordinator	Kelly Greene – Orono
X Mike Anderson – BHRA, Scheduler	X Brian Blashack – OMGHA
Neil Olson – BHRA, President	Jeff Brandt – OMGHA (alt)
Matt Olsonoski – BHRA, Supervisor	X Todd Dvorack– St Louis Park
Nick Dornfeld – BHRA, Secretary	X Mark Brandt – Wayzata
Tim Przybylski – BHRA, DOD	
Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
Shelly Slattery – D3 Registrar	
Todd Larson – Metro League	
Mite Coordinator	
X Diane Margenau – D3 Membership Dir.	
Josh Hicks – D3 Coach in Chief	
Guests:	

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

- Mark B motion to approve minutes from July meeting, Dean S seconded, approved.
- Mark B suggested to remove budget from consent agenda, it is not quite ready. Will approve later. 2018-19 Budget will be sent to all board members. Aric just started as treasurer.
- Calendar will be updated with additional coach/manager meeting date just confirmed today. Calendar will be posted.

District Director’s Report – Nicole Brodersen:

- New Association reps and presidents will be receiving email from Nicole to schedule an orientation in August.
- Competition Committee met and approved team levels as presented.



- The Bantam AA region tourney will now also be hosted by Wayzata. Thank you to Wayzata Youth Hockey for hosting another tournament.
- Rule Changes: Squirts and 10U have a 35 total game limit, not including D3 playoffs. What is different is that 2 games in a day at a tourney used to count as 1. Now it is ACTUAL game count. Additionally, expectation of 3:1 practice to game ratio. A and B teams should be getting the same amount of ice, in addition to players getting equal ice time (absent discipline issues). Focus at this level is development. Dryland and preseason clinics can count in this ration expectation.

Mark commented that harder in MN to achieve 3:1 ration compared to teams outside MN having longer seasons. Bill asked if approved by MN Hockey. Nicole said yes and is on the MN Hockey website. Mark-did districts look at data? Nicole-it's worth looking at data and info can be brought to MN Hockey for discussion. Mark willing to compile data from Wayzata.

Question raised if there would be ice availability constraints. Diane-MN Hockey is always battling with entrepreneur/business type hockey.

- Grievance Hearings: Been talking for awhile on this topic. District directors are working on appropriate consequences for game misconducts. Plan is for two hearings a month. First would be prior to board meeting. With that, this is not the year to try and rotate board meetings around. It would get complicated depending on hearing needs.
- Hockey Director's conference: Being held Sept 7-9. If not registered to get MN Hockey newsletter, go online to register. The conference will count as a CEP class.

Bill reminded everyone that if have not sent him the hockey decision makers for your association, please do.

President's Report- Ron Walsh

- AutoIce: ready to sign the contract. Aric and Ron reviewed. Met with Steve Randall and will be providing him with needed info (season start dates, number of teams, etc). All associations in D3 will be using AutoIce. Will be scheduling meeting with ice schedulers in the next couple weeks. Will get to them what is needed from them. Plan to do preliminary run of the program. Mark B added that parameters will need to be set in place. May need to say no games before 6:00 as system will not account for travel needs. Schedule should be more balanced mix of home/away games (not all home at start of season for example). AA teams/co-op teams will need to attend ice draws with appropriate districts to make schedules.
Mark-we will need to establish how many league games within the district. Have typically targeted 16-18 games. Do we want balance or let system randomly schedule? We should encourage someone else from each association to attend ice schedulers meeting (in addition to the scheduler).



- Rotating Board Meetings: Carryover to another time.

2. District Support Associates:

- a. **Registrar** – Shelly Slattery
- b. **Coach in Chief** – Josh Hicks
- c. **Membership & Development** – Diane Margenau

The Leadership Conference will have speakers from USA Hockey. Won't be the same people that often seen. This is the first meeting like this and its very important to get leaders to come. There will be on-ice time. Good opportunity for associations needing to grow new leaders. Would like to see D3 represented the best. Many associations will reimburse the \$50 fee.

With many associations opening registrations for the upcoming season already, we are just a few weeks away from the most important time of the year. This is our opportunity to increase the number of young hockey players in each community by developing, promotion and executing top notch recruiting events. I want to share all the initiatives we have planned and open for registration. The 2018-19 hockey season includes multiple opportunities to drive growth and welcome new hockey players to the rink. With it being a post-Olympic season, and specifically coming off of a gold-medal performance, we have a great opportunity to build on the excitement of new hockey families and find ways to retain those families.

IIHF World Girls' Hockey Weekend

October 5-7, 2018

USA Hockey is looking for associations and rinks to host opportunities to build awareness, celebrate your current players and grow participation for girl's hockey as part of the eighth annual IIHF Girls' Hockey Weekend. To participate, host sites can utilize; season kick-off party, cross-ice jamboree, try hockey for free, or create an original event to celebrate local female hockey players. *Please register with USA Hockey and we will pass it along to the IIHF.

2018 Girls' Hockey Weekend

Registration: https://portal.usahockey.com/tool/signup_form/girlshockeyweekend

Try Hockey For Free

November 10, 2018 & February 23, 2019

Try Hockey For Free Days provide youth hockey associations a national platform and opportunity to acquire new players locally. Associations will attract new players for this season as well as capture interested families for the following season. This initiative is a joint-effort between USA Hockey, the National Hockey League & NHL member clubs.



2018-19 Try Hockey For Free Host Site Information and

Registration: <https://programservices.sportngin.com/page/show/895439-2018-19-try-hockey-for-free-dates>

2 and 2 Challenge

The 2 and 2 Challenge guides youth hockey leadership through national programs and tools to drive participation at the 8 & under age group. By growing hockey in this age group, programs will experience long-term growth as these kids continue to develop.

2018-19 Season 2 and 2 Challenge and

Registration: <http://www.2and2challenge.com/>

2 and 2 Challenge

Brochure: https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0154/4758/2and2Guidebook_1819_FINAL.pdf

By completing the 2 and 2 Challenge, associations will receive up to \$250 in Pure Hockey credit to help enhance growth initiatives.

Thank you for your continued commitment to growing hockey and supporting these growth efforts. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sept. 7-9 – Hockey Directors Conference, Plymouth, MN

Sept. 8-9 – Level 4 Coach Clinic, Bloomington

Sept – Skills Clinic – Full list available on www.minnesotahockey.org/news/article/show/930238

Sept 21-22 – Level 4 Coach Clinic, St. Paul

- d. **Girls' League** – Rob - Still exploring options for co-op teams at 10U and 12U.
- e. **Scheduling Coordinator** – Jay Knip
- f. **Tournament Coordinator** – Chad Nichols:
- Annual Tournament Directors Meeting, Wednesday, 9/26/18, 7PM, St. Louis Park Rec Center
 - Required for any associations planning to host an invitational tournament or jamboree event
 - Reminder email will be sent out to D3 Reps in September, please forward to tourney person.
- g. **Social Media/Website**- Cheryl
Have updated a few things. Got rid of some bad links. Hoping to make the site more educational. If there is something you want on the site, contact Cheryl. For time being she is asking for control of site until its cleaned up, then will have individuals access as they need to. D3 now has a twitter account. Get everyone following that.



3. Treasurer's Report – Aric

Met with Kendra. Budget will be in line with prior years. Will add some notes and get emailed out to everyone. Will approve in September.

4. Referee's Report – Mike Anderson

Question if there has been a decline in number of squirt teams as MASH league seems to have less. Nicole said doesn't appear to be. There are a lot more AAA teams etc that players are participating in.

5. Administrator's Report – Shelly Johnson

Mandatory Fall Meetings-Managers Oct 22, Coaches Oct 24
Veteran Coach Focus Group meeting scheduled for Aug 23
Have met with Kendra a number of times and have been accumulating the details need to hopefully have a smooth transition in the role. Will add Nov 5 to calendar as manager/coach meeting date for levels starting later.

6. Association Representative Reports –

Armstrong Cooper: Already using AutoIce to schedule ice and clinics. Registration is open.

Delano: no report

Hopkins: Have had concerns with the team declarations and some families have left. Nicole offered option to address the concern would be resubmitting levels to competition committee and could do a phone conference.

Minneapolis: Dryland/meeting space being remodeled. Hiring new coaches and registration is open. Mpls will have conflict with some tryout dates and dates players may be in Tier I. Nicole said other associations have adjusted tryouts sometimes.

Mound-Westonka:

Travel team registration opens this month. Projecting an excess of 1 Bantam goalie at the end of tryouts. If associations have a need, please reach out. Hosting annual golf fundraiser later this month.

North Metro: May have extra bantam and peewee players.

Orono: no report

Osseo Maple Grove: Have asked 15U players to declare if going to play high school or not. Possible 2 15U teams.

St Louis Park: Using AutoIce



Wayzata: Trying to recruit mites and girls. Worked deal with Lettermen Sports. Wayzata is preparing for the upcoming season, tryouts, skills, dryland etc..... All the invitational tournaments are filled already for the upcoming season.

We are doing the planning work for the 3 regional tournaments that we are hosting scheduling the ice and other items. Also the planning for the 2 State Tournaments that we are hosting. the Banquet for the 2 Bantam B and Pee Wee B tournaments will be on Friday night at Medina since the Jr Gold one for the State is booked there for Thursday night.

Wayzata Hockey is make donations to the PIC for upgrading the sound system on PIC A and paying for showers being added to Locker rooms 5 & 6. There are also some other improvements being made to both the PIC and WCMS arena with money from the association.

7. **Grievance Committee Report:** no report

8. **Old Business:**

- Game length/Scheduling Proposal – President Ron Walsh -not urgent to deal with right now. Mike Anderson said asked refs if issues with games running out of clock time. Response was that this past season was quite good. Ok keep with what we have now.
- Tier 1 Coaches: Mark- how are they selected? Nicole-they are hired by the coordinator. Regarding HP, changing from language in Rules and Regs. Coaches have been asking to have a rotational system. Will confer with new HP/Tier 1 coordinator, Stephen Perry, to draft language to change Rules and Regs. Sections 9 and 10 need to be updated. Diane offered that one person should not choose team, should be done by committee and that bylaws say there is supposed to be a Tier I committee.
- Rules and Regulations Discussion incorporated into the Rules and Regulations (also discussion related to item #4) **Keep on agenda.**
 - Fighting – automatic 3-game suspension (see rule 4.1.3)
 - Scheduled changes to reflect new proposed game scheduling system (see rule 5.3).
 - Additional fines related to forfeited games should be discussed.
 - Regional seeds should align with our revised brackets (see rule 7)
 - Grievance hearing timeline should match our grievance calendar (rule 8.2.5)
 - Rules for selection of HP Coaches (Rule 9)
 - **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:
 - 1st Time – Head Coach Suspended
 - 2nd Time – Head Coach 3-Game Suspension – Talk with Association President
 - 3rd Time - Team will not be able to play in D3 Tournament.
 - This rule was not incorporated into the Rules and Regs. (rule 11)



Every associations should have a policy regarding locker room monitoring. All have to follow minimum set by USA Hockey. Not ready to come up with consequences right now. Discussion last month was to let associations have policy that works for them.

Carolyn-every association needs a policy. Mark, Wayzata used coaches unless need for different gender in the LR. Need to decide to add May 2013 rule to rules and regs or reverse.

- Job Descriptions: Ron will be asking for feedback.

9. New Business:

To Do:

- Meeting with Stephen Perry regarding new HP/Tier I rules and regs language. Nicole
- Ron will email regarding job descriptions.
- Aric will get budget out.
- Remind association tourney directors about meeting. Chad/Shelly
- Ask associations what positions and what the stipends are? *If you haven't sent this in, please do so.* Seeking general info to compare/see what's going on in associations.
- Chad to order trophies for the League Champions for Pee Wee AA – *Done, trophies ordered. Kendra told Chad to have OMG pickup.*
- Reps to respond to Kelly's question on the weight rooms at the rink (see Orono report)
- Ron and Mark meet with ice schedulers in August.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mark, seconded by Brian. Approved