



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Brookly Park Community Center
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

Executive Committee & Associates		Association Reps	
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.		Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machele Whitmore Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson BHRA President		Kity Marinac North Metro
	Matt Olsonoski BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Michelle Jirik Tourney Coord.	x	Jeff Luke St Louis Park
x	Kendra Verbeten HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
x	Josh Hicks Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski Griev. Comm. Chair		
x	Jeff Luke Girls Coordinator		
x	Diane Margenau Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:
	Greg Gibson JGHSL		Dan McGowan North Metro
	Todd Larson JGHSL		
x	Bill Robeck Hockey Operations		

Call to order TIME: 8:02

- January Minutes: amended to reflect Steve motioned to approve Dec Financial report and Kelly seconded. Motion to approve: Kristi
Seconded: Steve January minutes approved.
- **District 3 Director Report-** Reminder -Bantams are not to have controlled scrimmages. Controlled scrimmages should not use the clock, no score is kept and coaches are on the ice. D3 rules need to be updated to include this so it is clear in writing.
With committees and roles in place, D3 is in a good position for planning. Email address for committees will be added to spreadsheet.
Question of why USA Hockey increased registration fee-what is it for?
Expenses have gone up -insurance, litigation costs, etc. Have tried to keep cost flat for a few years.
We need to figure out how to recruit new/young officials.
Discussion around tourney schedules that conflict with school. Currently it is up to host of tourney as to when to start games, and up to associations to

choose to participate in those tourneys. Less teams in tourneys could lead to less need to start games early on school days.

Discussion is occurring within MN Hockey about the viability of 15U level. So many leave youth programs to play high school.

School waivers-please sent to Paul any school waivers you have within association.

Looking for possible sponsors to defray cost of Gamesheet next year.

Looking to send out message to all families reminding all to be good stewards of the game as we go into playoffs.

- **District 3 President Report-** Working on the D3 end of season tournaments. There is still a couple of minor changes for the brackets. Everything should be good by the beginning of next week, after that nothing should be changing on them. Will be setting up a meeting with the association schedulers probably right after the district tournaments are over, to discuss improvements to the district scheduling process. One think that will be discussed is how to cut down on all the reschedules. Will be looking at cracking down on reschedules and enforcing a reschedule fee. Games that get rescheduled sometimes become problems of where a team does not show on the correct date or time.
Make sure during playoffs, someone is watching the ref room(s) so no parents, players, etc are not getting into those rooms and area.
For tourney squirt brackets-from standings, odd number teams go to one bracket, even to the other. This is how we have been doing it for a while. S squirt committee can examine details now that we have a committee.
- **District 3 Administrator Report:** Reviewed and updated documents necessary for the end of season tournaments. Associations will receive pucks for the tourney games.
- **District 3 Accounting Report:** Kendra sent out documents prior to meeting. Motion by Kelly to write off the account receivable from USAH for \$3210 (it is a few years old). Seconded by Bob. Motion approved.

Associates Reports:

- Supervisor of Officials: no report
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: Early reports indicate efforts will likely lead to significant jump in membership from last year and likely the most 8 & Under players ever in Minnesota. THFF on March 5th: USA Hockey's annual late winter Try Hockey for Free Day is set for Saturday, March 5th, which is the first Saturday after the Olympics. The Olympics provide such a unique platform for our game, so this is a great opportunity to reach new families with the help of mass media. The deadline to register as a host site was Friday, February 4th. I sent out a reminder to associations reminding them of this deadline. Even if your association did not register with USA Hockey, they can still host an event. It's not too late to organize one and get the message out.

Association Leader Conference - May 7-8, 2022: Minnesota Hockey announced it will host its seventh annual Association Leader Excellence Conference on May 7-8. The conference will start on Saturday, May 7 at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN, followed by a second day of sessions on Sunday, May 8 at the Marriott Minneapolis West in St. Louis Park. Because the Sunday session is basically in our backyard, this makes the opportunity for D3 associations to attend easy. Each association should try to encourage several of its members to sign up. This event typically features a couple of sessions dedicated to growth programs/resources and sharing ideas among associations. Plus, Minnesota Hockey will again host a raffle for participating associations, featuring a total of \$12,000 in grow the game prizes. More information on this event can be found on the Minnesota Hockey website.

- Jr Gold:

JrGold League play ends Feb 25th

Playdowns at Super Rink Feb 28th-Mar 6th details at

<https://www.jghsl.org/page/show/105485-jghsl>

USA Hockey National Tournament: Playoff between Wayzata JGA and Centennial JGA, Tuesday March 1st, 7:00pm at Brooklyn Park #1

2023 USA Hockey National High School Tournament Mar 23-27, 2023 at PIC hosted by WYHA

Games will also be played at New Hope Arena as tournament has expanded from 36-48 teams

JGA & JG16 State Tournament at PIC March 18-20th

JGA/JGB/JG16 State Tournament banquet at Medina Ballroom Mar 17th

Team attendance at State Banquet is optional

- Girls League Coordinator: Bringing back off-season coordinating meeting. Looking to get spring meeting and a summer meeting.
- Disciplinary Committee: One hearing scheduled for Feb 9
- Scheduling Coordinator: See President's report
- Tournament Coordinator: Trophies/Medals are being made and hoping that they will be ready by the meeting tonight. Would like to add Trophies/Medals to the July or Aug. agenda to find out what the board would like to do moving forward. Bob has put together a shirt for the squirt levels as this is the only level that we are doing them this year. Regarding League Trophies: Who will be getting me the first and second place for the regular season for the acrylic trophies so that I can make sure that we have those ready for the teams?
Will be reaching out to tourney coordinators for feedback/input that can be brought back to MN Hockey.
Mark added looking at what we do for awards. Are associations able to keep them? What do kids really want?

- Social Media/Website: Schedules and game results are now available on the standings page of the D3 website. Scroll down past the standings to find them. They both have drop down filters as well. League games are being added at the rink. The games are there, so if teams aren't finding them it is typically because the wrong league code is being used. This can happen following tournaments, exhibition, or Jr Gold games since they all use a different key than our league. Please keep telling your teams to double check the league code before creating a league game, but if they do feel the need to create the game then please send me an email right away so I can clean up the schedule. I am working on cleaning up the open league games, starting with the region bound levels that finish up league play this next week. Currently there are 14 games at these levels that are missing scores and there are an additional 51 games to be played to finish out the season. I suspect my open game report will continue to grow. An email has gone out to managers and hopefully we can get those cleaned up quickly since standings and brackets seedings can't happen until all games are in. Standings are based on D3 competition only. This will affect the Bantam and Peewee AA and A league standings since they were all competing with out of district teams during the season. It will take more time to determine their final standings since it will have to be done manually, so please ask your teams to be patient. Make sure people running Gamesheet and clock in tourneys are competent at the task.
- HP/Tier 1: Overview - spring programs are entering the nomination phase. Both boys' and girls' side will send out nomination emails soon. These nominations will be determined by a meeting and communications on the boys' side and emails and follow up on the girls' side. We work hard to make sure no one falls through the cracks, by comparing current registrations with old registrations and then tracking down the missing players. Many players on the girls' side are now playing high school, so we are also dependent on receiving communications from the high school coaches. We encourage all head coaches from all associations to participate in the tryout process by being an evaluator. We will keep you informed of those associations that do not have a coach present. We want them there advocating for their players. Please see the D3 website under HP and then spring HP for tryout dates and times and more information. To make sure players and parents know about the HP programs, eleven info sessions were held with individual bantam and peewee teams, (unfortunately, could not get all teams scheduled this year). Everyone has been super appreciative of the info and opportunity to learn more.

- Registrar: I will be organizing the end of season meeting soon. I'll be in touch with your registrars to let them know. Make sure mite teams are rostered properly.
- Hockey Operations: Meeting coming up soon.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Beginning to look at preliminary numbers for next season. Will D3 be looking at placement guidelines for next season? Mark said will be looking at season results and have competition committee look at. Member asked why there is a difference in Fair Play points for youth and girls? It is a MN Hockey established rule. North Metro update as mite families are asking.

Delano: Prepping for District and Regional tournaments; planning for STP; looking to incorporate a THFF event into our Mite Jamboree.

Hopkins: No report

Minneapolis: no report

Mound-Westonka: Fire and Ice Fundraiser at Back Channel Brewery this Saturday from 3-9. Westonka does have the capability to pay officials electronically.

North Metro: No report. Question-what will Gamesheet fees be for next season? Answer-not sure-looking for a sponsor. Previous guess is about \$100 per team -but not certain right now.

Orono: Continuing with season and starting prep on D3 tourneys. Starting to look at changes needed for 2022-2023 season.

Osseo Maple Grove: No report.

St Louis Park: Registered to host a Try Hockey for Free event on 3/5/22 at the Rec Center. The association will be forming a social media & community outreach committee to work with our recruiting and marketing teams. The Little Wild program has requested us to host another event this year, so we are looking at dates. The association is looking at bringing back our Commitment to Excellence program, an optional skills/skating on a weekend morning. Prepping for hosted district and regional tournaments. SLPHA is exploring hosting an invitational tournament again next season.

Question: From a USA Hockey perspective, how far beyond the season can the association host ice time for our players? Diane said season officially ends at conclusion of state tourneys.

Wayzata: Prepping for end of season tourneys.

Old 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.

New Business: Diane-March/April 2023 a national tourney has been awarded to OMG-National 18U Tier 2 tourney.

Will be having a dinner this year-April meeting date will be dinner.

Adjourn TIME: 9:08 Motion: Andy Seconded: Steve