



August 9, 2006

The regular meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on August 9, 2006, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator

Representatives:

Todd Frisvold – Osseo/Maple Grove
Mitch Trombley – Tri City
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Greg Erickson - Cooper
Scott Dornfeld – Armstrong(alt)TournamentCoordinator
Gene Ferrel – Cooper (alt.)
Brad Davis – Hopkins
Marty Solhaug – Blake
Matt Symoniak – Brooklyn Park
Mike Tabery – Wayzata
Lee Martini – Orono (alt)

Guests:

Steve Dehmer – President, Brooklyn Park
Marc Sorenson – Wayzata Hockey Assoc.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to accept the minutes as presented.

Joe Arko seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREE'S REPORT – Jim Gates reporting.

1. Mr. Gates reviewed the new USA Hockey emphasis. (see attached)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY SUMMER MEETING –

1. The screening policy has been revised. Minnesota Hockey and the screening committee are striving to accomplish as many screenings as possible as early as possible. At this time, most associations have their Board elected and many have a good portion of their coaches selected. These screening forms should be submitted to Diane Margenau as soon as possible and she will forward them to the screening committee. It was also noted that new coaches, those who have never coached or who are returning after an absence, must submit a screening form and have it's screening completed, before they are allowed to work with a team. This process should take a maximum of two weeks.

2. There was a vote to form a thirteenth Minnesota Hockey District, mainly, realigning District 8. The vote was defeated.

DISTRICT 3 –

1. Mr. Perry stated that he has met with the Champlin Park Board and the District 10 Director, Tim Timm, in regard to Champlin Park becoming a District 3 association. This proposal was presented to the

District 3 Representatives at the June 2006 meeting with a directive to take this information back to their home associations for discussion and that it would be addressed at the August 2006 District 3 meeting.

2. Steve Dehmer, President of the Brooklyn Park Hockey Association, stated, that at this time, Brooklyn Park would vote against Champlin Park joining District 3. Brooklyn Park feels that Champlin Park has become very aggressive in recruiting players from Brooklyn Park to join the Champlin Park Hockey Association.

(HISTORY – When Champlin Park became a hockey association, an agreement was reached between the Brooklyn Park Hockey Association and the Champlin Park Hockey Association. Players who lived within the community of Brooklyn Park but were also within the District 11 (Champlin Park) School District, had to make a one-time choice as to where they wanted to play hockey, Brooklyn Park or Champlin Park.)

MOTION: Matt Symoniak moved to accept the Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association into District 3 for the 2008-2009 season.

Scott Dornfeld seconded.

Friendly Amendment by Todd Frisvold stated that Brooklyn Park Youth Hockey Association and Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association work toward a boundary resolution during the 2006-2007 season.

Matt Symoniak withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Matt Symoniak moved that Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association will be accepted into District 3 for the 2007-2008 season. Acceptance is contingent upon successful resolution, by majority Board vote, by Brooklyn Park Hockey Association and Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association of the “one time choice” provision. This provision must be met prior to the Minnesota Hockey 2007 winter meeting.

Todd Frisvold seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY SUMMER MEETING –

1. Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association is no longer recognizing AAA teams.
2. The “TAG-UP” rule for Junior Gold teams will have a one year trial period. The Junior Gold teams will have the same rule as high school teams in Minnesota.
3. Minnesota Hockey will become its own USA Hockey District in 2007-2008 and will no longer be recognized as Minnkota.
4. There will be a Minnesota Hockey President’s meeting at Plymouth Ice Center on August 23. All associations should send a representative.
5. All associations should be registered with the IRS.
6. Squirt teams will have to include all controlled scrimmages in their season game count of 35 games. In the past controlled scrimmages were not included.
7. USA Hockey voted to make helmets mandatory for all coaches.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. Mrs. Margenau distributed an update calendar, District 3 directory and President's directory. Mr. Dornfeld stated that John Adams, listed as the Armstrong Representative on the Directory, will not be serving. Matt Symoniak stated that his name is incorrect as the Brooklyn Park Representative. It should read, "MATT SYMONIAK." Mrs. Margenau apologized for the mistake and said that she would correct it.
2. The Annual District 3's Fall President's meeting will be September 13, 2006, 6:00 p.m., at the Crystal Community Center. Pizza and soda will be served. All Board members are requested to be in attendance. Mark Jorgenson from Minnesota Hockey will also attend. If a President is unable attend, an alternate should be designated.
3. Mrs. Margenau requested that A & B Bantam and Pee wee ice scheduling held the first week in October. This shouldn't be a problem and the date will be finalized soon. Scheduling will probably be at the Plymouth Ice Center.
4. District 3 will again play an inter-league mini schedule with District 10. There will probably only about 3 cross over games. Wayzata Bantam A's have requested not to participate. Buffalo has requested to be a part of this program. Mrs. Margenau will contact them.
5. Squirt A & B scheduling will be held in early November. It was noted that this year there will be 2 levels of play at the Squirt B level and that team declaration will have to be made by late October.
6. Mrs. Margenau distributed an updated District 3 tournament rotation.
7. Mrs. Margenau suggested that associations should establish guidelines for coaches and/or association or team personnel when interacting with players. For example, there should always be a coach in the locker room when players are present or a coach should never be alone with a player in a locker room. Mrs. Margenau repeated that this is just a suggestion but one that might prove useful.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to accept the final 2005-2006 Treasurer's report as presented.

Brad Davis seconded.

Discussion: Mrs. Margenau pointed out that a rebate was distributed to all associations who had bantam and pee wee teams in the District 3 end of season tournament. Mrs. Margenau stated that these teams were over charged.

The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mrs. Margenau presented a preliminary 2006-2007 budget. After a brief discussion it was decided to vote on accepting the proposed budget at the September meeting.

S.K.A.T.E. – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. Ms. Sullivan stated that the program will again be run this year similar to last years. Any associations interested in participating or who need information should contact her.

GIRL'S LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. Association girl's representative have met a couple of time since the season ended to talk about how the season went and what changes they would like to see for this coming season.

2. One main initiative for associations is to keep girls from leaving 14U teams to play high school. One way to possibly encourage girls to stay in the youth program will be to field just 14 A teams. District 3 should be able to have their own league.

3. Any additional B players will be waived into Osseo/Maple Grove or Wayzata for the season.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. No date yet for mandatory tournament directors meeting.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting for Lynn Brandt.

1. Local association registrars will need added assistance from their association with the increase of requirements that must be met for team registration. Added assistance should come from either the President or coaching committee or an assistant registrar.

OLD BUSINESS –

BY-LAWS –

1. Mrs. Margenau reviewed the proposed 2006-2007 District 3 By-Laws.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to accept the proposed 2006-2007 District 3 By-laws.

Marty Solhaug seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS –

COOPER/ARMSTRONG BLENDED TEAMS –

MOTION: Greg Erickson moved to allow the Cooper Hockey Association and the Armstrong Hockey Association to blend their Bantam teams. Armstrong will field a Bantam A and a Bantam B2 team and Cooper will field a Bantam B1 team.

Joe Arko seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Scott Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mitch Trombley seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Margenau – Administrator

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