



**District 3 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**February 2015**

The February Meeting of the D3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Todd Elmer at Plymouth Ice Center.

**Members Present:**

<b>District 3 Staff</b>	<b>Association Representatives</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Dornfeld – D3 Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Tuchtenhagen – Armstrong Cooper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Elmer – D3 President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kivisto – Delano
<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Lowe – D3 Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Broderson – Hopkins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kendra Verbeten – D3 Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hans Eisenbeis – Minneapolis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Ferrel – D3 ACE Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Nelson – Mound Westonka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Goldenberg– D3 Girls Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Eskro – North Metro
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Margenau – Mktg and Retention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cory Effertz – Orono
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Anderson – BHRA	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Pfeffer – OMGHA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sparling – BHRA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Arko – St Louis Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Gates – D3 RIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Brandt – Wayzata
<input type="checkbox"/> – BHRA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Kaltved – BHRA	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Nicholls – D3 Tournaments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Knip – D3 Scheduler	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Brandt – D3 Registrar	
<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Whelan – Metro League	
Guest:	

**Minutes**

Mark Brandt made a motion to approve the December Minutes with corrections as discussed, Carolyn Kivisto seconded the motion, motion passes.

**Referee’s Report – Mike Anderson and Jim Gates**

Jim presented the spreadsheet (attached) analyzing the penalties for the season. In general penalties are down; however, there was a spike in inappropriate fan behavior this month. Jim reported this meeting will most likely be his last meeting due to work schedules and travel. He was thanked for his many years of service to District 3 over the years.

Mike Anderson discussed the following issues/concerns:

- Next year crossover games with District 6 needs to have only ONE source of schedules for games and changes. There were some issues with schedules due to multiple people being the “source”
- Playoff games at Ridder also include a \$10 parking allotment for referees, which is added to the first game only.
- Invoices – 50% of the associations are great about paying and the other 50% are not. The invoices are sorted and subtotaled by level and team to make it easier for association



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treasurers. The ref association and the associations have operated in the past on a handshake, but we may need to institute a contract moving forward. Cash flow is a challenge when the officials need to be paid and the associations have not paid their bills.

- For District Play Off games: officiating invoices need to be pre-paid.
- Invitational Tournaments will be pre-paid next year.
- Refs are not getting tournament rules sent in prior to the tournaments. This is promised to them at the beginning of the year and is part of the responsibility of the tourney director.
- Some weekend scrimmages were not staffed as there were scrimmage requests made on “bad” weekends and there were not enough officials available
- Single game schedules make it tough to assign officials
- Cancellation fees discussed. It was pointed out how nice District 3 is compared to others.
- There will again be “bad” weekends next year to a high volume of tournaments on certain weekends. These dates will be handed out at manager and coaches meetings in the fall.

### **D3 Director’s Report – Scott Dornfeld**

- Derek Ritchie will attend future meeting. There are still program dollars available from MN Hockey.
- Looking at a Hockey Director position at each association. This would be the point person for each association. There will be a seminar May 15/16 for these positions.

### **D3 President – Todd Elmer**

- Looking at cutting back on full ice games at the mite level; USA Hockey says zero; MN was waived at 15 then 10. There is a group looking at it.
- We had issues with rescheduled games staying on the website and not having scoresheets turned in. It impacted the scheduling of the year end tournaments.
- We will be adding an additional section for managers on how to fill out a game sheet.

### **D3 Administrator – Kendra Verbeten**

No report

### **D3 Treasurer – Kelly Lowe (handout)**

Financial statements were discussed and noted the dates on the P&L sheets would be changed to reflect month end. Tina motioned to accept the Dec, Jan transactions and the P&L ending 1-1-2015 (12/31/20104), Hans seconded, motion passed.

### **Association Reports:**

#### **Armstrong Cooper – Jim Tutchenhagen**

Welcome Jim, the new representative for Armstrong Cooper. Kevin resigned in January. The current Player Development Chair is resigning, so they are looking for a new individual. Mite jamboree and tourneys coming up.

#### **Delano – Carolyn Kivisto**

Delano requires one parent per family to be Safe Sport certified. They have had positive feedback on the program. The HS Athletic Director is looking into a Delano girls high school



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team and pulling away to an individual team for 14U. Looking at ways to increase available ice. Bantam C's would like to coop next year.

**Hopkins – Nicole Brodersen**

Had Positive Coaching Alliance for mandatory coaching meeting. THFF event 2/1; had a direct mailing to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and below; looking at additional ice and major site changes.

**Minneapolis – Hans Eisenbeis**

All parents are required to do Safe Sport; Association paid for a course with the Positive Coaching Alliance. Asked what associations held skills nights – almost all.

**Mound Westonka – Andrea Nelson**

Looking at making scheduling more web directed and avoid conflicts with other sports (ie football try outs); there are some questions at 10U and squirts about the number of games allowed and scheduled due to the differences in teams hosted within D3.

Comment: The competition committee will look at making mandatory decisions about whether an association hosts an A or B team based on the criteria established.

**North Metro – Tina Eskro**

Squirt B1 team says the rankings are not correctly stated and just need some help checking on it; Ban B1 vs Way Gold – an African American player was addressed with inappropriate language and there has not been any feedback from Wayzata after they were contacted. There is concern it is not being addressed. Comment: Mark Brandt confirms it is being addressed. THFF 2/1 at 4:15pm

**Orono – Derek Wortman**

Planning on rainbowing at 12U next year because of the successful experiences of the 10U teams.

**Osseo Maple Grove – Tracy Pfeffer**

No report.

**St. Louis Park – Paul Wandmacher**

Did get the approval from the city for the third rink, which will be a covered outdoor arena. It will be located where the skate park is now. Scheduled for 2016.

**Wayzata – Mark Brandt**

Training facility is up and running. Looking at a major overhaul of the mite program starting next season. Looking at hiring more professional skating teachers for mites. Also looking at changes to the try out format.

**Metro League – Casey Whelan**

No report

**Registrar – Lynn Brandt**

Trying to get dates and times for a meeting, but not having much luck with responses.



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**Membership & Development – Diane Margenau**

Attached. Gear Up MN money still available. Hard dividers are still available – apply to MN Hockey.

**Girls Coordinator – Chad Goldenberg**

Frozen Four will be in MN. Level 4 coaching clinic during the tourney. Coaching opportunities for 14U to help at HS level.

**Grievance –**

One Hearing

**Scheduling - Jay Knip**

No report

**Tournament – Chad**

No report

**ACE Coordinator – Gene Ferrel**

No report

**Mite – Dave Essen**

No report

**Old Business –**

No report.

**New Business –**

Mark Brandt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jim Gates seconded; motion passes. Meeting Adjourned.