



February 16, 2011

The February meeting of the District 3 Beltline Hockey League was called to order by President Todd Elmer

Those Present:

Scott Dornfeld – Director
Todd Elmer – President
Diane Margenau - Administrator
Jim Gates – Referee in Chief
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Mike Anderson – Treasurer, Scheduler Beltline Referees
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E., & R. & R. Co-Chairperson
Kelly Bonner – Tournament Chairperson
Amy Johnson – Girls Coordinator
Mark Brandt
David Margenau – President, Minnesota Hockey

Representatives:

Brad McDonnell - Orono
Carrie Starry – Wayzata
Tina Eskro – North Metro
Paul Stromberg – President, North Metro
Bill Hills – St. Louis Park
Steve Knop – Osseo Maple Grove
Jon Piazza – Armstrong Cooper
Joshua LeVoir – Armstrong Cooper Tournament Rep.
Michele Hjelle – Crow River
Steve Seitz – Washburn/Southwest
Scott Ellinghoe – Mound Westonka
Michele Hjelle – Crow River
Pat Greeley – Hopkins

MINUTES – MOTION: Bill Hills moved to accept the January minutes as presented.
Steve Knop seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson

1. Jim reviewed the penalties for D3 teams to date with the penalties for the same time last year. (see attached)
2. There will be a meeting this coming Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. at Plymouth Ice Center, for all referees who will be working the D3 tournaments.
3. If teams show up to play, both wearing white or light colored jerseys, it is the responsibility of the home team to switch jersey color.
4. John Sparling named 2 upcoming events:
April 2, 2011, 4:00 p.m., New Hope Arena – Referees Spring Scrimmage and supper.
May 21, 2011 – Annual Golf Outing – Gross Golf Course
All D3 Representatives and Board Members are invited to attend.
5. Mike Anderson distributed game listings to the appropriate associations. These listing outlined single games from this past season. Mike plans to work closely with ice schedulers and associations to lower the number of single games during league play for next season.

DIRECTORS REPORT – Scott Dornfeld

1. There have been some issues with some of the associations and their try out process. Director Dornfeld has received phone calls from concerned parents. He urged associations to reevaluate their programs before the start of next year.
2. Some associations have not been following the locker room policy as directed by MH. If associations and/or teams continue this practice there will be sanctions. Scott has stated that the 2011-12 D3 by-laws will address this issue.
3. Scott has distributed, via email, a survey dealing with issues for checking in peewees. Please return the surveys to him as soon as possible.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY JANUARY MEETING –

1. There is a lot of focus on concussions and how to lower the occurrence them.
2. Minnesota Hockey is the fourth largest hockey “nation” in the world behind Canada, U.S and Russia.

3. "ADM KIDS" practice plans are available on line.
4. DEGREE FREE JERSEYS program. March 15th is the deadline for applications. This is for C teams.
5. There are a number of free programs available. Go to the MH web site for information.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Todd Elmer

1. The recent meeting addressing league play went very well. Many of the D3 associations were represented and there was interesting dialog and some very good suggestions which will be taken into consideration upcoming seasons.
2. At this time it appears as though the acceptable number of games at the peewee and bantam, 12 & 14 level is 18 – 20 games, even if it involves an unbalanced schedule.
3. Mark Brandt stated that he feels teams should be playing at the appropriate level and that this was not always the case this year.
4. Pat Greeley said that although their Bantam B1 team struggled this year they would not want them to be moved down to a B 2 level of play due to the fact that players would then drop out of hockey for good. The feeling is that a Bantam B1 player can still make the high school team whereas a Bantam B2 player would not.
5. Pat Greeley also stated that Hopkins started a Squirt C program this year that was very successful and they hope to continue fielding teams at this level.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau

1. Diane gave a "Save The Date" notice for the D3 Appreciation Dinner, April 13, 2011. Invitations will be sent out.
2. Diane outlined a possible research program being initiated by a graduate student who would like to interview Bantam players in District 3. She stated that the interviewer would be asking questions that dealt with how players reacted to their parent's actions during a hockey game.

MOTION: Bill Hills moved to table the vote until the Representatives had an opportunity to discuss it with the associations.
 Tina Eskro seconded.
 The motion carried unanimously.

The vote will be taken at the March meeting.

3. There will be a USA Hockey Tournament for Disabled Hockey in April at the Super Rink. Minnesota Hockey will be recruiting volunteers from the District to work. More information will be available at a later date.
4. Kathy Fallen, D3's H.P. 15 Girls GM has asked the District Representatives to inform their home associations registrars to cooperate with her when she request information for players. She needs to have this information to be able to contact eligible players.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS –

WASHBURN/SOUTHWEST – Steve Seitz

1. Steve thanked the Beltline Referees for helping to make their recent outside game with Highland Central a success. Everyone had a fun time.

OSSEO MAPLE GROVE – Steve Knop

1. Steve made 2 suggestions for next year:
 1. A date should be posted each time the standings have been updated.
 2. Many managers are having a difficult time faxing in score sheets. Would it be possible to set up a separate email account to accommodate score sheets? Diane said that she would look into it. Diane also stated that she has discouraged this practice because there are so many score sheets coming to her that the emails she would need to address in a timely manner would get buried. A separate account sounds like a good idea.

WAYZATA – Carrie Starry

1. Attended the Hockey Day Minnesota activities in Moorhead.

ORONO – Brad McDonnell

1. Orono, in planning ahead for next season, is looking at revamping their try out process and may bring in outside evaluators.
2. New uniforms for next year.
3. Used a new process on making ice this year but the feeling is that the ice is too soft.

NORTH METRO – Tina Eskro

1. The associations would like to find an easier way to register mite teams. Scott stated that their registrar will have to work with Lynn Brandt to facilitate that.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Bill Hills

1. SLP was upset that the District tournament used so much of their ice, especially for the PW B2 tournament. Consideration should be given to an association size when assigning tournaments. Todd Elmer pointed out that the rotation for tournament hosts has been set up years in advance but it is possible to switch with another association if one is not able to accommodate a larger tournament. Diane did point out that Minneapolis Storm was able to help with hosting some games at Parade and that she will be more aware of the situation in the future.
2. Will probably field their own girl's teams next season, independent from the Storm.
3. May lower the number of activities a C team will do. At this time they have the same amount of ice as A & B teams.

R & R – Sandie Sullivan, Scott Dornfeld.

1. February is "I Love To Read Month." A good time to use the Brady Brady books.
2. Hockey Day Minnesota will be a bit different next year. Plans are in the making to have more activities around the state.

GIRLS LEAGUE – Amy Johnson

1. Season going well. There were a couple of 14 UB games where referees had not been hired. These are being made up. A problem with communication.

NEW BUSINESS –

PEEWEE CHECKING ISSUE – David Margenau

President Margenau asked the Representatives and Board Members to encourage everyone to become informed on the issues surrounding the possible removal of checking at the peewee levels. Urge everyone to become educated on the facts before making decisions on their position.

MOTION: Michelle Hjelle moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jim Gates seconded.

President Elmer adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Diane Margenau – Administrator

*Please note that these minutes are not approved and will be subject to a Board vote before becoming part of the permanent record.