



Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Plymouth Ice Center
Wednesday, January 8 2020

x	Nicole Brodersen	District Director		Association Reps
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Mike Melsha ACYHA
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Aric Stienessen	Treasurer	x	Reid Paul Hopkins
x	Cheryl Myers	Social Media/Comm.		Bill Robeck Mpls & Hockey Ops
x	Shelly Slattery	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Tim Donelon North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Kelly Greene Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Steve Fischer OMG
x	Chad Nicholls	Tourney Coord.		Paul Steenerson OMG
	Kendra Verbeten	HP/Tier 1	x	Todd Dvorak St Louis Park
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		Nicholas Cook Wayzata
	Ron Warren	Griev. Comm. Chair		
	Rob Roy	Girls Coordinator		
x	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		
x	Greg Gibson	Metro League		Guests/Alternates Present:
	Todd Larson	Metro League	x	Monte Miller, Wayzata alternate
			x	Tim Hanson, Mpls alternate, President

- **Call to order TIME:** 7:01
 - December Minutes: Motion: Mike M Seconded: Kelly G
Minutes approved
1. **District 3 Director Report**-Nicole: Feb12 is playoff meeting at PIC. Meeting at 7:00, regular board meeting at 8:00. District reps encouraged to attend along with appropriate people from your associations. Make sure scorebook and clock volunteers are experienced for those roles in district playoffs. Use the next month to train if necessary.
Seedings for playoffs are not final until all FP points, ties, etc have been accounted for and finalized.
Mite/8Upod hockey has started. Took a bit longer this year. Plan going forward to improve and work on during the off season.
The MN Hockey winter meeting is Jan 24-26. If there is anything to bring forward, please let me (Nicole) know.
At the end of the season, associations should be working with registrars to look at historical data regarding numbers -how many players, drop off, etc.
 2. **District 3 Administrator Report**-Shelly: see HP/Tier 1 report

- 3. District 3 President Report-Mark:** We need associations to be using district reps as their first resource for information. We get a lot of calls and emails that should first be going to district reps.
Scheduling: Biggest issue this year has been the crossover games with D6. Will be meeting with D6 to work on next year. 15U girls got messy. We need to continue getting away from rescheduling games. Associations need to do planning in the summer months. Next year there will be a December cutoff and no more reschedules unless it is an emergency.
What constitutes an emergency? Really case by case. USA Hockey says teams can skate with as few as 6 skaters. Associations can block off holidays times if they so choose, but that can result in a condensed time frame to schedule games.
- 4. District 3 Treasurer Report-Aric:** Quiet time. No HP/Tier 1 or district tourneys-so just compliance stuff.

D3 Associates Reports –

- Supervisor of Officials: In tourneys games running long has been a problem. Officials will be attending the tourney planning meetings to make sure tourney rules allow games to run smoothly. Had to move and rush officials around to cover games. Over the years tourneys used to have 3 game minimums, now there are more with 4 and associations are crunching ice time to get those games in. If there are injuries or overtime, etc, we run into problems of games going too long. Additionally, with so many tourneys, don't have enough refs to cover scrimmages.
Diane asked if still policy if a "game is a game", even with OT as far as ref compensation. Mike said looking at that.
Neil- Last summer we brought up using anchor pegs for nets. Associations should invest in these-really helps keep nets in place. Less game stoppage for the net being off. Hour clocks-please remind associations to be using the hour clocks for games.
- Registrar Currently we have 415 active teams, 6081 players, 1852 coaches and 54 student coaches. I will send email with graphic for Hockey Day Minnesota.
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: Try Hockey For Free - February 22, 2020. Not too late for D3 Associations to plan something for THFF. Recruiting of new players is an on going event. Congratulations to North Metro for receiving a Minnesota Hockey Pass The Puck Grant in the amount of \$1500.00.
According to Danny Heinzmann this money will be used to purchase youth hockey sticks, nets and balls to be distributed to local elementary schools to encourage students to play hockey. Mr. Heinzmann states that North Metro hopes this will introduce hockey to kids who know nothing of the game. I will use this last piece of news as an info shot out to you all. North Metro was thinking outside the box in getting into the elementary schools with hockey gear and hoping to spark new interest in students. Other associations could use this idea in their community.
Nicole added great recruiting event for 10U girls.

- Jr Gold: *2021 National Tournament: USA Hockey Youth Council is withdrawing the offer they had extended to WYHA to host the 2021 USA Hockey National High School Tournament due to the fact that MN was not sending any teams to the 2020 National High School Tournament in Dallas. Edina, St. Louis Park and Wayzata had interest in participating but could not field enough players due to spring break and spring sports conflicts.
*2020 JGHSL Playdowns at PIC: Brackets are with WYHA Ice Scheduler. Expect to have brackets with time, date, rink by Jan 31st. Multiple JGB Teams:
*Per JGHSL League Rules: page 18 XIV: JGA, B and JG16 Team Selection Policy Associations with multiple JGB teams must have them selected equally. Team designations next year is Nov 18.
- Girls League Coordinator: girls teams playing in other districts come back and play district playoffs in D3
- Grievance Committee: Had hearing tonight for kicking penalty, have another one on Jan 13. Both Jr Gold players
- Scheduling Coordinator:
- Tournament Coordinator: no report
- Social Media/Website: no report
- HP/Tier 1: Shelly J: Been scheduling info sessions with teams in associations across D3 to elevate awareness around D3 HP and Tier 1. Sessions have been going well. Families seem very appreciative for the effort put in to reaching out and providing info. Have Tier 1 posters for reps to get up in home rink.
- Hockey Operations: no report

5. D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: no report

Delano: *8U and Mites are excited to start the Pond Hockey scrimmages *Starting the discussions for next year regarding Junior Gold, 16U, 15U, etc. - we have a "bubble" coming through and want to make sure we're prepared with options Kristi will be stepping up as the official association rep.

Hopkins: A lot of new board members. Do other association post what the roles are for associations board members? Will review for reference.

Minneapolis: Minneapolis hosting Hockey Day in Minnesota next week January 16-18; please volunteer if you are able otherwise please stop down at the event! Hour Clocks have been installed at both Parade and Northeast - difficult to get the employees to utilize them thus far but we'll continue working on it.

Mound-Westonka Fire & Ice fundraiser event January 11th at Fletcher's, Search for Hockey Operations Director close to completion, Tournament Director Wylie Musel stepping down Tricia Seemann filling in this season.

North Metro: Fayed Husain, a NMYHA Peewee, is a finalist for the 2019 Minnesota Hockey Essay Contest. Entries for the contest were submitted by boys and girls of all ages from around the state on the topic of "I Am Thankful I Play Hockey For [Home Association] Because...". The finalists have been selected to be featured during the Fox Sports North broadcast of Hockey Day Minnesota 2020 on Saturday, January 18th: All three finalists will attend a Minnesota Wild home game this season and record their essay videos at Xcel Energy Center. Each essay will also be featured in Let's Play Hockey magazine. The contest winner will be selected among the three finalists and will receive a "Dream Day" experience on a Minnesota Wild gameday during the 2020-21 season. The "Dream Day" includes attending a Minnesota Wild morning skate, an hour of ice time at Xcel Energy Center and a group suite at a Wild game later that night. Tune in to Fox Sports North on Hockey Day Minnesota 2020 to see the essays submitted by each of the finalists. Then, stay tuned after the Minnesota Wild game to find out who the randomly selected winner will be."
https://www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/1070351#.XfABixwF5Gs.gmail

Orono: Continuing to look at changes for next year Getting closer to starting gambling location Working on ways to maximize dry land facility.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: no report but still interested in knowing what next steps are to schedule games on outdoor rink next season.

Wayzata: no report

6. Old Business:

Playoff Brackets: Reviewed all preliminary brackets. Updates and changes will be made as discussed and agreed. Final brackets will be posted on the D3 website.

We have two seeds to regions at each level (some exceptions with BAA or girls).

New Business:

North Metro-mite jamboree scheduling. Nicole: For this season, trying to secure ice elsewhere. Mark-next year will get an earlier start. Maybe move up the mite meeting as well.

SLP: Ask your association boards if they would like outdoor games at the ROC and want would be tolerable as an outdoor temp?

Concern over if games need to be cancelled due to weather.

7. Adjourn TIME: 8:20 PM

Motion: Kelly Seconded: Matt