



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
PIC
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps	
	Paul Steenerson	District Director	x	Kevin Pote ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Kristi Duis Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator	x	Bob Larson Hopkins
	vacant	Data Mgmt./Tech.	x	Peter Nelson Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler Mound Westonka
x	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Kity Marinac North Metro
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor		Gina Hansen Orono
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler		Steve Fischer OMG
	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.		Rob Anklam St Louis Park
x	Shelly Johnson	Boys HP/Tier 1	x	Andy Nordseth Wayzata
x	Mackenzie Skatter	Girls HP/Tier 1		
x	Lindsay Czech	Girls HP/Tier 1		
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief		
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Comm. Chair		
x	Jeff Luke	Girls Coordinator		
	Diane Margenau	Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL		
	Todd Larson	JGHSL		
	Bill Robeck	Hockey Operations		
	Kendra Verbeten	Interim Treasurer		

Call to order TIME: 7:01

February Minutes: Motion to approve: Kristi Seconded: Bob

District 3 Director Report- Congratulations to all D3 teams who advanced to State. A great representation of our District. Best of luck to all. Went to the West Region at New Hope for the Bantam AA Regional. Thank you to A/C for picking this tourney up from D3. Seemed to have gone great. Working on many of EBUGs for tourneys, gearing up for Squirts and 10U. Gathering input for how we as a district can improve for the next season regarding game reschedules, coaches rostered and registered appropriately, player suspension communication, etc. Next season we will hold associations much more accountable with the information within the Mgr. Meetings and Coaches Meetings. More to come when we meet with the Presidents for a debrief of the season.

District 3 President Report- Starting to prepare for next year. Stephen from Avario and I met with Mike Anderson and Neil Olsen to discuss improvements that need to be made with scheduling. There are 2 major problems, the number of rescheduled games and single games. Rescheduled games cause some of the single games or cause other games to be rescheduled so that it is not a single game. Another thing that causes many reschedules is tournaments. Starting this year associations will be required to have the tournaments for all their teams confirmed and entered into Avario before scheduling for that level. The game rescheduling procedure will also have some changes made to it. There is a meeting scheduled for the schedulers on March 22
Congrats to all the D3 teams that made it to State!

District 3 Administrator Report: Only a few gaps in EMTs at tourneys and hosting associations were notified right away when we found out. Will be looking at D3 board banquet location. Usually held in place of April meeting. Stay tuned.

District 3 Accounting Report: Financials sent to board via email.

GameSheet Report: For the most part, it seemed to be without a lot of issues. Lately volunteers were having trouble updating the TBD games which causes some moving forward issues but nothing substantial. It will all get cleaned up after the tournaments are complete. Took notes on what to do differently next year. I am also sending MNH and GameSheet some suggestions for next season. There absolutely should be a better tournament package including an automatically populated bracket.

Associates Reports:

- Squirt Committee: Will be having a meeting at the end of March/beginning of April.
- Supervisor of Officials: Great season. All things considered. Total incident reports were down from last season (91 in 2022-2023 vs 121 in 2021-2022), but match penalties and coach ejections were up by a few this season. The only big issue, I had during the season was getting head coaches to report game misconducts and match penalties within District 3 rules. All game misconducts and match penalties need to be reported to the supervisor of officials within 48 hours of incident. I was forced many times this season to reach out to coaches directly to get the suspension information the district requires. I am suggesting changes to the incident reporting system for next season in new business.
- Coach in Chief: no report
- Membership and Development: no report **-will be needing to fill this position**
- Jr. Gold *JGHSL League play completed *Hosted JGHSL Playdowns at PIC: 61 games *THANK YOU to referees for outstanding officiating *Waiting for direction from MN Hockey District Directors on JGHSL Board's role for the 23/24 season *D3 is scheduled to host 2024 JGA/JGB/JG16 State Tournament
- Girls League Coordinator: District and Regional tournaments have completed for 15U and 12U. Proud to have the six D3 teams competing for state titles: OMGHA 15A, Wayzata Blue 15A, OMGHA White 15B, OMGHA Black 15B, Wayzata Blue 12B1, and Armstrong Cooper 12B1. Congratulations to

Minneapolis 12B2 for winning the District 3 championship. 10B1 and 10B2 district tournaments are under way in St. Louis Park and will wrap up this coming weekend. The D3 Girls Coordinators will meet in later April to debrief on the season and begin preparation for next season. Primary topics for this meeting: Review team declarations against results, 15U opportunities, etc.

- Disciplinary Committee: This season has been interesting. Currently have fighting (multiple in season for one player) and kicking penalties to address.
- Tournament Coordinator: **vacant -need to fill position**
- Data Mgmt./Tech:
- HP/Tier 1: Shelly-Boys-Have added Brandon Anderson-Delano Bantam A to the HP 14 coaching team. Garrit Otten-Orono PWA, is joining the 15s. Garrit coached Tier 2 Prospects last season. It is really great to have new coaches getting involved representing a good mix of D3. Nominations for HP went out first week of Feb for the 15s and about a week later for the 14s. This occurs after coaches submit nominations and have opportunity to review and confirm athletes that should receive the invite. All PW A/AA and BA AA/A coaches have been asked to assist with evaluations at HP tryouts. Unfortunately, there are always coaches that do not respond or participate in evaluations. Offered pre-tryout skates for registered athletes (boys and girls) and those three sessions are full. Those are optional opportunities at minimal cost for athletes to stay fresh and ready before tryouts. Tier 1 and 2 tryout dates should be published soon. Waiting final confirmation on goalie only session. Dates will immediately follow the HP Camps.
- Mackenzie/Lindsay-Girls - nominations have gone out. Reaching out to coaches to evaluate at tryouts.
- Hockey Operations: Working through 13u Futures Program we have 36 boys' skaters + 3 goalies (only room for one more goalie) and on the girls program we have 26 skaters + 2 goalies (room for an additional 10 skaters + 2 goalies). We have offered D5 spots to the boys skaters on our waitlist. Schedules are posted on the D3 website under HP/13 Futures for both programs. we have a coach locked in for the boys' program - Christian Jolicoeur (Mpls PWA) but are still in need of a head coach and assistants for our girls' program.
- Registrar: In process of scheduling the end of the season meeting. USA Hockey Patches sent home with reps present at tonight's meeting. Sub goalies that earned one while subbing, will get from that team. Will be form available soon to address any missed patches.

D3 Association Representatives:

Armstrong Cooper: Mites are super excited for their jamboree this weekend. Squirts are wrapping up their district tournaments. All 3 of our teams that made it to regions also made it to State! Bantam AA West Regional was a success! Working to figure out team placements for next year. Still are in need of 2 goalies at the Bantam level for next year.... any help/suggestions here is much appreciated!

Delano: Our Board is looking for additional details/logistical plan/explanation of the Squirt/10U jamboree concept - we agree that it sounds like a good idea

on paper, just want to know more of how details (if/when they are known). - Looking for input from D3 and other associations on how they handle the "webmaster" role - it's historically been a "volunteer" position at DAYHA but we're considering moving to a 3rd party provider and wondering if others have made this move and have suggestions/feedback? -2 teams advancing to State (PWA and BA), finishing the SQB2 tourney brackets and winding down the 2022-23 season (ice out scheduled for March 20th)

Hopkins: Finished up a great season. Already have good number of sign-ups for summer clinics. Exploring options for pavilion improvements and additional ice opportunities. Board elections coming up in April. HYHA will have a new D3 rep.

Minneapolis: no report

Mound-Westonka: Our hosted District Peewee B2 tournament went well, end of season surveys going out next week, beginning our forecasting for next season, STP registration open.

North Metro: Getting ready to host 10U A this upcoming weekend. PWB2 team took 2nd place in our District tournament. Getting ready to clean up the rink remove all NM belongings and finalizing our disband.

Orono: Hosted 12B1 and just finishing SQC. So far, so good. There have not been any issues. Provided a lounge for coaches, managers, refs, and medics. It was used exactly as expected for 12B1 where we only had 6 teams. Little bit crazier with 16 SQC teams. Managers seemed to think it was a place for kids to go grab a snack. For Coaches, Referees and Medics, it was VERY well received. Bantam C were district champions. Great job by Rob in St. Louis Park. Junior Gold B has advanced to state.

Congratulations and job well done by Armstrong for the story in MH Journal.

Osseo Maple Grove: no report

St Louis Park: Invoices for 2021 and 2022 District Tournament Ice bills were sent last week. Treasurer is just looking to be sure the amounts match. Completed district tournament for Bantam C at Rec Center and roughly 50% through 10u B and B2. Bantam C tournament was highly competitive and entertaining. No incidents to report. Similar on the 10U tournaments so far. GameSheet has had some issues with updating scheduled games throughout the tournament. Adding teams to the scheduled games causes the app to crash. Workaround is to create new games in round 2 and beyond. Discussion around how nominations happen for HP. Questions around 15A v 15B girls' nominations.

Wayzata: District tournaments BA and PWAA complete. SB1 on-going this week. DEI committee now formed and has met. Defining purpose and goals.

Old Business: Bylaws/Nonprofit status

New Business:

Proposed Changes to District 3 USA Hockey Incident reporting.

- Change reporting time form 48 hours from time of incident to 24 hours. Everyone has immediate access to the GameSheet and everyone has immediate access to email. The old process allows 48 hours, in that time a team may play multiple games, especially during tournaments. It is the

responsibility of the supervisor of officials to get the time, date, and location a player(s) or coach(es) will be serving their suspension(s) and to make sure no one is playing with an ineligible player, which would cause game forfeiture. Reporting is not a time to appeal suspensions, game misconducts and match penalties as not subject to appeal. Failure to report is a one game suspension to the head coach.

- Propose a way for head coaches to report game misconducts and match penalties on the D3 website. Looking for suggestions. Is it possible to have a drop-down fillable form that is available to coaches would maybe simplify the process.

Budget Amendment Proposal requiring a vote:

1. Approval for \$1,000 advertisement in the Junior Gold Nationals program. The District 3 logo will be highlighted in the program, and it supports the efforts by Maple Grove in hosting this National Tournament. *Motion to Approve \$1,000 donation made by Brad, Seconded by Kristi. Approved*

2. A request from the 14U Tier One girls program for District 3 to cover the entry fee to the National Tournament (\$1,625). The team is fundraising and has currently raised over \$2,000 to offset costs. District 3 has previously approved \$1,500 for team apparel which would highlight the District 3 Walleye logo. *Motion to Approve \$1,625 entry fee donation made by Jeff, Seconded by Andy. Approved*

3. Wayzata hosting USA Hockey National High School Hockey Tournament -Greg Gibson requesting for \$1,000 donation for sponsorship-add in program. *Motion to make the donation made by Andy, Kristi seconded. Approved.*

NOTE: April/May meetings-discuss tournaments being hosted (dates/size)

Adjourn TIME: 7:54 Motion: Andy Seconded: Kity