



February 13, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on February 13, 2008, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Mike Anderson – Treasurer/Scheduler, Beltline Referees
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
David Margenau – MH Maroon Vice President
Kathy Fallen – Girls League Coordinator
Hal Tearse – MH Coach in Chief

Representatives:

Jon Piazza - Armstrong
Tony Cleveland - Orono
Matt Symoniak – North Metro
Tim Traff - Blake
Greg Erickson - Cooper
Brad Davis - Hopkins
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove

MINUTES –

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to accept the January Minutes as presented.

Joe Arko seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREES REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Mike Anderson reporting.

1. There will be a meeting this coming Saturday morning for all Tournament referees. The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Ice Center.
2. Clarification of some tournament rules:
 - A. There will be no warm up time after ice resurfacing.
 - B. The hour clock will not be used for any of the tournaments, including those tournaments where the games are only an hour in length.
 - C. In the Bantam, Pee wee, 12 & 14 A & B tournaments (this does not include the Pee wee B2 tournament) each team is entitled to one (1) time out. The time out may be taken at any time, including an over time.
3. Jim Gates distributed a break down of penalties in D3 to date. (see attached) It was noted that the number of penalties is up 31 from last year at this time. There have also been more fighting penalties.
4. John Sparling stated that 90 referee evaluations have been done this year and 30 mentorship games.
5. Mike Anderson stated that the hour clock is once again becoming an issue. Orono Arena does not have one and the Maple Grove Community Center's clock is never turned on. District 3 has a policy regarding the use of hour clocks and it is important that everyone follow it. We will work to re-establish firm rules regarding the hour clock for next season.
6. If a team wishes to conduct a special program or award ceremony prior to the beginning or after a game, the team should first get approval from the District. This could affect playing time.
7. MOTION: Jim Gates moved to accept the 3-man refereeing system for the Bantam B1's, beginning with the 2008-2009 season.

Tom Pitra seconded.

The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting

MINNESOTA HOCKEY WINTER MEETING

1. John Perry passed a copy of the Annual Report around. It was suggested that MH put the Annual Report on line.
2. The Tournament Committee will be looking into Invitational Tournaments where team checks are not returned in a timely manner if a team is not accepted into the tournament.
3. Mr. Don Clifton made a presentation for a 2 year pilot program for a 19 & Under A team. The team would be called the "Minnesota Crunch". This would be a post high school program.
4. An intern is needed for the Publicity and Promotion Committee. If anyone is interested or if anyone knows of someone who would be interested please contact Mark Jorgensen.
5. February 29, 2008 is International Hockey Day.
6. Corporate sponsors for Minnesota Hockey include the Minnesota Wild, Wendy's and Coleman Natural Foods.
7. MH is always looking for stories for the Minnesota Hockey Journal.
8. MH is looking into a one site State Tournament possibly beginning next year.
9. Junior Gold and 19U scholarships are available. Forms are available on line.
10. For next season, it has been suggested by the Girls Committee, that scheduling for the 10U's and 12U's be scheduled earlier than it has in the past. They are not going to wait until the 14U's are available for scheduling.
11. It should be noted that the Screening Committee focuses on sexual or abuse charges and convictions and not on other criminal activity such as theft.
12. On line registration with USA Hockey will be encouraged for all associations next year. There will be a special meeting with registrars and Carol Carlson, USA Hockey Registrar, sometime this spring.
13. Next year, CEP Certification will be coordinated by the ACE Coordinators.
14. Lynn Olson was recently honored at a Minnesota Gopher's Women's game for her contribution to girl's/women's hockey.
15. This will be the first year for girls Advanced 15 teams.
16. Level 4 Coaching Certification Clinic for girl's teams will be conducted July 14 -17, 2008, at Lake Placid, N.Y.
17. Possible fee increases for USA Hockey, 2009-2010.

HAL TEARSE – Minnesota Hockey Coach in Chief.

1. Minnesota Hockey, in conjunction with Hennepin County Medical Center, has instituted a pilot project to track hockey injuries. District 3 has been asked to participate for the remainder of this season, through March 31 and for the entire 2008-2009 season. All injuries for player, Squirts through Junior Gold, will be submitted on an Injury Survey Form which can be found on the District 3 website. Data will be gathered by the Hennepin County Medical Center. Hal Tearse, as Chairperson for the MH Safety Committee, is heading up this effort.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Season appeared to go well, games were not so lopsided, and teams appeared to be well balanced.
2. Still some questions as to how squirts and 10 U's are placed in tournament bracket. In District 10 bracket placement is done by the coaches of the squirt and 10 U teams during the season.
3. Teams and coaches need to be reminded again that no player is allowed to participate with a team if they are not on that team's USA Hockey roster.
4. New team rosters cannot be certified until after March 17, 2008.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane Margenau presented a revised Squirt A tournament bracket. After a brief discussion it was decided that the original Squirt A tournament bracket that was presented in November would be used.
2. Diane Margenau presented a proposal for the Peewee B2 bracket tournament for breaking of ties in Round Robin play. This was accepted by the Board.
3. Diane Margenau distributed final standings and brackets for the upcoming tournaments.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. MOTION: Brad Davis moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
Joe Arko seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.
2. MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to present to the Petit Family of the St. Louis Park Hockey Association and to the Galliger Family of the Osseo-Maple Grove Hockey Association an honorarium in the amount of \$100.00
Joe Arko seconded.
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:
Greg Erickson moved to increase the amount to \$300.00.
Mike Tabery accepted the Friendly Amendment.
The motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORT –

OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. Maple Grove City Council passed the new ice arena. Hope to have it operating by November, 2008
2. Some talk of combining traveling teams but just at the beginning discussion stage.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joe Arko reporting.

1. Recent benefit for the Petit raised \$60,000.00.
2. A player experienced a sever injury. Was a wake up call to many regarding First Response.
3. Finalizing plans for the Peewee Regional Tournament.

WAYZATA – Mike Tabery reporting.

1. Wayzata Hockey Association made the final payment of \$750,000.00 for Rink C.
2. Region planning going well.

HOPKINS – Brad Davis reporting.

1. Will be starting in another gambling site bringing the total number of sites to three.

COOPER – Greg Erickson reporting.

1. Nothing new at this time.

BLAKE – Tim Traff reporting.

1. Everything going well.

NORTH METRO – Matt Symoniak reporting.

1. The District presented a MH hooded sweat shirt to Matt for his new son.

ORONO – Tony Cleveland reporting.

1. Making plans for next year.

GIRL'S LEAGUE – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. 12 UA's and 14 UB's are participating in District play in other Districts.
2. Girl's Advanced 15 program is in its first year.
 - A. It is patterned after the boys Advanced 15 program.
 - B. Girls from District 3 with 1993 birth dates will be eligible to try out for the District 3 team.
 - C. 20 players on the team.
 - D. Try outs are March 18 & 19.
 - E. First meeting is Sunday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth Ice Center.
 - F. Evaluators will be District 3 14 UA coaches.
 - G. Team coaches have not yet been identified.
 - H. Kathy Fallen is the General Manager.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. The Grievance Committee held 2 hearings this past month for Match Penalties.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Everything going well.
2. Mark Brandt stated that associations should be reminded not to make last minute changes in their tournament format. The \$100 fine doesn't appear to be too much of a deterrent.

ACE CHAIRPERSON – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. A letter was recently sent to all D3 ACE coordinators. Some items in the letter were:
 - A. Players should not be on the ice before referees.
 - B. Hour clock policy is not known by all. Refresher information needed.
 - C. Recent observation of parents at an invitational tournament showed that spectators continue to act inappropriately and need to be reminded of what is acceptable behavior.
 - D. Associations should be identifying ACE Coordinators for the 2008-2009 season now and getting their names to Gene.

C.E.P. – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Marc Sorensen is looking for help with clinics for next year.

METRO LEAGUE –

1. Bob Halverson has resigned as one of the 2 liaisons from District 3 to the Metro League. Need to appoint a replacement.

NEW BUSINESS –

D3 MINUTES –

1. D3 Minutes will be available on the D3 website.

INSURANCE –

1. Joe Arko asked the other representatives questions concerning their associations insurance. Joe stated that it had been brought to his attention that the St. Louis Park Board was not properly covered.

MH SURVEY – David Margenau reporting.

1. Dave Margenau stated that MH will be sending out a survey to its members and asked that everyone who receives one complete and return it.

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jon Piazza seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Brandt adjourned the meeting.

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.