



August 13, 2008

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

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those present:

John Perry – Director  
Mark Brandt – President  
Diane Margenau – Administrator  
Jim Gates – Supervisor of Officials  
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees  
Mike Anderson – Scheduler/Treasurer, Beltline Referees  
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator  
Amy Johnson – Girls League Coordinator  
Marc Sorensen – Coach in Chief  
Sandy Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator

Representatives:

Angus Vaughan – Blake (alt)  
Tom Pitra – Osseo-Maple Grove  
Brad Davis - Hopkins  
Tony Cleveland - Orono  
Jon Piazza – Armstrong-Cooper  
Corey Jenson – Wayzata (alt)  
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park  
Craig Englund – North Metro

Guests:

Terry Evavold – USA Hockey ACE Director,  
Minnesota District  
James Sims – Sixteen Degrees  
Anil Harbavan – Sixteen Degrees

**MINUTES –**

MOTION: Tom Pitra moved to accept the August meeting minutes as presented.  
Angus Vaughan seconded.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**16 DEGREES – James Sims presently.**

16 Degrees sells a product of engraved leather Chopper mittens. James Sims, President, distributed several pairs of mittens exhibiting numerous designs. Mr. Sims is interested in working with hockey associations to sell Choppers as a fund raiser.

**TERRY EVAVOLD – USA Hockey ACE Director, Minnesota District**

1. Terry distributed packets of ACE information to association representatives. The packets contained duplicate information of what has already been distributed to association ACE Coordinator.
2. Every association needs to identify an ACE Coordinator
3. Association ACE Coordinators will be responsible, among other things, for the distribution of HEP materials.
4. September 19-21, 2008, Level 4 CEP Clinic, Schwan Super Rink.
5. 2009 – Level 5 CEP, Master Level, River Center, St. Paul, MN. Only 500 accepted. Important that coaches interested get their Level 4 this year. Please notify the coaches in your association of this upcoming event.
6. Oct. 4, 2008 – HEP Workshop – Schwan Conference Center. Information and details are on the MH web site.
7. Skill Development Clinics will again be held this year. These are available through MH with no cost to local association except ice time. Excellent opportunity for coaches. Contact Gary Gregas through MH if interested.

8. Gene Ferrel has been doing a great job as ACE Coordinator for D3. He will continue to update the ACE information on the D3 web site.

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

1. Each association needs to identify a contact person who will be notified by the referees if there is a serious ice condition situation. This could include but is not limited to condition of nets, hour/time clocks, and condition of ice. It was suggested that this contact person be the D3 Representative. Mark Brandt stated that he will be contacting rink managers to confirm the presence of an operating hour clock.

2. Diane Margenau and Mike Anderson have discussed procedure change in referee billing. After a brief discussion it was decided that for a one year trial basis, Mike will bill the associations directly for referee fees for league games. This would not include scrimmage payments, which are made at the time of the game directly by the team manager to the referee, or the D3 tournament.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – John Perry reporting

1. MINNESOTA HOCKEY SUMMER MEETING.

A. St. Thomas Hockey Association affiliate was not approved. They will try to work through an existing association to field a Bantam B team and a Junior Gold B team.

B. Rule change – 4 & 12 hour rest rule – now 3 & 10. Region and State tournaments will continue with the 4 & 12 hour rule.

C. Single site final game state tournament has been cancelled.

D. Tournaments in Let's Play Hockey are being advertized incorrectly. There is still an issue with Guarantee Gate. If your association has any questions they should contact Scott Dornfeld.

E. Armstrong – Cooper Youth Hockey Association was officially recognized.

F. There have been some issues over Bantam A “leagues” which are not aligned according to District boundaries. If a team is to participate in such a “league”, at any level, they must first receive approval from the cognizant Director.

2. League Play with District 1.

A. Due to the fact that District 1 is declining in the number of teams they field, it has been suggested that District 1 and District 3 combine for league play, with District 3 being the governing district. All games, not including Squirts, would count toward league standings. At the end of league play, all teams would then be aligned with the home district for play off tournaments for region positioning.

B. Tom Pitra felt this would create too many league games, especially at the Pee wee B level.

C. The Representatives need to take this idea back to their home associations. A vote will be taken at the September meeting.

D. Joe Arko stated that St. Louis Park has been a part of the Storm, blended teams with Southwest Hockey Association, for the last 3 years. This has worked well for both associations and they will again have blended teams for the 2008-9 season. He continued by saying that it is obvious that District 1 is fast declining in numbers and he believes that in 3 years or less D1 will be unable to field leagues. At this time, league play usually only included 3 or 4 teams and they must play each other 3 or 4 times a year. This is not a good thing. Joe continued by saying that we (D3) need to look down the road a few years and that this could possibly happen to us, as reflected in the fact that Armstrong Cooper have joined together and that Osseo and Maple Grove will be fielding teams together. This also happened when North Metro was formed 2 years ago. If District 3 is to continue to be a viable District they need to be looking to the future.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane distributed an updated D3 roster, updated calendar and the D3 tournament host rotation.

2. Diane said that the tournament host rotation for 2009 will be slightly adjusted due to the merger of Armstrong and Cooper Hockey Associations. She added that in the past each association was obligated to host a minimum of 2 tournaments each year. With

the number of participating associations declining some associations will have to host 3 tournaments a year. Last year North Metro did. Diane will rotate the association that will be given a third tournament.

Diane also will look at the tournaments to make any adjustments requested by an association, if possible.

3. We have a new email address for the D3 web site. It is D3hockey.org.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Diane Margenau reporting. (see attached)

1. The 2007-2008 Final Budget will be approved at the September meeting. Diane stated that there were still some additions that needed to be made.

2. The 2008-2009 Preliminary Budget will be approved at the September meeting.

**ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS –**

WAYZATA – Corey Jensen reporting.

1. Everything going well.

ARMSTRONG-COOPER – Joe Piazza reporting.

1. Merger complete.

2. New Hope Mayor is threatening to close the Arena due to costs. Hearings are being held.

ORONO – Tony Cleveland reporting.

1. Lots of discussion regarding Bantam team structure. Decided to go with a Bantam A team. Will make decision as to a Bantam B1 or 2 or C team soon.

OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE – Tom Pitra reporting.

1. Beginning a 4 year old program, beginning skating.

2. Maple Grove second sheet of ice due to open in November.

BLAKE – Angus Vaughan reporting.

1. Looking for a new Bantam B coach.

NORTH METRO – Craig Englund reporting.

1. No report.

ST. LOUIS PARK – Joe Arko reporting.

1. Thank you from the Petit family for the gift from D3.

2. Looking at assigning teams to participate at the correct level of play.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR** – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Will be setting up tournament coordinators meeting.

**ACE COORDINATOR** – Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. D3 Ace Coordinators meetings are on the calendar and will be posted on the web site. Gene will also contact all ACE Coordinators.

**COACH IN CHIEF** – Marc Sorensen reporting.

1. All CEP clinics will be posted on the USA Hockey web site by the first week in September.
2. Marc stated that he hopes to host a Level 1 & 2 early in the season and another Level 1 & 2 later, around the end of October or into November.
3. Level 4 Clinic – September 13, 2008 – Schwan Super Rink.
4. There is a new system for coaches to register for clinics. It will require a user profile
5. If an association is interested in hosting one of these clinics please contact Marc.

**S.K.A.T.E. COORDINATOR** – Sandy Sullivan reporting.

1. Program still available. If an association is interested in obtaining more information, please contact Sandy.

**GIRL'S LEAGUE COORDINATOR** – Any Johnson reporting. (see attached)

1. July 29, 2008 meeting –
  - A. Discussed an inter-league 12 & Under B2 league
  - B. 2 possible 19 U teams in D3
  - C. Several 8 & U teams. OMGHA willing to host end of year Jamboree.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**BY LAWS** – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane distributed a by-laws addition regarding the District 3 Girls Advanced 15 team. She continued by stating that there would be some housekeeping changes also for the 2008-2009 by-laws and that all these would be presented for a vote at the September meeting.

MOTION: Craig Englund moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jon Piazza seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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.