



**Minnesota Hockey District 3
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
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Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

Executive Committee & Associates			Association Reps		
x	Paul Steenerson	District Director	x	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
x	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	x	Kerry Murphy	Delano Area
x	Shelly Johnson	Administrator		Chris Carr	Hopkins
x	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations	x	Mick Mullen	Minneapolis
x	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	x	Brad Butler	Mound Westonka
	Kendra Verbeten	Interim Treasurer	x	Gina Hansen	Orono
	Neil Olson	BHRA President	x	Nick Rice	OMG
x	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	x	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
x	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	x	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
	Michele Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
x	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief			
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Comm. Chair			
x	Jeff Luke	Girls Coordinator			
	Michele Jirik	Membership Devel.		Guests/Alternates Present:	
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL			
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			

Call to order TIME: 7:02pm

February Minutes: Motion to approve: Mick Seconded: Jeff
Minutes approved

District 3 Director Report- Every association must have representation at the leadership conference on May 3-4 (held in SLP). Big item will be waivers. Please register on the MN Hockey website. President's meeting June 10 at 7pm Pub 42. Email with this information will go to all President's in an email. Scott Grey will be present to discuss hearings and Safesport. Communication sent to all coaches whose team made it to state on behalf of D3 congratulating them. Thirteen D3 teams are going to state. Regions: I made it to most rinks to watch some region games and was grateful for how they were run. Succession planning is underway for the D3 Director and President's role. If you know of someone interested, please discuss with them.

District 3 President Report- Congratulations to the D3 Teams that made it to the MN Hockey State Tournaments: Jr Gold A: OMGHA, St Louis Park and Wayzata

19U Girls: Minnesota Frost Bantam AA: OMGHA and Wayzata Bantam A: Hopkins and St Louis Park Bantam B: OMGHA 15B Girls: Armstrong Cooper and Wayzata Gold 12B Girls: Wayzata Pee Wee A: Delano. Have a meeting for the Association schedulers and Avario on Wednesday March 20 at Medina. We will be reviewing this past season and talking about goals and improvements to the process for next season. This year we were able to reduce the number of games rescheduled. In 22-23 there were 284 games rescheduled and this past season there was 141. Good progress but there are things that can be done to reduce that number lower, such as block out dates for the Holidays. We were also able to reduce the number of single games from 217 in 22-23 to 174 this season. The cost to the associations for the single games, extra fee for refs, was \$8660.00. We will share with the schedulers how they can see that they can reduce the amount of single games. In the 24-25 season D3 will be hosting 4 regional and 2 State tournaments. The State Tournaments that we will be hosting will be Bantam B and Pee Wee B. Any association(s) that would like to host the State Tournaments please let Paul and Mark know by April 1. The Regional tournaments that we will be hosting are Pee Wee AA, Bantam AA, Bantam A and 12U A Girls. We will be assigning these Regional Tournaments to Associations by the Middle of April, and we will also know which District tournaments associations will be hosting in the upcoming season by then. Get bids/presentation to host state tourney in to Mark/Paul by April 15. Think about banquets, hotels, entertainment opportunities, etc.

District 3 Administrator Report: Sent everyone a heads-up about banquet at Pub 42 next month. More info will be sent out shortly.

Registrar Report: I am delaying the end of season wrap up Registrars meeting until we have a bit more information regarding the new Participation rule. Hoping to hold meeting in May.

District 3 Treasurer Report: financials emailed to all.

GameSheet Report: no report

Associates Reports:

- Supervisor of Officials: Discuss job duties of discipline committee chairperson - expand role to help ensure suspensions are being served.
- Coach in Chief: no report.
- Membership and Development: St. Louis Park received \$1,000 From Pass the Puck at the last meeting. There will be another round of grants in the fall.
- Jr. Gold/JGHSL: *Osseo Maple Grove JGA, St. Louis Park JGA and Wayzata JGA qualify for State Tournament *Banquet at Medina Ballroom hosted by Buffalo/D5 *JGHSL Coach/Manager Appreciation/Business Mtg Tuesday April 9th at Malcom Yards *24/25 JGHSL Master Calendar *JGHSL moving to Crossbar supported website.
- Disciplinary Committee: All hearings completed.
- HP/Tier 1: All planning for the HP and Futures Development seasons this spring are going well, thanks to the GM's, Coaching Director and others who are supporting these planning processes. Planning is also on-going for the 2 teams

(14U Prospects and 14U Girls Tier 1) that we anticipate will represent MN Hockey at USA Nationals at the beginning of April.

- Girls Coordinator: Good luck to Wayzata Gold 15B, Armstrong Cooper 15B, and Wayzata 12B at their state tournaments this weekend. We will host our spring girls' coordinators meeting in April to recap this season and have preliminary planning for next season.
- Hockey Operations: Meeting with association Coach Developers tonight. Will be looking to add people to Skills Development team, along with Player Development Team Lead for next season. Model association Grant is being restructured; I will get that out to all as soon as I have it. Regional ADM manager Guy Gosselin is available to us, and wanting to meet with all association Hockey Directors, I will be trying to coordinate meetings with him and each association.
- Tournament Coordinator: Regionals wrapped up and lots of good hockey played. Overall sounds like everything went well with only a few hiccups but nothing major. I would like to host a tournament end of season meeting to recap the season regular tournament and regionals to see what worked and what could be improved. We had quite a few new coordinators this year.
- **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: U15Bs play in the state tournament beginning Friday! Would say most of our traveling teams underachieved this year:(Discussions are in place to see if we can do a better job placing our teams next year to be more competitive. Still in talks about possibly moving up to AA at the PeeWee and Bantam levels in the upcoming years. Had some issues come up this year about playing time! Working on doing a better job communicating AC's expectations to our coaches. Mite Jamboree was a huge success again this year! Bantam B1 regional tournament went very well!

Delano: no report

Hopkins: no report

Minneapolis: In process of discussing team leveling for next year Request to schedule Mite Coaches meeting at an earlier time for preparation Mite 3 jamboree went great! Awesome event with announcements. Mite 1 and Mite 2 jamboree event will happen next week with all of the announcements.

Mound-Westonka: Starting to look at numbers for next season, reviewing at end of season survey results, analyzing ice usage/scheduling by level, and working on summer training offerings.

Orono: District Tournaments (BTB1 and PWC) were successful. EMTs went well. Used 3 different companies. One was out of this world (Chase Smith). The other two, Save a Life and Heed Health, did have a couple of no-shows. All Warrior eligible teams advanced to regions. Unfortunately, none advanced to state. 15A played in the 1st annual VFW state last weekend. They had a great time and took 3rd place. The only boys' team to advance to Regions/Play Downs was JG. OYHA is holding a Special Members Meeting next Monday to expand our board (required for charitable gambling). Our Annual Membership meeting will be in April. We will be working towards planning for

next year with a goal to close travel registration no later than August 1st. It worked great last year. Orono HS teams both made it to state.

Osseo Maple Grove: -Five teams heading to State! -Colin and members of OMGHA board attended Brooklyn Park City Council meeting to discuss plans for second sheet. City council decision coming in June. -Hosted Try Hockey for free in Brooklyn Park, also offering a 4 week "intro to hockey camp" (March/April) -Working on Mental Health initiative to help better equip coaches for next season.

St Louis Park: Good tournament month for us. Both the Regional and Districts went well by our estimates. With most seasons completed we are talking to our coaching staff about the likelihood of return for next year so that we can get ahead of any large changes. Our board will need to process a larger than average number of new board seats for the upcoming year, so we are soliciting interest in those roles currently.

Wayzata: Recap year and updating policies. All tournaments are completed. Information breakdown for teams that advanced to state. Squirt/10U EBUG policy during post season play.... are they always allowed? Paul shared that for tourneys, have been very flexible for E-bugs.

New Business: Long discussion on new waiver process. May meeting will be opportunity to dig deeper with breakout session.

Old Business: Bylaws?

Adjourn TIME: 7:51 Motion: Andy Seconded: Gina

APPROVED