



**Minnesota Hockey District 3  
Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes  
PIC  
Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024**

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

**Call to order TIME:**

January Minutes: 8:03 Motion to approve: Rob Seconded: Andy  
Minutes approved.

**District 3 Director Report-** Waiver changes for the 2024-2025 season, Neck Guards mandatory starting August 1, 2024, for all participants under 18, Presidents Meeting June 10, 2024, 7pm at Pub 42, District tourney and good sportsmanship

**District 3 President Report-** Making sure that everything is ready for the District Tournaments. Will setting up a meeting March with Avario and Schedulers to discuss this past season and things that can be improved. Reschedules this year were down. I will give everybody a report on the exact numbers at the March meeting. **Reminder to get EMTS for district playoffs.**

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Tournament docs should be up to date on the website and ready for use at district tourneys. Tier 1 tryout dates are posted on Tier 1 main page.

**Registrar Report:** High School kids cannot “help” coach on the ice without being on the roster. Discussion about temp card changes for next year.

**District 3 Treasurer Report:** financials sent.

**GameSheet Report:** no report

**Associates Reports:**

- Supervisor of Officials: During upcoming District 3 playoffs please have the District playoff rule sheet at all scoring tables, in all arenas. Please try to keep spectators away from officials at all times, consider placing a table with a volunteer to keep unauthorized persons out of the locker room area.
- Coach in Chief: Attended USA Hockey National Meetings. CEP season to begin earlier this year. Transferring from CEP clinics to be changed - likely to be much more restricted. The national level wants to eliminate, or greatly reduce in person clinics, Minnesota wants to keep the option available. National Goalie Symposium coming to St Paul May 30-June 2.
- Membership and Development: There is a meeting on the 19th of Feb to get everyone together. Going to try and attend but all depends on the playoff schedule for my kid. There are few Pass the Puck grants to review and discussion on Gear Up MN.
- Jr. Gold/JGHSL: \*2024 JGHSL Playdowns at <https://www.jghsl.org/playdowns>  
\*Delano JGB: Delano Youth Hockey Ass. Board disbanded team for the remainder of 23/24 season forfeiting 6 games \*JGA & JG16 State Tournament Mar 15-17 at Woog Arena \*JGB State Tournament Mar 15-17 at Buffalo Arena
- Disciplinary Committee: One match penalty as of this meeting going through the process.
- HP/Tier 1: HP invitations were sent out this week to both boys and girls for HP14 and HP15. We will be moving forward with the dryland training program for the Tier 1/Tier 2 programs this fall and are working to finalize the contract and details with the facility.
- Girls Coordinator: 15U and 12U seasons have wrapped up and district tournaments start this coming weekend. I am requesting 12U/13U pilot data that MN Hockey committed to so that we can evaluate our 12U/13U 2-year pilot. It is my expectation that our spring meeting with the MNH Girls Committee will evaluate the pilot and consider new options for next season.
- Hockey Operations: no report
- Tournament Coordinator: All sanctioned tournaments have been completed and approved. Still have a few associations with tournaments this month. A question came up about moving the district tournament meeting earlier to allow associations a little more time to get ready for them. I said I would bring it up. I believe that we had the start of a discussion regarding scrimmages/tournaments within D3 and using D3 rules. Would like to revisit this before the next season as it would be beneficial to just have it set up that way. Regionals are coming up fast. Email was sent out to those hosting with brackets, EBUG forms, and a few other documents sent from MN Hockey. If anyone has any questions about Regionals please feel free to ask as I am happy and here to help!

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: Our people are aware of the new waiver rule coming into effect next year as well as the neck guard rule starting in August. Wondering if there has been any move towards the Squirt AA/Metro League? Looking forward to hosting our district tournaments and the Bantam B1 West Regional here soon! Mites are having a blast this season and looking forward to their end of the year jamboree! We've had a successful fundraising season for both the association and our families! In preliminary talks- very early- about moving up to AA at the PeeWee and Bantam levels.

Delano: Dealing with an increase in SafeSport situations; Board took action to eliminate the Jr. Gold B team effective immediately (following our monthly board meeting on Feb 5th) due to inappropriate behavior, lack of respect for coaches, teammates and opponents, and general safety of the players and opponents. Believe that the main issues will not be eligible to play next season, so we are hopeful to be able to host a team again next season. Preparing for the district tourneys that we're hosting. Starting to talk about the potential changes to the girls "levels" and what that will do to our program.

Hopkins: Preparing for bantam c tournament.

Minneapolis: Looking at Expanding the girls' tournament in 2025 and beyond. Next Year's tournament dates are Jan. 24th - 26th, 2025. We would like to expand to 32 teams (8 at each level). This would increase the game count to 64 and the games would be played at Richfield and Parade. Are we able to do this? Minneapolis is also beginning the conversation of team declarations for the 2024-25.

Mound-Westonka: Preparing for end of season district tournament, looking ahead to summer programs.

Orono: D3 End of Year Tournament: Coordinators are in place. Finalizing EMS staffing. We will have all games covered, it is just a matter of who can cover what and how much it will cost. Coordinators will be at the meeting on Wednesday. Other: Just going through the final push of the season. Thankfully, it has been a relatively quiet front on the discipline side. Any issues have been dealt with swiftly and resolved equally as fast. Meetings in prep for what we can do better next year. Looking for feedback on how other associations conduct mite evaluations. OMG and Wayzata shared their process. Begin process by grade level/school. ACYHA also shared start with grade level. Discussion about dealing with player group chats. Waivers-more discussion over next couple months.

Osseo Maple Grove: OMGHA doing reading programs in Elementary schools with Junior Gold Teams.

St Louis Park: Pulled off both of our invitational tournaments over the last few weekends. Working through some details for the Regional and District tournaments coming up. SLP Board is looking to make some changes to our calendar for setting board roles in the season to come, to align more closely with the district calendar needs.

Wayzata: Prepping for tournaments. Advertising for additional association positions.

**New Business:** Shared info on new MN Hockey Next Level Prep Program. It is an off-ice athleticism development program. Info on MN Hockey website.

**Old Business:** Bylaws-

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:27    Motion: Andy    Seconded: Nick

APPROVED