

**Minnesota Hockey District 3**  
**Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes**  
**Plymouth Community Center**  
**January 8th, 2025**



	<b>Executive Committee &amp; Associates</b>			<b>Association Reps</b>	
X	Paul Steenerson	District Director	X	Kevin Pote	ACYHA
X	Mark Brandt	President/Scheduling	X	Kristi Duis	Delano Area
X	Michelle Jirik	Administrator	X	Matt Schadow	Hopkins
	Josh Hicks	Hockey Operations		Mick Mullen	Minneapolis
	Machel Whitmore	Registrar	X	Mike Walsh	Mound Westonka
X	Kendra Verbeten	Treasurer		Gina Hansen	Orono
	Neil Olson	BHRA President		Nick Rice	OMG
X	Matt Olsonoski	BHRA Supervisor	X	Rob Anklam	St Louis Park
X	Mike Anderson	BHRA Scheduler	X	Andy Nordseth	Wayzata
X	Michelle Jirik	Tourney Coord.			
	Chad Wieneke	HP/Tier 1 Program Dir.			
	Josh Hicks	Coach-in-Chief			
	Tim Przybyski	Disciplinary Chair			
X	Todd Sherner	Girls Coordinator			
	Open Position	Membership Devel.		<b>Guests/Alternates Present:</b>	
	Greg Gibson	JGHSL	X	Brad Johnson - MPLS	
	Todd Larson	JGHSL			
	Brad Butler	Goalie Coordinator			

**Call to order TIME:**

Dec Meeting Minutes: 7:03pm

- Motion to approve: Andy
- Seconded: Kristi
- Minutes Approved: approved.

**District 3 Director Report:** Please remind your coaches/managers to include calendar screen shots of both goalies when requesting an EBUG. Also remind your coaches that they need to report to Matt within 24 hrs of a suspension. Make sure coaches are notifying Matt O for any suspensions. Winter meetings are upcoming, any suggested rule changes you would like to see brought up that are MN Hockey related rules? If anyone does have something please reach out to Paul. Mite waivers? As a reminder as of May 14th, the Director, President, Treasurer and GS positions will be available. The positions that are open will have the



descriptions posted to the website within the next week or so. At this time, I have not heard from anyone regarding interest but assume there will be interested parties.

**District 3 President Report:** Game reschedules are down this year compared to last year. There have been some Bantam games that have been getting rescheduled due to not enough players available because of injuries and illness especially at Bantams. Look at this next year to keep in mind because the number of players are lower on the teams when teams are formed. One thing that associations should keep in mind for the future: make sure that when you're planning that there may be 2 or 3 players out at the Bantam level due to injuries at a time. Been working with associations on scheduling the end of season tournaments. Currently have not received the brackets back from 2 associations. After I receive them, we can post the brackets on the website. Trophies and Medals have been ordered. Girls level 15UB is a five seed. Will be setting up an end of season meeting with the ice schedulers and Avario to discuss how this season went and start planning for next year. Would like to invite anybody that is interested in being President after May 14, 2025, to this meeting also so that they can get an idea on the process and procedure. Please make sure that your association schedules EMT's or Athletic Trainers for The D3 Tournaments that your Association is hosting. Lastly the Bantam B2/C, PW B2/C and 12UB2 and D6 backed out which leaves D3/D10. We need to find another association to host a level or two. This weekend is planned for the same weekend as the HS Boys State tournament which is March 7-9. There will be 4 teams at each level.

**District 3 Administrator Report:** Mark your calendars for Feb 12th at 7pm. This will be the D3 End of Season tournament meeting. Reminders were sent to tournament coordinators, presidents and D3 reps. Please make sure your tournament coordinator or the volunteer that will be running your associations end of season tournaments as we will be covering pertinent information and will be distributing trophies and medals for each association. **BIG DATE: BLVD in Minnetonka April 9th at 6:00 drinks with dinner at 7pm** for the end of the season party. We will be celebrating Paul, Mark and Kendra as it will be their last party with D3! If you know of anyone looking to join the board please help recruit!

**District 3 Registrar Report:** I'd like to have all of our registrars complete a written report of how they complete roster audits. I've asked them all to complete audits but it seems like we have issues every year with missing a player or coaches. I want to put together a few "best practices" from the associations that don't seem to have as many problems with them to see what they are doing differently. With the various sizes of the associations there are likely some things that work best for the smaller hockey communities and things that are implemented differently in the larger associations. I'll ask for these before our end of season meeting so we can share them then so registrars can have any new procedures ready for next season. Coaches that were not CEP compliant have been red lined. Your registrars have been notified and asked to communicate with the teams that have been impacted. We had more than normal but I expected that with the tightening of the temp card belt.



**District 3 Treasurer Report:** Invoices will go out to associations this week and based on team rankings in GameSheet. Starting to work on the district tournament at the end of season. Please email Kendra what your EMT rates are and per hour ice time costs.

**GameSheet Report:** Looking at how rosters are being uploaded and having manual entries made. Will work on a process on how this can happen so that the rosters are locked to help eliminate manual entries. Possibly have Machel talk to the registrars on how this can work from their standpoint. There are only supposed to be four coaches on the bench so the coaches that are not being marked off if not at the game or crossed off on GameSheet is a must. Asking D3 reps to go back to their association and see about uploading rosters after teams are formed. MN Hockey is in negotiation with GameSheet on the cost to associations and others. Games are getting uploaded for the most part and that is great.

**Associates Reports:**

Supervisor of Officials: Season is going well. Official numbers are good. BHRA has used 25 new officials this season, 13 with no experience and 12 with some experience in other associations. USA Hockey incident reports have been about on par with previous years. To date, District 3 players and coaches have received 53 game misconduct penalties, 3 match penalties, and 4 coaches have been suspended for failure to report within District requirements. Incidents by association (53): Wayzata - 21, OMGHA - 7, Mound/Westonka - 6, Delano - 6, Minneapolis - 4, Armstrong - 3, Hopkins - 3, SLP - 2, Orono - 1. Match penalties (3): Minneapolis - 1, Wayzata - 1, OMGHA - 1. Coaches failure to report (4): Wayzata - 2, Minneapolis - 2

Coach in Chief: No Report

Membership and Development: **OPEN POSITION – PLEASE HELP FIND A PERSON FOR THIS POSITION!**

Jr. Gold/JGHSL: Season underway. League ends Friday Feb 21st. JGHSL Playdowns Tuesday Feb 25th-Sunday Mar 2nd at Super Rink. JGHSL Playdowns at jghsl.org under JGA, JGB or JG16 on the home page.

Disciplinary Committee: We had two match penalty hearings in December.

Tier 1/HP Director: Conducted a survey of families participating in the 2024 HP season and results provided as an attachment. Planning on a 2025 HP overview meeting for D3 families in late January to highlight the opportunities available. Survey was emailed to the D3 Board.

Girls Coordinator: Held a successful D3 Girls Hockey Recruiting Seminar and 12/29. Approx 25 players/families attended. Would like to have seen more but everyone who attended found it very informative and hopefully can be a yearly event. Special Thanks to Sadie Lundquist with College Hockey Inc and Carla Pentimone with Women's College Hockey Recruiting for presenting. Possibly looking at holding it in the fall at the beginning of the season.

Hockey Operations: No Report

Tournament Coordinator: There have been some associations that haven't been getting their information sent to Mike and I in time and also haven't been getting their rules to Mike as well. I will make a note of these items for this fall when we have our meeting and will also work with Mike and Neil on how to help make things smoother on both ends. There have been a lot of scheduling concerns reported to me and I will work with the tournament



coordinators and Todd Elmer to come up with a solution for next season. Mainly it has been timing of games either really late or super early. Mike and Michelle are going to hold a tournament meeting earlier in the summer after elections from associations are done.

Goalie Coordinator: Links to three previously recorded goalie coach clinics were sent out to association goalie coordinators. These "Coach the Coaches" clinics is a progressive five session series hosted by Devenir Goaltenders. The final two sessions will be offered live via Zoom on January 12th and February 2nd. These clinics are available to all D3 coaches, connect with your association's goalie coordinator for more information.

### **D3 Association Representatives:**

Armstrong Cooper: All's well over at AC! Numerous teams found success in their respective holiday tournaments! We've decided to EBUG the rest of the season with our PWAs. Really nothing too new to report.

Delano: Season is moving along well. Question from our Board - is there a way to make associations commit to having true leveled teams? Had a roster issue (would have been resolved with an audit) but the roster was manually added to GameSheet and was never linked to the USA Hockey roster. Is there a way to flag entries that are manually entered? Or to prevent GameSheet from saving manual entries from game to game?

Hopkins: Our Mite jamboree was successful.

Minneapolis: Season is running smoothly. Minneapolis Girls HS Hockey held a 30 year celebration for girls HS hockey. They produced special jerseys and had many alumni in attendance. Lots of prep is happening for the Winter Storm Tournament that is happening in a couple of weeks.

Mound-Westonka: Many tournaments/jamboree coming up. Season going well on all levels. Discussion started about the need for the Jr Gold option for westonka kids. Would like to set up a meeting with Orono.

Orono: Not too much to report. I know the winter meetings are coming up and I would just like to reiterate our position that we would really like to see the "no school waivers for Mites" abolished. Basically, we are requesting that school based waivers would apply up until the 2nd year of Squirts. That's a biggie but other than that, the season is progressing nicely so far. Sad news that we have a Mite 4 who was recently diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and has begun treatments. We are focused on finding ways to support him and his family. Happy New Year!

Osseo Maple Grove: Tough time finding volunteers for tournaments this year, curious on any creative solutions other associations might have for this. Construction on the third sheet is on schedule.

St Louis Park: At halfway point season is going well. Seeing a larger than typical number of injuries at the Bantam levels as of late. Re-focusing our players on how to prepare for contact. 15U tournaments coming up at the end of the month 15B filled, but 15A will be a smaller tournament. Brackets for Regional Tournaments have been provided and other details are completed.



Wayzata: First section of an WYHA alumni wall installed at PIC...check it out! BB and PWB State Tournament host planning wrapping up.

**New Business:** Discussion around the maintenance and upkeep of municipal rinks and if there are standards that these rinks should be held to. D3 reps to bring this back to their associations to have a discussion and how can they help since the associations are the customers.

**Old Business:** None

**Adjourn TIME:** 8:16pm

→ Motion to Approve: Kevin

→ Seconded: Kristi

