



March 11, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline Hockey League was held on March 11, 2009, at the Crystal Community Center.

President Mark Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
Jim Gates – Referee in Chief
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator &
Recruiting & Retention Coordinator
Gene Ferrell – ACE Coordinator
Amy Johnson – Girls Coordinator
Joe Favorite – C League

Representatives:

Tony Cleveland – Orono
Alex Becker – Wayzata
Ed Szalapski – Blake
Joe Arko – St. Louis Park
Brad Davis – Hopkins

MINUTES –

MOTION: Ed Szalapski moved to accept the February minutes as presented.

Alex Becker seconded.

Discussion:

Scott Dornfeld pointed out that it appeared as though the Recruiting & Retention Report and the ACE Report were incorrect. Diane Margenau said that she would correct it for the record.

The motion carried unanimously.

REFEREE'S REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling reporting.

1. Had successful District and Regional Tournaments. Had great volunteers working at all the tournaments.
2. Jim Gates submitted an updated penalty report. (see attached)
3. John Sparling thanked the Wayzata organization for running a successful regional tournament.
4. April 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Plymouth Ice Center – Spring Meeting.
5. April 11, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – New Hope Ice Arena – Annual Referee Inter Squad Game and Supper. All are invited.
6. Peeewe A State Tournament being held next week end at the New Hope Arena, hosted by the Armstrong Cooper Hockey Association.
7. Both John and Jim stated that it had been another great and successful year in hockey.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

1. John again thanked Wayzata Hockey Association for hosting a successful Regional tournament.
2. District Tournament went very well. John thanked all the on site tournament Directors for doing such a great job.
3. D3 teams participating in State Tournaments:
Junior Gold A – Wayzata
Junior Gold B – Wayzata Gold, Osseo Maple Grove
16 & Under – Wayzata Gold
Bantam A – Wayzata, Osseo Maple Grove, Minneapolis Park (St. Louis Park)
Bantam B – Minneapolis Park (St. Louis Park), Wayzata Blue

Peewee A – Minneapolis Park (St. Louis Park), Wayzata
Peewee B – Minneapolis Park (St. Louis Park), Osseo Maple Grove
19 & Under B – Osseo Maple Grove
14 & Under A – Wayzata
14 & Under B – Wayzata
12 & Under B – Osseo Maple Grove Orange

Congratulations to all teams, players, coaches and parents. Congratulations to the Associations.

4. There was a carbon monoxide problem in the arena during the Peewee BN Regional tournament in Morris/Benson. Several players were sent to the emergency room. Problem appeared to involve the Zamboni and was corrected.

5. The final draft for the proposed change in the residency rule for Minnesota Hockey is ready and will be presented for a vote at the upcoming Minnesota Hockey annual meeting. Clarity and consistency in residency issues is what Minnesota Hockey is trying to achieve.

(From this point on, the minutes were not taken during the meeting. The following are submitted reports.)

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. A thank you from the Beltline Referee Association to D3 for a donation of \$100 for their scholarship program.
2. Information on the “Stanley Cup Charity Tour” can be found on the St. Louis Park web site.

GIRL’S LEAGUE – Amy Johnson reporting.

1. D3 Coordinators and interested “Girls Mites/Mite” Parties will be meeting on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Center Ice Room at Plymouth Ice Center. We will be discussing the possible formation of an 8 & Under league in D3 for next season. All are welcome to attend.
2. D3 Girls team in State (see above.)
3. Invitations for the Girls Advanced 15 (1994 birth dates) have gone out. Try-out dates are April 6 & 9. Information conveniently posted on the D3 web site. Kathy Fallen is coordinating.

METRO LIAISON LEAGUE REPORT – Casey Whelan submitted report.

“I plan to stay on for another year. Unfortunately, Wednesday nights are not good for me since my Son (JR. in HS) and I lead a 7th grad (8th grade next year) confirmation group. I will try to make it to a meeting early in the year to review the Jr. Gold program. We had a good year – nine (9) teams, up from seven (7) last year. We have three (3) teams from the District going to State. I did two things this year which helped out significantly. First, I had a meeting long before the season started with Association Presidents and/or designees who were considering having teams (OMG, Wayzata, Hopkins, Orono) and reviewed how the program works, key dates, etc. Second, I had a mandatory Team Manager meeting shortly after the scheduling meeting to train the managers. Fortunately, most of the Team Managers had managed teams in the past, however, Metro League has a few differences that are important to note. An improvement I intend to make next year is to coordinate with the officials regarding game rescheduling. Our process is somewhat different than D3 which confused some of the teams and concerned me that something would fall through the cracks. Everything worked fine, however, I would feel more comfortable talking with the officials before the beginning of the season so we have a mutually agreed to plan and process.”

“I would be interested in any feedback you have received about Jr. Gold this year.”

“Finally, Wayzata hosted the U16 Play downs and as usual did a great job.”

OLD BUSINESS –

PROPOSED RESIDENCY RULE –

The meeting concluded with a long discussion on the proposed residency rule coming up for the MH 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.

