



August 8, 2007

The August meeting of the Minnesota Hockey District 3 Beltline League was held on August 8, 2007, at the Crystal Community Center.

Those present:

John Perry – Director
Mark Brandt – President
Diane Margenau – Administrator
David Margenau – MH, Maroon Vice President
Jim Gates – Supervisor, Beltline Referees
John Sparling – President, Beltline Referees
Jerry Heinen – Director, Official Development
Kathy Fallen – Girls Coordinator
Gene Ferrel – ACE Coordinator
Scott Dornfeld – Tournament Coordinator
Sandie Sullivan – S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator
Marc Sorensen – Coach in Chief

Representatives:

Tom Pitra – Osseo/Maple Grove
Chad Sande - Orono
Matt Symoniak – North Metro
Greg Symicek - Armstrong
Tim Traff - Blake
Mike Tabery - Wayzata
Brad Davis - Hopkins

Mike Urquhart – President, Osseo/Maple Grove

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

MINUTES –

MOTION: Tim Traff moved to accept the June 2007 minutes as presented.

Matt Symoniak seconded.

Discussion:

1. The meeting date, as presented in the first sentence, was corrected to read, “June”.

The motion carried, with correction, unanimously.

REFEREE’S REPORT – Jim Gates, John Sparling, Jerry Heinen reporting.

1. Upcoming USA Hockey Referee Clinics:

September 22, 2007 – Levels 2 & 3 – 8:00 a.m. – Plymouth Ice Center
September 23, 2007 – Level 4 – 8:00 a.m. – Plymouth Ice Center
October 13, 2007 – Level 1 – 8:00 a.m. – Plymouth Ice Center

2. Beltline Referee Association Fall Meeting – September 17, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – Plymouth Ice Center.

3. Rule Changes -

1. Minnesota Junior Gold teams will be registering with USA Hockey as High School level teams and therefore will be able to use tag up rule.

4. Golf outing was very successful this year.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – John Perry reporting.

MINNESOTA HOCKEY SUMMER MEETING REPORT –

1. Now known officially as Minnesota District of USA Hockey.

2. Custom Lettering’s contract has been extended one year.

3. MH has joined USA Hockey program, “1 Goal”.

4. There is a new Director for District 12.

5. Girls Fall meeting – October 7, 2007 – St. Cloud, Kelly Inn. There is a possibility of 9 19 U teams for the upcoming season.

6. Officials will be screened before Fall clinics.

7. Screening should be completed on returning coaches and board members as soon as possible.
8. "Helmet Boxing" is becoming an issue and coaches should monitor players when they are in locker rooms. Helmet boxing involves 2 players who, while wearing their helmets, aggressively fight each other. Players are being injured.
9. North Metro Youth Hockey Association recognized by Minnesota Hockey. This is a blending of the former Brooklyn Park and Tri City Hockey Associations and will be a District 3 association.
10. "Minnesota Made" is a program geared at mite age players. They are stating that a player attending their program will be assured making a traveling team. This is a private company.
 - A. Participants can play in this program and their home program.
 - B. Teams should not play Minnesota Made teams because they are not USA Hockey sanctioned.
 - C. They will not carry USA Hockey insurance.
11. 16 U teams may play Junior Gold. B teams in tournaments and scrimmages. This is being allowed because there aren't enough 16B teams to play. If a team plans on participating in a J.G. B tournament or scrimmage, the District Director should be notified.
12. MH meeting minutes are available on-line.

DISTRICT 3 –

1. St. Louis Park and Southwest will again be blending their teams. A & B1 teams will be playing league play and playoffs in District 1. B2 teams will participate in the District 3 league play and tournament.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. District 3 sponsored a team and a hole at the MH golf tournament. Monies from this tournament go toward the MH Scholarship Fund.
2. The Competitive Committee met earlier this evening.
 - A. A letter will be sent to Association Presidents stating that teams will be review by the committee if there is a question as to their level of play.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting.

1. Diane Margenau distributed an updated calendar.
2. Team declarations are due to Diane by September 5, 2007. Scheduling is early this year, September 13, 2007, 5:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Ice Center.
3. New Affiliate Agreements will be sent out to the associations. These should be completed and returned to Diane by the President's meeting in September.
4. A Tournament Rotation was distributed. This covered the years 2007 through 2016. (see attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Margenau reporting

1. MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to accept the final 2006-2007 Financial Report.
 Brad Davis seconded.
 The motion carried unanimously.
2. The proposed 2007-2008 budget proposal will be brought back for the September meeting for approval.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR – Scott Dornfeld reporting.

1. Tournament sanctioning forms will be available soon.
2. All tournament approvals will be on-line.
3. Association tournament chairpersons meeting will be late September or early October.

A.C.E. COORDINATOR– Gene Ferrel reporting.

1. Associations should forward their ACE Coordinators name to Gene.
2. There will be a state District ACE Coordinators meeting sometime in September.

MITES – Mark Brandt reporting.

1. Mark plans to contact key people from last season's mite program to begin setting up this year's program.
2. Will plan on late September meeting for association mite coordinators.

COACH IN CHIEF – Marc Sorensen reporting.

1. Hope to have all clinics posted by September 1, 2007. Will be posted on the USA Hockey website.
2. Clinic costs were raised \$5.00 at all levels this year.

S.K.A.T.E. COORDINATOR – Sandie Sullivan reporting.

1. Over 6,000 skaters, state wide, participated last year in the program.
2. At this time, only Armstrong Hockey is committed to the program in District 3. We would like to have all the associations take part in S.K.A.T.E. If any association would like more information or help in setting up a program please contact Sandie.

GIRLS COORDINATOR – Kathy Fallen reporting.

1. "Put the Biscuit in the Basket" is a new program for Minnesota Hockey. It is in collaboration with the Girl Scouts and USA Hockey. Information will be sent out to association girl coordinators.
2. Plan on having an association girl's coordinator's meeting soon.
3. MH has discontinued participation in the girls Chicago Showcase.

OLD BUSINESS –

BY-LAWS – Diane Margenau presenting.

1. Diane Margenau reviewed the proposed changes or additions to the District 3 By-Laws. These were presented to the Representatives at the June meeting. Copies were sent out to all Presidents and Representatives and Board Members who were not present at that meeting.

MOTION: Brad Davis moved to accept the District 3 Rules and Regulations and the District 3 By-Laws changes and additions as presented.

Mike Tabery seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS –

5 PENALTY RULE CHANGE – Tim Traff presenting. (see attached)

1. Tim Traff proposed to change the 5 game expulsion rule, as stated in the USA Hockey rules, to a 3 penalty game expulsion in District 3. After a good discussion it was decided that this issue would be taken back to the associations for discussion and voted on at the September meeting.

MOTION: Mike Tabery moved to adjourn the meeting.

Brad Davis seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Brandt adjourned the 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.