

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
SPRING MEETING**

April 17, 1993 at St. Cloud, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President Leslie.

**Meeting Roll Call**

**Present:**

M.H.O.A. President.....	Bill Leslie
M.H.O.A. Vice President/North.....	"Butch" Glesner
M.H.O.A. Vice President/South.....	Ted Olson
MinnKota Referee-In-Chief.....	Dick Haney
Twin Cities District.....	Mike Maloney
District 2.....	Dean Nybakke
District 3.....	Gregg Wohlers
District 4.....	Mike Wallace
District 5.....	"Skip" Trumble
District 6.....	Brad Trumble
District 8.....	Paul Moen
District 10.....	Bruce Carlson
Iron Range District.....	Mike Riley
District 16.....	"Buzz" Olson

**Absent:**

District 15.....	Matt Brenk
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**Secretary's Report**

The approval of the minutes of the 1992 Fall Meeting was suspended until our next meeting. (Secretary Nybakke inadvertently forgot to bring copies for review.)

**Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Report for the period of September 24, 1992, through April 12, 1993, was distributed by Treasurer Trumble. A balance of \$7,291.70 was reported. "Buzz" Olson, seconded by Mike Riley, moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report**

- ♦ Bill was Referee-In-Chief for the USA Hockey National Bantam "A" Tournament. Grand Forks was a good host and most of the games were well played. Grand

### President's Report (continued)

Forks won the championship over Bloomington Jefferson in the last second of the second overtime period. Bill was concerned that we did not have the "best" officials working the tournament. There were no problems with the officiating but some of the linesman did not have a lot of experience.

- ♦ Bill said he had gotten some reports of Invitational Tournaments not abiding by the "time between games" guidelines. He wants to know if we witness this happening in tournaments next year.
- ♦ If your people are working non-sanctioned spring and summer leagues remind them that their USA Hockey crest should not be worn and that they have no insurance coverage through USA Hockey.
- ♦ If you ever have to fire an official, please follow the procedure in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.
- ♦ State Tournaments:

PeeWee "A" was hosted by District 10, Bruce Carlson - Supervisor.  
Good reports about the tournament.  
Bruce invited other District officials to work.

Bantam "A" was hosted by District 4, Mike Wallace - Supervisor.  
Bill expressed displeasure about a number of things.

- a. Only one official was invited from other Districts.
- b. Officials mechanics (front linesman raising hand when blowing down an icing, etc.).
- c. Officials did not wear helmets during warm-ups
- d. A referee's judgment call (goal scored before net was dislodged) resulted in a meeting with the losing coach and tournament officials, with the appointed supervisor sitting in on the meeting.

Midget "A" was hosted by District 8, Paul Moen - Supervisor.  
Good reports about the tournament.  
Paul invited other District officials to work.

Junior Gold was hosted by District 11, "Butch" Glesner - Supervisor.  
Possible physical abuse of an official occurred.  
Only District 11 officials were used.

- ♦ Bill emphasized that District Supervisors should not work any games in year end tournaments that their Districts are hosting.
- ♦ Bill asked for input regarding M.H.O.A. problems.
  - a. Recognition
    - 1. We need to promote our organization.



### President's Report (continued)

- b. Relationship of M.H.O.A. with USA Hockey
  - 1. How do we establish a link with USA Hockey?
  - 2. Can we provide input into decisions affecting Minnesota officials?
- c. Supervisors not at meetings.
  - 1. We only meet twice a year ... need to have representation from all Districts.

♦ Bill asked for comments from the Supervisors.

Twin City District - Mike has submitted a rule change for 601 (d) and (g), adding specific language for racial, religious and gender slurs.

District 2 - Dean reported that young parents, not knowing the rules or game of hockey, were the most vociferous in their comments this year. Dean also asked about the correct procedure for handling a possible physical abuse of an official report.

District 3 - Gregg reported that his District had many new officials (60% were Level 2).

District 4 - Mike indicated that he had a lot to learn but the season went well.

District 5 - "Skip" talked about officials not knowing the rules or not applying the rules properly was a problem. He also stated that remarks concerning gender were prevalent this year and not always handled by the officials.

District 6 - Brad stated that a procedure for fining an official for not knowing or applying the rules will be in effect for his District next year.

District 8 - Paul was pleased with the officiating by all Districts at the Midget "A" State Tournament. He also said that game misconduct penalties assessed to coaches had increased significantly this year.

District 10 - Bruce also was pleased with the officiating at the PeeWee "A" State Tournament. Bruce also talked about an evaluation form that District 10 teams filled out on the officials. It needs to be more selective and objective to provide good information.

District 11 - "Butch" talked about the Junior Gold State Tournament and some of the problems with this age group. "Butch" also said that parent conduct was more abusive toward the officials this year.

Iron Range District - Mike reported that a coach had told him that "Zero Tolerance was the biggest step backward hockey had ever taken". The distances between towns and the lack of cooperation for standardizing league play continues to be a problem in his District

District 16 - "Buzz" also said that "Zero Tolerance" was a problem for the coaches in his District this year.

### MinnKota Referee-in-Chief Report

- ♦ Dick thanked the membership for their input to him for the "Official of the Week" feature in Lets Play Hockey newspaper.
- ♦ The "Zero Tolerance" emphasis dealt with the negative relationship between people rather than the positive.
- ♦ Physical abuse of an official must be substantiated with a well written game report to him. He will forward to USA Hockey and M.A.H.A. President for investigation.
- ♦ New warm up suits for Supervisors/Seminar Staff were delivered a couple of weeks ago. Please sew your title patch on left sleeve horizontally aligned with logo on front of jacket. Dick was able to apply MinnKota District funds for the purchase of the warm up suits so there will be no additional charge to the recipient.
- ♦ Dick restated his opinion that attendance at a seminar was not a requirement to register at Level 1.  
Discussion - We will encourage Level 1 applicants to attend an "in-house" seminar that many Districts host.
- ♦ The 1993/1994 season will be the first for the national registration program with all registrations going directly to the USA Hockey in Colorado Springs. Seminar attendance is a requirement for all renewal applications so the seminar attendance sheets must be sent to Dick. Registration will not be completed until all requirements are completed.
- ♦ Dick addressed his decision to appoint Greg Shepard as the MinnKota Evaluation Program Director. He felt it was a good decision to involve well qualified people even if they have not been actively involved with USA Hockey or M.H.O.A. recently. He said it is always good to "bring the best into the program".  
Discussion - "Skip" Trumble, speaking for the membership, expressed concerns about Mr. Shepard being "outside" of our program. He also suggested that M.H.O.A. should be recognized by USA Hockey as a viable organization representing all officials in Minnesota.  
Dick explained that Greg Shepard will be training an evaluator from each District and coordinate the program, but would not be evaluating officials himself. He also restated that the appointment was his decision.  
Paul Moen asked why the Supervisors were not the evaluators in this program? Dick responded that Supervisors would still be involved in the process, but would not be doing the actual evaluations. Supervisors should be doing "other things" in their areas.
- ♦ There are 17 applicants going to the Instructors Camp this year. The camp is next week in Colorado Springs.
- ♦ Dick submitted over 30 applications from the MinnKota District for the 1993 Region Officials Camp. Selections should be completed in a couple of weeks.



### **MinnKota Referee-In-Chief Report (continued)**

- ♦ Dick had appointed Bill Leslie, National Bantam "A" and Phil Pascuzzi, National Junior "B", as supervisors for these tournaments. He recognized the good job they had done in supervising their respective tournaments.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

#### **Old Business**

Dean Nybakke presented two renditions of the M.H.O.A. logo he has developed. "Butch" Giesner, seconded by Bruce Carlson, moved to accept logo #2. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean then presented renditions of a M.H.O.A. letterhead incorporating the new logo. Gregg Wohlers, seconded by Mike Maloney, moved to accept rendition #1. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Official M.H.O.A. Logo



The M.H.O.A. letterhead may be used by the District Supervisors for their correspondence. Add your name, title and address at the top of the letter body area.

The 2nd Annual M.H.O.A. Officials Camp is confirmed. The camp will be held in St. Cloud in conjunction with the M.A.H.A. Bantam players camp. This year's dates are June 15 - June 19, 1993. The instructors are Bill, "Butch", "Buzz" and "Skip". Bill has a M.A.H.A. commitment with the players on Friday, so Dean will join the staff Thursday evening and stay through Saturday.

Motion by Brad Trumble, seconded by Paul Moen, to set a gratuity of \$200 for the camp instructors. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion - Physical abuse of officials. If an official has been physically abused, a written report must be sent to Dick within 48 hours of the incident. Dick will forward copies to USA Hockey and the M.A.H.A. President. The M.A.H.A. Grievance Committee will investigate the incident and render a judgment. The local Districts will not be involved in this process except to provide information to the Committee.

Discussion - Seminars Dates, times and locations for next fall's seminars were submitted by the Supervisors. Dean will develop a list of the seminars to be included in the USA Hockey registration materials.

## New Business

Discussion - M.H.O.A. Membership Dues. There was much discussion about what the fee should be and what our projected revenue for the next year would be. Dick had information that the 1993/1994 USA Hockey registration fees will be:

Level 4 .....	\$50	Level 3 .....	\$45
Level 2 .....	\$35	Level 1 .....	\$20
Affiliated ... \$15			

Motion by Brad Trumble to set M.H.O.A. dues at \$5 per year. The motion was seconded by "Skip" Trumble. The motion passed - 11 yea - 2 nay.

Discussion - State Tournament Officials Fees. There was discussion of setting a uniform game fee for all state tournaments. If the fees were established at a reasonable rate, additional funds would be available for lodging and/or transportation expense. Discussion tabled.

Discussion - M.H.O.A. Meetings. We only meet twice a year. Is this enough for our organization to be effective? We need full participation from all the Supervisors.

President Leslie directed that the North Supervisor and the South Supervisors meet in June to discuss topics of interest to their areas.

There being no further business, Mike Maloney, seconded by Mike Riley, moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dean Nybakke*

Dean Nybakke, M.H.O.A. Secretary

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