

MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
September 18, 1993 at Alexandria, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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.....	Brad Trumble
Twin Cities District.....	Mike Maloney
District 2.....	Dean Nybakke
District 3.....	Ted Olson (incoming supervisor)
District 4.....	Kevin Moran (for Mike Wallace)
District 5.....	"Skip" Trumble
District 6.....	Brad Trumble
District 8.....	Paul Moen
District 10.....	Eric Olson (incoming supervisor)
District 11.....	"Butch" Glesner
District 15.....	Scott Anderson (incoming supervisor)
District 16.....	"Buzz" Olson

Absent:

MinnKota Referee-In-Chief.....	Dick Haney
Iron Range District.....	Mike Riley

Secretary's note:

Dick Haney traveled to South Dakota for their meeting but would be joining us later in the day.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the 1992 Fall Meeting and the minutes of the 1993 Spring Meeting were reviewed. "Butch" Glesner, seconded by Ted Olson, moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report for the period of April 16, 1993, through September 17, 1993, was distributed. A balance of \$4,194.31 was reported. Ted Olson, seconded by "Buzz" Olson, moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

"Skip" asked that all expenses for 1993 seminars be submitted by December 15th. We have too many expense reimbursement requests being turned in up to a year late. This makes it very difficult to control and budget for our organization.

President's Report

Bill was contacted to write an article for Hockey magazine which was printed in the current edition. The article was a "Refs Report" about Minnesota officials and the training provided, etc.

There were 29 seminars conducted last year. To staff these seminars, over 700 volunteer man hours were donated by the instructors. Good job!

If you are contacted to speak before a CAP seminar, please talk about "zero tolerance" and the rules changes for this season.

The courts ruled against the workmen's comp claim by a District 10 referee who hurt his back while moving nets after a game.

Bill thanked Secretary Nybakke for designing the M.H.O.A. logo and letterhead. It adds professionalism to our organization.

Old Business

Discussion - 1994 M.H.O.A. Camp. The camp dates are not available but it will be held at St. Cloud. This year we only had eleven participants. Identify your applicant early! The number of players and therefore teams will be reduced for the 1994 camp. This means we will not have as many games to officiate but we should be able to get more ice for our official sessions.

Discussion - M.H.O.A. Dues. Dean distributed the application card that he had printed. The cards should be handed out at the seminars. The official is requested to fill out the card and send it with his check to "Skip". A list of paid membership will be maintained by "Skip" and periodically, lists sorted by District, will be mailed to the Supervisors. It will be the Supervisors responsibility to make sure all his officials are paid members.

Discussion - Physical Assault of an Official. In the event of physical assault, Dick has to be notified within 48 hours of the incident, followed up with a well written report. Dick will report to M.A.H.A. and USA Hockey. This type of incident will not be handled by the home District of the offending player or coach.

Paul passed on a message from Phil Pascuzzi - Phil urges us to stand together. Do not bad mouth other districts officiating. Every group has "good" officials and "bad" officials.

The meeting recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

New Business

USA Hockey Rule changes. No rule change proposals submitted by M.H.O.A. were accepted for this rule change year.

New Business (continued)

It was suggested that all M.A.H.A. districts adapt procedures to handle racial, gender or religious slurs.

- a. If an incident is reported to an official during the game a warning must be issued to both benches.
- b. If the official hears the slur a gross misconduct penalty (rule 601 g 3) must be assessed.

Discussion - M.A.H.A. State Tournament Officials. The M.H.O.A. must strive to provide the "best" officials for all state tournaments. After discussion, "Skip" Trumble moved to develop a yearly rotation system for districts to send officials to state tournaments, contingent on M.A.H.A. providing expenses for lodging and mileage. The motion was seconded by Brad Trumble. The motion passed with one nay vote.

Discussion - Game Fees for State Tournament Games. Brad Trumble, seconded by "Buzz" Olson, moved to recommend \$50.00 per game for 2-man system and \$65.00 per game for 3-man system. Motion tabled pending M.A.H.A. commitment to officials rotation proposal.

Motion by "Butch" Glesner, seconded by "Skip" Trumble, to authorize mileage expense for assistant supervisors in Districts where needed because of geographical size. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by "Skip" Trumble, seconded by Mike Maloney, to establish a service award for the M.H.O.A. Friendly amendment to motion by Dean Nybakke - as deemed appropriate by the President and/or the Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion - Junior Hockey. There are problems with junior hockey - Scott Dahl tourney in Duluth (ref fees in arrears). Other officials were not paid for games they worked last year for the Minnesota Junior Hockey League. The M.H.O.A. does not have a junior hockey representative. Should we? Bill asked the membership to come up with ideas to have a better relationship with the junior programs.

"Skip" Trumble moved to purchase M.H.O.A. logo shirts (approx. \$14.95 ea.) for the supervisors. The motion was seconded by "Buzz" Olson. The motion passed unanimously.

MinnKota Referee-In-Chief Report

Dick thanked the membership for the gift from the M.H.O.A. for his wedding this past summer. It was much appreciated!

Dick said that the officials registration fees will be increased this year for Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4. He also went on to say the officiating program is self-sustaining and receives no money from USA Hockey for operating expenses or programs.

It is mandatory that all officials attend a seminar every year. It is very important that each official sign the seminar attendance form and that the form is sent in to USA Hockey by the host supervisor.

MinnKota Referee-In-Chief Report (continued)

USA Hockey is developing a simplified rule book for parents which could be a good tool for the districts to use.

There is a task force looking into body checking in hockey. They will gather information from around the country and make recommendations for which age groups body checking will be allowed, when and where it will be allowed in the game, etc.

The wearing of officials names on the back of the referee sweater is to be at the discretion of the local area.

Moorhead is hosting the National Bantam "A" Tier II hockey tournament in April 1994. Contact Dick with your recommendations for referees and linesmen to work the tourney.

There being no further business, "Buzz" Olson, seconded by "Butch" Glesner, moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Nybakke

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