

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
September 21, 1996 at Baudette, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 a.m. by President Ted Olson.

Meeting Roll Call

Present:

MHOA President.....	Ted Olson
MHOA Treasurer.....	Skip Trumble
TC District.....	Dennis Alm
District 2.....	Jim Partlow
District 3.....	Darrell Gedney
District 4.....	Ethan Anderson
District 5.....	Roger Stephens
District 6- MHOA Vice-President/South.....	Brad Trumble
District 8.....	Joe Fox for Paul Moen
District 10 - Acting Secretary.....	Eric Olson
District 11 - MHOA Vice-President/North.....	Steve Tatro
IR District.....	Jeff Walters
District 15.....	Scott Anderson
District 16.....	Buzz Olson
Minnesota Junior Hockey.....	Phil Pascuzzi
MinnKota Referee-In-Chief.....	Bill Leslie

Secretary's Report - Eric Olson

The minutes of the Spring Meeting were read and approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report - Skip Trumble

The Financial Report for the period ending August 9, 1996 was \$5295.71. A motion was made by Bill that we accept the treasurers report. The motion was seconded by Roger.

Minnesota Junior Hockey Report - Phil Pascuzzi

1. Ted will be Supervisor of Officials for the league again this year.
2. A team was added in Mankato (Ice Hawks).
3. The Kodiaks had seven players move on to play hockey at upper levels, either college or Jr. A. The Lakers had four players, The Steers had five players, The Owls had two players.
4. The MJHL has set up inter-league play with the Thunder Bay Jr. Hockey League. Some games will be played at a neutral site, Thunder Bay. This seems to be a good fit for the league and it will help for future expansion of the league.
5. The league is hoping to add a team in Northern Minnesota (A Range team) and also another team in Southern Minnesota (maybe sponsored by a Jr. A team).
6. The MJHL has established a working relationship with the USHL as far as training officials. USHL linesman will ref in the MJHL.
7. A crew was sent to the National Jr. B Tournament and did very well. J.B. Olson lined in the final.
8. Player fees are increasing. Phil is trying to find sponsorship money for the league.
9. Phil is approaching MAHA for a \$4000 budget this year.
10. MJHL has a new web site on the internet. This will be used by all the teams in the league not only for posting standings but also to communicate between clubs by e-mail.
11. Game fees for officials working games in Silver Bay will be paid by MJHL.
12. Officials wanting to work in Thunder Bay must be dual registered with USA Hockey and CAHA.

MinnKota Referee-In-Chief Report - Bill Leslie

1. Bill handed out open book reference sheets to help supervisors with any questions they may receive about the test.
 2. Registration is going very well. All officials must have their patches by Dec. 1 to work any games.
 3. The white attendance forms are for returning officials, the yellow forms are for the new officials.
 4. Make sure that all names on the seminar attendance forms are legible before returning to Bill.
 5. All seminar attendance sheets must be sent to Bill with a Seminar Report Form attached. If you run a Basic and Intermediate Seminar together, you must submit one report form for each seminar.
 6. If you have any insurance claims, contact Bill and he will help you with them.
 7. Utilize the check from behind video at the seminar and stress the importance of enforcing this rule.
 8. USA Hockey is projecting 19,000 registered officials this year.
 9. 90% of all officials completed entire registration process nationwide in '95-'96. In MinnKota district, 2,347 officials registered and 2,149 completed the process.
 10. Matt Leaf has a proposal that Level 4 officials would only have to be tested every third year but it would be an all day seminar.
 11. New manuals are coming! Let Bill know how many manuals you will need for officials in your district. Each official should be broken down by levels. Level 1's receive level 1 manuals, level 2's receive level 1 and level 2 manuals, level 3's receive level 1, 2 and 3 manuals.
 12. Rule changes are going to be considered in Summer of '97. If you have any rule changes you would like to submit, you must use a special form.
 13. Summer Camps: MinnKota sent 15 officials to the Instructors Camp, there were 4 no-shows.
8 officials went to Regional Camp, there were two no-shows.
5 officials went to National Camp, only one no-show.
1 official went to Women's National Camp.
- If you would like to know how officials from your district fared at the camps let Bill know.
14. Kurt Hyster has been appointed the Evaluation Coordinator in the MinnKota district. His goal is to evaluate 50% of all registered officials this season.
 15. There was discussion about creating an evaluation request form similar to the one being used in New York.
 16. Bill encouraged all supervisors to attend their coaches seminar and to talk little bit about the role of officials and coaches. Bill suggested a short agenda:
 1. What is the officiating program all about?
 2. How do you become an official?
 3. Why do people officiate?
 4. Communication with officials.
 5. Stress rules that you want coaches to control their players from abusing.
 6. Duties of linesmen in a three man system.
 17. Coaches can receive Situation Manuals if they contact Colorado.
 18. Select 15 Tournament - Bill will be looking for input on officials to work the tournament next Summer. Give Bill your recommendations at the Spring Meeting.

Data Base - Steve Tatro

1. Steve will be receiving updates twice a month.
2. Like last year, the reports will be broken down by Northern/Southern MN.
3. Supervisors can receive the reports either on disk or hard copy.
4. Make sure to check all officials in your district to see if they are completely registered.
5. Skip will be sending monthly updates showing officials who have paid their MHOA fees.
6. PC File program will not run with Windows '95.
7. In the past 6 years there have been 4500 officials registered in the MinnKota district.

President's Report - Ted Olson

1. USA International Cup Tournament held this summer turned into a debacle. There was not enough time allotted for each game consequently pushing many games hours behind ultimately having to move or reschedule games just to get them all in. Ted is asking that we do not work any tournaments for the MASC until we resolve some issues with them.
2. MHOA Camp - Participation was lacking, only nine participants this year. Supervisors make sure the people you send will attend the camp.
3. Ted thanked Bill for the opportunity to work the Select 15 Tournament.

Old Business

1. Hall Of Fame Tournament - MAHA wants to expand the tournament to include Pee Wees.
2. State Tournament Rotation - MAHA wants a proposal from MHOA on a rotation for the Pee Wee, Bantam, and Jr. Midget A State Tournaments. Roger made a motion was made that MHOA will make a proposal to MAHA each fall regarding state tournament rotations to include Pee Wee's, Bantam's, and Jr. Midget A's. The motion was seconded by Darrell. Motion passed unanimously.
3. State Tournament Fees - The fees for '96-'97 state tournaments are as follows:

Pee Wee A	\$60 (\$25 -\$17.50-\$17.50)
Bantam A	\$80 (\$35-\$22.50-\$22.50)
Jr. Midget A	\$100 (\$45-\$27.50-\$27.50)
Girls Pee Wee	\$36 (one hour game)
Girls Midget	\$40 (one hour game)
Girls Srs.	\$44 (one hour game)

Mileage will be paid by MHOA. Lodging paid by MAHA. Game fees paid by host association. Meals are on your own.
4. Regional Tournaments - MAHA would like us to rotate crews for regional tournaments also. Skip made a motion to have MHOA propose to MAHA that for regional tournaments we will make all efforts to exchange crews wherever geographically practical. MAHA will pay for lodging and mileage (over 50 miles one way) if crews need to stay overnight. Host districts will be responsible for paying game fees. Motion was seconded by Ethan. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Evaluations - MHOA Camp and State Tournament participants should have evaluations submitted at the time of nominations. Evaluations should be sent to Kurt Hyster.
6. MHOA Camp - MHOA needs more support from every district in order to succeed. Candidates must be able to work Bantam A hockey.
7. Logo Design Change - Skip, Ted, Phil, and Eric will get together to work on designing a new MHOA logo. The committee will meet to suggest items for new logo.

New Business

1. STP Tournament - The metro districts will divide up the assignments for the STP Tournament to be held at Inver Grove Arena. Supervisors must fax their assignments to Bill as soon as possible. The game fees are \$30-\$20-\$20.
2. Seminars - Make sure that all seminars are fully staffed. Let Bill know of any additional seminars put on in your district.
3. Jr. Midget Proposal - Denny Green wants to add a Game D.Q. penalty at the Jr. Midget classification. He also wants to require all head coaches have at least a minimum Associate Coaching Certificate for this year. Denny was looking for any input from MHOA on these proposals.
4. USA Hockey Foundation - The foundation awards grants to different areas of USA Hockey. Phil thought it might be worth a try to apply for a grant for training the elite official. We would need to lay out a detailed 5 year plan on how our training program would work and how much funding we would be looking for. It was suggested that we put a committee together to look at the possibilities of receiving a grant.
5. Select 16-17 Elite Team - USA Hockey is considering sponsoring an elite team to play all season and base the team in Michigan. Minnesota high school teams will be affected by this move. Elmer is wondering what our position is on this proposal. It was the consensus of the group not to favor this proposal but in the same sense high school coaches worried about losing their top players should not raid bantam teams to field JV teams.
6. Attendance of Supervisors at Fall and Spring Meetings - Concerns were expressed about the District 8 supervisor not in attendance at our last three meetings. Instead, he has attended the past three MAHA Director meetings. A conflict of interest may arise from this situation. It was the consensus of the group to ask Paul to join us at our supervisor meetings.
7. Supervisor of Officials Responsibilities - Brad will send Eric a list of duties for Supervisor of Officials to be included in the minutes.
8. There was discussion about sending a representative from MHOA to the Annual Congress. The point was made that we represent one of the largest group of officials in the country. It was asked if we wanted to pay someone's expenses to attend the Annual Congress in June. The item was tabled until the Spring to see if it is feasible.
9. Meeting Attendance - What does your district help pay for you to attend the two meetings?

TC	Meals, lodging and mileage
2	Lodging and meals
3	50% of expenses
4	Ethan will check with his district

5	Lodging and meals
6	Lodging
8	Lodging
10	All expenses
11	Nothing
15	Nothing
16	Nothing
IR	50% of expenses

11. Fax machines for supervisors - MAHA has some fax machines available for supervisors to use.
12. Spring Meeting - May 2, 3, and 4 Holiday Inn- Mankato

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jeff to adjourn. It was seconded by Dennis.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Olson. acting MHOA Secretary