

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
SPRING MEETING  
May 3, 1997 at Mankato, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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 (Absent)
District 5.....	Roger Stephens
District 6- MHOA Vice-President/South.....	Brad Trumble
District 8.....	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 (Absent)
Minnesota Junior Hockey.....	Phil Pascuzzi
MinnKota Referee-In-Chief.....	Bill Leslie

**Secretary's Report - Eric Olson**

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

**Treasurer's Report - Skip Trumble**

The Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 1997 was \$7766.56. Skip presented '97-'98 Budget Proposal. A motion was made by Denny that we accept the treasurers report. The motion was seconded by Brad.

**Data Base - Steve Tatro**

1. Postage to send out updates this year ran \$300
2. If all supervisors with computers installed PC File on their computers, the postage bill would be cut dramatically.
3. Steve gave a demonstration on what PC File could do and what information could be derived from the files.
4. Steve would like any supervisors who would like to start using PC File updates sent on disks to contact him.

**Minnesota Junior Hockey Report - Phil Pascuzzi**

1. The final standings for the '96-'97 season had the Kodiaks in 1st, the Owls 2nd, and the Lakers 3rd.
2. All three teams went to nationals with the Kodiaks winning the national title. The Lakers were close to making the crossover game.
3. 37 players went on to play either college or Jr. A hockey.
4. Three officials were sent to work the national tournament.
5. Phil is trying to get a team going next year in Hibbing that would work with Dubuque of the USHL..
6. Dean Brandt will be the new supervisor for the MJHL.
7. Phil was asked by Jeff about MJHL teams playing community college teams and playing a very rough game without having to serve any suspensions for their actions. Phil is trying to police this issue better next year.
8. Phil has filed a grievance against those officials who decided not to work the league after the decision by the Jr. Council on the suspended player. MAHA will be holding the hearing on May 4.

### **MinnKota Referee-In-Chief Report - Bill Leslie**

1. Bill handed out guidelines on appointment of key personnel within USA Hockey.
2. Bill stressed to all supervisors to make sure that officials cannot take the level 4 test unless they register as a level 4 official to begin with.
3. Bill handed out a current referee registration and test failure rate. In the Minnkota District there were:

49 level 1's that failed	
153 level 2's	25 of those failed twice
76 level 3's	3 failed twice.
4. Bill passed around two sample form letters that could be sent out to officials who are incompletely registered.
5. There were 79 seminars in this past season. There were 245 class hours, 117 ½ ice hours, 92 different instructors, and 2650 attendees.
6. When filling out seminar report forms, you must fill out a separate form for each seminar (basic and intermediate) that are held at the same time and place.
7. Bill did not receive many recommendations for the National Tier II Bantam Tournament in Bismarck this spring. In the future Bill would like to have supervisors contact him with recommendations.
8. There are two national tier I tournaments in the Minnkota District upcoming in '99 and '01.
9. The Sr. National Elite Tournament was held here this year. Greg Wohlers worked the championship game this year.
10. Bill handed out the evaluation report. Minnkota is close to meeting its goal on the number of evaluations. Bill would like us all to do a better job of doing more evaluations and trying to reach the younger officials (levels 1 & 2).
11. Bill would like to know from each supervisor how many rule interpretation manuals are needed for next year. Only levels 3 & 4 receive the rule interpretation manuals.
12. Bill is concerned that we may have a problem with child labor laws with the younger officials.
13. Minnkota officials who were accepted to USA Hockey camps this year:

Instructors	17
Regional	8
National	9
Select	5
14. Bill wanted to send three officials to the Chicago Showcase (Team Minnesota won). Bill would like all supervisors to keep these opportunities on their minds to give Bill some recommendations.
15. Bill would like to recognize a supervisor each year for doing an outstanding job. This year his selection for Supervisor of the Year went to Jeff Walters.

would like all supervisors to do a better job of communicating with each other during the season. All game misconduct's outside of your own district need to be reported to the supervisor in which district the player is from.

### **President's Report - Ted Olson**

1. Ted gave an update on Buzz Olson's situation. His wife recently underwent surgery and then his home was lost to the flood. We all wish Buzz and his family a speedy recovery.
2. Ted emphasized the importance of supervisors doing a better job of communicating during the season. All game misconducts that occur in your district from a player outside your district must be reported to the supervisor from that team.

### **Old Business**

1. Ted presented the new logo. Ted suggested that we keep the official black and the background white.
2. MHOA Camp Participants - Ted would like to have all the names submitted of the participants to attend the camp in St. Cloud this summer.
3. Dave Rozinka - this official did not complete his registration until mid January. Dave was told by his supervisor that he could not work an district playoff games due to the fact that he did not complete registration on time. Dave went ahead and worked the playoffs anyhow. Discussion was held on what should MHOA do. The board is recommending that Dave Rozinka be suspended from officiating any USA Hockey games for the '97-'98 season. Scott Anderson will check with his district director to see what can be done.



4. Supervisor of Officials Duties - Eric handed out the duties of a supervisor. Supervisors should review the list and bring back any recommendations for changes to the fall meeting.
5. Showcase Hockey League - There has been an incident at one of the games and there hasn't been any action taken to resolve the situation. Since there are no score sheets used at the games, there is no way of tracking game, gross, or match penalties.
6. Fax Machines - MAHA has some fax machines that are available to any supervisor that doesn't have one.
7. State Tournament Reports -
 

A-Pee wee (District 3):	Had some problems getting all the officials lined up.
A-Bantam (District 16):	All officials did a great job.
Jr. Midget A (District 1R):	Tournament went very well except one ref was a little overzealous on his penalty selection.
Women's (District TC):	Tournament went well. There was a shortage of minor officials for the tournament.

### New Business

1. Junior Board Position - Phil suggested that the position be filled by the MJHL Supervisor of Officials.
2. Metro Jr. Midget A Select Game - MHOA sponsored this game for the Metro Hockey League this spring. Ted and Bill incurred all the costs for sponsoring this game (ice time and jerseys). All proceeds were donated to the Ben Peyton fund. Some items for discussion regarding the continuing sponsoring of the game included: age limits, location of the game, financing the game, opening it up to state wide players. Jim Partlow made a motion to reimburse Ted and Bill for the expense of putting on the game (\$640.00). Motion was seconded by Jeff Walters. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Jim Partlow will check to see if District 2 will buy the ice for next years game. Dennis Alm made a motion for MHOA to continue the sponsorship of the Metro Hockey League Select game for another year. Seconded by Jim Partlow. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Flood Relief - Motion by Skip to donate \$100.00 to Red River Flood Relief efforts. A friendly amendment was made to make the amount \$500.00 and to ask MAHA for matching funds. Motion was seconded by Jeff Walters. Motion was passed unanimously.
4. Selection and Scheduling of Officials for playoffs - There was some concern of some districts having some officials working too many games in a day or in a row for district and region games.
5. Seminars - Tim Plzbylski is the new seminar coordinator. Try to limit seminars to 100 participants. Explain at the seminars if they don't hear anything within two weeks of when they mail in their registration they should call Bill Leslie. Tim would like all basic seminars to have at least 1 ½ hours of ice time. Intermediate/Advanced seminars can be trimmed to one hour of ice time. Make sure that if any participants leave early that you scratch them off the list and that they must attend another seminar. Levels 3 & 4 must be in full equipment on the ice. People interested in becoming instructors should work through their supervisors. Tim's number is 612-519-0138.
6. Paul Moen apologized to the group that he was unable to attend the last couple of meetings due to him having to fill in for his district director for the MAHA meetings.
7. CAP Program - Paul would like Bill or Ted to talk to CAP Director to include in their seminars information about conduct towards officials. It was recommended that we draft some guidelines on what information we would like passed on to the coaches.

<b>Supervisor Reports</b>
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District 2 - (Jim) First year as supervisor was a learning experience. Wanted to thank the other supervisors for their help. Would like to be notified of any game misconducts by District 2 teams playing in other districts.

District 3 - (Darrell) The state A Pee wee Tournament was a success.

District 4 - (Ethan) Not present.

District 5 - (Roger) Liked exchanging crews for regions.

District 6 - (Brad) Concerned about hard checks and what can be done to control them. Continuing to recruit new officials.

District 8 - (Paul) Jr. Midget A Regional went well and working with the other supervisors has been great.

District 10 - (Eric) Good year.

District 11 - (Steve) Very good season. Not too many game or gross misconducts. Bob Backstrom is back as District Director.

District 15 - (Scott) Things are getting better each year.

District 16 - (Buzz) Not present.

District IR - (Jeff) Only one gross all year. Wanted to thank Districts 4 & 6 for help with the Jr. Midget A State Tourney.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Eric to adjourn. Seconded by Paul. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Olson, MHOA Secretary

<b>Election of Officers</b>
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Election of officers was held following the adjournment of the Spring Meeting. The following people were elected to serve on the MHOA board:

President - Ted Olson

Vice President/North - Steve Tatro

Vice President/South - Brad Trumble

Treasurer - Skip Trumble

Secretary - Eric Olson

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.