

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
APRIL 23 & 24, 1999 ALEXANDRIA, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

Meeting Roll Call

Present

President.....	Skip Trumble
TC District.....	Dennis Alm
District 3.....	Darrell Gedney
District 5.....	Roger Stephens
District 6 - Vice President/South.....	Brad Trumble
District 6 (Incoming Supervisor).....	Dave Kemp
District 8.....	Paul Moen
District 10 - Secretary.....	Eric Olson
District 11 - Vice President/ North.....	Steve Tatro
District 1R.....	Jeff Walters
District 15.....	Howard Breitkretz
District 16.....	Buzz Olson
Treasurer.....	Tim Przybylski
Minnkota RIC.....	Bill Leslie

Secretary's Report - Eric Olson

Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator.....Kurt Hyster

Treasurer's Report - Tim Przybylski

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Fall Meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Report - Skip Trumble

The balance in the checking account as of 4/22/99 is \$6965.05. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Skip heard very little from Supervisors throughout the year. Skip apologized for not using more officials for the

Minnkota RIC Report - Bill Leslie

Select 15, 16 & 17's. Part of the problem is Skip got the game assignments at a very late date and had to scramble to get the games covered.

Bill wanted input on the appointment of a women's supervisor/liaison to help promote more women involved in officiating. Bill would like to appoint Sheryl Ekberg to the position. Bill would like to put on another D.O.S. in the fall of 2001, possibly in Rosemount, Plymouth or Roseville. It was suggested to also consider the Super Rink in Blaine. There were 83 seminars conducted in the Minnkota District this past season. The average seminar had 3 ¼ hours of classroom and 1 ½ hours of ice time. Bill was pleased with the seminar season. One official failed the background check and was suspended from working any sanctioned MAHA games. The winter meetings went well. The Annual Congress is June 9 - 15 in Colorado Springs. Bill thought there were a lot of Gross Misconduct's this past season.

Evaluation Coordinator - Kurt Hyster

The year went very well with the seminars. Kurt Hyster is the new seminar coordinator and is working on some new ideas to help improve the seminars.

Kurt is working on a refresher seminar for instructors who haven't been to camp for a number of years. It would be an all day seminar. Evaluations completed in Minnkota as of April is 1205. The breakdown by districts is as follows:

	'98-'99	'97-'98
TC	71	45
2	18	15
3	103	337
4	0	0
5	68	65
6	345	335
8	152	163
10	180	88
11	20	14

Supervisor Reports

IR	0	27
15	0	0
16	70	67

USA Hockey has developed a new Advanced evaluation Form. The idea is to use the form for your upper level officials. The form will be more beneficial for your most seasoned officials.

TC - Dennis Alm

They worked close to 1800 games (districts, regions, women's, scrimmages, and invitational tournaments). Dennis had six evaluators that completed 75% of the officials. Dennis used approximately 70 officials this year (11 - Level 1, 26 - Level 2, remainder Level 3 & 4). Many of the officials worked more than one district which causes some problems on the weekends. Dennis is planning a women's only seminar September 18 at Edison Arena. There needs to be at least 15 women for the seminar. Senior Women's had some concerns about no shows and only one official at some of the games. Dennis let the women know that we will not schedule any games past 10 p.m. Some games were added without getting the proper information to the schedulers. If an official misses a game, the official is fined \$50 per game. If the official misses three games there schedule is pulled. MHOA candidate pulled out to a new job. Two others are checking to see if they can get the time off from work. Dennis used 13 new people in Regions this year. District 3 and TC covered the Women's State Tournament.

2 - Jim Partlow

No report.

3 - Darrell Gedney

They worked close to 2600 games. They used over 125 officials this year. Five officials worked the National Tier 1 Tournament in Edina. Darrell completed 220 evaluations this year. They made a concerted effort to schedule

Seminar Coordinator Report - Tim Przybylski
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younger officials with more experienced officials to help mentor them. Three officials went to instructors camp this year. One official is going to Regional Camp, one to National and one to Women's Camp.

4 - Ethan Anderson

No report.

5 - Roger Stephens

Conducted two coaches meetings this past year. Held two officials meetings this year. The meetings were very helpful in getting all the officials on the same page. Roger kept in contact with all the schedulers on a monthly basis. There were 138 referees registered in the district. There were only 25 level 3's. Communication with associations regarding Regional Tournaments needs to improve. The host associations are not familiar with their responsibilities.

6 - Brad Trumble

The Metro League seems to be taking control of the Jr. Gold Select game. One of the problems in the district is officials working more than one district. Brad feels we need to get behind the Jr. Gold program and show them more support.

8 - Paul Moen

Paul had a problem with the new District 6 Director at the Regions. Paul is concerned about the level of competency of linesmen in the 3 man system. Paul would like to see more training in the seminars for linesman. Showcase Hockey has obtained the USA Hockey Officials list and has been sending literature to all metro officials. Since Showcase is not USA Hockey sanctioned, they should not be recruiting USA Hockey officials.

10 - Eric Olson

Eric completed over 130 evaluations this season. There were 102 officials that officiated games this season. 10 officials were under the age of 18. Eric wanted to thank Brad for hosting a crew for the A Pee wee tournament. There were over 85 game reports on District 10 players and coaches. There was vast improvement in getting the paperwork filled out by officials. District 10 is hosting an A Bantam Regional @ Anoka next season. District 10 hosted the Girls 15 & under A State Tournament @ Cook Arena in Coon Rapids. Eric used four three man crews for the tournament. Lynn Olson thought the championship game was being called too tight. Eric disagreed with her observation.

11 - Steve Tatro

District 11 officiated 2400 games this season. Evaluations are down this year. There will be a new district director named. The year went smooth. Steve used nearly 100 officials this season. Many of those are college students who only help out while they are going to school.

15 - Howard Breitkruetz

State Tournament Reports

Howard held three seminars last year and is planning four this next season. There were 17 game misconduct's and one gross misconduct this season. Most communities have two to three officials that handle the majority of the officiating in the community.

16 - Buzz Olson

In Bemidji and Grand Forks, there are always college students that help out with the games but it also causes some animosity between those that are permanent residents of the communities.

IR - Jeff Walters

There were 143 registered officials in the IR District this season. One community ran into some problems by using non registered officials. There were 15 game misconduct's and three match penalties handed out this season.

Girls 12 & Under A

Hosted by District 8 - Paul Moen

Paul used a lot of different officials that might otherwise not have had the opportunity to ref a state tournament. Paul even used three level 2 officials (with Bill's permission). The tournament went very smoothly.

Girls 15 & Under A

Hosted by District 10 - Eric Olson

Eric used four three man crews for the tournament. Three of the four crews did an excellent job. Those three crews officiated on Sunday. Lynn Olson showed up to watch the championship game on Sunday and expressed her concerns that the game was being called too tight. Eric explained to her that they were calling all the games this tight for the whole weekend and Eric thought they were very consistent. Overall the tournament went very smooth.

Peewee A

Hosted by District 6 - Brad Trumble

Crews were sent from Districts 5, 6, 8, & 10. Brad was disappointed with the quality of the officiating overall. Brad was wondering if we are sending are best people to the tournaments.

Bantam A

Host by District IR - Jeff Walters

The tournament was held at International Falls. There were crews from Districts 2, IR, 5 & 16. Jeff completed formal evaluations on Friday. In hind sight, Jeff thought the evaluations he completed should have been tougher. Overall the tournament went well.

Jr. Gold

Hosted by District 15 - Howard Breitkruetz

The tournament was held in Moorhead. Crews were sent form Districts 3, 4, 11 & 15. Howard thought that being supervisor for the tournament was a good experience. There were a few players that caused some problems on

MHOA Camp

Saturday.

National Tier I

Hosted by Minnkota - Bill Leslie

The tournament was held at Edina. The officials did a great job. There were numerous penalties called due to the rough play. There were four game misconduct's issued during the tournament. Bill had Dave Kemp, Skip Trumble and Bruce Carlson help with evaluations. The tournament was an overall success.

National Jr. B

Hosted by Minnkota - Bill Leslie

The tournament was held at the Super Rink in Blaine. Brad Sotak was selected to work the championship game and did an excellent job. The tournament went well.

The camp will be held June 19-25 at St. Cloud State University.

The camp instructors are:

Steve Tatro
Rick Looker

J.B. Olson
Tim Przybylski

Skip Trumble
Bill Leslie

The two alternates are:

Brian Thul

Brett Koslowski

Camp participants are going farther in their officiating careers. Districts 15 & 16 do not have participants to send this year. Districts IR & 5 will send two participants each to camp. Skip invited supervisors to come and spend a day at camp to see how it is run. Skip made a proposal that MHOA buy a video camera to use for training purposes. Brad made a friendly amendment to purchase a video camera for training purposes , not to exceed \$1000. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Skip and Bill will work on a grant proposal to USA Hockey for reimbursement.

Supervisor Warm-ups

Skip thanked Jeff Walters and Tim Przybylski for the warm-ups. Skip asked if there is a minimum order when we need to order more.

Communication

Skip stressed the need to continue to improve communication of game misconduct's. If any supervisor has questions, complaints or concerns, Skip asked that they contact him to discuss them.

MHOA Yearly Agenda

Eric suggested that we put together a tentative schedule of events. This will help in coordinating between supervisors and also with regional tournaments that may be too large for one district to handle. Skip is planning to send out a monthly newsletter to all supervisors to help improve communication.

New Business

Jr. Gold Select Game

There again was some confusion on who is responsible for what (MHOA and the Metro League). Brad felt the Metro League is taking too much control of the game.

State Tournament Officials

Skip brought up for discussion about splitting up crews so that the best people work on Sunday. Brad made a motion that supervisors are given the option of splitting up crews for Sunday. Discussion followed that supervisors need to inform the crews at the pre-tournament meeting how he plans to choose crews for Sunday. Bruce made a suggestion that supervisors have another evaluator at the tournament on Friday to help with evaluations. Motion was seconded and passed.

STP Tournament

How should these games be scheduled? After discussion the consensus is to allow the host supervisor to schedule the games.

State Tournament Per Diem

MHOA approved a \$40 per diem for those officials that are being lodged. MAHA paid the per diem this year and we need to send a thank you letter to Bill McDonald.

MHOA Supplies

What supplies do we need to order for the fall?

Letterhead - none

Old Business

Game Report Forms - 2,000

Supervisors working Regional Games

If a supervisor refs a regional game in their district, the supervisor needs to appoint a supervisor for that game.

Fall Meeting

The fall meeting is scheduled Sept. 17, 18 & 19 at Baudette. The decision is to travel to Baudette to meet jointly with MAHA. The MHOA meeting will be held Saturday 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Seminar Promotions

Steve suggested that in order to keep seminars fun, we should give away an item at every seminar that we hold for the hardest working official at the seminar. It was suggested that MHOA give away a whistle at every seminar in 1999-2000 season. Dennis and Tim will price out 12 dozen whistles for the seminars.

Game Reports

Election of Officers

Darrell Gedney will develop a spread sheet to track game reports statewide.

1999-2000 State Tournament Rotation

Bantam A	District 8 Host	Districts 5, 6, 8 & 10
Peewee A	District 15 Host	Districts 11, 15, 16 & TC
Jr. Gold	District 3 Host	Districts 2, 3, 4 & IR

USA Hockey Registration List

The list provided to supervisors from Steve is for internal use only and should not be given to anyone else.

Seminar Topics

There was lengthy discussion on ideas to improve the seminars. Kurt will work on a new format and hold a meeting this fall for all seminar instructors.

Service Award

Skip presented Brad with a plaque recognizing Brad's years of service with MHOA and the game of hockey.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Buzz and seconded by Dennis to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Election of officers were held following the adjournment of the Spring Meeting. The following people were elected to serve on the MHOA board:

- President - Skip Trumble
- Vice President/North - Steve Tatro
- Vice President/South - Eric Olson
- Treasurer - Tim Przybylski
- Secretary - Roger Stephens

There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. □