

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
SPRING MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2000 WILLMAR, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m.

**Meeting Roll Call**

***Present***

President	Skip Trumble
Treasurer	Tim Przybylski
TC District	Dennis Alm
District 2	Jim Partlow
District 3	Darrell Gedney
District 5 - Secretary	Roger Stephens
District 6	Dave Kemp
District 8	Paul Moen
District 10 – South Vice President	Eric Olson
District 11 – North Vice President	Steve Tatro
District IR	Jeff Walters
District 15	Howard Breitkruetz
District 16	Buzz Olson
Minnkota Referee-in-Chief	Bill Leslie
Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator	Bruce Carlson
Minnkota Seminar Coordinator	Corky Jechorek

**Secretary's Report – Roger Stephens**

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report by Jeff Walters, and second by Jim Partlow. Motion unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Tim Prybylski**

The balance in the checking account as of 4-11-00 is \$6,569.35. As of this date there were 1658 referees paid dues for the 1999-2000 hockey season. A motion was made by Dave Kemp to accept the Treasurer's Report, and second by Jeff Walters. Motion unanimously approved.

**Minnkota District Report – Bill Leslie**

\*\* Handed out Seminar, and Referee Registration Reports. Bill explained the break down of each report. 3177 seminar attendees for the 1999-2000 hockey season.

\*\* Retention rate for U.S. officials was 66% annually.

Level 1 - 47% average of the amount of officials who quit each year.

Level 2 - 31% average of the amount of officials who quit each year.

Level 3 & 4 - 15% average of the amount of officials who quit each year.

\*\* North Dakota Hockey Officials has a website which is [www.ndaha.org](http://www.ndaha.org).

\*\* All registered instructors worked seminars this year.

\*\* Bill went over upcoming events for the summer and fall regarding Select 15 Nationals at St. Cloud, D.O.S. in Plymouth, Chicago Showcase, Regional, National, Select and Women's Elite Experience Camps.

- \*\* Next January, may need officials for tournament in Mexico.
- \*\* Eric asked Bill if he could help us by reminding us of the camps and getting applications to prospects. Bill agreed to send out reminders.
- \*\* Some areas in the U.S. are going to standardize certain suspensions for certain penalties by having minimum penalty guidelines.
- \*\* Starting the year of 2001-2002, there will be closed book tests for Level 2 referees. Level 4 tests, if less than 30 correct answers, official will be dropped to Level 2.
- \*\* National Tournaments- any player who gets a game misconduct has a right to a hearing, to appeal the penalty.
- \*\* Paul asked about age restrictions regarding officials and being too young to officiate. District 6 has a 15 years old age restriction at this time. Skip asked the board whether we should set age restrictions through M.H.O.A. After discussion, Steve made a motion: recommended to have officials a minimum age of 14, except if supervisor was to make an exception. Seconded by Jeff. Motion in favor = 2, motion against = 13. Motion failed. It was decided at this time to be left up to each district supervisor.

### **Seminar Coordinator – Corky Jechorek**

- \*\* Handed out seminar guidelines for reviewal, and talked about breaking into groups with instructors to go over rules, situations, etc.
- \*\* Talked about discontinuing the on-ice portion of the seminar for level 3 officials, and have pit sessions with the referees at the seminars. Possibly going over some situations pertaining to last year's tests, and the upcoming tests. Could also go over rule interpretations, and the rules in more depth.
- \*\* Paul suggested going over the USA Rule Interpretation Manual, or the previous years Level 4 test..
- \*\* Corky also suggested going over the Basic Manual & Rule Book, and how to use them for looking up rules. He also recommended having 2 ice bosses for the Basic On-Ice Sessions. It was also suggested to hand out surveys for the basic officials to fill out, and have the instructors sign them.
- \*\* Dave suggested having a choice of different topics for the level 3 officials to choose from. They would also have to attend a minimum number of classes to fulfill their requirements.
- \*\* Wanted to try and keep no more than 1 seminar within 100 miles of each other on the same day.

### **Evaluation Coordinator – Bruce Carlson**

- \*\* Evaluations were down by 40-50%. Although there were more handed in at the meeting. We need to find more evaluators, or try and get more help from other districts. Bruce said he will be available to help with training for getting more evaluators. He suggested setting them up in conjunction with USA Hockey Seminars. Many of our experienced officials are too busy filling in for games with shortages of referees.
- \*\* District 3, 6, 10 & TC have some money available to compensate evaluators. It is getting harder to get people to do this for nothing.
- \*\* Bruce would like to have a list of evaluators from each of the districts as soon as possible.



## Supervisor Reports

***IR District*** - Jeff had 32 game misconducts, and 3 were on coaches. He thanked Jim for taking care of their officiating crew at the Jr. Gold State Tournament. New directors name is Dave Hendrickson.

***District 16*** - Buzz didn't have the exact numbers, but said he was concerned with the increasing number of game misconducts they had in their district this year as well. But otherwise everything went fairly well.

***District 15*** - They had 203 officials in their district. 21 officials were incomplete. They had 8 game misconducts on coaches this year, 26 game misconducts for the players, 1 gross misconduct, and 2 match penalties.

***District 11*** - Bob Backstrom retired as the district director, and the new director would be Jerry DeMayo. They had 70 game misconducts this year.

***District 10*** - They had 132 game, gross misconducts, and match penalties this year. 32 of those penalties were from outside their district. Eric briefly discussed the Winter Meeting. They had 100 officials in their district. Level 1-13, level 2-29, Level 3-47, Level 4-11. This year all complaints had to be in writing before dealt with. They had 11 guys under the age of 18 working their games this year. Eric felt the communication with other supervisors went very well this year.

***District 8*** - Problem with younger age group of officials. Also had problems with some fans, and a few problems with referees and their behaviors this year.

***District 6*** - 121 game misconducts. Having problems losing referees and they covered all their games with 70 officials this year. Dave had a concern with fan behavior this year. Dave had problems with abuse of officials and they had to dial 911 three times this year.

***District 5*** - Had 74 game misconducts this year, 12 of those on coaches. Had a concern with not having enough senior officials on the ice for some of the games. Also had a concern with minimum age requirements for referees. Considering a rating system for keeping senior officials on ice at most levels. Also concerned about having somewhere for younger officials and training them for the 3 man system, other than the Bantam A level.

***District 4*** - Jim Bullard wants to include Tom Leary as an assistant supervisor for their district.

***District 3*** - 82 game misconducts, 1 gross misconduct and 1 match penalty. Bantam B league had the most penalties. They had 65 level 3 referees this year. They will be adding an assistant supervisor for their district and will also be adding a house league coordinator. District has a web site. [www.d3bhra.org](http://www.d3bhra.org)

**District 2** – 122 game misconducts at the A & B level and 48 game misconducts at the C level, 4 gross misconducts (1 coach), 7 match penalties. Their district officials would like the game called tighter. They had 118 officials this year. They also have the game disqualification rule for all levels.

**TC District** – Would like to go to 3-man system at both Bantam A & B levels. No longer schedule scrimmages for Friday, Saturday, or Sundays. Will be sending 2 people to instructor training in Colorado. Select Junior Gold went well but had a tough year getting officials to work their games. Had a problem with game misconducts on players and coaches would schedule a scrimmage so their player could sit out a game before their playoffs. Had 2 gross misconducts at the Junior Gold level. Didn't have a total on game misconducts, but Dennis felt they were down a little this year, but there were more butt-ending and spearing penalties called this year.

### **State Tournaments**

**Girls 12 and under** – At their coaches meeting, coaches complained they had to many young officials doing their games throughout the year. Not well attended.

**Girls 15 and under** – Had a young women referee the championship game and did very well. Overall, tournament went very well.

**Pee Wee A** – Was at Brainerd. They had a feature on a peewee goalie from Alexandria who died this year. Banquet was on Thursday night. 2 officials couldn't make it to the banquet. Howard did the evaluating this year. Overall tournament went well.

**Bantam A** – Bill Leslie reported for Paul. Bill and Ted helped cover the tournament with Skip. They split up the officiating crews for Saturday and all 4 districts were represented on Sunday. Splitting up the officiating crews went very well.

**Junior Gold A** – Was held at White Bear Sports Center. They had problems having enough room for spectators. They considered it a big success, they even put the tournament on cable t.v. Thanked all district crews for doing a great job. Jim had a lot of good comments on the officiating.

### **National Bantam A Tournament – Bill Leslie**

Had 26 different officials working tournament. Biggest complaint was on linesman not yelling "icing" loud enough. A lot of penalties were called. Bill had a concern regarding getting passes for their evaluators. Bill wanted to thank Bruce, Skip, Tim and Dennis for their evaluations. Had just a couple problems with a couple of teams. They ran 6 games a day. The decision on who would work what days was kind of hard to pick because the officials did a great job. Bill wanted to remind everyone that we could send people to Nationals every year.

### **MJHL – Scott Brand**

No report, busy with all their playoffs. Scott would like to participate with our MHOA camp for one day. Will talk with participants about the Junior Program.



## Old Business

**MHOA Camp** – Skip has had 7 applications in so far and will take the first 12. Instructors are J.B. Olson, John Looker, Brian Thul, Brian Mock, Steve Tatro and was looking for one more at the time. Instructors warm ups have been discontinued. Talked about windshirt pullovers.

**Instructor warm-ups** – they have been discontinued. Discussed having windshirts instead. Wondered if there was enough money to purchase them and discussed raising fees. Jim made a motion to raise MHOA dues to \$10.00 for referees 18 and older and \$5.00 for under 18 years. Motion seconded by Dave. Those in favor = 4, those opposed = 11. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Buzz to pursue the purchase of pullovers for instructors, seconded by Dave. Motion unanimously passed.

**Supervisors working regionals** – Make sure someone is appointed as a supervisor for all games at all regionals. It was also discussed to give notice to the hosts of post season tournaments to have the off ice officials move the goals nets at the end of periods, and at the end of games. The on ice officials need this time to rest and concentrate on the games.

**Late Season Seminar** – Skip would like this to be held about the first weekend after Thanksgiving. Darrell volunteered to host this. The date, and time is to be determined.

## New Business

**Non-sanction games** – Moorhead had a tournament this last year and we had refs working this that wore their crests on their referee sweaters. The teams that participated were issued sanctions. Skip will send out a letter to scheduler in the Fargo-Moorhead area regarding non-sanction tournaments versus sanctioned tournaments.

**Fall Meeting** - Eric made a motion to attend the Fall State Meeting in Fargo. Seconded by Dave. Meeting will be held September 15, 16, & 17. This has since been changed to Bemidji, MN.

**Clothing** – Tim will put together an order form for pull-overs, golf shirts, and long sleeve mock shirts.

Eric suggested we have a second supervisor go out and help with the Boys State Tournaments if possible. We can discuss this again at the fall meeting.

## Presidents Report – Skip Trumble

Overall, Skip felt our program is outstanding. We had very good reports regarding the officiating at our State Tournaments. Eric will host the Jr. Gold Selects next year. Skip also wanted to give a special thank you to Bill Leslie for all of his hard work. Skip said he was feeling better and would fulfill his term as president, but most likely would step down when his term was completed.

A special thank you goes out to Elmer Walls & Bill McDonald for taking care of the arrangements for our rooms at the Spring State Meeting.

Motion made by Dennis to adjourn, and seconded by Jim. Motion unanimously approved. 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Roger Stephens  
MHOA Secretary