

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
**2001 SPRING MEETING - WINONA, MN.**  
**4/28/2001**

**Meeting Called To Order: 8:05 a.m.**

**Roll Call - Present**

President	Skip Trumble
North Vice President (Dist. 11)	Steve Tatro
South Vice President (Dist. 10)	Eric Olson
Secretary (Dist. 5)	Roger Stephens
Treasurer (Dist. 3)	Tim Przybylski
District T.C.	Dennis Alm
District 2	Jim Partlow
District 4	Tom Leary
District 6	Dave Kemp
District 8	Paul Moen
District 15	Howard Breitung
District I.R.	Jeff Walters
Minnkota RIC	Bill Leslie
Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator	Bruce Carlson
Minnkota Seminar Coordinator	Corky Jechorek

Absent: Dist. 16 - Buzz Olson

**REPORTS**

**Secretary Report - Roger Stephens**

Copies of the minutes from the fall meeting were handed out, and reviewed. Jim Partlow motioned to accept the Secretary's Report, 2nd by Dennis Alm. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report - Tim Przybylski**

Copies of the treasurer's report were handed out. Tim summarized the income and expenses for the 2000-01 season. There were still a few outstanding expenses left to pay at present. Jim Partlow motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Jeff Walters. Motion carried.

**Presidents Report - Skip Trumble**

As a whole it was a pretty good year. Skip received a complaint regarding an official who worked in the Bantam A State Tournament. Skip discussed the matter with the board, and went over our policy regarding officials who are assigned to State Tournaments. Paul Moen explained that this approval process has been gone through in the past, and has been approved by the board in the past. Skip has responded to the individual regarding the complaint.

### **Select 15, 16, 17 & Great 8 Tournaments**

Skip has scheduled the officials for the Great 8 Tournament himself after considerations of all of the Supervisors recommendations that are given to him. Skip send out the schedules of the available times for the selects tournaments, and relies on the Supervisors to fill these spots. Both of these ways have work well for both tournaments. Skip has received positive comments on the officiating for these tournaments.

There was a problem with having enough officials for the Select 16 & 17 Tournament on the last day. Evidently there was 6 games scheduled for the last day, and it was assumed there were only 3 games. Skip mentioned the fees for these tournaments have been set at a lower rate because of our good relationship with Minnesota Hockey. Minnesota Hockey has been a great supporter of our organization by providing grant monies and taking care of our room fee's for the State Meetings each year.

The fees for the Great 8 & Select Tournaments are as follows;

Selects               Game fee of \$100.00 (40/30/30)

Great 8Game fee of \$135.00 (50/42.50/42.50)

Skip thanked the Supervisors for their recommendations on the officials for the Great 8. Skip said the officials for this tournament were excellent. Skip also mentioned that we as Supervisors should remember to get the dates out to their officials who they are planning to use for these tournaments as soon as possible, so we won't have conflicts with some of these other tournaments that are scheduled at the same time. We should make sure we relay to our officials, that our first priority is to take care of the Minnesota Hockey Sponsored Tournaments before any of these other privately run tournaments. We want to make certain our better officials are available.

### **Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Bill Leslie**

Bill handed out a report regarding the results of the closed books tests and the open book tests. Bill said we could certainly use these old test reports to use for our seminars next fall. This will help further our commitment to provide our officials with the information of some of these interpretations for the officials who are missing these questions. Bill also handed out the old test booklets of the level 3 & 4 closed book for us to utilize.

Bill went over the results of the registration numbers for each seminar in our district. This covered the amount of new officials registered, returning officials, and which returning officials were leigble to register level 3 or level 4. The figures were surprisingly low for the amount of returning officials that didn't register to go up to the next level. Bill reported that only 46% of all officials in USA Hockey have more than 5 years of experience!

Some changes that we will see coming in the future regarding registration will be registering online, possibly taking tests online as well. USA Hockey is looking at possibly trying this in the Connecticut area. Bill asked if there was anyone interested in attending the National Congress in June. At the last meeting there was a discussion regarding of officials who want to take the level 4 test, so if they fail, they drop to a level 3 official without having to take the level 3 closed book test. Level 2 officials will not be able to go to the level 4 seminars if they were not registered as a level 3 official the



previous year.

Bill reported that he has been in touch with Corky, and has been working on ideas for next fall's seminars. The closed book test for level 2 officials will have 30 questions, and to pass the test would require correctly answering a minimum of 20 of those questions. 10 of those questions could possibly be multiple choices. There are some concerns with USA Hockey, and what direction they are going with all of these tests. Will all these tests that are required, going to be turning them away from officiating in the future? The concern in Minnesota is with officials not registering with USA Hockey, and officiating only High School Hockey. The requirements to officiate at the High School level doesn't require the experience, or have the same testing standards. This topic was discussed, and the consensus was, MHOA should draft a letter with our concerns to send to Matt Leaf, and Bob Hayden of USA Hockey.

Motion by Eric Olson, and seconded by Tom Leary to put together a committee to draft this letter and the future MHOA President will be responsible to assign people to draft the letter. Motion carried.

There will be all new manuals for next year. The following recommendations were suggested for handing out the manuals.

Level 1 Officials - Basic Manual (Returning Level 1 Officials & those who ask for them.)

Level 2 Officials - Basic & Intermediate Manuals, & Rule Interpretation Manuals.

Level 3 Officials - Basic, Intermediate, Advance, & Rule Interpretation Manuals.

Bill passed out the Rules Summit that has all the proposed rule changes, and/or signals for next 2 seasons. Bill talked about possible new rules coming out for next season and the possibility of a new signal or more. Bill talked about the new signal that was used at the Girls/Women's National Tournament. The Officials, Players, and Coaches all seemed to adjust to it well. There will be a disk available to use for the seminars this fall.

Bill talked about what it would cost to possibly putting on a super seminar, geared up to be conducted just like the District Officiating Seminars put on by USA Hockey. It was estimated at an income from officials registration fees would be \$2500.00, and our expenses would be \$4800.00. This would leave us with a \$2200.00 deficit. Could MHOA fund the balance of the deficit? MHOA would like to run this seminar for younger officials approximately between the years of 18-23 years old who want to advance, and succeed in the officiating field. MHOA would try to find or offer this to 50 officials. It was decided that MHOA cannot fund this type of an event at this point. We would have to increase the MHOA dues to consider this, and MHOA couldn't do anything until the following year.

Bill would like the MHOA Supervisors to see if we have individuals who would like to apply to work the Chicago Showcase for next year. Bill suggested that MHOA could possibly try to help out with costs for the travel & food for the official to work this Tournament. The rest of the cost would be funded by USA Hockey. All applications should be in by next year about Easter time.

Minnkota District is sending 11 Officials to go to USA Hockey's Instructor's Training



Seminar, 5 Officials to the Western Regional Camp, 3 Officials to the National Camp, 1 Official to the Elite Camp (They only take 6 people for this Camp), and 2 Women Officials to go to the Women's Select camp.

### **Seminars - Corky Jechorek**

Asked everyone how the seminars went last fall, and what kind of response did we get from our level 3 officials regarding those seminars? Most everyone agreed that the new format was well received. A couple of the seminars were short of having enough instructors there to help. September 9, 2001 is set up for the metro instructors meeting for scheduling of seminars. This will be at the Roseville Ice Arena starting at 7:00pm.

Corky asked for input regarding attendance at the seminars, and asked how each of the Supervisors handled the situation regarding officials skipping out early. One suggestion was having all officials do the registration forms at the end of the seminars, and just having a simple sign in sheet for the beginning of the seminars. Anyone with ideas, should share them with Corky.

Corky said we need to spend more time with the New Enforcement Policy set up by Minnesota Hockey regarding the stick work, plus the impediment rules of holding hooking, & hands off the stick. We need to be clear on this through out the state.

We as trainers this year are going to give all officials CPR & Mouth to Mouth. CPR is teaching these officials Common Practical Rules of hockey, by using our mouths so they can listen, and then in turn, they will do the same for us by using their mouths, and for us to listen. We need to identify and develop a list of the top ten rules that are called incorrectly the most.

We should cover last years' test questions, and review the top twenty that were most commonly missed. Should cover those from last years' test along with this years test for our seminars? Should we read the questions from the closed book test, and have the participants follow along with the questions as well? Are there problems with some people and their comprehension skills? If you have any ideas, please share them with Corky.

Corky mentioned that Steve Tatro is working on putting together a power point program to be utilized at some of the seminars for this year. He gave a quick demonstration on what he has done so far. Roger Stephens had the Bantam A State Tournament taped by his son, Matt. Roger had the games taped with the idea of possibly editing them for training at the seminars. Corky will get the tapes and see if he will be able to use them.

### **Evaluation Program - Bruce Carlson**

Bruce went over the numbers of the evaluations for each of the districts.

Evaluations by Districts are as follows;

District TC – 52

District 2 – 114

District 3 – 201

District 4 – 19

District 5 – 87

District 6 – 72  
District 8 – 14  
District 10 – 131  
District 11 – 74  
District IR – 0  
District 15 – 20  
District 16 – 63

Bruce had the numbers broken down by levels. There should be more emphasis on evaluations at Level 1 at the beginning of the season, and then try to get back to them at the end of the season as well.

### **Super visor Reports**

**District TC - Dennis Alm** - They had approximately 1500 games with 56 Game Misconducts, 18 of these were fights at the Bantam A level. They used a total of 67 officials, 57 male, & 10 female with the average age of 38. Dennis said he had informed the women's association of higher fees game scheduled alone. Dennis said he was pretty happy with the group of younger officials who started this year.

**District 2 - Jim Partlow** - Jim was a little frustrated about the beginning of the season with the major penalties happening. He went to the district with his concerns, and the penalties started to settle down. They had 24 fighting penalties. District 2 adopted a 3 penalty rule for players, and Jim thought it helped with enforcement of penalties. The break down for the other major penalties was as follows;

Abuse of Officials - 16 (Down from last year), Match Penalties – 5, Gross Misc. – 3. Break down by level was, Jr. Gold B – 27, Jr. Gold A – 15, Bantam A – 14, Bantam B – 13. They even had a Check from Behind at the Girls 12 & Under! Jim thanked Bill Leslie for all of his help with evaluations this year. Jim had some problems with the scheduling at the Jr. Gold level.

**District 3 – Darrell Gedney** - Darrell will not be returning for the next season. Tim Przybylski will be taking over. They worked about 2400 games this season, and there was 100 Game Misconducts. They hosted the Jr. Gold A State Tournament this year. Darrell thanked Steve Tatro for his help. Darrell said they had very good officials this year working the State Tournament. Darrell said they had some problem with scheduling in the Jr. Gold B League.

**District 4 – Tom Leary** - They had 19 evaluations done this year. They had 1 Gross Misconduct, and 20 Game Misconducts, and 9 of them with regards to the Checking from Behind penalty. Tom felt after getting one year under his belt he will be better prepared to keep up with the statistics.

**District 5 – Roger Stephens** - They did 87 evaluations this year. Hosted the Bantam A State Tournament. Had a good selection of officials who worked the State Tournament, making some of the final selections difficult. Roger thanked Jeff Walters for all of his assistance. Discussed using evaluations cards for the coaches to fill out regarding the officiating, on a volunteer basis, but after a complaint the cards were dropped. Also have a mix up regarding a Tournament banner. There were a total of 59 Game, Gross Misconducts, or Match Penalties. This was down from the year before by 15. Checking



from Behind Major penalties were; Pee wee B = 3, Pee wee A = 2, Bantam B = 2, Bantam A = 1, Girls 12 & Under = 1. The district adopted a policy where coaches receiving a Game Misconduct or more, had to go in front of the District 5 Board, and possibly face additional suspensions. After some coaches received some additional penalties in the first couple of months, it seemed to settle everything down. Also had a parent who received a suspension for entering the referee's room without permission.

**District 6 – Dave Kemp** - Dave said most of his Game Misconducts were with coaches on abuse. They used the Game Misconduct report from the web site used by District 11 Officials. Dave said they used evaluations cards for the coaches to fill out regarding referee's, but they only issued a limited amount of evaluation card to each of the coaches. Dave said their district used the internet for scheduling. This was used by 85-90 officials, and worked out great for the evaluators as well. They have the coaches appear before their board regarding all Game Misconducts. Dave had a major for checking from behind at the Girls 12 & under league.

**District 8 – Paul Moen** - Paul had 30 Game Misconducts this year. Paul said he had a little problem with their referee's fees this last year, because of the competition from the other districts in their surrounding area. The Jr. Gold league was a problem, and the Regional they hosted this year was a big problem. They had a lot of penalties & Game Misconducts on the players. One game was suspended because there were so many penalties, they didn't have enough players to finish the game. They had 14 Jr. Gold B teams in their league this year, but had more problems from the team out of the Metro League. Paul hosted the Girls 15 & Under State Tourney, and thanked Dave Kemp for all of his help. They had 3 female referees who did an excellent job. He also received favorable comments regarding the officiating as a whole. He had a big problem with a couple of coaches not having their coach's cards with them for one of their games. These coaches were also allowed to be on the bench for the Girls National Tournament! Paul had a problem with the referees having to monitor coach's cards and it created hassles. Paul is concerned with the length of the seasons, fall leagues, spring leagues, & tournaments going all year with officials working so many games. These officials are developing bad habits, and are lacking in their efforts to hustle in the games they work. Paul is considering the possibility of stepping down after next year as it is getting to be more work each year.

**District 10 – Eric Olson** - They had 12 complaints regarding officials this year. Most of those problems happened because of have the wrong officials working the wrong games. They will have Bob Ray back as their scheduler for next year. They had a total of 94 Game, Gross Misconducts, and Match Penalties combined this year. Checking from behind was up from last year, from 13 to 19. 27 Game Misconducts were for abuse of officials, and those were a 50/50 split on players or coaches. The most of these penalties were at the Bantam B level. They worked approximately 3000 games this year. Eric hosted the Girls 12 & Under State Tournament, and thanked Ted Olson for all of his help. They didn't have any female officials for their tournament. They used 8 guys, and 4 of these guys have never worked in a State Tournament. Their district had 2 of their officials selected by Scott Brand to work the Jr. B Nationals this year. District 10's web site had 85,000 hits during the months of December to February! Their Referee's Association is exploring the idea of using the internet for their scheduling for next year.



**District 11 – Steve Tatro** - Thanked Darrell for his hospitality, and taking care of their State Tournament crew. Their district scheduled approximately 2300 games this last year. They had 12 Checking from Behind penalties this past year. Steve had 120 officials working in his District and 70 of those are members of their local association. Their web site will be making some changes, and will be reformatting the Game Report Form so it will print on just 1 page, instead of 2. the web site is; [www.nehoa.com](http://www.nehoa.com) . They were able to use their web site for looking at schedules to do evaluations on their officials. They had 39 evaluations done on their officials in the local association.

**District 15 – Howard Breitkruetz** - Howard will have 1 guy going to MHOA Camp this year who is a senior in High School. They will be sending 2 people to Instructors Camp. They had 10 Game Misconducts on coaches, 1 Gross Misconduct one coach for pulling his team off the ice, 27 Game Misconducts reported, 14 of those were for fighting, and 5 for checking from Behind. They are having a problem with a shortage of Officials. Some of the problems are with all of the tournaments on weekends, and conflicting with games. They end up using people who are not qualified at these games. He has a problem with communication with the schedulers up in the Moorhead area. He didn't have enough referees for the Jr. Gold Regional this year. Howard didn't receive a schedule for scheduling officials and nobody contacted him with regards to the Regional.

**District 16 – Buzz Olson** - Roger reported for Buzz in his absence. Buzz stated in his e-mail, that things went quite well, although they had a higher number of Game Misconducts for aggressive infractions. Buzz would like to believe our tighter enforcement policy had something to do with it. Their mentorship program seemed to be working reasonably well, since they've been able to recruit a number of high school, and college age kids.

**District 18 – Jeff Walters** - They had 165 Officials in their district this year, and 64 of those were new. He had 3 Game Misconducts reported for Checking from Behind, and a total of 6 Game Misconducts reported for the year. Jeff did not receive any Game Reports from any of the other districts. Jeff thanked Roger for his hospitality for him and his State Tournament Crew.

**National Tournaments – Bill Leslie** - USA Hockey has used a total of 117 Officials for 7 National Tournaments so far. Bill was assigned by Bob Hayden to the Girls Nationals held at Blaine. Matt Leaf & Bill Spohn were also there. Bill said it ended up to be a lot of work, and thanked all of our MHOA Supervisors, and other key personnel who helped with evaluations, and various other jobs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**MHOA Camp** – Skip said he had 1 cancellation, and had already called for someone to replace this person, but wanted other names in case this one couldn't go. The instructors for this year will be Bill Leslie, Steve Tatro, Brian Thu, Brian Mock, and J.B. Olson. This year it will be from June 16-22, 2001. It will start on a Saturday, and end on Thursday about 12:00pm. Current standings in the Leslie Cup is the North=6, and the South=2.



**New Line of Enforcement** – Skip reported that the enforcement policy was handled pretty good this year. Skip would like to see us keep working hard to get it even better for next year. The intentional offside is something we need to do better. Let's all work at keeping this program enforced where it should be.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Minnesota Hockey** – Dennis Green – Dennis asked the group to ask our officials for volunteers to work in the Electric Wheel Chair Tournament. This will be August 5-9, 2001 at Augsburg College. It is not a sanctioned event.

Reported that there was an official who got hurt in one of the Maroon Regional Tournament games. The Tournament Officials wanted to continue working the game with 1 referee. Minnesota Hockey would like us to make a recommendation on how to work these Regional or State Tournament Games with or without injured officials. They would also like us put together a list of recommended responsibilities, and present them to their board. Dennis asked if we could have representation at their Maroon area meeting. This would be at Jacobs 101 on Broadway in Northeast Minneapolis, May 10, 2001. He invited our representative for their dinner meeting starting at 6:00pm.

**Supervisor Responsibilities** – Our current policy was gone over, and a copy will be given to Dennis Green with Minnesota Hockey as requested.

**MHOA Annual Dues** – Jeff made a motion to leave dues the same for next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Yes votes = 5, and No votes = 6. Motion fails. Jim motion to raise dues to \$7.00 for Level 2, 3, & 4 Officials, and leave the Level 1 dues at \$5.00. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Discussion was held, and felt this could be a nuisance when collecting at the seminars. A friendly amendment was made by Howard to make all the dues the same at \$7.00. Yes votes = 8, No votes = 3.

**Game Fees** – The Selects preliminary round game fees will be the same as the Select Festival game fees. This will keep everything constant. Those fees are 40-30-30. The fees for the preliminary round fees are paid by Gary Gibbons with Minnesota Hockey. The districts are to submit the bills to Gary. These games will have 22 minute halves.

**State Tournament Officials** – We need to keep are eyes open for new officials to work these games, and not use the same guys year after year. Please look at the officials that are working a lot of our USA Hockey games through out the year. Darrell had an expense come up at their tournament with the arena, and asked if MHOA would take care of 1/3 of the expense totaling \$51.00. Motion by Dennis to pay the expense, and seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

**Power Point Presentations** – Steve Tatro explained how he has been working with Power Point to develop presentations for seminars. He would like to see if we could purchase a LCD Projector to utilize for our seminars next fall. This could also be used for training at the MHOA Camp as well. Eric made a motion to have Steve go out and purchase a LCD Projector. Second made by Dave. Motion passed.



**Scheduling Program** – Bill mentioned a software program that was Matt Leaf, & Bill Spohn from USA Hockey. It was used for the scheduling of the Women's National Tournament. This program was able to set up schedules automatically based on their availability, and qualifications. It also can do payroll, and has quite a few other features. Cost of the program is \$500.00. It can be used with Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows 2000. It has unlimited potential. We could try the program for 90 days at no charge. The company has a web site at [www.offserve.com](http://www.offserve.com). Bill was wondering if anyone would be willing to try this program to see how it works. Eric said he would look into possibly using it with District 10 Referee's Association.

**Game Fee's** – Skip mentioned that all the Supervisor's get together to come up with a agreeable game fee for the Metro Hockey League so everyone is on the same page. They will meet after the meeting to come up with something.

**Mileage Reimbursement** – Dave made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement to .32 cents per mile for expenses starting May 1, 2001. Second by Jim. Motion passed.

**Calendar** – It was asked if a calendar could be kept up to keep everyone informed as to important dates to remember through out the hockey season. Roger volunteered to get calendars out to everyone. Bill will help coordinate and get the dates of interest to Roger.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Paul, and second made by Dave.  
Motion carried. 3:50pm

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Roger Stephens  
MHOA Secretary

## **MHOA ANNUAL MEETING**

April 28, 2001, 3:50pm

### **Election of Officers**

Nominating Committee – Ted Olson, Jim Partlow, Dave Kemp, Corky Jechorek

#### **President**

Recommendations for the next term for President were made for Ted Olson, Tim Przybylski, & Eric Olson. Tim & Ted both withdrew the candidacy. With nominations closed. Jim motion for a white ballot to elect Eric Olson for President. Second made by Steve. Motion passed.

#### **North Vice President**

Nomination made by Eric to re-elect Steve Tatro, and seconded.

Nomination made by Steve to elect Jeff Walters, and seconded.

Nomination made by Jim to elect Howard Breitkruetz, and seconded.

With no other nominations, votes by closed ballot were taken, and Steve Tatro was re-elected.



### **South Vice President**

Nomination made by Eric to elect Ted Olson, and seconded.

Nomination made by Jim to elect Dennis Alm, and seconded.

With no other nominations, votes by closed ballot were taken, and Dennis Alm was elected.

Motion made by Dennis for a white ballot to re-elect Roger Stephens for Secretary, and Tim Przybylski for Treasurer. Second made by Jeff. With no other nominations made. Motion passed.

Officers for the 2001-2003 Terms are as follows:

President – Eric Olson

North Vice President – Steve Tatro

South Vice President – Dennis Alm

Secretary – Roger Stephens

Treasurer – Tim Przybylski

Presentation made to Darrell for his years of service as a Director, and to Skip for his years a Director, Treasurer, & President. Darrell & Skip both thanked everyone & said they enjoyed their time serving on the board for MHOA.

Motion to close the annual meeting made by Eric, seconded by Paul. 4:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Stephens

MHOA Secretary