

MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2002 FALL MEETING - BRAINERD, MN.
9/21/2002

Meeting Called To Order: 8:35 a.m.

Roll Call –

Present

President

North Vice President (Dist. 11)

South Vice President (Dist. TC)

Secretary (Dist. 5)

Treasurer (Dist. 3)

District 2

District 4

District 6

District 10 (Minnkota Evaluation Cord.)

District 15

District I.R.

District 16

Minnkota RIC

Minnkota Seminar Coordinator

Junior Hockey League

Eric Olson

Steve Tatro

Dennis Alm

Roger Stephens

Tim Przybylski

Jim Partlow

Tom Leary

Dave Kemp

Bruce Carlson

Howard Breitkruetz

Jeff Walters

Buzz Olson

Bill Leslie

Corky Jechorek

Absent

District 8

Paul Moen

REPORTS

Secretary Report - Roger Stephens

Roger went over the minutes from the spring meeting, and made notice to the corrections given to him from the board via e-mail. Jeff W. motioned to accept the Secretary's Report, 2nd by Buzzy. Motion Carried.

Evaluation Program - Bruce Carlson

Bruce said our total evaluations from last season were up just enough to call it successful. Bruce has ordered about 500 evaluations form, and has not received them yet. One of the changes for evaluations for this year is to leave out the number system when evaluating. When filling out the forms we should just write down the necessary criteria the individual will need to work on.

Supervisor Reports

District TC - Dennis Alm – They are just getting started, and he has sent out a few applications so far.

Dennis made note that his e-mail is listed wrong and it should be listed as DennisAlm425@msn.com. Dennis said there was a little controversy regarding the 2 man system versus the 3 man system. The concern seemed to be regarding if there was enough officials to work the 3 man system. Dennis said he has enough officials to work the games needed for the 3 man system, and it seemed to take care of the concern.

District 2 - Jim Partlow – Jim has sent out 25 applications so far, and 5 of those were to females wanting to officiate. Some people in his district thought they should use the 3 man system for the Girls 15 & Under, and Jim didn't feel that level warranted the 3 man system yet. Their district voted it down. The Girls 15 & Under

will go to 1-1/2 hour games this season.

District 3 – Tim Przybylski – Tim said their association will be working to develop an evaluation program, by using a checklist regarding the different aspects of an official's mechanics on the ice for this season. Tim is getting a lot of calls inquiring about reffing in their district. Tim thinks the numbers will look good for them this year.

District 4 – Tom Leary – Tom has had a few officials concern about the locations of some of his seminars for this fall. He has changed a few of the locations this fall, and makes it easier for a few others in their district.

District 5 – Steve Kirshbaum – Steve said they have implemented a travel fee for officials who would need to travel out of their home base area to cover games when in need. The district approved using a 3 man system at the Bantam B level for this season to be used for new officials either reffing or working as a linesman for scrimmages only. Steve has had a couple of people who have officiated in the past looking at coming back to officiate, but are hesitant because of having to start over as a level 1 Official. Steve will have an informal meeting this year for new people who are considering officiating, and would like to get more information.

District 6 – Dave Kemp – They have a new district director, and his name is Mark Smith. Their district will be keeping a lot of people at their same board positions to keep some experienced people working in their district. Dave has sent out 23 applications to new people wanting to referee so far. Their district also worked on some changes regarding operating procedures in their district handbook. Dave will be active with their coaches meeting this year.

District 8 – Paul Moen – No Report.

District 10 – Bruce Carlson – So far so good was Bruce's comment. They negotiated new fees for this season. Bruce asked if everyone would try to let their house league officials know he would rather they go to a different seminar than the Blaine seminar. There gets to be too many coming to this seminar, and it affects the quality of the seminar. Bruce has a couple of experienced officials move into his area from out of state. They have also had people who reffed in the past looking at coming back to officiate, and concerned about starting at level 1. Their district worked on some changes in their District Handbook. Bruce let everyone know the USA Hockey Hall of Fame Tournament will be at the Fogerty Arena, on November 15th – 17th.

District 11 – Steve Tatro – Everything looks good, and is operating as solid as a rock. They will be looking for a new director at the end of this season.

District 15 – Howard Breitruezt – Their district implemented a new rule for anyone getting game suspensions. That person will now need to fill out paperwork regarding the games they have sat out serving their suspension, and mail it in to their district personal. Howard has not had a lot of people inquiring about becoming a new official.

District 16 – Buzz Olson – Buzz has had 1 seminar so far in Bemidji. Buzz will have a three more coming up in October & will probably run another 1 or 2 small seminars in November. They will have a little rebuilding for referees this year in Roseau.

District 1R – Jeff Walters – Jeff has 3 seminars coming up. They have sporting goods store who would like to donate some used hockey equipment to an area that may be in need. They are checking with the TC District to see if there could be some people who could use it in the inner city.

Treasurer's Report - Tim Przybylski

Copies of the treasurer's report were handed out. Tim summarized the income and expenses for the 2001-02 season. Tim announced that he will step down as the treasurer after this season. Dennis motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Jim P. Motion carried.

South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm

The rates for the Senior Women's games for this year will be \$35.00 per game, per official. There will also

be a \$5.00 scheduling fee to pay for league games & tournaments. They will need to give a 6 week notice for all Senior Women's Tournaments to allow time to find officials. They will have to give a 7 day notice on all cancellations. They want a Supervisor to be on hand for their state tournament for this coming season. Their state tournament will be held at the Bloomington Ice Gardens.

North Vice Presidents Report – Steve Tatro

MHOA Camp this summer went well. The camp was full, and they had some very good attendants this year. They had a 1-1/2 hour delay because of tornado warnings in the area. The North won the new Leslie Cup this year. Steve handed out the new applications form & letters with the pertinent information for next year's MHOA Camp.

Minnkota District Referee-in-Chief – Bill Leslie

Bill has been working little by little on the Minnkota District website. You can visit it by going to www.usahockey.com/minnkota_ric.

Bill mentioned that the Illinois Hockey Officials Association also has a website. A couple of things they are doing is registering officials, and pre-registering officials for their USA Hockey Seminars. This is a pretty good website, and Bill invites everyone to take a look at it. You can go to www.ihoa.com

North Dakota's new Supervisor of Officials is Gary Fiddler. He lives in Minot. He has already been spending time working with the coaches out there, and going through what they might expect from the officials this year.

The District Officiating Seminar was held in Minot this fall. They had 44 people signed up, 13 of those were from Minnesota, and 2 went all the way up there from Mankato. Bill said the seminar went over very well. Mark Bauer, from the TC District went along with Bill to help out this year.

Bill will get to send two people to the National Tournament this year. The tournament will be out in Buffalo, New York. They will have the Pee wee and the Bantam Tournament there.

Bill is open to anyone with ideas as to where to hold DOS camp for the fall in 2004. Please call Bill with your suggestions.

Bill wanted to remind everyone to pay attention when getting people registered at your seminars this year. There were plenty of mistakes, especially for the registration form for people registering that were outside the Minnkota District last year. The Minnkota District is Minnesota, North and South Dakota. Another words if they are from Wisconsin, they go on this form. If you have any questions please call Bill. This will save a lot of hassle for the people registering. This year the screening forms will go straight to Jack Neveaux.

Registrations are coming in at a good pace so far, as about 50% are in already! Bill handed out a sheet with the total registration numbers from last year. Minnesota was down a total of 4 people. There will be 1 seminar this year for the people doing the adult hockey leagues. This will be on October 9th at the St. Louis Park Arena starting at 5:30pm.

Bill had Steve Tatro go over the software that can take of registration after the seminars.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

Eric is going to look at ways to apply for some grants to help us with some of the financial obligations for

camps, software & materials to help with our seminars. The rules that were submitted to Minnesota Hockey at the spring meeting to be included in the Minnesota Hockey Manual did not get into the manual for this year, and as a result we will not be able to enforce them this season. The Minnesota Hockey Tournament Committee was looking at the possibility of switching to the 2 man system at the Pee wee State Tournament for this year. After some discussion, it was voted down. Eric is having Game Report Forms printed and will have them available for all of the supervisors soon.

Minnesota Hockey – Mark Jorgenson

The Minnesota Youth Sports Organization introduced & discussed with legislatures to allow youth to officiate. Legislature agreed to grant a blanket waiver to allow youth to officiate if we supply a list of the youths involved to Mark Jorgenson. Mark will submit this to the Minnesota Department of Labor. There will still be some work place stipulations regarding the youth officials. There are to have an adult on the ice with them or available if needed. They will not be able to officiate past 11:00 pm on the day before a school day, or before 5:00 am on the same day as a school day. The waiver will cover all youth under the age of 18.

Junior Hockey – Phil Pascuzzi

Phil would like to see us work on keeping a better line of communication between the organizations. If any of the supervisors have someone who they think would be a good candidate to officiate at the Junior level, Phil would like the supervisors to call Scott Brand to take a look at them. Phil mentioned the possibility of the USA Hockey Instructors, going over a progressive scale showing the people attending the USA Hockey Officiating Seminars, a way to climb the ladder in the USA Hockey Officiating Program. When it comes to National Tournaments, Scott likes using as many officials from Minnesota as possible, because of the outstanding training the younger officials get from Minnesota from seminars, mentoring, evaluating, and the MHOA Camp used in the summer.

A couple of rules enforced last year at the Junior level was the use of the 5 second rule instead of the 8 second rule, except when the referee drops their arm, they count down from 5 and just automatically drop the puck when getting to one. The other rule enforced last year was a trash-talking rule between players, and coaches. There would be a minor penalty to the people involved, and help keep the game on track without all of the intimidation.

Seminars - Corky Jechorek

Corky handed out seminar information, and talked about some of the contents with everyone. He reminded everyone to tell all participants of the closed books tests to put their names on the question book, as well as their answer sheet. They should also mark their answers in the questions books, in case of the chance of errors.

Corky introduced Mark Verplaeste who recently helped put together a power point program with USA Hockey to be used for the USA Hockey seminars. Mark showed us how to use the power point program, and how to put together our own seminars using this information. One thing Mark stated was for every slide you can count 2 minutes for time to be allowed for each topic. This program is a great asset for each of the instructors to use, but Mark cautioned us to make sure we do some practicing before using it. This will help avoid losing the audience's attention. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Mark at mark_verplaetse@candle.com.

OLD BUSINESS

1) MHOA Fees - Just a reminder to have all the supervisors work on collecting these fees from officials working any Minnesota Hockey games. As per Minnesota Hockey Manual on Page 31, XII Referees, B. All referees must be registered with USA Hockey, and MHOA to officiate MAHA sanctioned games.

2) State Tournament Rotations, and Assignments – Went over the rotations, and the assignments. Fees were also discussed, and will be submitted to Minnesota Hockey for approval. Fees were submitted with an optional 2-man system fee for both Pee wee A & Girls 12 & under.

STATE TOURNAMENTS 2003

<i>Level</i>	<i>Host District</i>	<i>Host Supervisor</i>	<i>Asst Supervisor</i>	<i>Participating Districts</i>
Jr. Gold A	District 6	Dave Kemp	Bruce Carlson	6, 4, 2, 10
Bantam A	District 11	Steve Tatro	Buzz Olson	11, 5, 16, IR
Pee wee A	District 8	Paul Moen	Jeff Walters	8, 15, 3, TC
Girls 15U A	District 3	Tim Przybylski	Steve Kirshbaum	Host & Requests
Girls 12U A	District 2	Jim Partlow	Bill Leslie	Host & Requests
Women's	District 6	Dennis Alm	Tom Leary	6, TC, 3, 10, 5 (2-man)

STATE TOURNAMENT FEES 2003-05

The state tournament fees were approved by Minnesota Hockey, and are as follows;

Jr. Gold A	\$135.00 / Game	3-Man System
Bantam A	\$120.00 / Game	3-Man System
Pee wee A	\$115.00 / Game	3-Man System
Sr. Women's	\$80.00 / Game	2-Man System
Girls 19 & Under	\$135.00 / Game	3-Man System
Girls 15 & Under	\$120.00 / Game	3-Man System
Girls 12 & Under	\$115.00 / Game	3-Man System

3) LCD Projector – Steve went over schedules with some of the supervisors interested in using the LCD Projector at their seminars.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Fall High School Elite Hockey Tournaments – This is a registered USA Hockey Tournament. Paul Moen was trying to schedule officials and was having some troubles finding officials to work this tournament. There was a discussion as to who should be scheduling this tournament. The board felt this tournament should be handles like the Select Tournaments in the spring, and the MHOA President should be in charge of the scheduling for these types of tournaments. This should go through Eric Olson.

2) Let's Play Hockey B Bantam State Tournament – There was discussion whether this tournament will be sanctioned by USA Hockey or Minnesota Hockey. If not, we should exclude ourselves from participating. There are some mixed feelings regarding the participation of this tournament.

3) MHOA Indemnity Insurance – After discussion, Dennis made a motion to renew the insurance for the board for another term. It was seconded by Dave K. Motion passed.

4) MHOA Camp Candidates – Make sure you get at least three candidates from all of the districts to Steve for next summer. The dates for the camp are from June 21 – 26, 2003. This will be held in St. Cloud.

5) Stop Signs & Coaches Cards - The Coaches Cards & Patches will be checked on a district by district basis. It was felt that this was not our responsibility. The coaches are to do the checking when exchanging their Coaches Cards before the game, and they should report on the game score sheets any issues regarding cards or the Stop Patches. It was decided that these rules should be addressed at next spring's meeting, and submitted to Minnesota Hockey to be included in their book.

6) Roger handed out new binders for each of the Supervisors containing information regarding MHOA and its operations. Roger reviewed the contents with everyone and found there to be a couple of corrections to be

made. Roger will get the corrections taken care of, and sent out to everyone to replace the sheets in their binders. These binders also have room for everyone to keep their past minutes, and any other miscellaneous information they may want. Please take care of your binders, and keep them updated with the current information provided to all. Dave K. wanted to make sure it was duly noted on a job well done.

7) There was discussion on the Junior Hockey Supervisor and his activity & participation with the MHOA Board. There was a motion in the past minutes for this position to be as an active position on the board, and Eric said he would make sure the Junior Hockey Supervisor will get invited to participate at our meetings in the future.

8) There was a discussion regarding the official's fees in the metro areas to stay close to the same, so we don't experience problems with officials jumping to different districts, and leaving any district short of referees. It was asked to get as much cooperation from everyone as possible. There was also discussion regarding higher pay rates to officials carrying a higher level of registration when doing the same level games. This is to encourage officials to carry the highest level possible. Some districts do this now.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Buzzy and second made by Jeff. Motion carried.
4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Roger Stephens
MHOA Secretary