

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
**2003 SPRING MEETING - OWATONNA, MN.**  
**5/3/2003**

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

**Roll Call – Those Present:**

<i>President</i>	<i>Eric Olson</i>
<i>North Vice President</i>	<i>Steve Tatro</i>
<i>South Vice President</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Roger Stephens</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Tim Przybylski (ABSENT)</i>
<i>T.C. District</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<i>District 2</i>	<i>Jim Partlow</i>
<i>District 3</i>	<i>Jim Gates</i>
<i>District 4</i>	<i>Tom Leary</i>
<i>District 5</i>	<i>Steve Kirshbaum</i>
<i>District 6</i>	<i>Dave Kemp</i>
<i>District 8</i>	<i>Paul Moen (ABSENT)</i>
<i>District 10</i>	<i>Bruce Carlson</i>
<i>District 11</i>	<i>Butch Glesner</i>
<i>District 15</i>	<i>Howard Breithkruetz</i>
<i>District 16</i>	<i>Buzz Olson (ABSENT)</i>
<i>District I.R.</i>	<i>Jeff Walters</i>
<i>Special Projects</i>	<i>Ted Olson</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Skip Trumble</i>
<i>Minnkota RIC</i>	<i>Bill Leslie</i>
<i>Minnkota Seminar Coordinator</i>	<i>Corky Jechorek</i>
<i>Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator</i>	<i>Bruce Carlson</i>
<i>Junior Hockey League</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>

**Those Absent:** Tim Przybylski, Paul Moen, & Buzz Olson.

**Guests –** Mike Anderson (Dist. 3), Butch Glesner & Jim Gates are the new supervisors for District 11 & 3 respectively.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary Report - Roger Stephens**

Copies of the minutes from the Winters Meeting were handed out, and reviewed. Dennis A. motioned to accept the Secretary's Report from the Fall Meeting 2002, and the Winter Meeting 2003, 2nd by Jim P. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report - Tim Przybylski**

No Report given.

**Seminars - Corky Jechorek**

The power point presentations went over good. A lot of the participants liked the change. Mark Verplaetse has set up & put together some new material for next year. Corky was disappointed in the attendance of instructors for the instructor's seminars. If no participation he will just mail out the materials to the supervisors instead.

There was discussion with all present & it was decided to still look into having a meeting. Corky would like to see all the 1<sup>st</sup> year level 3 officials go back onto the ice. A comment was made about the expenses of having another on-ice seminar, and also having ice time available. It was mentioned to have separate on-ice seminars for the level 1 & 2 officials, and create separate agenda. Corky recommends having 6-8 instructors for level 1 & 2 seminars, and 5 instructors for the level 3 seminars. Eric suggested that we focus on training Level 2 officials in the fundamentals of the 3-man system at the on-ice session for the level 2's. Eric thought it would be a good idea to put together a committee to discuss issues for the seminars, and their agenda's. Corky will chair this committee with Eric, Ted, & Skip to also serve on this committee. Motion to accept the seminar report by Jeff W. and second by Dennis A. Motion carried.

### **Evaluations – Bruce Carlson**

This last season had about half as many evaluations, compared to the 2001-02 season. Approximately 600 evaluations were done this season, as compared to the season before. Bruce felt it was because of the mentoring programs quite a few districts were using this last season. Bill had the evaluation form available to be used on the computer to fill out. Bruce said they used it this last season and it worked well. The evaluator could take notes during the games, and reviewing some areas the official needed to work on, or areas where the official did a good job. This allowed the evaluator to watch the official without filling out the form. The evaluator could go home afterwards and fill out the form on the computer, and just e-mail it to him, and the officials if needed. Bruce will e-mail a copy of the form to all for use in the future.

### **State Tournament Reports**

**Jr. Gold** – Dave Kemp: Everything went good, and thanked Bruce Carlson for helping him out. There were no major issues. All the crews did a fine job, and this made it hard for them to select crew s for Sunday. Eden Prairie did a good job hosting the tournament. Dave was informed the officials haven't been yet. Dave wasn't sure who was responsible for paying the officials, and was told this was the responsibility of the host association. He said he would get this taken care of ASAP.

**Bantam A** – Steve Tatro: Ted Olson helped Steve with the tournament, and he thanked Ted for his assistance. Cloquet hosted the tournament, and did a good job. He didn't split the crew, as they all did a good job. There were a lot of good, close games played by the teams.

**Pewee A** – Paul Moen: Eric reported that were some different teams in the tournament for the first time, and they did a good job. It was fun to see some different teams there. South St. Paul hosted the tournament.

**Senior Women's** – Dennis Alm: Bloomington hosted the tournament, and all went well. Dennis had a crew from District 10, and the rest were from the T.C. District.

**Girls U15A** - Tim Przybylski: Jim Gates reported for Tim, and said the tournament went over well, and it was held at the Plymouth Arena. Steve Kirshbaum helped with this tournament. There was some controversy regarding the use of crews working the tournament. The crews did a good job, and were all from District 3. The women's crew worked the final and did a great job.

**Girls U12A** – Jim Partlow: Had a problem with a coach who was also an official throughout the tournament. One team had a sick goalie, and used another goalie from there same. This is allowed in the rules, but the coach had a problem with this, and wanted to protest. Otherwise the tournament went over well. Roseville hosted the tournament and did a good job. There were some out-state teams such as Bemidji, and Roseau, and both teams did a good job. Jim thanked Bill Leslie for helping him during the tournament.



Eric brought up the idea of using crews other than the host district for the Girls U15A State Tournament. Eric wanted to know if we should put this tournament into rotation as well for different crews. After some discussion, Ted O. made a motion to table this until the fall mtg. Butch 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **Supervisor Reports**

**District TC - Dennis Alm** – Dennis had 61 game misconducts this year. They did over 2000 games with about 90 officials. They did almost 700 tournament games this year. Dennis is sending 2 people to the MHOA Camp this summer. They used 9 new officials this year for State Tournaments. Tine Leeling was selected to work the Women's National Tournament. The Women's senior League went pretty good this season, with just a few scheduling problems. The biggest down fall is the late scheduled games. Dennis said it is actually quite fun to work these games. The women are a lot of fun to work with.

**District 2 - Jim Partlow** – Jim had 80 game misconducts, and this was down from the year before by half. They are having a continued problem with Abuse of Officials. Their district are looking at giving out 4 game suspensions for a coach receiving a game misconduct for Abuse of Officials, and a 3 game suspension on players who receive Fighting penalties. Jim thought the Metro Hockey League with the Jr. Gold program did a great job this season. District 2 has now formed a Referees Association, and thanked Bill Leslie for helping them get set up. Jim said they are having a problem with 4 of their associations creating a lot of problems in their district. He said out of 12 district board positions, they have only been able to fill three of them. District 2 put together their own web site this year. They had some new by-laws passed that might possibly be appealed. Jim doesn't know what is going to happen with their district, because of all the hassles they are having with these associations, and that there could be some legal actions taking place. White Bear Lake would like to see a super league put together for them to play in.

**District 3 - Jim Gates** – Jim said he their game misconducts were down from the year before, and there were no match penalties. They are having more problems with the conduct of their fans more than anything. They finished there 2<sup>nd</sup> year of using the mentoring program, and it went over very well. The board welcomed Jim and is looking forward to working with him.

**District 4 - Tom Leary** – Tom said the biggest problem he had, was with squirt coaches this year, and their conduct toward officials. They had 27 game misconducts, and 1 match penalty. Most of these game misconducts were Abuse of Officials penalties. Tom will have 2 combined seminars next year in Mankato & Redwood Falls. He has 8 instructors to help him with his seminars.

**District 5 - Steve Kirshbaum** – They had 34 game misconducts this season, which was about half of what they had the year before. Steve had problems with one association regarding the scheduling of officials, and thanked Bruce Carlson for his cooperation with this matter. They are down on level 3 officials and said he has some young officials coming up that will do a nice job. He will still be a little short though. Steve said they had 3 regional tournaments, and everything went over well. Steve has a few game missed because of scheduling changes.

**District 6 - Dave Kemp** – Dave had 2 people go to Instructors Camp this spring. Dave wanted to know if there were any Instructors pull-overs left for these guys. They submitted a new pay scale to the district for next season. They will be sending one person to the MHOA Camp this summer. They had 22 people volunteer to work as mentors for their young officials this season. The coach's response was very positive for this. They had 139 game misconducts this season. Dave was wondering if we could get the game report form put on the Minnesota hockey web site. Eric will talk with Minnesota Hockey about this. District 6 had there own web site this year, and used it for scheduling the officials. District 6 is looking at some changes with their rules & by-laws for next year. Dave again apologized for the confusion regarding the checks for the officials who worked the Jr. Gold State Tournament, and assured everyone he would get this taken care of right away.

**District 8 - Paul Moen** – No Report.

**District 10 - Bruce Carlson** – Good year, and only had 79 game misconducts, which was down from the year before. Bruce will be doing a level 2 seminar this fall. This will have a different agenda for the on-ice portion of



the seminar.

**District 11 – Butch Glesner** – They had 58 game misconducts this season, which was down by 11 from the year before. Evaluations weren't good this year. Their scheduler quit half way through the season, and Butch had to take over for the remainder of the season. This created a big problem for their referees association for the season. They conducted 2 coach's seminars last fall that lasted about 2 hours each. This was separate from other programs required by the Duluth Amateur Hockey Association, and Minnesota Hockey. They put together some of the program on video to help them with this. Butch was asked about getting copies out to the other supervisors, and he said he would. They had 3 region tournaments with no problems. Their association president also resigned this year, so they are looking for a new scheduler, and a president to take over. They had 10-12 new officials who did a great job this season, and contributed well for their association. Butch says they need about 25-30 more officials to get them where they would like to be for next season. They did advertise for officials last year, and this seemed to work well. Quite a few of the new officials were college kids, and would go home on the weekends when they really needed them.

**District 15 – Howard Breikruetz** – Howard will have 4 seminars this fall in his district. He had a problem with one official who showed up for a morning play-off game, and was not in good condition to remain officiating that day. This official was originally selected to work a state tournament this year, and Howard took away this official's privilege. Howard did state that was an out of the ordinary circumstance regarding this official, and did not anticipate any further problems from this official. Howard had one other complaint regarding an official working a tournament game about inappropriate behavior that was confirmed by both coach, and an outside bystander watching the game. Howard followed up, and took care of the situation.

**District 16 – Buzz Olson** – Buzz's son, Brady was diagnosed with a tumor, but has not been determined to be cancerous or not. Buzz thanked everyone for there support. Buzz had 1 problem with a coach who verbally abused an official, and was suspended for 30 days.

**District IR – Jeff Walters** – They had 16 game misconducts this season, and 1 match penalty for a player pushing an official. Jeff apologized to Bill L. for not contacting him, and getting the necessary paperwork to him. They had 2 regional tournaments. They were Peewee A, and Jr. Gold A. They will have 4 seminars dates this fall. One will be a level 3, and three will be level 1 & 2 seminars combined. Jeff will need more officials for next season. Jeff also reported on the Willie O'Ree All Star Game held in the cities. This tournament was for inner city youth players. This was a co-ed tournament of youth ages from 10 to 12. These kids flew in from all over the country. The tournament is held at different sites throughout the nation. Jeff, Steve Kirshbaum, & Emil Makinen volunteered to work this game. Jeff thought it could've been promoted a little more to get more fan interest. Jeff did see Mark Jorgenson there from Minnesota Hockey. The kids all went to the Minnesota Wild game afterwards, and were able to go in the locker room meet the players, and get autographs. Jeff, Steve & Emil had a good time working this game, and thanked Eric for the opportunity to be involved.

Motion made by Tom L. to accept the Supervisor's Reports, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corky. Motion carried.

#### **North Vice Presidents Report – Steve Tatro**

Butch will be taking over a lot of Steve's responsibilities to allow him to work more on such things as evaluations, mentoring, and working with some new software for the upcoming seminars. The MHOA Camp was full until just a couple of days before the spring meeting. Jeff W. does think he has a replacement for Steve. If not, Steve will look at the alternates list to fill the camp. The instructors for this year are Rick Looker, Brian Mach, Brian Thul, Brett Kieslowski, and Butch Glesner.

Motion to accept Steve's report made by Jim P. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave K.

#### **South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm**

They had their South Winter meeting again this year, and plans on scheduling another for next winter. Jim Partlow thought the Metro League took care of the Metro League issues this year and did a good job.



Motion to accept Dennis's report made by Butch G, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corky.

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

- 1) Seminars – The D.O.S Seminar was held in Minot N.D. this past fall. The Minot Youth Hockey Association did a great job hosting this event. There were 44 people in attendance. It was held from September 6-8<sup>th</sup>. The program is designed to improve and help develop all officials, regardless of age or level. There were 79 seminars this past fall with 3181 officials attending, and 1306 of these were new officials.
- 2) Minnkota Cup – This was a Jr. Gold Tournament with the top teams from Minnesota, North & South Dakota. Brookings S.D. hosted this event, and did very good job taking care of this tourney. There was a conflict with a wrestling tournament being held on the same weekend, and it made it difficult finding hotel rooms. Bill had officials from Minnesota, North Dakota & South Dakota working this tournament.
- 3) National Tournament – Bill apologized to the board for the way our Officials were treated at the tournament. The Officials from Minnesota were not only shorted game, but were expected to work as Minor Officials as well. Bill said he would make sure there was a better understanding as to what these officials are there for. The host Tournament Committee failed to conduct a pre-tournament Officials meeting as required by USA Hockey. The two officials who went to this tournament were Dave Nyquist, and Chris Gates.
- 4) Injuries – There has been an increase to the number of officials who are getting injured while officiating. Bill thinks it may be because of all players and carrying their sticks higher. There is a new system in place for the report of these injuries, and the necessary reports required to fill out. Call Bill for more information.
- 5) International Tournament – Rick Looker and Brad Albers were participants in recent tournaments.
- 6) Development Camps – Bill received a lot of good application this year. Bill figured there would be 22 officials from his district to be selected to participate. 1 person sent their application in two weeks late, and will not get a chance to participate. There will be 1 each selected to the Women's & Men's Elite Camp. These people will most likely be picked to work international tournaments.
- 7) Seminar Materials – All officials should receive new Basic & Interpretation Manuals this fall. All Supervisors should make sure they get the numbers of manuals they will need to Bill for next fall.

Motion to accept Bill's report made by Dennis A., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff W. Motion carried.

**Presidents Report – Eric Olson**

MHOA Expenses - Minnesota Hockey has agreed to pick up the hotel & meal expenses of the supervisors for the two meetings held in the spring and fall. Mn. Hockey won't be taking care of the hotel expenses for the board members who are not supervisors. Those expenses will have to be picked up by MHOA.

Rule Changes – Eric followed up the rule proposals that we proposed to have changed for the Minnesota Hockey book. They will be recommending the rules recommending the mandatory suspension for match penalties. They will not be recommending the penalty change regarding racial or ethnic slurs because of some questionable wording.

Born to Play Program – This is a program developed to enhance skills. Promote fun, sportsmanship, increase player self esteem & confidence, decrease the fear of failure, attrition in players, coaches, referees, incidents of sport rage, game misconducts, and game suspensions. One of the initiatives is to reward points for sportsmanship, and fair play, besides points for just wins, & ties. Eric was asked if the referees could fill out forms regarding teams with little or no penalties for rewards of points. Eric said this isn't something the referees should do. This sounds like a good program, but not something that the officials should be used for determining the rewarding of points.

Misc. - Eric handed out the summary of penalties from all the districts for the supervisors to use as a comparison from the year before. Lynn Olson shared her concerns to Eric regarding the stick checking up in the



crotch. The discussion of what penalty should be called was talked about, and this should be determined, so that this can be discussed at our seminars this fall. Another concern was the handling of girls regarding fights. It was discussed that it should be handled the same way it is for the boys, and this should also be discussed at our seminars.

Instructors Warm-ups – After discussion, it was decided that the newly formed Seminar Committee should take care of this. It was felt a fleece type of pull-over could be used. Bill L. made a motion that the Seminar Committee purchase Instructors warm-ups not to exceed \$35.00, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis A. Motion carried. MHOA will be looking at 80-100 pull-overs for our instructors to be used. A few of the board members will check with their local sources to check pricing, because it was felt we could find them cheaper than \$35.00. Dennis already has a digitized tape with our logo.

It was also mentioned that we could have supervisors, and board members sewed on the pull-over instead of purchasing different pull-overs. Dennis made a motion to purchase polo's with the new logo on them for the board members, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave K. Motion carried. Dennis will take care of this.

MHOA Web Site – A committee was selected with Eric, Dave K. & Bill L. to work on the venue. MHOA would like to incorporate this in with the Minnesota Hockey web site if possible. Eric's company would pay to host the web site. Thank you Eric.

Elections – It was found in the by-laws that the South Region Vice President's position to hold an elections on the even years, not the odd years. Eric wanted to know if we should vote to extend the term for Dennis Alm 1 more year, and then be put up for election next year, or hold a vote with the understanding that it will only be for year. A motion was made by Tom L. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corky for Dennis to remain in this position for one more year, and hold the election next year. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Presidents Report by Dennis, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom L. Motion carried.

Minnesota Hockey - Nothing at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Under Age Registration – There is now an on-line process available for young officials to fill out a waiver form. Kids who want to officiate will have to be the minimum age of 11 years old. It looks like the Senate will amend the law from 14years old to 11 years old for the minimum age requirements to officiate. Bill let Eric know about a web site for the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association regarding minimum age and the most frequent asked questions. This will help us set something up similar for young officials to get answers regarding officiating at younger age.

LCD Projector – MHOA bought a second LCD projector for the South Region to use at seminars. Dennis Alm will take care of the projector, and be the contact for the South Supervisors to schedule the use of this for their seminars.

Proposed Rule Changes – Bill Leslie stated that there were 135 new rules changes submitted to USA Hockey for the upcoming seasons. He figured about 70-75 percent of these will be voted against. Bill had the rule proposal book covering the different proposals for all to look at and passed it around.

Let's Play Hockey Invitational Tournament – This tournament was sanctioned by Minnesota Hockey, and was not a State Tournament as was claimed to be! There was an incident where one team cancelled their game with another top ranked team for fear of losing, and not getting invited to this tournament! The games however were very close except for one game, and most of them went into overtime. There was a complaint by Let's Play Hockey staff regarding us not having a supervisor there for the games. As far as MHOA is concerned, this tournament will be treated like any other invitational tournament, until Minnesota Hockey says different.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

On-Line Registration – Eric gave us a demo on how the on-line registration would work for people registering ahead of time for a particular seminar held in Minnesota. This would need to be monitored by one person, and can send out an e-mail to those letting them know when the seminar is filled. Eric has asked Minnesota Hockey if they would pick up the cost to implement this program. Eric thought Minnesota Hockey would be in favor of this.

Motion by Dave K. to have this available for all seminars this fall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Motion carried.

Eric asked Bill if there was on line registration for USA Hockey, and Bill said not this year. Bill did say he had the form in a PDF format to be downloaded on a person computer to be filled out and sent in. This would save on some mailing cost and time for the supervisors. Eric asked if we could get this to be put on the MHOA web site, and said he would get a copy of the file for us to put on there.

Regional Tournaments – Bill was asked by Bill Gable & Tim Sweezo about exchanging crews between districts involved with regional tournaments. It was not quite clear if this was for all regional tournaments or just the tournaments in the metro area only. It sounded like the tournament committee would budget for this to pay for hotel fees, etc. There were concerns regarding some districts not using the 3-man system enough to provide enough crews for this to happen. A motion was made by Steve K. to exchange crews between the districts involved with their Regionals at the levels where State Tournaments would be played. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch. After discussion, the motion failed. Butch then made a motion to table this discussion until the fall meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Motion carried.

Additional Training Camp – Bill asked about having another training camp in the spring when they are having tryouts for U15, U16, & U17's for selects, and great eight teams. After some discussion, it was decided to table this until the fall meeting, because of the lack of participants, and having the extra trainers.

Junior Hockey – Eric read a letter from Scott Brand apologizing for not getting to the spring meeting. Scott also mentioned in his letter that he had more officials from outside of Minnesota working the Juniors this season than from Minnesota. Eric said we need to do a better job of promoting Junior Hockey with our younger officials to climb the ranks. Some thought it was because these young guys can officiate high school hockey with little or no training, and do not have to travel very far. This should be brought up at our seminars this fall.

Pay Rates – It was decided to increase the fees for the Metro Hockey to a game fee of \$139.00(53-43-43) for the 1-1/2 hour games, which would be an increase of \$9.00. Dave district will be submitting a 1 hour fee rate of \$105.00(39-33-33)

MHOA Dues – Dave K. made a motion to increase the MHOA dues to \$10.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. The discussion was because of the hassle of giving out change, taking care of increased expenses, and to help with uncollected dues each year. Districts 11 and I.R. voted against. Motion carried. We will need to make sure we get new registration cards made. The new treasurer can take care of this.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Tom L., and second made by Dennis. Motion carried. 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Roger Stephens  
MHOA Secretary

## **MHOA Annual Meeting**

Opened the Annual meeting at 4:50pm

**Members Present** – Eric Olson, Skip Trumble, Steve Tatro, Dennis Alm, Roger Stephens, Bill Leslie, Corky Jechorek, Ted Olson, Jim Partlow, Jim Gates, Tom Leary, Steve Kirshbaum, Dave Kemp, Bruce Carlson, Butch Glesner, Howard Breitkruetz, Jeff Walters, Mike Anderson.

### **Election of officers**

Past President, Skip Trumble, was the chair of the nomination committee. Skip presented nominations for the following:

#### **Treasurer-**

Skip presented Kurt Hyster as a candidate. There was a nomination from Dennis A. to elect Corky Jechorek, and a nomination from Ted Olson to elect Mike Anderson. After closing the nominations, Corky Jechorek was elected the treasurer for the two years term from 2003-05. Congratulations Corky. Thank you to Mike & Kurt for showing interest to serve on the MHOA Board of Directors.

#### **Secretary-**

Skip presented Roger Stephens as a candidate. No further nominations were received. After nominations were closed, a motion for a white ballot was made by Tom L., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis. Motion carried. Roger will serve another two year term from 2003-05.

#### **North Vice President-**

Skip presented Steve Tatro as a candidate. No further nominations were received. After nominations were closed, a motion for a white ballot was made by Tom L. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve K. Motion carried. Steve will serve another two year term from 2003-05.

#### **President-**

Skip presented Eric Olson, and Ted Olson as candidates. No further nominations were received. After closing the nominations, Eric Olson was re-elected for the two year term from 2003-05. Thank you Ted, for your continued interest and work on the MHOA board.

Motion to destroy the ballots made by Dave K., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Butch. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a Motion made to close the annual meeting by Jim P., and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff W. Motion carried. Meeting closed 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Stephens  
MHOA Secretary