

MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2003 FALL MEETING – GRAND RAPIDS, MN.
9/20/2003

Meeting Called To Order: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call – Those Present:

<i>President</i>	<i>Eric Olson</i>
<i>North Vice President</i>	<i>Steve Tatros</i>
<i>South Vice President</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Roger Stephens</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Corky Jechorek</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</i>
<i>District 10</i>	<i>Bruce Carlson</i>
<i>District 11</i>	<i>Butch Glesner</i>
<i>District 15</i>	<i>Howard Breitkruetz</i>
<i>District 16</i>	<i>Buzz Olson</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>	

Those Absent: Dennis Alm, Butch Glesner, Ted Olson, Skip Trumble

Guests – Tom Herkenhoff (Representing TC District)

REPORTS

Secretary Report - Roger Stephens

Copies of the minutes from the 2003 Spring Meeting were handed out, and reviewed. Buzz motioned to accept the Secretary's Report from the Spring Meeting 2003, 2nd by Jeff W. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Corky Jechorek

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were handed out & reviewed. Some of the programs Tim had set up, did not work on Corky's computer. Corky had to make some changes. Bill gave Corky a data base with the Minnesota officials on it for Corky to use. Our account is now set up with Bremer Bank. Dave K. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Jeff W. Motioned carried.

Evaluations – Bruce Carlson

There are new evaluations forms from USA Hockey for this season. They are a little more generic, and simpler to fill out & use. Bruce handed out the new form, and went over the procedure for filling out the form for everyone.

Where it says "Officials State" on the form, Bruce would like everyone to enter Minnesota with the official's district number. Bruce would like to have everyone get the number of completed evaluations into him by the 25th of each month. You can fax him or e-mail him with the numbers. Bruce has 2000 forms, and 250 books on hand to be distributed to all evaluators. USA Hockey is working on a data base to be used online in the near future. Steve K. motioned to accept the report given by Bruce, 2nd by Jeff W. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports

District TC - Dennis Alm – Tom Herkenhoff reported for Dennis, their Officials Association bought a laptop computer to be used for presentations at the seminars, and other district duties. They are sitting well with their count of officials this year.

District 2 - Jim Partlow – Some of the past issues have been resolved in their district. Jim is having a problem with too many young officials signing up to officiate. He is letting them know with their practice, and game schedules for the amount signing up, there will be no guarantees on the number of games these new people will get. Coaches will now get a 3 game suspension for getting game misconducts, and players will receive a 3game suspension for fighting this year.

District 3 - Jim Gates – Has some seminars coming up, and he is looking forward to the new season.

District 4 - Tom Leary – Changed a few of his phone numbers, and e-mail for work. Roger will put the numbers onto the directors list, and have an updated copy sent to all.

District 5 - Steve Kirshbaum – Steve wondered what to do for someone who is in the military, but will be returning after the seminars are complete. Steve was told to have a one on one meeting with this person to care of this obligation, and give him the test. Than send the necessary paperwork to Bill. Steve tried to get a \$5.00 single fee for officials having to drive a long distance to work a single game. The purpose of the fee was, to get the associations in the district to schedule more back to back games. This was voted down by the district. Some officials would like to see an association formed in their district.

District 6 - Dave Kemp – Dave was wondering what kind of scoresheet everyone was using. Eric stated there will be scoresheets available from Minnesota Hockey for everyone to use. They will be provided at no charge at this point. There district just approved a pay increase for their officials. Dave did not receive the new posters that were mailed out.

District 8 - Paul Moen – Paul has had 3 seminars already. Paul found out he didn't have to have people sign in who had already registered on-line, and just had to have a roll call. Paul had a lot of walk-ins come to his seminars. He thinks his numbers were down this year from last, but could be because of the on-line registration.

District 10 - Bruce Carlson – Bruce has quite a few seminars coming up, but this includes his seminars for his in house referees in the district.

District 11 - Butch Glesner – No Report at this time.

District 15 - Howard Breitkruetz – Howard has 4 seminars about to start. He lost one instructor to Iraq, but gained one instructor back that is moving into the area. Howard will be getting a laptop computer from his district to use for this season.

District 16 - Buzz Olson – Buzz has 4 seminars starting Sunday. Buzz is also having some problems with the on-line registration.

District IR - Jeff Walters – Jeff's seminars are in place and will soon be going. There is a bit of confusion regarding the on-line registration.

Motion made by Dave K. to accept the Supervisor's Reports, and 2nd by Jim G. Motion carried.

North Vice Presidents Report - Steve Tatso

Most everything Steve has to report will be covered under agenda items later in the meeting.

South Vice Presidents Report - Dennis Alm

No Report.

Motion to accept the North & South Vice President's report made by Tom L., and 2nd by Steve K.

Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Bill Leslie

Bill would like to work with Eric & Minnesota Hockey to make some improvements our web page.

Last year there were 2520 registered officials in Minnesota, 3165 in the Minnkota District, and a total of 2921 who completed all of their requirements for registration.

At the USA Hockey meeting they reviewed over 200 submittals for rule changes this year. The biggest change was regarding offsides. There will be no delayed offsides now. Once there offsides, it will be an immediate whistle. USA now requires the ages of 8 & under to use the blue puck.

Of the camp applicants Bill had this year, he sent 7 individuals to Regional Camp, 2 to the Chicago Showcase, 2 to the Women's Regional Camp, No one to National Camp, 4 to the Select Camp (2 from North Dakota & 2 from Minnesota), 2 each to the Men's & Women's Elite Camp.

Motion to accept Bill's report made by Bruce C., and 2nd by Jim G. Motion carried.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

HEP Committee: There will be a HEP workshop on September 27, 2003 @ the River Place in St. Paul. This is located next to the Excel Energy Center. Eric would like to see all District Supervisor's there. If you cannot make it you should try to find a replacement, and call Eric. HEP has been designed to promote fun, skill development, sportsmanship, character, reduce attrition, major penalties, misconducts, and incidents of rage.

The on-ice officials will play a big part of this program, and details of what might be expected from the officials will be discussed. Cooperation and participation from coaches, officials, parents & players will be the focus to instill skill development, coaching excellence, and fair play.

OLD BUSINESS

Pullovers: Corky, and Roger helped get these ordered for our instructors. Corky will need to get the names and sizes from everyone. Need to look at other clothing items such as mock turtlenecks, t-shirts, caps & polo's with our logo on them. Discussed ordering enough samples for each of the Supervisor's to display & promote the sale of these items to our membership. Jim P. made a motion to spend up to \$1000.00 to purchase samples of mock turtlenecks, hats, polo's, and t-shirts and have available at the spring meeting. 2nd by Jeff W. Motion carried.

LCD Projectors: Contact Steve Tatro, and Dennis Alm to schedule the use of these projectors for your seminars. The projectors have been working well. There was discussion of possibly purchasing more of these for future use. After this season's seminars, we might be able to have a better handle on how many might be needed. This will be discussed at the spring meeting.

State Tournaments: Eric went over the State Tournament rotation, and the assignments of Supervisors for these tournaments. After discussion, it was decided to include a rotation for the Girls 14U State Tournament as well. The Girls 12U State Tournament & Senior Women's State Tournament will be taken care of by the host district. It was noted that all Supervisors who might have eligible people to work in these tournaments, should get a hold of the host Supervisor for consideration. The State Tournament Rotation & Assignments are as follows:

Level	Host District	Arena	Participating Districts				Supervisor	Asst.
Jr. Gold	TC	Highland	TC	5	3	16	Dennis Alm	Tom Leary
Bantam A	2	St. Croix	2	4	15	8	Jim Partlow	Bill Leslie
Peewee A	IR	Virginia	IR	10	6	11	Jeff Walters	Steve Tatro
Girls 14U	10	Cook	10	TC	8	5	Bruce Carlson	
Girls 12U	6	?	6	6	6	6	Dave Kemp	
Women's	6	Bloomington	6	6	TC	TC		

State Tournaments (Cont):

Game Fee's	System	Total	
Jr. Gold	3-man	\$135.00	55-40-40
Bantam A	3-man	\$120.00	50-35-35
Peewee A	3-man	\$115.00	45-35-35
Girls 19U	3-man	\$135.00	55-40-40
Girls 14U	3-man	\$120.00	50-35-35
Girls 12U	3-man	\$115.00	45-35-35

Eric will send out the State Tournament Responsibilities of Host Supervisor & State Tournament Expense Guideline & Procedure outlines to each of the host Supervisor's a month before the tournaments are held.

MHOA Game Reports: Just a reminder, *everyone needs to make sure they are communicating as quickly as possible, and getting the Game Misconducts & Match penalties reported to the proper people involved!*

Bill & Eric will look at getting the Game Report Form so it is available on line. Supervisors will be contacted when this is available.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Budget: The proposed budget was handed out for review. After review, there were some adjustments that need to be made. Tom L. made a motion to have the Executive Committee make the necessary adjustments to the proposed budget. Dave K. 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The proposed budget will be sent out after the Executive Committee makes the necessary changes.

MHOA Web Page/Minnkota Website: Steve Tatro informed us all about the Minnkota website. He asked everyone if there was anything to be added to the website. If anyone had ideas, please call Steve to have your information included on the website. Steve also discussed putting the Game Report form on the website for all to use. He will look into the different options to have this available for us this season. He will look at having a link on our web page to the Minnkota Hockey website.

World Jrs. Tournament: The World Junior Tournament will be held in Grand Forks this year. It will take a lot of man power to run this tournament. Eric asked Buzz if he would consider being our liaison with the people who will be running this tournament, and offering them the resources we could provide to them.

Festival Games & Assignments: Eric has been assigning the games, and trying to keep as many people involved as possible. He thought it has been working well so far. He asked if anyone had any feed back. It was felt to leave well enough alone.

MHOA Camp: Steve Tatro reported the South won the Leslie Cup for the first time in 8 years. He said the camp was excellently officiated by all participants. The application process worked well this year. Buzz said he received positive feedback from the selection he had from his district. MHOA Camp for next year will be from June 19-24, 2004.

By-Law Changes: Eric wanted to make sure everyone was aware that we need to change the MHOA dues from the \$5.00 fee to \$10.00. There was also some discussion regarding eligibility for those who can vote on issues, and who cannot. This is for our board meetings or the annual meeting. Eric will check with the person who helped set up our by-laws regarding voting rights.

Referee Game Fees: Paul Moen had a concern regarding the increase of game fees in neighboring district to his. Paul is concern he will lose officials to the neighboring districts because of the fees being higher. This issue is a concern to others, and we should try to communicate with each other as much as possible to keep fees in line.

On Line Registration: Bill Leslie went over the procedures regarding the on line registration process, and how it will be handled

Minnkota Hockey (Coach in Chief) - Mike McMillan

Mike introduced himself and thanked everyone for letting him come in to talk with us. He briefly discussed the HEP program. Mike talked about the blue puck. He thought the blue puck works well for the development of the younger kids. Mike would like to see all of the Supervisors get involved with the coaching clinics in their areas. Mike would like to see all the Supervisors of Officials, and Coach in Chief's work together to resolve any issues that may arise over the season. Please call Mike if there are any problems that may need to be addressed. Thank you Mike.

Seminars – Mark Verplaetse

Mark showed us the format for the Official & Their Responsibilities. He talked about some different ideas to use in our seminars & reviewed some of the topics for the seminars. If anyone needs Mark's help, please contact him.

Eric went over the procedures for the registration tools for their seminars. He also wanted to make sure everyone gets their recruitment posters out to their arenas. Eric recognized, and gives notice of thanks to Mark Jorgenson & Minnesota Hockey for having these posters printed.

Minnesota Hockey – Dave Bakke & Dennis Green

Dave Bakke talked about having a survey sent out to people involved with hockey. The survey is to find out if there is anything Minnesota Hockey can or should do to provide anything more for the kids in hockey. He would then like to have a meeting or meetings with all of the hockey association presidents throughout the state to discuss these needs, or their wants.

Dennis Green handed out information regarding the HEP Program. He talked about how important this program is, and it can improve the game of hockey in Minnesota. He invited us all to join them at the HEP Workshop September 27th at the River Place in St. Paul. Minnesota Hockey and the Minnesota Wild are active with the people of the Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Center to implement this program. Frank Smole will be the keynote speaker there. He has been active with the program, and has seen it succeed already for others.

The Officials will be an important part of this program, and implementing the Fair Play Program. This program involves an award system with points to a team with very few penalties. Dennis wants to see the hockey improve more than it is in Minnesota.

Dennis thanked us for our work on the tracking system put in place for penalties last season. He asked for our cooperation again this season as well. Minnesota hockey is looking for trends as far as certain types of penalties, or problems in a particular district, etc. He wants to make sure we are exploring all avenues to use any kind of information tools available. Dennis would like to make sure we are keeping the lines of communication open with both Minnesota Hockey, and the Officials Association. The board thanked Dennis & Dave for coming in to talk with us, and for all of their past support. We appreciate their time, efforts, and cooperation. Thanks again for everything Dennis & Dave.

There being no further business. Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Buzz O., and second made by Jeff W. Motion carried. 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Roger Stephens
MHOA Secretary