

MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2004 FALL MEETING – FERGUS FALLS, MN.
9/18/2004

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

Roll Call

Present

<i>President</i>	<i>Eric Olson</i>
<i>North Vice President</i>	<i>Steve Tatro (Minnkota Data Base Coordinator)</i>
<i>South Vice President (T.C. District)</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Roger Stephens</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Corky Jechorek</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 (Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator)</i>
<i>District 11</i>	<i>Scott Patten</i>
<i>District 15</i>	<i>Howard Breitkruetz</i>
<i>District 16</i>	<i>Buzz Olson</i>
<i>District I.R.</i>	<i>Tod Plackner</i>
<i>Minnkota RIC</i>	<i>Bill Leslie</i>
<i>Minnkota Seminar Coordinator</i>	<i>Mark Verplaeste</i>
<u>Absent</u>	
<i>Special Projects</i>	<i>Ted Olson</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Skip Trumble</i>
<u>Guests – Rick Looker</u>	

Secretary Report - Roger Stephens

* **2004 Spring Meeting Minutes:** Having no additions or corrections to the minutes, District TC motioned to accept the Secretary's Report, and was seconded by District 4. Motion Carried.

° Communications Report – Dave & Roger checked with a couple of companies regarding the cost of running our own web site. We have registered a web name, and this can be hosted by many different servers. Our new domain name is www.mhoa.us. This will be on line in conjunction with Minnesota Hockey. Some of the ideas we can use for this web site include the following:

- 1) MHOA Board & Supervisor information.
- 2) Postings, dates, & agenda items of our meetings and an open invitation to all of our members to attend.
- 3) Meeting minutes & information.
- 4) District Supervisor updates on a possible monthly basis.
- 5) Listings of seminars.
- 6) New official's information.
- 7) Comments section.
- 8) Recognition of On-ice Officials participating in State, National Tournaments, & various On-ice Officials Camps.
- 9) Presidents letter welcoming new members & returning officials.
- 10) Game Report Form
- 11) Having pictures of MHOA apparel & an on line order form.

12) Web site can also be linked to any of the district web sites.

° Dave mentioned another way of communication was to contact the MHOA secretary, and have their information passed to all people involved.

° Bill would like to meet with Dave & Roger to work on the Game Report form for our web site.

Treasurer's Report – Corky Jechorek

° **MHOA Apparel** – Corky handed out the samples of apparel available for purchase for all members, and the order forms to be used. Please have these items displayed at your seminars. There will be Polos (\$24.00), Mock Turtlenecks (\$14.00), and Hats (\$12.00). We would like to get picture of these items to be posted on the web site for purchase.

° **Advance Tournament payments** – Corky had trouble getting some of these payments out in an orderly fashion. He did not have current addresses of some of the officials working the tournament. It was discussed, and recommended to have vouchers filled out by the participating officials so they can get paid.

* After discussion & review of the treasurer's report, a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by District 15, and seconded by District 2. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports

District TC - Dennis Alm – They will have a new District Director that will be replacing Gene King. His name is Steve Swanson. The women's league wants the officials to be at least 16 years of age for this next season, and to be a minimum of a level 2 official. Also a reminder that all officials need to be on the ice by the time the women enter the ice.

District 2 - Jim Partlow – They have a new director. His name is Greg Nagen. Rod Berg a representative from the VFW contacted Jim regarding on-ice officials for the State Bantam VFW Tournament. This will be held in White Bear Lake.

District 3 - Jim Gates – November 15th is the date set by their association that all officials provide a copy of the completed registration, or they will be left off the schedule until it is provided.

District 4 - Tom Leary – Seminar in Albert Lea needs help with more instructors. It is held on October 9th.

District 5 - Steve Kirshbaum – Steve's seminars are set & ready to go.

District 6 - Dave Kemp – Dave has sent out about a dozen applications for new officials so far, and his seminars are set.

District 8 - Paul Moen – Paul is short of help for his seminars. Paul also had a concern on the timing of getting his seminar packets.

District 10 - Bruce Carlson – Bruce has had 1 seminar already & it was poorly attended. He also was concerned that the seminar packets came out a little later than they should.

District 11 - Scott Patten – No Report

District 15 - Howard Breitkruetz – No Report

District 16 - Buzz Olson – This will be Buzz's last year. He introduced Rick Looker who will be the district's Seminar Coordinator. Dan Dow will be taking over for Buzz next year. Buzz will be having Dan help him out this year.

District IR - Tod Plackner – No Report

South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm

* **Audit** – Dennis, Jim Partlow & Jim Gates conducted an audit of the bank account & everything looked good. Dennis knows a couple of guys that work for the Wild looking for some people to officiate Lacrosse games at the Excel Energy Center. Contact Dennis if interested.

North Vice Presidents Report – Steve Tatro

***MHOA Camp** – The instructors for this year's camp was be J.B. Olson, Rick Looker, Kyle Bergren, Jeff Beckers, Brian Mach, and himself. They had a very good crew this year. Steve had 1 guy drop out the day before, because of a new job, and Steve had no alternates available. Steve would like 2 names from all of the Supervisors for next year. Steve will have application forms out around Christmas time. The North won the Leslie Cup!

***Date Base & Registration** – Steve asked all the Supervisors to have the officials fill out the MHOA registration form. They need to put down their USA Hockey number if possible, not their social Security number, put down the host district they will be working the most. Steve handed out a copy of what the registration report will look like. Some things to take note of are the following:

In the 1st column

99999999 = New Official not registered with USA Hockey yet. A different number will appear once they are registered.

In the 2nd column

District #1 = District TC

District #12 = District IR

District #0 = MHOA fees are Not Paid

In the 3rd column

Y = MHOA fees are Paid

Steve will get out registration updates every 2 weeks starting October 1st.

*** Northwoods Summit** – An informal gathering was at Steve's cabin. Steve, Eric, Bill & the instructor's from the MHOA Camp were there. Discussed was the direction of MHOA, possible training ideas, recruitment of officials, and seminars, etc. Brian Mock & J.B. Olson are working on a video for training purposes.

*** USA Hockey Annual Congress** – Steve had an eye opening experience. The referees side of the meeting were well organized. There were over 300 people attending this meeting. USA Hockey conducted a Retention Survey for all officials who did not return. Post cards went out to over 9000 officials, and they had a response back from over 470 officials. The top four reasons these officials quit were; 1) Lack of games, 2) Opportunity to advance, 3) Local politics, & 4) Abuse of Officials. All of the USA Hockey Referee-in-Chief's will be addressing these issues. Steve thanked MHOA for the opportunity to attend these meetings with Bill.

Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Bill Leslie

- **USA Hockey Annual Congress** – There was a recommendation to have training for off-officials regarding scorekeepers, timekeepers, & penalty bench personnel.
- **Seminar Committee** – Bill hosted this meeting and put the finishing touches on the packets to be handed out. Seminar Committee will work at getting the materials out by September 15th next year.
- **On-line Seminar Registration** – Having some problems with registrations from some officials from outside the Minnkota District trying to attend these seminars. Most of them are from western Wisconsin. Bill handed out some seminar materials to the Supervisors. Bill would like to see the Supervisors be able to administrate their own registrations, for their seminars from the web site themselves for next year. We need to encourage all participants who register on-line to bring their ticket to be handed in to keep track of attendance. If they didn't bring their ticket, they will have to sign in. The attendance disk only works with Windows XP as of now. Everyone still needs to use the sign in sheet for all those attending from outside the Minnkota District. Last year there were 2451 who attended seminars last year.
- **National Select Tournament** – Bill & Steve at the summit about using this tournament for select officials to encourage participation. We could possibly call it the Officiating Experience. The idea is to use different Supervisors or Instructors to participate on different days to do evaluations, and/or use it for general rule application, etc. Could possibly get guys who have moved up the ranks to come in on days for visits as well. They could share their experiences with these officials. Will be looking for a volunteer to run this for next year.

- **District Officiating Seminar** – Bill had 38 sign up for this seminar, and only had 31 show. He had some guys who participated from Michigan & Wisconsin. This is the first time Bill has ever seen this seminar not filled since he has been involved. Bill was a little disappointed.
- **USA Hockey On-Line Registration** – This is working great is being used by approximately 70% of all registrations at this point. By registering on-line, you actually get your materials in just a couple of days.
- **USA Hockey Camps** – Bill has all the numbers for who ever may be interested.

Evaluations – Bruce Carlson

Bruce has forms for those who want them.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

***Women's Camp** – Discussed having a women's official's camp & would hold this possibly in Mankato. Eric would like to find someone interested to be the Camp Director. Eric would like to put together a committee to get this set up.

*** HEP Face-Off Event** – We have 33 people signed up for the level 3 seminar being held in conjunction with the Face-Off Event to be held at the Excel Energy Center.

*** Fair Play Implementation** – Eric covered the rule implementation regarding the points given out for this at the games this year. We, the officials need to make sure that all penalties are recorded the way they are suppose to be recorded before signing off on the score sheets. Eric suggested, we as officials, officiate the games as we always have, and not worry about the points. They are not are responsibility. This is left up to the districts to monitor.

*** Fall Elite Tier II League** – This is the High School league running in the fall. There have been concerns regarding how we should be officiating these games regarding the rules. It was decided, since this league is registered with USA Hockey, we will officiate the games by USA Hockey rules.

*** State Tournament Rotation -**

Jr. Gold A - Host is District IR (Grand Rapids), & also participating is; District's 11, 15, & 8. Supervisor is Tod Plackner, and Asst. is Scott Patten.

Bantam A - Host is District 4 (New Ulm), & also participating is District's 3, TC & 6. Supervisor is Tom Leary, and Asst. is Howard Breitruezt.

Peewee A - Host is District 10 (Forgerty – Blaine), & also participating is; District's 2, 5, & 16. Supervisor is Bruce Carlson, and Asst. is Paul Moen.

Girls 14U A - Host is District 16 (Bemidji) & also participating is District 15. Supervisor is Buzz Olson.

Girls 12U A – Host is District TC (Richfield)& other outside suggested participants. Supervisor is Dennis Alm.

Jr. Gold B - Host is District 3 Maple Grove), & also Participating is; District's TC, @ & 10. Supervisor is Jim Gates, and Asst. is Corky Jechorek.

Peewee B & Bantam B – Host is District 6 (N.A.), & also participating is District's 2, 3, & 8. Supervisor is Dave Kemp, Asst. is Jim Partlow.

Girls 14U B & Girls 12U B – Host is District 5 (Buffalo), & also participating is District's 4, 10, & 11. Supervisor is Steve Kirshbaum, and Asst. is Roger Stephens.

Senior Women's – Host is District 6 (Bloomington Ice Gardens), and also participating is District's TC, 2, 3, 5, & 10. Supervisor is Bill Leslie.

*** Proposed Budget** – Eric handed out the proposed budget to everyone for review. There were some questions regarding a few items. Corky was asked to check some of the figures on a couple of items, and we would cover it under new business.

Old Business

***World Jr. Tournament** – Buzz could not be involved. No report.

Elite Experience held this summer as training for the World Tournament, and things are going well in preparation.

***MHOA Game Report Form (Electronic Version)** – This will be taken care of by the communications committee, along with Bill. They will contact everyone as to when it is ready to be used.

New Business

***MHOA Budget** – The proposed budget was reviewed for the upcoming season. Motion to approve the budget made by District 2, and seconded by District 4. Motion carries.

***MHOA Web Site Address** – Web site registered as www.mhoa.us

***Spring Meeting** – Minnesota Hockey will no longer be paying the bill for both meetings. They have agreed to pay for one meeting a year. District 6 motioned to meet with Minnesota Hockey at the spring meeting every year, and meet with Minnesota Hockey for the fall meeting unless the expenses are cheaper for us to meet somewhere else, with MHOA paying for the fall meeting in 2004, and Minnesota Hockey paying for the spring meeting in 2005. Seconded by District 5. Voting in favor = 12, Voting against = 1, Abstaining = 1

***Credit Card Account** – Discussed having an account for members to purchase clothing & to use for registration. District 5 made a motion to pursue getting an account set up for purchasing apparel on-line & for MHOA registration at a later date. Seconded by District 6. Motion carries.

Other Business

Referee Golf Scramble - Jim Partlow & Dennis Alm are putting on their Referee Golf Scramble again this fall, and invited anyone who wanted to play in it to give them a call and get signed up. The date of this event is Sunday, September 12, 2004. It will be at the Keller Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1:15pm, and a picnic to follow at Keller Island. The picnic is for the golfer & significant other. This is limited to the first 60 golfers. The deadline for this event is September 4, 2004. The cost is \$53.00 and includes golf and prizes. Carts are available for \$24.00 (\$12.00 ea – 2 people). This is a 4 person scramble. For more call Jim Partlow @ (651)415-9883, or mail check to Jim Partlow @ 2586 English St. Maplewood, Mn. 55109.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by District 6, and seconded by District 2. Motion carried. 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Roger Stephens
MHOA Secretary