

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2005 FALL MEETING – BROOKLYN PARK, MN.
9/17/2005**

Meeting Called To Order: 8:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Present

<i>President</i>	<i>Eric Olson</i>
<i>North Vice President</i>	<i>Buzz Olson</i>
<i>South Vice President (T.C. District)</i>	<i>Tom Herkenoff</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Roger Stephens (Absent)</i>
<i>District 2</i>	<i>Greg Cosgrove</i>
<i>District 3</i>	<i>Jerry Heinen</i>
<i>District 4</i>	<i>Shari Lichterman</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>Dan Dow</i>
<i>District I.R.</i>	<i>Tod Plackner</i>
<i>Minnkota RIC</i>	<i>Steve Tatro</i>

Absent

<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Tom Leary (Arrived @ 8:18am)</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Skip Trumble</i>
<i>Guests –), Jim Albright (District 6 Officials Assoc. President)</i>	

REPORTS

Secretary Report – Dave Kemp (guest recording secretary)

- *2005 Spring Meeting Minutes:* Reading of the minutes was waived, District 4 made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report and was seconded by District 2. Motion Carried.

Seminars – Steve Tatro, Eric Olson, Greg Cosgrove

- This was the earliest that seminar material has ever been sent out. Make sure that the DOB (date of birth) and the referee # along with the name of the referee is on the answer sheet for their answer sheet for the test. When presenting registration information we must go into great detail when explaining the difference between USA Hockey and MHOA registration. Eric received numerous emails in regards to online registration. Questions were how do I register for a seminar, how do I correct signing up for the wrong seminar, if the seminar is full can I still get in? A common problem is officials registering for the wrong level. District 4 needs information regarding how individual supervisors can go in to seminar and check status.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Leary

- Has requested and still waiting to get the May, June and July bank statements. Cost of the first MHOA women's camp will run 1500.00 – 1800.00. Our ballpark balance is 5000.00 until we receive the missing statements. We are waiting for a 2500.00 check from MN Hockey for the women's development camp. Both the President and the Secretary are receiving copies of the bank statement; this is a recommended auditing practice. There is no way for us to track how we did on the MHOA clothing. Tom requested that all supervisors that take cash for the MHOA dues at the seminars write one check to cover the

amount. We have a new mailing address for MHOA dues, which can be found, at the bottom of the MHOA form. Expense form can be found on the MHOA website. Tom is still working on bring the bank accounts into balance.

South Vice Presidents Report – Shari Lichterman

- **Women’s MHOA Camp** – Shari who was the camp director reported that the camp was held in June in Mankato and only 5 of the original 8 officials who had registered attended the camp. The officials who attended the camp had on the average 3 years of officiating experience and very little three-man game experience. After the second day of camp there were only 4 officials left due to one woman suffering a concussion. Instructors filled in working the games with the camp participants. 2 of the attendees were recommended for USA Hockey Regional Camp. It is felt that for future camps we need 6-8 participants between the 10-30 age group and level 2 officials would be preferred. We need to increase the awareness of this camp to our officials and have better communication in regards to the time commitment. A suggestion was made that a separate informational mailing would be sent to all Minnesota Officials. It was also noted that the instructors’ staff was great. Eric personally thanked Shari for all her hard work and time that she put into organizing and directing this camp.

Break – 8:57am

Meeting Reconvened – 9:15am

North Vice Presidents Report – Buzz Olson

- **MHOA Camp** – Dan Dow who took over as camp director for Steve Tatro felt that we has another good camp. All the participants worked very hard and it was expressed that everyone there deserved the opportunity. The consensus of the instructors and visitors (Scott Brand) was that this was our best camp. There was some discussion on how we could change the camp but still keep the high quality, it has been mentioned by past camp participants who have gone onto the USA Hockey Regional Camp that they were a little disappointed in that camp after having attended the MHOA camp. This speaks well for both MHOA and the staff that we have used at the camp.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

- Eric had the opportunity to attend the USA Hockey Annual Congress, which was looking at scheduling programs for officials. Ref Ranger is a program that is being used in other parts of the country and Eric would like to look into the possible use of this program statewide. Discussion followed regarding different programs that are available and what programs districts are know using. The Illinois Referee Association has a very intense, hands-on, very structured mentoring program. Eric will get more information and present it at the spring meeting.
- A proposal for a new three-year State Tournament Game Fee Schedule was handed out and discussed. Eric will present the proposal to Minnesota Hockey with the rated being finalized at the winter meeting in January. There was a lively discussion in regards to what system we should use at each level.
- A State Tournament Rotation schedule was distributed to all supervisors. Eric also reviewed the supervisor responsibilities for the benefit of the new supervisors. Some changes were made to the assignments so Eric will email the corrected rotation schedule to all supervisors.
- A proposed budget was discussed but a hard copy was not available at the time of this meeting. Projected revenues were 38,000.00 with projected expenses being 32,000.00. Eric will send out a hard copy of the budget once the books have been balanced.
- Eric reviewed the status of the projectors, which are used for seminars; a motion was made by District TC and seconded by District 2 for MHOA to purchase 2 more projectors. One will stay up in the 218 area and those supervisors will handle getting it to all the seminars.

Break – 10:20am

Meeting Reconvened – 10:36am

Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Steve Tatro

- Supplies for the seminars were available after August 20th. The same number of test forms and answer sheets that were issued last year were given to the supervisors this year. A level one test was added this year to help with registration. All officials attending a seminar will need to take a test in order to receive credit for the seminar. We will no longer need to fill out the attendance sheets; all Steve will need is the test sheets. It was requested that the supervisor keep each level test separate and that the tests would be placed in alphabetical order. We were all reminded to look the test over when it is turned in to make sure that all the information is filled in correctly including the official's member number.
- USA Hockey would like all registration to take place on-line this year, even new officials. This is more cost effective and easier to track. MHOA has a direct link to the USA Hockey registration web page.
- The open book test which is available on-line this year is only an option and the official does not need to utilize this. USA Hockey is still accepting a hard copy of the test.
- When using the on-ice drill for the offsides, do not use the delayed offsides drill.
- An updated version of the USA Hockey registration tool was given to everyone with the packets. Discs with all the rule changes and other instruction materials in an ipg program, which can be used in a power point presentation, was distributed.
- When filling out your report forms be sure to list what topics were presented in the classroom and on the ice. This should be sent with the seminar registration material. Make sure that the participants use their referee number rather than their player number. Also, USA Hockey no longer uses a social security number.
- Steve reminded everyone about the rule change regarding goalie skates. Cleats attached to the skates used to help the goalie standup quicker from the ice are illegal and a goalie cannot participate in a game.
- Be frugal with your seminar expenses; if you personally incur an expense let Steve know.
- We will be hosting a DOS next summer Winona is one possible choice.
- Skip Trumble and Jeff Walters will be assisting Bruce with the evaluation/mentoring programs.
- Glen Toewe is the new Minnkota Database Coordinator. He will send out a report on the 1st and 15th for the months of October, November and December and once a month for January, February and March.
- If a returning official (who has taken a year or more off) wishes to come back other than at level 1, he must contact his supervisor and then it will be given to Steve for a decision.

Supervisor Reports - Suspended from the meeting other for updates

District 5 – Steve Kirshbaum – Had a kick off meeting in regards to organizing a referee's association and was chastised by the district director. This year will be a startup year with the officials who want an association organize and run it.

Old Business

- **Suspension of Officials** – Discussion was held regarding the process of suspending officials, who can suspend officials, and the clarification pertaining for what officials may be suspended for. Supervisors have the authority to suspend an official for 10 days for a violation of policy or procedure. The supervisor must notify Eric and Steve when a suspension takes place.
- **WHAM** – There has been a concern expressed that some schedulers are refusing to schedule their games that start late in the evening. We need to cooperate with them and cover all their games.

Break/Lunch – 11:45am

Meeting Reconvened – 1:07pm

New Business

- **MHOA Camp & Select 15 Camp** – A lengthy discussion took place regarding MHOA Camp and the Select 15 Camp and whether the focus of the MHOA Camp should change. Advantages of MHOA Camp include: Low cost of lodging, meals, ice time and classrooms. Disadvantages include the fact that there are only three games per day to officiate by 12 officials. The Select 15 Camp provides six games per day. RIC Steve Tatro suggested that maybe the Select 15 Camp could be converted to a development camp for officials from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and funded by USA Hockey.

Discussion focused on MHOA Camp.

- A new camp director needs to be found. Buzz Olson and Dan Dow both declined, indicating a willingness to help out whoever is appointed as director.
- Should we split up the directorship between more than one person?
- Does the focus of the camp need to be changed to allow more officials to attend for one or two days and focusing on subjects of interest to supervisors, schedulers, evaluators, mentors, etc., with the attendees maybe teaming up with instructors to officiate the games?

1:40pm - Vice President Buzz Olson took over for President Eric Olson who was called to a committee meeting.

- Discussion continued on MHOA Camp. The top priority identified was finding a camp director. There was no interest by anyone present. A committee, consisting of Bruce Carlson, Buzz Olson, Tom Herkenhoff, Skip Trumble and Eric Olson, was formed to secure a camp director. Steve Tatro will help out with guidance of the committee. The committee will meet by phone or email and attempt to have a director selected by November 1. The camp director will determine the focus of the camp with input from MHOA.

- **Referee Issues**

- We need to change the perception that to advance your officiating career you need to go into high school hockey rather than juniors.
- A discussion was had concerning having a weekend meeting in the late summer/fall; working on Saturday, golfing on Sunday, and picking up seminar supplies.
- Supervisors were asked whether they needed help at upcoming seminars. Most are covered; some need help but are still contacting instructors.

2:05pm - President Eric Olson returned to the meeting

- **State Tournament Fee's** – Eric Olson and Skip Trumble attended the Tournament Committee meeting of Minnesota Hockey to discuss the state tournament fees. The committee passed our proposal and Minnesota Hockey Directors will vote it on on Sunday September 18th.
- **Mileage Reimbursement Rate** – The MHOA mileage reimbursement rate is currently set at \$0.32 per mile. Motion was made by Buzz Olson and seconded by Scott Patten to raise the rate to \$0.37 per mile effective after this meeting. Discussion. Motion Carried.

- **Miscellaneous** - Discussion was had concerning an instructor whose name was removed from the instructor list because of a registration problem. The database indicates he has been completely registered. He will be allowed to act as an instructor.

Game fees for the Tier II Elite fall league were discussed. Officials will be paid at the game.

Game reports are to be done online this season.

Supervisors need to get their seminar information to Steve Tatro as soon as possible following their seminars.

Motion was made by Tom Leary and seconded by Dan Dow to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Dave Kemp
Greg Cosgrove