

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2006 SPRING MEETING - DETROIT LAKES, MN.**

Meeting called to order April 29, 2006, 8:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Present

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| <i>President</i> | <i>Eric Olson</i> |
| <i>North Vice President</i> | <i>Buzz Olson</i> |
| <i>South Vice President</i> | <i>Dennis Alm</i> |
| <i>Secretary</i> | <i>Roger Stephens</i> |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>(Presently unfilled, Tom Leary resigned position)</i> |
| <i>District 1</i> | <i>Dennis Alm</i> |
| <i>District 2</i> | <i>Greg Cosgrove</i> |
| <i>District 3</i> | <i>John Sparling (for Jim Gates)</i> |
| <i>District 4</i> | <i>Shari Lichterman(Absent)</i> |
| <i>District 5</i> | <i>Matt Stephens (for Steve Kirshbaum)</i> |
| <i>District 6</i> | <i>Dave Kemp</i> |
| <i>District 8</i> | <i>Jesse Viall for (Paul Moen)</i> |
| <i>District 10</i> | <i>Bruce Carlson</i> |
| <i>District 11</i> | <i>Scott Patten</i> |
| <i>District 12</i> | <i>Tod Plackner</i> |
| <i>District 15</i> | <i>Howard Breithkruetz</i> |
| <i>District 16</i> | <i>Dan Dow</i> |
| <i>Past President</i> | <i>Skip Trumble(Absent)</i> |
| <i>Minnkota RIC</i> | <i>Steve Tatro</i> |
| <i>Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator</i> | <i>Bruce Carlson</i> |

Those Absent:

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| <i>District 3</i> | <i>Jim Gates</i> |
| <i>District 4</i> | <i>Shari Lichterman</i> |
| <i>District 5</i> | <i>Steve Kirshbaum</i> |
| <i>District 8</i> | <i>Paul Moen</i> |
| <i>Past President</i> | <i>Skip Trumble</i> |

Guests – Emil Makinen, Dave Weisjohn, & Brian Thul.

Secretary Report - Roger Stephens

Greg Cosgrove motioned to accept the Secretary's Report from the Fall Meeting 2005, 2nd by Bruce Carlson. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report –

Eric said there will be no report due to the fact Tom had resigned the position because of work commitments, and he did not have the time to put one together. Eric said there will be a report out as soon as the new Treasurer and himself have a chance to work on it.

Evaluations – Bruce Carlson

1069 Evaluations have been turned in so far. This is much better then the 2004-05 season. Bruce said there was an improvement by all districts. Bruce thanked all the supervisors for their work. Bruce has package of evaluation forms for everyone to take with them after the meeting.

Seminars – Steve Tatro

Steve Tatro reported that J.B. Olson will be going to Chicago for the Advance Instructors Seminar on May 19, 2006. Others who have attended are Dave Kemp, Greg Cosgrove, and Brian Thul.

State Tournaments

Jr. Gold A - Eric read a letter from Paul Moen regarding the Jr. Gold Tournament. Paul said he had good crews there. They had one situation where a referee missed a goal, but one of the linesmen seen it do to the referee being blocked out, and called the goal at the next stoppage of play. The play was discussed, and the goal was allowed. Paul had a concern regarding the pay for the Jr. Gold Tournament because the pay is less than what the regular season is. They also had one problem with one coach at another time of the tournament. Otherwise the tournament went good, and most of the coaches had very good comments regarding the officials. The general consensus was that it was an honor to be selected to work the State Tourney, and that pay shouldn't be the deciding factor for working the games.

Jr. Gold B – Dave Kemp said the tournament went very well. Tournament was held in Prior Lake, and they did a good job. Dave mentioned that he was thankful for having Skip Trumble there to help out.

Bantam A – John Sparling reported that Cooper Armstrong hosted the tournament, and they did very good job taking care of the officials. They had excellent crew there working the tournament, and had a hard time with cutting one crew. John helped Jim gates with the tournament.

Bantam B & Pee wee B – Matt reported for Steve that they had good crews. Buffalo hosted the tournament, and they did a good job taking care of the officials. They had a problem with one coach, and they had to escort him from the building. Steve wanted to thank Howard Breitkruetz for helping with the tournament.

Pee wee A – Scott said Duluth was the host, and they had a good tournament. He said they had one complaint regarding one game with the officials, otherwise everything went fine.

Senior Women's – Eric was the acting supervisor as there was no one else to be at the tournaments since everyone was working at the rest of the state tournaments. There was a problem where officials missed two games, and there wasn't supervisor at the games. There will be a recommendation to Lynn Olson to hold the tournament on a different weekend from the other state tournaments to help alleviate this problem.

Girls 19U – Bruce said there were 4 teams playing in this tournament. The tournament was held in Pine City, and Pine City did a fine job of hosting the tournament. The tournament was held on a different weekend than the rest of the State Tournaments.

Girls 14U A – Tod reported the tournament was held at Grand Rapids, and they did a good job hosting. Tod aid there were good crews working the tournament, and he had two female officials working the tournament. Tod was impressed with the quality play of the teams. He had a good time watching the games.

Girls 12U A – Dan Dow report that Warroad hosted the tournament, and they did an excellent job. They had one problem with one coach.

Girls 14U B & 12U B – Dennis Alm helped Shari with the tournament, and reported that there were no problems to speak of. They used 6 crews, and it worked out well for the games they had. He had one problem with a referee missing a kicking penalty, and discussed the situation, and explained how important it was for everyone to be properly positioned to help eliminate these situations.

Jr Gold 16's - Greg reported that when the banquet was held one team didn't show up, and this team missed the coaches meeting, and it showed the next day. They had good crews, and had a hard time cutting one crew for the games on Sunday. Greg noted that Bill Leslie helped him with the tournament, and he appreciated his help.

Minnesota Hockey – Coach-in Chief – Hal Tearse

Would like to be able to put together a program of sort to bridge the gap between coaches and referees. Hal is going to work with the coaches via e-mail, and use video's to show coaches what referee's are learning each year. Hal would like to open the communication avenue for the refs and coahes. He would be interested in putting together a video for both coaches and referees to watch regarding the subject of bridging the gap, and communication for the up coming seminars for each group.

MHOA Camps

Women's Camp (Shari Lichterman) – There are 9 applications, ages 16-20. Deadline is April 1st. Shari is setting up a meeting with all of the instructors who will participate. The dates of the camp are June 24 – 29, 2006.

Men's Camp (Dave Weisjohn) – All applicants have paid their fees to attend this year's camp. The list has been e-mailed out to all people. Discussion was held on the possibility to increase the number of participants. It was decided to keep the number as it is for now.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

District 1 - Dennis Alm – This is now District #1. They covered approximately 2100 games this season, and adopted the 3 penalty rule for Game DQ. The result was half the number of game reports this year. They had less problems with parents, coaches, & players. No District Director at this point.

District 2 – Greg Cosgrove – Penalties were up slightly, and they started to do assignments on the internet. Jim Partlow was the scheduler. The on-line scheduling went very well. The name of the program is Assigned By The Web. Fighting & Checking from Behind were the most Penalties.

District 3 – Jim Gates – They did approximately 2600 games, and 134 evaluations. Their penalties were down from the year before.

District 4 – Shari Lichterman – Eric gave report for Shari regarding the State Tournaments her district hosted. Otherwise the season went well for her first year.

District 5 – Steve Kirshbaum – This was their first year with a district referees association. Overall the season was a success. Mike Monney served as the President of the association, and he did a very good job, and put in many hours to help make it succeed. They all but 4 hockey associations contract with group. It looks like they will pick up 2 more of the associations next year. They use Arbiter for their scheduling. They had a problem with one official doing games and not being registered. He was suspended by the district, and asked for a refund of the games he was paid for.

District 6 – Dave Kemp – They had 155 game reports, and were up a little from the year before. Check from Behind & Fighting were the most called penalties. They also experienced a higher than usual amount of kicking penalties. Sending 2 people for instructors seminar to Colorado. Hosting golf tourney June 9th for \$45.00. @ Stone Brook Golf Course.

District 8 – Paul Moen –

District 10 – Bruce Carlson – They had 2100 plus games this season. Only 68 game reports, and this was down from the year before. This number indicates game reports for District 10 players only. They are looking at increasing the amount of game suspensions regarding game misconducts when playing outside the district. The highest called penalties were Abuse of Officials, Check from Behind & Fighting. They use Abiter for their scheduling.

District 11 – Scott Patten – He had to deal with e-mails from parents & coaches regarding officials at some of their tourneys. They scheduled a little over 2500 games this season.

Minnesota Hockey – Bruce Kruger, Bob Halverson, Tom Slaird, & John Perry

They had a concern regarding the handling of Match Penalties. Bob usually chairs the hearing involving Match penalties regarding Physical Assaults on an official. They wanted to know how do we all get together when handling these hearings. They would like to see the officials involved show up for these hearing so they can make sure they are getting the whole story before issuing the suspensions. Bob said he would put together an outline in regards to presentations from both sides, how conduct yourselves at they hearings, the formats of the hearings, and procedures for canceling, or being unable to attend the hearings.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS (Cont.)

District 12 – Tod Plackner – They had a good year with only 21 game reports & 1 Match penalty on a coach for refusing to play. They had 2 off-ice incidents after a game. Hosted 3 regional tourneys, and the biggest

challenge is getting and keeping officials in the International Falls area.

District 15 – Howard Breitkruetz – They had 38 game reports, and B-Bantams had 24 of these. They sent three crews to 3 different State Tournaments, and they all had a good time. Howard said the on-line registrations worked well, but had a problem with too many officials showing up at the late seminar in Alexandria.

District 16 – Buzz Olson – They had 21 game reports, and 1 Match Penalty @ te Jr. Gold level. They are having a hard time keeping officials, and getting enough instructors for their district.

South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm

At the Mid Winter meeting they discussed the fee's for the select camps, and that these should be looked at getting changed. Also a concern with the penalty criteria, and how to call the game. Dennis also had a concern with the official's fees for the Jr. Gold level in the metro area.

North Vice Presidents Report – Buzz Olson

Buzz thanked all the Supervisors for their hard work this season, and said it was a pretty good year.

Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Steve Tatro

Steve handed out a sheet regarding seminars, registrations, evaluations, mentoring, physical assaults, injured officials, and the Minnkota Cup. Steve said Glen Towe wanted to know if we needed any changes to the data base that was being sent out. Steve said Bill Leslie wasn't doing very well, and wasn't given much time to live. Ardys asked all who wants to send money to send it to a referee development program in his name. The Minnkota Distrist's budget is about the lowest of all district in USA Hockey per official. He asked that all who send in expenses, to please send receipts with these expenses.

Seminar Registrations - Roger will be taking care of the registrations, and updating the number of people for each of the seminars. Steve asked for everyone's cooperation and getting in the seminar forms back to him faster.

District Officiating Seminar - This will be in Winona this year on September 8, 2006. There will be a mailing going out to all level 3 officials.

Steve was at the National Tournament in Rochester N.Y., and brought 2 officials with him from Minnesota. The **Mhoa Camp** - Will have Rick Looker, Jeff Beckers, Dave Weisjohn, and himself working this camp. He invited anyone of the Supervisors who wanted to help out to come, and participate.

Minnkota Camp – Brian Thul said this camp will evolve around the Select 15 Tourney. Ted Olson e-mailed 200 officials regarding officiating an elite tourney in the spring, and donate their time to raise money to help fund this Minnkota Camp. Brian was going to try and get some WCHA staff to help with some of the instruction for this camp, and would also like to see them get involved with our seminars as well. The camp will run from July 7 – 11, 2006ending Friday at 12:00 noon.

Annual Congress – Steve is looking for someone to go with him to the annual congress in Colorado. Please contact Steve or Eric if you are interested.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

Minnesota Hockey - wants to put a list of items together and have them rated regarding the importance of these items.

Minnesota Handbooks – Thes will be directly shipped out to each of the Supervisors this fall.

State Tournament Assignments – Eric is not getting the information from all of the Supervisors in a timely manner, and would like to see this improve. He will look at getting back to setting a date for December 31st for State Tournament participants being fully paid with their MHOA dues, or they will not officiate these tourneys.

Clothing Line – Dave Kemp will now take care of this adventure.

OLD BUSINESS

LCD Projectors - It looks like we will be buying 2 more projectors & sets of speakers for next season's seminars.

State Tourney Fees – The fees are fixed for another two years, and each of the Tournament Supervisors need to let these participants know about this.

On-Line Game Reports – Discussed a few changes to be made regarding these reports.

NEW BUSINESS

State Tournaments – Procedures need to be handed out to the participants.

Fall Meeting – There was a discussion regarding our fall meeting and moving it up to make sure we cover topics, and get out information to all instructors in time for the Fall seminars. Motion by Dave Kemp to move the meeting up to late summer, or early fall to a site to be determined. Dan Dow seconded. Motion Carried.

Seminars – There is a growing concern on the cost of renting sites to hold our Referee seminars. We need to find the least expensive site we can possibly can to hold the line on our expenses.

Fall Meeting – We will discuss, and review our penalty standards to be presented at our fall seminars.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Dennis Alm., and second made by Bruce Carlson.
Motion carried. 4:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Roger Stephens
MHOA Secretary

MHOA ANNUAL MEETING

April 29, 2006

Detroit Lakes, MN.

Meeting called to order at 4:21 pm.

Election of Officers

Positions open for election are for the positions of South Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

South Vice President –

Motion made by Dave Kemp, to re-elect Dennis Alm as South Vice President, and seconded by Greg Cosgrove. After a call for any other nominations, Greg Cosgrove motioned to close the nominations, and asked for a white ballot. Seconded by Howard Breitkruetz. Motion Carried.

Secretary –

Motion made by Dave Kemp to re-elect Roger Stephens as Secretary, and seconded by Dennis Alm. After a call for any other nominations, Greg Cosgrove motioned to close the nominations, and asked for a white ballot. Second by Dennis Alm. Motion carried.

Treasurer –

Motion was made by Dennis Alm to nominate Dave Nyquist for Treasurer, and seconded by Greg Cosgrove. After a call for any other nominations, Greg Cosgrove motioned to close the nominations, and asked for a white ballot. Second by Dennis Alm. Motion carried.

With there being no other business, motion was made by Bruce Carlson and second by Dave Kemp to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Roger Stephens

MHOA Secretary