

MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2007 SPRING MEETING – Brooklyn Center, Mn.
4/28/2007

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

Roll Call –

<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>Dave Nyquist</i>
<i>District 1</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<i>District 2</i>	<i>Greg Cosgrove</i>
<i>District 3</i>	<i>Jim Gates</i>
<i>District 4</i>	<i>Shari Lichterman-Absent</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>Scott Patten</i>
<i>District 12</i>	<i>Tod Plackner</i>
<i>District 15</i>	<i>Howard Breitrkruetz</i>
<i>District 16</i>	<i>Dan Dow</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Skip Trumble</i>
<i>Minnkota RIC</i>	<i>Steve Tatro</i>
<i>Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator</i>	<i>Bruce Carlson</i>

Guests – Matt Stephens.

****Screening Procedures**

Eric Olson – Discussed the screening process. Eric & Steve Tatro will be attending the Minnesota Hockey meeting regarding the screening process with the screening committee & their agenda. We will hand out the screening forms at the seminars & send them in.

REPORTS

Secretary Report - Roger Stephens

A motioned to accept the Secretary's Report from the Fall Meeting by Buzz Olson & 2nd by Steve Kirshbaum Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Nyquist

Dave switched the treasurer's account to Quick Books for the accounting procedures & the check book. Dave would like to have everyone to submit checks only for the MHOA dues for next year. He does not want anyone sending in cash through the mail. Dave went over the check book and the totals for the season. Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Greg Cosgrove, & 2nd by Dave Kemp. Motion carried.

Evaluations – Bruce Carlson

Bruce had 1365 evaluations & mentoring reports this season. This was an increase from last year overall. South

Dakota did not respond, because Mike Reger takes care of them. Bruce would like to have a copy of the mentoring forms that District 5 has on their web site & have them available to submit to each of the local supervisors & one sent to him. The form is on the District 5 web site. Steve will get this to Roger to have put on our web site.

Web Site -

*It was asked to have the expense reports available to print on the web site. Remember all expense reports for the State Tournaments must go through Eric first.

*Brian Hollenbeck would like to have his name added to the MHOA Game Report form. Eric will get Roger those involved their names & information to add them.

Seminars –

Steve Tatro will need everyone information regarding seminars before June 1st, so he can get this to USA Hockey.

State Tournament Reports

Jr. Gold A – Bruce said they had no incidents to report.

Jr. Gold B – Dennis said one of the goaltenders was winging his stick toward the players after a goal was scored.

16 & U – No report.

Bantam A – Howard said they had a good banquet. He had a couple of late cancellations with some officials because of other commitments. He needed to switch officials around to accommodate the cancellations, but the officiating was good.

Bantam B/ Peewee B – Jim said it was held at Plymouth. Saturday seen 5 game misconducts. Otherwise there were no other incidents. John Sparling helped him out with the tournament.

Peewee A – Greg said it was held at Tartan, and they had very good crews working the games. Their District director received a lot of emails commenting on the quality of the officiating.

Senior Women's – This was a very big tournament, and went Thursday through Sunday. They used 4 sheets of ice for the tournament. It was hard to get all of the officials together for a meeting before the tournament because of the late assignments. It is such a large tournament, that it is hard to cover all the games.

Girls 19U & 14UA – This was held in Minnetonka. Dave said there were a few problems with one of the associations, and their fans. District 6 crews covered the tournament & Shari sent one crew to help out with the 14U's, and they were a very good crew.

Girls 12UA – Steve said it was held at Buffalo. Stillwater did not attend the banquet & they were holding up the games taking pictures before the first game. They had a problem with one coach, and just couple other incidents

Girls 14 UB & Girls 12 UB – Scott said the District director had a problem with Scott choices of the people picked to do the games, but they had no problems with any of the officials & the games.

Minnesota Hockey – Bill Gable

All the Tournaments for next year will be posted on their web site. All information regarding the tournaments will be posted on the web site, and there will be no paperwork sent out to the supervisors. Bill will send out more information to Eric to hand out to the supervisors. If any has any suggestions please email Bill.

South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm

The January meeting had no major issues.

North Vice Presidents Report – Buzz Olson

Buzz had nothing to report, and thanked all of the supervisors on their good work for the season.

Supervisor Reports

District 1 - Dennis Alm – They worked approximately 2000 games, and had 56 game misconducts. 20 of them were for fighting. The A level had the most. Dennis will be suggesting to their district to implement a 3 game suspension for fighting. A Pee wee, and above will be going to 1-1/2 hour games next season. Their new president is Paul Marshall.

District 2 – Greg Cosgrove – They did 2500-3000 games with 172 officials, 40 of them were new officials. They had 81 game misconducts, or match penalties. Most of them were for fighting, and they 25 of them. Checking from Behind was the second most. They had 1 assault on an official. They will be sending one official to Instructors Camp. Corky Jechorek had passed away. Greg will not be returning to be the supervisor, and they have not found a replacement yet.

District 3 – Jim Gates – They did about 2500 games this season. They had 43 game misconducts, and thought it was down a little bit from last year. The Bantam B level had the most. In general he thought it wasn't too bad. They had 5 match penalties, & 2 were assaults on officials. Most of the game misconducts were for abuse of officials, and checking from behind. He said he was having a problem not getting the game reports from outside his district.

District 4 – Shari Lichterman - Absent

District 5 – Steve Kirshbaum – They had 1 match penalty & 1 match penalty to a coach. Steve was pleased with the backing on the penalty standard for the coaches this year. Their association was in their second year, and did a really good job helping out Steve.

District 6 – Dave Kemp – They covered 3400 game this year. Dave had a problem with a district sending a crew, and all of them thought they were going to be able to referee. They had 170 game misconducts, and 26 were for checking from behind, 20 for fighting, 32 for the 15 penalty rule, 31 for abuse of officials, and 11 match penalties. Will be having a golf outing this year on June 1st, and invited all who wanted to attend, The cost will be \$45.00, and this includes a meal.

District 8 – Paul Moen – Absent.

District 10 – Bruce Carlson – They covered 3200 games, and had 88 game misconducts. Abuse of officials was the most followed by checking from behind, and fighting. Their association switched to Arbiter for scheduling their games, and had a little trouble with it at first. They sent out a survey to their official before their annual meeting, and it helped diffuse a lot of issues before their meeting. Bruce was frustrated with some of their officials not following procedures. They will be looking at changing their game fees.

District 11 – Scott Patten – Had a problem with a parent at a Squirt B tournament where he followed the official to the dressing room, and also had a few other problems at the same level. They had a new scheduler this year & he did really well. They had 52 game misconducts, but nothing really major.

District 12 – Tod Plackner – They had 42 game misconducts & 3 match penalties. One match was on a coach for refusal to play. Most of the game misconducts were for fighting, and abuse of officials.

District 15 – Howard Breithrutz – They had 21 game misconducts, and 10 of them were for fighting, and the second most were for abuse of officials. They also had 2 match penalties.

District 16 – Dan Dow – They had 15 game misconducts, and 5 of those were for the 15 penalty rule. They also had a problem with officials not paying their MHOA dues. He said they did not know they had to pay them unless they did tournaments. He had one problem with an official wearing the wrong helmet, and couldn't work a tournament at the end of the season. He had complaints regarding the consistency of the way the games were being called across the state.

Supervisors Overall Comments -

*Regarding the verbiage on how State Tournament officials are selected for the A State Tournaments, and how

it's different for the B level.

*Having Regional tournaments starting to early on Fridays, and getting officials for them.

*The standards of the new rule enforcement. Is it possible to get some people together to watch some regular season games to check on the consistency?

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

State Tournament Procedures – By the end of January, I contact each supervisor and board member regarding state tournaments. I try to provide each of you with the information to help with the organization of our state tournaments. I provided an email on January 29th that stated that I needed each supervisor's assignments by mid February. Unfortunately I didn't receive all of them by that time frame. In fact in one case I didn't receive assignments until the week of the state tournaments. This affects all supervisors when this occurs. I am asking that all supervisors abide by the mid-February timeline for submission of officials for state tournaments.

State Tournament expenses - In the same email I sent along duties of state tournament supervisors who are hosting a tournament. One of the problems that came up time and again this year is state tournament officials submitting expenses on the wrong forms. Next year I will also include both expense forms and clearly explain what expenses go on what form. Any lodging must be submitted on a MN Hockey expense form and must include the hotel receipt. Per Diem and mileage are to be filled out on an MHOA form. Both forms must be submitted to me to sign off on before the expenses are to be paid.

State Tournament Per Diem – Currently we do not pay per diem to officials who are not housed for state tournaments. I would like to suggest that we give each official the \$50 per diem. In exchange for paying the per diem, we would not pay mileage to and from the arena for local crews. That way each official will receive their game fees as well as the per diem. A great deal of our budget goes towards state tournament expenses. I think we should try to control how much of our budget is spent on state tournaments.

Screening – I want to apologize to all of you regarding the mess with the screening forms this year. Steve and I both sat in the meeting in Fergus Falls and were taken completely off guard when MN Hockey expected each supervisor to generate an excel spreadsheet for electronic submission form for the screening forms. I managed to get a few people at MN Hockey up in arms over this issue. In the end I ended up sending out to all of you a list of officials who had been screened. This is a lot of work for me to sort through the database to list the new officials who had been screened. They are going to push for supervisors to prepare the electronic screening form submissions next year. I'm not sure how we are going to resolve the issue but hopefully we will have an answer for you at our fall meeting.

Advance games – At certain tryout settings, the Advance coaching staffs have asked officials "not to call anything" in order to better evaluate players. I will speak with Barry Ford about this issue. It should be no different than how we officiate the Great 8.

Online Game Report Forms – We need to include adult hockey supervisor, Brian Hollenbeck, on the online game report. This would help the Adult Hockey to deal with Game Misconduct situations.

MHOA Sponsored BBQ – For the past two summers in conjunction with the Prospects Officials Camp in St. Cloud, MHOA has sponsored a BBQ for the instructors and participants. This gesture has earned MHOA a great deal of good will with USA Hockey as well as the NHL. I would like to invite all the supervisors and board members to join us in St. Cloud for the BBQ this year.

MHOA Camps – Dave Weisjahn did an excellent job last year as the Men’s Camp Director. I thought the candidates did an outstanding job. Dave is returning as CD this year. Shari Lichterman will be CD for the Women’s Camp again this year. Each year the Women’s Camp gets better and better. I would like to encourage all supervisors to participate in these camps. Come for a day and help instruct the participants or help with evaluations during the games. If you haven’t been to camp I would encourage all of you to get involved.

Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Steve Tatro

Steve handed out his report.

OLD BUSINESS

- * LCD Projectors – After some discussion, there was a motion made by Steve K. to buy 2 more projectors for use at the seminars this fall, and seconded by Bruce C. Motion carried.
- * Procedures for State Tournament Officials – Some procedures will look at regarding State tournament Officials between the “A” tournaments & the “B” Tournaments.
- * Online Seminar Registration Administrator – Roger will do this again this season.
- * Cost of Seminars – Eric would like to see the expenses for these to stay down as much as possible.
- * Instructors Jackets – It was decided to order 6 more XL & Larges.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Meeting – This will be held on the 18th of August, with the site to be determined at a later date.
- State Tournament Per Diem & Mileage Reimbursement – Steve K. made a motion for mileage for officials to get \$50.00 per diem. With no second to the motion, motion fails. It was decided to look this over during the summer & bring it up at the fall meeting.
- Playing Rules for Advance Tryouts – Eric will talk to Barry Ford regarding this matter.
- Leslie Fund Donation – Steve would like to give Ardys a round figure. Motion to donate toward the foundation up to \$391.50 made by Greg C., and seconded by Buzz O.
- Laptop Computer – Dave asked if it was possible for the association to purchase a laptop computer for the Treasurer’s position. After discussion, there was a motion to purchase a laptop computer & printer up to \$1500.00 made by Dennis, and seconded by Steve. K. Motion carried.
- Minnkota Camp Funds – Motion made to allow funds up to \$700.00 for the Minnkota Camp this year made by Dave K., and seconded by Tod P. Motion carried, with one vote against.
- Jr. Gold Rates – We have just completed our third year agreement on the Jr. Gold league. It was decided that we will not set the rates for this, and that this should be set by each of the individual districts.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Greg C., and second made by Dennis A. Motion carried. 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Roger Stephens
MHOA Secretary

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Election of Officers

Positions up for election are as follows:

- 1.) North Vice President
- 2.) President

- 1.) Nomination for North Vice President made for Buzz Olson by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Dennis Alm. With no more nominations for North Vice President, there was a call for a white ballot by Steve Kirshbaum. & seconded by Greg Cosgrove. Motion carried.
- 2.) Nomination for President made for Eric Olson by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Dennis Alm. With no nominations for President, there was call for a white ballot by Steve Kirshbaum, and seconded by Greg Cosgrove. Motion carried.

With no more business to be conducted, there was a motion made by Greg Cosgrove & seconded by Dennis Alm to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion carried. 2:50 pm.

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