

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
**2007 FALL MEETING - KELLY INN, ST. CLOUD, MN.**  
**AUGUST/18/2007**

Meeting called to Order at 12:25PM

Skip Trumble will take the minutes for Secretary Roger Stephens

**Roll Call:**

Attending: Eric Olson, Buzz Olson, Dave Nyquist, Steve Tatro, Skip Trumble, Dennis Alm, Terry Thorsheim, Jim Gates, Steve Kirshbaum, Dave Kemp, Paul Moen, Bruce Carlson, Scott Patten, Tod Plackner, Howard Breitreutz, Scott Patten, Dan Dow, Brian Hollenbeck

Guests: Greg Cosgrove, Evonne Young, J.B. Olson

Absent: Ryan Swafford, Roger Stephens.

**Secretary Report:**

Minutes from the spring meeting were sent to board members by email.

\*Motion to waive the reading of the minutes, by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Buzz Olson. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:**

Dave Nyquist presented income and expenses for the past year.

\*Motion to accept treasurer report by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Steve Kirshbaum.

Motion passed.

**Seminar Report:**

Seminar Materials were distributed at the instructor refresher meeting earlier in the day. Steve Tatro outlined the by law changes that need to be presented at this years Seminars so that they can be voted on at the spring meeting.

Steve Tatro reported on, the on-line registration for Roger. Registration is working very well as there were only 16 paper registrations last season.

**MHOA Camps:**

Women's Camp:

Evonne reported that there were 5 participants some of whom did not seem to be there.

Discussion on the future of the camp will take place later in the meeting.

Men's Camp:

Steve Tatro reported that there were 36 applicants for mens camps, in the end all 36 were accepted due to some of the original invitees not being able to attend all alternates were then given the chance to attend.

**South Vice President Report:**

No issues to report over the summer.

**North Vice President Report:**

No issues to report over the summer.

### **Presidents Report:**

State Tournament rotation is not complete at this time. Eric has not yet received the new Minnesota Hockey handbook. He will email the rotation in 1 to 2 weeks.

The budget for 2007 – 2008 was presented for approval.

\*Motion to accept the budget by Buzz Olson, and seconded by Steve Kirshbaum

Motion passed.

Eric will not be able to attend the Minnesota Hockey meeting in Moorhead. Dave Nyquist will attend as his replacement.

### **Minnesota RIC Report:**

Seminar Report:

Last year we had 93 seminars, using 160 seminar instructors, 411 ¾ class room hours, and 81 ice hours.

Since Ryan is a new supervisor and has never been to instructors camp it was suggested that we may need to have a crew assist with the District 4 Seminars. Paul has an instructor in Winnoa that may be interested in going to Albert Lea but he would not be a lead. We are looking for someone to lead the instruction team in Albert Lea Sept. 29. Eric will contact Ryan to see his needs for instructors.

MinnKota Camp - Brian Mach, Thor Nelson, Brian Thul, Todd Anderson. Every applicant was accepted some declined due to other commitments but the alternates took their place.

Database - Should be easier because USA hockey is collecting MHOA dues.

\*Motion to accept Minnesota R.I.C. report by Steve Kirsbaum, and seconded by Dennis Alm.

Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

MN Hockey, Advanced Camps – Games are to be officiated by USA hockey rules, there were some issues with players not serving their penalties. A concern was raised that this may cause a liability risk if a previously penalized player causes another player to be injured when they should have been in the penalty box. Eric will address issues with Minnesota Hockey.

Per Diem - There was a proposal made to pay local officials per diem instead of mileage at state tournaments. Per diem would be paid to all officials working the tournament instead of to only those being housed or traveling more than 50 miles. After discussion, no motion was made and the proposal was withdrawn.

Many of our out state officials come to work Select events and receive only their game fee. Eric will make a proposal to Barry Ford to see if mileage could be paid for all officials working select events after Paul Moen noted that all coaches are paid for any mileage they incur.

No other old business.

### **New Business:**

MHOA Dues -With MHOA dues now being collect by USA Hockey when Officials register there is a concern that some house league officials have to pay the \$10 when they are not paid for the games that may cause some many of them not to want to register. Hardship cases should be referred to Eric and Dave Nyquist they will review on a case by case basis and take appropriate action.

Screening Process - The new screening process was covered in the instructors meeting. Only those officials 18 years of age and older who were not registered last year will need to fill out the screening form this year.

WHAM - There was an issue last year with a team in Hudson, Wisconsin using young officials. The league advised the team that they will have to play their home games in Minnesota if they want to play in the league to solve this problem,

Leslie Fund - Need a committee to determine allocation of funds. Steve Tatro asked Dave Kemp to be committee chair, Steve Tatro will assist and Dave will find committee members. The committee will consult with the Leslie family to determine how the money is to be used. The current balance will allow for only small scholarship amounts because we only want to use interest income.

Adult Seminar instructors - Steve Tatro, Skip Trumble and Brian Hollenbeck are instructing. – Still looking for additional instructors.

Women's Camp - Would it be better to have applicants apply as a Referee or a Linesman. Maybe we need to change camp to every other year to increase participants. There were 242 female officials registered in Minnesota last season.

\*Motion by Buzz Olson to have the MHOA Women's camp change to every other year, with the next camp to be in 2009, and seconded by Dennis Alm.

Discussion: Dave Kemp asked if the next camp in could be in 2008, Eric noted, the motion on the floor was to hold the Camp in 2009.

The motion passed, with Dave Kemp and Steve Kirshbaum opposed.

### **Equipment/Clothing:**

Dave made a presentation of Referee Bags \$55.00 for a deluxe bag for 600 bags that would have the MHOA logo on them. A standard bag is \$43.00. A discussion was held whether we want to pursue this further. 600 hundred bags is too many for us to commit to. Dave will look into to possibility of a smaller order and report back. There was a suggestion made that we could possibly put the bags on our web site were officials could place individual orders.

### **MHOA Budget:**

\*Motion to approve the budget for 2007-08 by Bruce Carlson, and seconded by Dave Kemp.

Motion passed.

**Spring Meeting:**

April 25 – 27, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza, in Brooklyn Park

**Tag up rule:**

The tag up rule will be used by Jr. Gold A & B, U16 Boys, U19B girls and Adult league.

**Other Business:**

Do we have a couple of people to tour state to check on the new line of rule enforcement? North half could do the North, and South half could do the south. Are there any Volunteers?

This could be an opportunity to answer coaches concerns that things are called different in other districts. Eric asked if we aren't accomplishing the objective through our supervisors.

Jackets for Terry, and Ryan as new supervisors.

Paul Moen asked about appointing someone from his district to act as supervisor for one of the region tournaments he will have this year. He was advised that it was ok to make the appointment.

Paul Moen:

Tier II League - All Metro home games are at the Blaine Super Rink and will need officials to work the games. Paul would like Crews from 3, 6, 1, 10, 2, 8 to work the games which will occur 4 times. Paul will send out schedule to the supervisors. USA hockey rules with Tag up will be used.

\*Motion to adjourn by Dennis Alm, and seconded by Dan Dow.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully,  
Skip Trumble.