

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
**2008 SPRING MEETING – Brooklyn Center, Mn.**  
**4/26/2008**

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

**Roll Call –**

<b><i>President</i></b>	<b><i>Eric Olson</i></b>
<b><i>North Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Buzz Olson (ABSENT)</i></b>
<b><i>South Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Dennis Alm (ABSENT - )Mark Arriola representing</i></b>
<b><i>Secretary</i></b>	<b><i>Roger Stephens</i></b>
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>Dave Nyquist</i></b>
<b><i>District 1</i></b>	<b><i>Dennis Alm (ABSENT)</i></b>
<b><i>District 2</i></b>	<b><i>Terry Thorsheim</i></b>
<b><i>District 3</i></b>	<b><i>Jim Gates</i></b>
<b><i>District 4</i></b>	<b><i>Ryan Swafford</i></b>
<b><i>District 5</i></b>	<b><i>Mike Mooney</i></b>
<b><i>District 6</i></b>	<b><i>Dave Kemp</i></b>
<b><i>District 8</i></b>	<b><i>Paul Moen</i></b>
<b><i>District 10</i></b>	<b><i>Bruce Carlson (ABSENT)</i></b>
<b><i>District 11</i></b>	<b><i>Scott Patten</i></b>
<b><i>District 12</i></b>	<b><i>Tod Plackner</i></b>
<b><i>District 15</i></b>	<b><i>Howard Breitruezt</i></b>
<b><i>District 16</i></b>	<b><i>Dan Dow (ABSENT)</i></b>
<b><i>Past President</i></b>	<b><i>Skip Trumble</i></b>
<b><i>Minnkota RIC</i></b>	<b><i>Steve Tatro</i></b>
<b><i>Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator</i></b>	<b><i>Bruce Carlson (ABSENT)</i></b>

**Guests – Emil Makkinen, Jeff Walters**

**REPORTS**

**Secretary Report - Roger Stephens**

A motioned to accept the Secretary's Report from the Fall Meeting by Dave Kemp & 2nd by Scott Patten, Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report – Dave Nyquist**

Dave went over the break down of the Treasurer's Report. A clarification was made regarding the meals & entertainment expenses, actually was for the State Tournament per diem, and expenses. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Dave Kemp, & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tod Plackner. Motion carried.

**Evaluations – Bruce Carlson**

No report.

**Seminars –**

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

### State Tournament Reports

**Jr. Gold A** – Tod reported the state tournament was held in Grand Rapids, and they had excellent crews. The tourney went well.

**Jr. Gold B** – Terry said there were no problems.

**16 & U** – The tournament went smooth.

**Bantam A** – Tourney was held in Edina, & Edina did a great job hosting the tourney. They also used officials for the goal judges & had one in the minor official's box.

**Bantam B/ Peewee B** – The tourney was held in New Ulm, and the New Ulm people were happy with a good turn out of people.

**Peewee A** – Mike said they had one incident with an official, otherwise everything was pretty good.

**Women's** – Sue Olson supervised the tourney & the tourney went well.

**Girls 19UB** – It was in Maple Grove, and there was six teams playing. The tourney went well.

**Girls 14UA** – Howard showed his appreciation for Buzz helping with the tourney. They had one issue with 1 player, a major for fighting, and some damage caused at the arena by someone.

**Girls 12UA** – Tourney went well. They had two female officials do the Championship game, and it went over well.

**Girls 14 UB & Girls 12 UB** – This was held at two different sites. They had some complaints regarding the banquet. Dennis doesn't like the idea of sending a crew home.

**Note:** Eric reported, he and Steve Tatro traveled approximately 970 miles to visit as many of the tournament sites as they could, starting Thursday evening. Eric wanted to thank Steve for driving to all of these.

### Supervisor Reports

**District 1 - Dennis Alm** – They did 2100 games with 105 officials. Abuse of Officials was there number one penalty called. They will be doing a seminar Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup> @ Augsburg.

**District 2 - Terry Thorsheim** – They did 3000 game this year, had a big problem with people turning games back this year.

**District 3 - Jim Gates** – They did 2450 games this season, and had a 30% increase in penalties this year, and that fighting was the number one penalty. They had 3 match penalties, & 115 formal evaluations. The district approved the use of a 3-man system for Bantam B games next season.

**District 4 - Ryan Swafford** – They have 256 officials. They had 38 game misconducts and 6 match penalties for the season. He said the match penalties were for kicking, and the suspensions were for 30 days. Ryan will be working with coaches next year regarding rules. Ryan is looking at putting together a District 4 association.

**District 5 - Mike Mooney** – They had approximately 2000 games in their district this season. Their officials association takes care of all of their scheduling except for Sartell and Willmar. They had 42 game misconducts, and 4 match penalties. One match was for a coach. They had completed 200 evaluations, and have good mentoring program in place. They added 30 new officials this last season.

**District 6 - Dave Kemp** – They did approximately 3500 games. Their mentoring program is doing well, and they had 136 game misconducts. This was down from the year before by 34. They will be sending 2 instructors to Colorado this spring.

**District 8 - Paul Moen** – Scott Grey is the rep. for the Metro League this year. Scott wants to sit down with coaches & refs to discuss game, and other information. They had some trouble with coaches not putting down information on the score sheets. They had trouble with cancellations in the Jr. Gold league with district 4 & 5. Their district have some issues regarding too many invitational tourneys, no body wants to host regional & state tourneys, because they lose money. Their district will cut back on invitational tourneys nest year. Paul asked if the email addresses could be posted in the Minnesota Directory next season.

**District 10 - Bruce Carlson** – Dave Weisjohn will be the new president for their referee's association.

**District 11 – Scott Patten** – They had a new scheduler this last season, and he did a great job. They are going to try for 30% increase for their official this next season. They did 2300 games, 59 game misconducts, and 2 match penalties for kicking. Scott had a good year as he didn't have any call this last season from disgruntled parents.

**District 12 – Tod Plackner** – They had 29 game misconducts, and that was up from last year. Fighting calls are the biggest concern. 13 of the game misconducts were in the Jr. Gold level. They are proposing a \$5.00 increase for their officials for next season.

**District 15 – Howard Breitkruetz** – They had 19 game misconducts. They were having a problem with one association not using their own officials. They do not use the 3 man system.

**District 16 – Dan Dow** – 16 game misconducts this season, and nothing else to report.

### **MHOA/Minnkota Camps –**

The instructor for the MHOA Camp will be Dave Weisjohn, J.B. Olson, Jeff Beckers, Dave Marcotte, and himself. Minnkota Camp will be August 3rd – 8<sup>th</sup>. Instructors will be Brian Thul, Brian Macht, Mike Schmidt, Andy Nelson, & Todd Anderson.

### **South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm**

No Report

### **North Vice Presidents Report – Buzz Olson**

No Report

### **Minnkota RIC Report – Steve Tatro**

Next years dues may possibly go up. Level 1 will probably not have any changes. Level 2 & 3 will possibly go up & 5.00, and Level 4 \$10.00.

Steve started some discussion regarding the recertification for instructors, and getting more people to show up for these. The majority thought holding the seminar closer to the cities would help.

### **Presidents Report – Eric Olson**

\*It was a good year overall, and most everything went pretty smooth. Eric wanted everyone's count for screening forms, and handbooks.

\*Eric discussed the summary of penalties from last season. The biggest increase was for fighting. He discussed whether or not the checking from behind penalty had a severe enough penalty. The group suggested possibly adding additional suspensions.

\*There were 122 officials that worked the State Tournaments for both boys and girls.

\*Eric asked about having the motels do a direct billing process for the officials working the tourneys. Than MHOA could send the bill to Minnesota Hockey so the officials do not have to wait so long to get paid.

Minnesota Hockey is proposing of having 1 site for all of the State Tournaments. Eric wanted to know how the group wanted him to vote on this proposal. The vote count was 13 for and 3 against. Eric will vote for the proposal.

\*Eric asked if they should get new polo's for the supervisors, since there's been a numbers of changes from the last time we ordered them. Motion by Dave Kemp to purchase new polo's for the supervisors, and seconded by Mike Mooney. Motion carried.

\*Eric was asked about sponsoring a hole for Minnesota Hockey's Golf Tournament. Motion made by Steve Tatro to sponsor with a cost not to exceed \$500. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

\*A group consisting of Eric, Dave, Roger & Skip will look into having some kind of newsletter emailed out to our membership.

\*Eric asked about paying our out state officials some gas mileage for working the Great 8 Tourney. Motion from Skip Trumble and seconded by Dave Kemp to pay mileage to the out state officials who have been selected to work the Great 8 Tourney. After some discussion, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*By-Law changes: The board reviewed the by-law changes, and there was a motion to accept the changes by Dave Nyquist, and seconded by Terry Thorsheim. Motion carried.

\* Bill Leslie Memorial fund: There was a group discussion on how to use the fund as a scholarship. There was discussion on how to keep this in an interest earning account. Dave Kemp brought up an idea about having a web page dedicated to this fund, and scholarship. We could possibly put a form on the web site for officials to use. We will need to put together information to be posted.

\*On-line Registration Coordinator: Roger will do this again next season.

\* Screening Form Procedures: There have been some issues with this, and Eric will work on this

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Fall Meeting: Steve Tatro made a motion to have this in the metro area, and it was seconded by Skip. Motion carried.

\*Instructors Refresher Course: This will be held in conjunction with the fall meeting.

\* The Cancer Golf Outing: This will not be in Little Falls this year. The goal is to have every district put together a foursome for this.

\*Minnkota Camp: Motion by Skip Trumble, and seconded by Tod Plackner to donate &1000.00 for the camp expenses

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Dave K., and second made by Tod P. Motion carried.  
4:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Roger Stephens  
MHOA Secretary

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**Meeting called to order at 4:05pm.**

**Election of Officers**

Positions up for election are as follows:

- 1.) South Vice President
- 2.) Treasurer
- 3.) Secretary

**Nominations for South Vice President:**

- 1.) Nomination for South Vice President made for Dennis Alm by Paul Moen, and seconded by Dave Kemp.
- 2.) Nomination for South Vice President made for Jim Gates by Steve Tatro. Jim declined.
- 3.) With no more nominations for South Vice President, there was a call for a white ballot by Dave Kemp & seconded by Tod Plackner. Motion carried.

**Nominations for Treasurer:**

- 1.) Nomination for Treasurer made for Dave Nyquist by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Skip Trumble. With no other nominations for Treasurer, there was call for a white ballot made by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Tod Plackner. Motion carried.

**Nominations for Secretary:**

- 1.) Nomination for Secretary made for Roger Stephens by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Tod Plackner. Roger wondered if he should continue since he has been having a hard time to make the Fall Meeting because of work. Dave Kemp & Skip Trumble volunteered to help with the fall meeting should Roger not make it. Roger accepted the proposal if it was satisfactory for the board. With no other nominations for Secretary, there was call for a white ballot made by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Tod Plackner. Motion carried.

With no more business to be conducted, there was a motion made by Dave Kemp & seconded by Tod Plackner to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion carried. 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by;  
Roger Stephens  
MHOA Secretary