

MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2010 SPRING MEETING – St. Louis Park, Mn.
4/24/2010

Meeting Called To Order: 8:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

MHOA BOARD

<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>President</i>	<i>Eric Olson</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>North Vice President</i>	<i>Buzz Olson</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>South Vice President</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Roger Stephens</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Dave Nyquist</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 1</i>	<i>Dennis Alm</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 2</i>	<i>Terry Thorsheim</i>
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>District 3</i>	<i>Jim Gates</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 4</i>	<i>Scott Kuhl</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 5</i>	<i>Mike Mooney</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 6</i>	<i>Dave Kemp</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 8</i>	<i>Paul Moen</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 9</i>	<i>Ryan Swafford</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 10</i>	<i>Bruce Carlson</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 11</i>	<i>Nick Biondich</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>District 12</i>	<i>Chris Kavanaugh</i>
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>District 15</i>	<i>Howard Breitkruetz</i>
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>District 16</i>	<i>Dan Dow (Ron Storey-In Coming)</i>
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>Past President</i>	<i>Skip Trumble</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>Minnesota RIC</i>	<i>Steve Tatro</i>

***Special Note:** Mike Anderson represented District 3 for Jim Gates. New Incoming Supervisor Dave Weisjahn for District 10 was present. District 9 is a new district in Minnesota Hockey with Ryan Swafford becoming the Supervisor for this district, and Scott Kuhl is the new appointed Supervisor for District 4. Ryan Nolander was present as he served as an assistant to the Supervisor of District 4 this past season in the absence of Ryan Swafford. Ron Storey is the new Supervisor for District 16, replacing Dan Dow, and both were absent.*

POSITION APPOINTMENTS

<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>MHOA Evals. Coordinator (North)</i>	<i>Jeff Walters</i>
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>MHOA Evals. Coordinator (South)</i>	<i>Skip Trumble</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>Minnesota Evals. Coordinator</i>	<i>Bruce Carlson</i>
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>MHOA Mentor Coordinator (North)</i>	<i>Tod Plakner</i>
<u>Present</u> / Absent	<i>MHOA Mentor Coordinator (South)</i>	
<u>Present</u> / <u>Absent</u>	<i>Minnesota Seminar Coordinator</i>	<i>Greg Cosgrove</i>

GUESTS

Emil Makinen (Dist.12), Derrick Schluck (Dist. 6)

REPORTS

Secretary Report – Roger Stephens

The secretary's report was handed out for reviewal, and was emailed to everyone as well. There were some spelling corrections that needed to be made before the secretary's report will be posted. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report from the 2009 Fall Meeting with the spelling corrections as needed by Dennis Alm & Second by Buzz Olson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Nyquist

Dave went over the break down of the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Dennis Alm, & Second by Chris Kavanaugh. Motion carried.

Evaluations – Bruce Carlson

Evaluations were down from the previous years. Total of 995 evaluations have been handed in, counting what Bruce received as of today & the state tournaments. There will be some changes coming this summer, and they are regarding the evaluation forms.

A motion to accept the evaluation report was made by Jim Gates, and 2nd by Dennis Alm. Motion carried.

Seminars – Greg Cosgrove (Steve Tatro)

Steve said Greg is in the process of gathering information for the topics they will cover for the fall seminars. If anyone would like to see anything specific, they should get a hold of Greg.

A motion to accept the seminar report was made by Ryan Swafford, and 2nd by Mike Mooney. Motion carried.

State Tournament Reports

Jr. Gold A & 19U – Dave Kemp said they both went well. Dave thanked all the supervisors who sent crews, and they all did a nice job. He used 1 crew from the 19U tourney for the Jr. Gold A tourney so each crew was working 1 game a day. Dave wanted to say a special thank you to Skip who helped him out a lot.

Jr. Gold B – Bruce Carlson said everything went pretty good.

16 & U – Mike Anderson reported for Jim, and said the games went very well, and had no problems. Mike was impressed with the young official from District 5.

Bantam A – Dennis Alm reported, they had 2 game reports, and the rest of the tourney was easy to do.

Bantam B – No report

Peewee A – Ryan Swafford thanked Ryan Nolander & Mark Zallek for helping him with the tournament. The 3 crews from district 4, 2, & 11 did very nice job. They had 1 game report.

Peewee B & 12UB – Buzz Olson said all went well and there were very good crews there working the tournament.

Girls 14UA – Nick Biondich said the tournament was held in Cloquet. There were some good hockey games, and he used some of the local officials to help him with evaluations. They used 2 crews from District 11 & District 12. They had a problem with one coach that wanted one of their games overturned.

Girls 12UA – Eric stopped by and said the tournament went very well & he seen some really good games.

Girls 14UB – Terry Thorsheim said the tournament went good up until the Championship game, and it turned out to be an ugly game.

MHOA/Minnesota Camps – Dave Weisjahn/Steve Tatro

*Dave said the MHOA Camp has Steve Tatro, J.B. Olson, Rick Looker, & Jeff Beckers helping with the camp. The MHOA Camp is always open to all of the Supervisors who want to attend. This year Dave has a full camp with alternates. The camp runs from June 12th to June 17th @ St. Cloud State University & the National Hockey Center.

*Steve said the Minnesota Camp was originally set up to be an advancement of the MHOA Camp. The last year or due to the number of games available. Steve does have alternates for this camp. The instructors are Todd

Anderson, J.B. Olson, Brian Macht, Brian Thul & himself as instructors. The first 2 days will be held at Blaine this year, and then will be moved back up to St. Cloud. The dates are from June 26th to July 1st. He also has an open invitation to all of the supervisors who would like to participate.

Supervisor Reports

District 1 - Dennis Alm – There will be some changes for this next year. Dennis said he never received any game reports this year unless they were forwarded from someone. His district will now be more of a recreational league. Dennis will be downsizing his staff of officials. He wanted to thank the supervisors who have accepted some of his officials to their referee associations. WHAM will be paying for the seminar at Augsburg, and it is tentatively scheduled for November 6th for level 1 & 2 officials.

District 2 - Terry Thorsheim – Terry said they scheduled about 2900 games. They had real big problem with the schedules of the girl's games this year where they missed a few games this year.

District 3 - Jim Gates – They covered about 2700 games this year. They had 1 match penalty. The checking from behind and fighting penalties were up this year from the previous years. Terry thinks they will pick up about 700 games next year because of the changes with the redistricting. Their district add about 15-20 officials to their association for next year.

District 4 - Ryan Swafford – Ryan wanted to give a special thanks to Ryan Nolander & Mark Zallek for all of their help this last year in his absence. They had 8 match penalties. They used approximately 300 officials. District 4 uses the arbiter system this last season for the scheduling of approximately 2200 games. They suspended one official this last season. Since he will be taking over the new District 9 they will start up a referee's association, and use approximately 250 officials. He will also have a women's official initiative to recruit more women officials.

District 5 - Mike Mooney – They covered 1875 games. Mike thinks it should increase next season with St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, & Big Lake/Becker joining their district. Their kicking penalties increased from the previous year.

District 6 - Dave Kemp – Dave had Derrick Schluck, come along with him this meeting. He is the District 6 President of their officials association. They covered approximately 3000 games this season, had 100 game reports, and fighting was their most called penalty. He also wanted to invite anyone who would like to golf in their annual golf tourney. It will be June 11th at the Stonebrook Golf Course. Details are on the District 6 Officials web site

District 8 - Paul Moen – No Report

District 10 - Bruce Carlson – They covered about 3200 games, & they had 89 game misconducts. The 5 penalties in a game & checking from behind penalties were up from the previous year, & fighting was down. Bruce thinks the game ejection rule is a good option for them to use. They use between 50-60 officials in their association, and are looking at picking up about 25 for this next season. They will lose St. Cloud, Sauk rapids, and Becker/Big Lake, and will get Irondale. They have an application process they are using this year for all officials reffing in their association. Bruce has decided to step down this year, and Dave Weisjahn will be his replacement.

District 11 - Nick Biondich – Nick found out there was more time involved with his position than what he anticipated. He said they had a squirt player break vertebrae in his neck, but the player wasn't paralyzed. They had an increase in their evaluations this season. They are in the second year of a mentoring program, and feels it has been a good success. They had 127 officials, and that is up from the previous year of 92. They had 44 new officials this last season, and they covered 2154 games with 4 no shows. They had 66 game misconducts, and 3 match penalties.

District 12 - Chris Kavanaugh - They used 110 officials, had 2 match penalties, and they were both in the same game. They have been using a shadowing type of mentor program, and it seems to be working good.

District 15 - Howard Breitkruetz – No Report.

District 16 - Dan Dow – No Report.

South Vice Presidents Report - Dennis Alm

They had a winter meeting in Inver Grove Heights, and the biggest discussion was about problems with the new web site.

North Vice Presidents Report – Buzz Olson

Buzz wanted to thank everyone for the hard work this season, and tried to keep in touch with the supervisors as much as possible. He thought it was a good year.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

*Eric would like to thank the retiring supervisor's, Dan Dow, & Bruce Carlson, and welcomed the new supervisors, Scott Kuhl (District 4), Dave Weisjahn (District 10), Ron Storey (District 16), and Ryan Swafford will be the supervisor of the new District 9.

*Eric read a couple of letters from Kelly O'Brian & Leah Wrazidlo for our support while they were at, and working the Olympics in Vancouver this past winter.

*Went over the proposed regional & state tournament formats with everyone.

*Eric was also a little frustrated with TST as a web host, and hoped some of the problems will be taken care of for next season.

*Talked about the Leslie Fund and he would like to see it kept at a minimum of 10K in funds. There were 12 checks that were approved to reimburse the 12 participants from last summer's MHOA Camp. The Leslie Fund was set up with the intentions of providing development & improvement for our younger officials.

*Reminded all supervisors that any officials selected to work a state tournament that was a level 2, needed to be approved by him & their district director. Please check out there status on the data base and contact Eric.

Minnesota RIC Report – Steve Tatro

*Seminars – Wanted to see what seminars everyone had so far, and if anyone wanted anything special for topics this fall, to get a hold of Greg Cosgrove.

*Level 3 Exams – Steve has a concern regarding the high scores of these exams in some areas of the state, and reminded everyone to be a little more diligent about this in the future.

*Gifts – Each of the supervisors received 20 whistles to use for incentives as they wished, and they were paid for by MHOA. Steve also handed out some shirts, compliments from Steve.

*Roster – Steve handed out the current roster information of everyone that is posted on the Minnesota District web site, and wanted everyone to review, and update the information if needed.

*Annual Congress – This will start June 6th, and Eric Olson & Ryan Swafford are planning on attending.

*Collection of MHOA fees – Steve discussed the collection of our fees by USA Hockey, and wanted to make sure we all know we need to use these fees appropriately.

*Seminar Registration Program – This past season, there was 70% used the on-line process, and the 30% was the walk-ins at the seminars. There is still an issue for the registration process for the 13 year olds and younger.

*Tenure list – Steve took a lot of time to go over past meeting minutes, and what other information he could find to help update the amount of years served by our board members.

In closing, Steve welcomed the new supervisors, and said there will be new assigners manual for the upcoming season.

National Tournaments – We had the most ever participating this season from the Minnesota District, and that was 10 people. Steve helped host 2 tournaments.

Registered Officials – We had 2907 registered officials. One concern was there were 60 attending the level 4 seminars, and only 30 passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Leslie Fund – This was covered in the presidents report.

NEW BUSINESS

*District 1 Officials – Dennis will be taking some of his officials, but there will be others looking to catch on with

other districts. He hoped the other associations would help with this, and wanted to thank the associations who have already helped pick up some of these officials.

*Funding for Minnkota (now Minnesota) Camp – We use to have a tournament where officials donated their time, and all the money that would have been paid out to the officials would be used for the camp, but we no longer have this tournament to use for this. We will be short on funds for this next camp, and it costs about \$6600.00 to run this. Steve has applied to USA Hockey for some grant money to help with expenses, but wondered if MHOA would be able to help with the other funds. Mike Mooney made a motion we help fund this camp up to \$6000.00 for this year. The motion was seconded by Jeff Walters. Motion was approved with 1 no vote.

*Minor Officials at State Tournaments – Ryan Swafford wanted to know if they could use there referees to be minor officials. This is up to each district to decide. Some districts do and some do not.

Shattuck St. Mary's Tier 1 Officials Development Program – Ryan wondered if we could use officials for these games as a development program. Can we get outside supervision for this? This would be something for Ryan to work out with Shattuck.

*Officials Sweaters – Do we have a policy in affect for this? Steve stated that USA Hockey endorses the traditional sweater and does not endorse use of the NHL sweaters with the mesh underarms.

*Multi District Officials – Some districts have problems with guys taking games from one district and cancelling games with another district. This is a problem, and each district will have to do what they have to, to help eliminate this.

*2-1 System – This is not going to be a recognized system by USA Hockey. The 2-2 system may become an approved system in the near future.

Great 8 Tournament rotation – Eric schedules this tournament, and was in favor of rotating crews for this, and other special post season tourneys.

Founders Club & Service Awards – Discussion was held on recognizing board members who have served on the board, and we could possibly recognize those who have devoted their time for a great number of years. Mike Mooney & Dennis Alm were appointed to be a committee and look into this, and report at the fall meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Positions up for elections this year are 2 year terms for the South Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

South Vice President – Buzz Olson nominated Dennis Alm. No other nominations were made, and Bruce Carlson called for a white ballot, and seconded by Mike Mooney. Dennis was re-elected for another 2 year term.

Treasurer – Dennis Alm Nominated Dave Nyquist. No other nominations were made, and Jeff Walters called for a white ballot, and seconded by Chris Kavanaugh. Dave was re-elected for another 2 year term.

Secretary – Chris Kavanaugh nominated Roger Stephens. No other nominations were made, and Ryan Nolander called for a white ballot, and seconded by Dennis Alm. Roger was re-elected for another 2 year term.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Annual Meeting made by Terry Thorsheim, and second made by Jeff Walters. Motion carried. 2:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Roger Stephens
MHOA Secretary