

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
2006 FALL MEETING - KELLY INN, ST. CLOUD, MN.
AUGUST/19/2006**

****Minnkota Seminar Instructors Refresher Session****

A presentation was given on Seminars, Registrations, Logistics, Power Point Presentations, Bill Leslie's Endowment Fund for Officials, New Penalty Standards, MHOA, and the Zebra Open Golf Tournament by Steve Tatro, J.B. Olson, & Brian Thul.

Steve passed out and covered the itinerary for the session. Steve talked about the installation process on the update for the registration program, and the use of the LCD projectors. He talked about the Minnkota Camp, and having a very strong group of officials at this camp. This was held in conjunction with the National Select 15 Tournament. They had people from the NHL, NCAA, WCHA, USHL, MIAC, and the Junior Hockey League.

JB, Steve & Brian asked for everyone to talk about some of the following points of interest at this year's seminars.

SEMINAR TOPICS

- 1) Only 2 people are paid by USA Hockey in regards to the Officiating Program, and that is Matt Leaf (Director of the Officiating Education Program), and Helen Fenlon (Registration & Membership Coordinator).
- 2) 2) Identify the Minnkota Referee-in-Chief. Who is your local supervisor? Who is the Evaluation Coordinator, both State & locally. Who is the Seminar Coordinator? Who is the Data Base Coordinator?
- 3) What are the minimum test scores for the different levels, both open & closed book? Explain the opportunity for retaking the tests.
- 4) Explain that the Card & Crest comes from USA Hockey in Colorado after all of the requirements have been passed.
- 5) Talk about the Bill Leslie Endowment Fund for Officials and asking if it possible for officials to consider donating their fee from just one game to this cause.

J.B. Olson went over the USA Hockey's Play and Rule Enforcement video, and the NHL New Enforcement Policy that started for the 2005-06 season. How this is also being enforced now by the NCAA, USHL. J.B. opened up the session for discussion regarding interpretations of these policies, and made some clarifications regarding some of these new rule policies. J.B. also talked about the Zebra Open Golf Tourney. The Benefits slogan is "Hockey Fights Cancer". J.B. said this tourney would be scheduled for the 3rd weekend in August each year, and would like to see it scheduled with our Fall Meeting. The Instructors Seminar Refresher Session would also be scheduled on the same weekend. **He would like to see all of the supervisors of the seminars, talk about this event, and explain what the fundraiser is for.**

Brian Thul talked about getting as many of our more experience, and talented officials involved more with MHOA, seminars, mentoring, evaluations and the camps. He would like to see everyone on the MHOA Board of Directors all show up for at least one day at the MHOA & Minnkota Camps. He said we should talk about the opportunities we offer for the officials who are coming up the ranks, and how their involvement will make this organization even better. He also gave some insight on USA Hockey's Play and Rule Enforcement, and we as a WHOLE group need to be relaying this message to our other instructors, and experienced officials to enforce, and uphold these standards.

Steve reminded us, **THAT THESE STANDARDS ARE COMING FROM THE COACHES SIDE**, because they would like to see the game opened up, and let the better players play. This standard is just as important as a Rule Change Year for seminar topics. If necessary, double, triple the allotted time, and make sure everyone is up to speed on our direction & commitment.

Fall Meeting Called To Order: 12:45p.m.

Roll Call – Those Present:

<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</i>
<i>District 5</i>	<i>Steve Kirshbaum</i>
<i>District 6</i>	<i>Dave Kemp</i>
<i>District 8</i>	<i>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 Breitkruetz</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>

Those Absent:

Past President Skip Trumble

Guests:

J.B. Olson, Brian Thul, Mike Mooney (Dist. 5), David White Dist. 16), & Ron Storry (Dist. 16).

REPORTS

Secretary Report - Roger Stephens

Copies of the minutes from the Spring Meeting were handed out, and reviewed. Dave Kemp motioned to accept the Secretary's Report from the Spring Meeting 2006, seconded by Buzz Olson. Motion Carried.

MHOA Web Site – The Bulletin Board link has been deleted. It wasn't getting used, and Roger was getting a bunch of spam being sent to the link. The Register for a Seminar link is ready to go. The MHOA Logo'd Apparel link has also been deleted, as there wasn't any activity with this last year. Roger has submitted changes for the MHOA Game Report Form & Incident Report Form. They should be done soon.

MHOA Game Report Form – This is a topic that everyone should include in there seminars. Roger handed out a copy of the form, and explained where the drop down boxes are, and he will try to get this form to possibly print out on one sheet.

Changes to be made for the Game Report Form are as follows; to shorten description box on the web site, where the reports are sent to the Supervisor's, to add notes Send this report to offending team's District Supervisor, and Send this report to Host District supervisor. One other change will be where the official filling out the report put down his email address; will follow with a notation that a copy will be sent to you.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Nyquist

Year End Financial Report - Dave and Eric went over the books for the previous season, and Dave handed out a review of the year end financial report for 2005-06 for everyone to review. Dave handed out the proposed budget for the upcoming season of 2006-07 for all to review. A motion was made by Steve Kirshbaum, and seconded by Dennis Alm to accept the proposed budget. Motion carried.

MHOA Dues Form - Dave has the new MHOA membership forms for everyone, and the new form is also on the web site for member to obtain, and print.

New Address for MHOA - 6608 Flag Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN. 55428.
A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Dave Kemp, and seconded by Bruce Carlson. Motion carried.

Seminars – Dennis Alm

If anyone is going to add a seminar they should contact Roger with the information. Seminar materials were handed out by Steve Tatro. Roger Gave a quick update on the Online Registration, and asked all of the Supervisors to keep tabs on their seminars, and check for people signing up more than once, if so get them deleted, and make the manual changes to the number of registrants that are signed up for the seminars. He asked if there were any questions, to call or email him.

MHOA Officials Camps

Shari Lichterman reported there were 8 participants in the women's camp this year, and one was could not finish because of an injury. The ages ranged from 16 to 22. The instructors for the camp were Evonne Young, Kelly O'Brien, Tina Simonson, and herself. Most of the participants were fairly inexperienced, but they did learn a lot of information. They let them know to spread the word, and about all the opportunities there are for women officials. Steve Tatro reported the instructors for the Men's camp were Rick Looker, Jeff Beckers, Dave Weisjahn, and himself. The camp went well, and had quite a few younger officials this year.

North Vice Presidents Report – Buzz Olson

Buzz reported he spent a few days in St. Cloud for the North American Officiating Program of Merit. Buzz and Steve did some public relations with this group by having a barbeque for all of the people who were there participating. He briefly talked about the good time he had at the 3rd Annual Zebra Open in Little Falls, and wanted to thank Brian Thul, Brian Mach, J. B. for working on this program.

South Vice Presidents Report – Dennis Alm

The South Mid Winter meeting will either be Monday, January 1st, or Tuesday, January 2nd this next year.

Minnkota Hockey Report - Minnkota RIC Steve Tatro

Steve just gave a small recap of what we went over in the Minnkota Seminar Instructors Refresher Session. He handed out CD's for showing the USA Hockey's Rule Enforcement policies for the upcoming season, and the NHL video on their enforcement policy that was started last season with a lot of success. He said Glenn Toewe had a fairly comfortable year last season regarding the data base, and asked if everyone was satisfied with the transition.

Presidents Report – Eric Olson

State Tournament Rotation - Eric said he didn't have time to work on State Tournament rotation for next spring, and he will send them out as soon as he gets it done.

Proposed Budget - Eric said we spent approximately \$4000.00 on mileage reimbursement for the State Tournaments last season. It was big increase over last season due to the fact of more State Tournaments at the

different levels. This ate up most of our budget last season. The rest of the proposed budget was discussed and passed under the Secretary's Report.

Minnesota Hockey State Meeting - Eric said that Steve Tatro, and himself will be attending the Minnesota Hockey's Fall Meeting on September 15 – 17, 2006 in Fergus Falls. By having our meeting earlier, it will allow both of them to attend more of the committee meetings with Minnesota Hockey.

Minnesota Hockey will become their own district with USA Hockey next season. He said we will need to review our By-Laws for some minor changes to prepare for this. Eric would like the host supervisors for this year's seminars to make sure all members are aware that MHOA will be giving notice to these By-Law changes on our web site.

Minnesota Hockey

Eric said that Hal Tearse, the Minnesota Hockey Coach-in-Chief, and himself put together a video going over the penalty standards for the upcoming season to be shown at the coach's seminar this year. If interested, he will have copies made, and send them out.

OLD BUSINESS

MHOA Apparel – Dave Kemp gave out 12 hats to all supervisors to sell at \$10.00 each. Dave will also order seminar instructors coats.

Regional Play-offs – Greg is hoping he can get some help from some of the other supervisors with these tournaments.

NEW BUSINESS

Tier II Elite League – This is put on by Minnesota Hockey & the Minnesota Coaches Assn. They would like to have better officials as this league is made up of high school players. They want our officials who will take the games more serious. They are asking all of our supervisors to help with getting officials for the games in their area. Games start Sept. 8. The pay is 60-50-50.

Jr. Gold – They will be using the tag up rule for this next season.

Mileage Reimbursement – There was discussion about the \$0.37 mileage reimbursement, and it was decided to leave it the same for this season.

Motion to Adjourn the MHOA Board Meeting made by Greg Cosgrove, and second made by Steve Kirshbaum.

Motion carried. 2:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Roger Stephens

MHOA Secretary