

**Minnesota Hockey Officials Association
2014 Spring Meeting
Marriot Hotel - St. Louis Park, Minnesota
Saturday April 12th, 2014**

- Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM by Eric Olson, MHOA President.
- Minutes recorded by Brian Thul, MHOA Secretary
- Roll Call was taken by Brian Thul

MHOA Board Members

President-Eric Olson Present
North Vice President-Buzz Olson Present
South Vice President-Dennis Alm Present
Secretary-Brian Thul Present
Treasurer-David Nyquist Present
District 1 Supervisor-Dennis Alm Present
District 2 Supervisor-Terry Thorsheim Present
District 3 Supervisor-Jim Gates Present
District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl Present
District 5 Supervisor-Mike Mooney Present
District 6 Supervisor-David Kemp Present
District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen Present
District 9 Supervisor-Matt Bloxham Absent
District 10 Supervisor-Mike Mannin Present
District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich Present
District 12 Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh Present
District 15 Supervisor-Howard Breitkreutz Present
District 16 Supervisor-Ron Storey Absent
MHOA Past President-Skip Trumble Absent
USA Hockey RIC-Steve Tatro Present

MHOA Appointed Positions

MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (North)-Jeff Walters Absent
MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (South)-Skip Trumble Absent
USA Hockey, MN District, Prospects Development Coordinator-Skip Trumble Absent
USA Hockey Evaluation Coordinator-Bruce Carlson Absent
MHOA Mentor Coordinator (North)-Tod Plackner Absent
MHOA Mentor Coordinator (South)-Ryan Swafford Absent
MHOA Seminar Coordinator-Mark Verplaetse Present
MHOA Seminar Technical Advisor-Mark Verplaetse Present
Data Base Coordinator-Ryan Swafford Absent
Guests: John Rice, future District 15 Supervisor

1. Approval of Agenda, with the additions of Safe Sport, officials screening, and seminars were added as new business.

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gates and seconded by Kemp. The agenda was approved by a voice vote.

2. Reports

Evaluation- Mark Verplatse

- We conducted 80+ seminars which went smoothly for the most part.
- The pass rate was 67% on the level 3 seminar which is lower than previous years.
- Discuss the problem that some evaluators are unable to access the system. Contact Mark with concerns.

Secretary-Brian Thul

- The minutes from the fall meeting were distributed and corrections will be provided. The motion to approve the minutes will be delayed until corrections can be given.
- A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mooney and seconded by Biondich. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer-Dave Nyquist

- Check Book balance is around \$500.00. Expenses must be sent through USA due to the way dues were collected. Some state tournament expenses have been paid. More expenses must be submitted to USA Hockey. A projected balance of 3,000.00 at the end of the year. State tournament rooms are close to \$3,700.00 which is in-line with the budget. Total expenses for tournaments were around \$10,000.00. \$7,800 needed to be submitted to USA Hockey.
- Affiliate Fees: \$22,960 and \$3,697 remains.
- High Performance invoices are out to the directors and we are awaiting USA Hockey Checks. Great 8 was paid out of District 8 funds and MHOA will reimburse District 8. NIT tournament has also been submitted. Assignments will be given to Dave so checks can be given to the officials.
- Leslie Fund balance is around \$17,000, a special thanks to District 6 for their fund raising efforts.
- Tax Exempt Status: We are waiting finalization from the tax service.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Kemp and seconded by Mooney.

State Tournament Reports:

- **Jr. Gold A/B/16U: Dave Kemp**

District 6 hosted the Junior Gold A, B & 16U State Tournament at Braemar Arena, which is in Edina, MN. The district hosted a banquet at Medina Ballroom which is where Metro Hockey has been the past few years. This is one of the few venues in the twin cities that can hold over 1400 people. The banquet staff was excellent and all were served in less than 55 minutes. The games went well other than the last day (JGB 3rd place). No real complaints. Hockey was very entertaining and there were some great matchups. The following is how the games were assigned for the final day:

JGA

- Consolation-District 10 (Lakeville vs. Stillwater)
- Third Place-District 6 (Osseo Maple Grove vs. St. Louis Park)
- Championship-District 5 (Wayzata vs. Edina)

JGB

- Consolation-District 10 (Osseo Maple Grove vs. Wayzata)
- Third Place- District 6 (Wayzata vs. Osseo Maple Grove)
- Championship-District 2 (Edina vs. Edina)

16U

- Consolation- District 9 (Edina vs. Edina)
- Third Place- District 8 (Centennial vs. Blaine)
- Championship-District 6 (Lakeville vs. Stillwater)

Personal thoughts regarding tournament and crews: Big thanks to Skip Trumble and Trace Birno for helping me at the Junior Gold Tournament.

Overseeing 3 state tournaments was a little taxing but we did survive to supervisor another day.

- **Bantam AA: Mike Mannin**

- Districts 3, 5, 6, 10
- D-10 in the championship (Jon Sass, Nolan Bloyer, Tony Aronson)
- D-5 in the 3rd place game, D-6 in the consolation

- **Pewee AA: Ron Storey and Buzz Olson**

- Tournament went well
- Had four good crews assigned to ref.. had three teams in tournament from D6 that made scheduling crews away from their own district a challenge.
- No issues for the entire tournament

Bantam A: Mike Mannin, Coon Rapids

- Districts 2, 8, 10
- D-8 in the championship,(Mike Forys, Brian Jansen, Jay Borman)
- D-10 in the 3rd place game, D-2 in the consolation

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- **Bantam B: Nick Biondich, Silver Bay**
 - D11-Jared Moleski, Matt Sowl, Ben Kaasa (Cons)
 - D8-Scott Geib, Paul DeLeon, Jace Friedlieb(D11) (Champ)
 - D11-Jon Loye, Don Walters, John Benoit (3rd)

- **Peewee A: Dave Nyquist**

- **Peewee B: Steve Tatro Two Harbors**
 - District 2,11,11; Tournament went off without a hitch.
 - D2-John Klein, Kevin Clunis (Champ)
 - D11-Rob Hollenhorst, Corey Oestreich (3rd)
 - D11-Pat Kelley, Alan VanLoon (Cons.)

- **Girls 19U B: Jim Gates, (New Hope)**
 - District 3 hosted the 19UB
 - D3 Champ
 - D2 3rd
 - D3 Consolation
 - Special thanks to John Sparling, Mike Anderson and Jerry Heinen for helping with site supervision in order to cover two sites and three rinks. Otherwise the games all went smoothly.

- **Girls 14U A: Kavanaugh**
 - Districts 12, 11, 5 and 15. All did an excellent job and I received many compliments from teams participating.
 - Thanks to Emil Makinen for his help with supervision.
 - The crew from D11 worked the championship game.

- **Girls 14U B: Jim Gates (Maple Grove)**
 - D9 Champ
 - D3 3rd
 - D10 Consolation
 - Special thanks to John Sparling, Mike Anderson and Jerry Heinen for helping with site supervision in order to cover two sites and three rinks. Otherwise the games all went smoothly.

- **Girls 12U A: St. Croix, Terry Thorsheim**

- **Girls 12U B: Jim Gates (Maple Grove)**
 - D3 Champ
 - D3 3rd
 - D10 Consolation
 - Special thanks to John Sparling, Mike Anderson and Jerry Heinen for helping with site supervision in order to cover two sites and three rinks. Otherwise the games all went smoothly.

Supervisors Reports

- **District 1 Supervisor-Dennis Alm**

- Worked a total of approximately 1,200 games in Sr. Men, WHAM, Rec. League, and In-House.
- WHAM had about 900 games with a few minor issues with scheduling, lower level, senior women, rules and confrontation with coaches.
- Rec. League went well with a few minor problems with coaches. Clock times were varying weekly.
- Recruitment of women continues-most are coming from the WHAM league.
- We continue to struggle to recruit college age officials.

- **District 2 Supervisor-Terry Thorsheim**

- District 2, officiated 2975 games in 2013-14. That total is down about 200 games due to the loss of two large tournaments at the super Rink to District 10.
- A totally new District 2 Board was elected for the 2013-14 season. The new board is constructive not authoritarian micromanagers.
- Contract between the officials and district 2 is due to be negotiated. The biggest issue is schedulers pay which averaged \$2.23 per game in 2013-14. The rights of the officials association members to vote to assess a surcharge to themselves is also a prime concern for the new contract.
- District 2 officials utilized the 4 official system for Junior Gold A and B in a 130 game pilot program for the system. The use of the system was a great success for all teams, coaches, parents, and officials. The players really enjoyed not having to watch their back all the time when on the ice. Parents raved about the clean games. The use of the 4 official system for 2014-15 will be discussed with the Metro League. D2HOA game assigners found that games were easier to fill.
- Evaluations were conducted on 95% of the D2HOA officials. Mentoring was used for every new official with 2-6 on ice mentors games each and follow up during the season.
- Official's attitude needs adjustment. Money is their primary concern. Excellence, Integrity, and professionalism seem to have suffered. Officials in the past wanted to officiate games the "right" way with money as a secondary concern.
- District 2 needs to add more officials at the lower and upper levels of proficiency.

- **District 3 Supervisor-Jim Gates Supervisor's Report - MHOA Spring Meeting, 2014**

- We covered a total of 3357 games for the season
- There were 90-evaluations and 16-mentorships conducted. We have been tweaking our evaluation process. We are formally scheduling them like game assignments.
- There were 105-game misconduct/match penalties called which was up ~25% from last season
- More off-ice incident reports this year than in all of my previous years combined.

- **District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl**

- 134 Officials working in District 4, up from 112 the previous year.
- No Regional or State Tournaments played in D4 this past season.
- 896 total games played in D4 up from 767 the previous season.
- No Match penalties assessed.
- Mentoring is picking up steam. 51 games played with a mentor on the ice.
- No D4 officials participated in Regional or State Tournaments, mostly due to the requirements of the Safe Sport certification.
- Overall D4 officials had a great season with no measurable issues to speak of.

- **District 5 Supervisor-Mike Mooney**

Assignning

We assigned officials to 2133 games 985 league games and 1148 scrimmage and tournaments. We filled a total of 4685 slots.

Post Season

We covered three MN Hockey Regional Tournaments, Pee Wee AA, A, & B

We sent four crews to MN Hockey State Tournaments throughout the state.

Mentoring/Evaluation

Our mentor/evaluation program remains very strong and is improving each season. Rick Nelson has been heading –up our program for two season. Due to the USA Hockey’s on line evaluation program not allowing Rick to log on we do not fill out any on line evaluations.

We utilize a few tournaments to do most of our evaluations.

We to continue to promote our officials to higher levels .

Our Official of the Year award.

We took our three officials of the year to the St. Cloud State Husky’s vs. UMD Bulldogs game on March 15.

Gino Lucia level one

Kendall Markovic level two

Mitchell McGraw level three

The Supervisor of Officials for the National Collegiate Hockey Conference, Don Adam, was so impressed with our official of the year award that he is going to try to develop the program in each area that the NCHC has a team.

Game Incident Reports

We had 38 game reports this is up from last season (35), 37 game misconducts and one match penalty. We had a decrease in CFB penalties but an increase of Boarding. We had one coach receive two game misconducts, both were assessed at games conducted outside D5. Game Incident break is as follows.

Seven Abuse to Officials

Eight for Boarding

Six for CFB

Four for Fighting (all in the same game)

Three for Head Contact

Four for Kicking (push off)

Two for Second Misconduct

One for Slashing

Two for Spearing

One Match Penalty for Kicking

Respectfully Submitted’

Michael Mooney

Supervisor Of Officials D5 MN Hockey

- **District 6 Supervisor-David Kemp**

Game Totals

- 4266 district games
- Scrimmages – 686
- Tournaments – 1740
- League – 1840 (267 additional games from 2012-13)
- BAA Regions @ Dakotah (Prior Lake)
- 12UA & 12UB Regions @ Minnetonka

Bill Leslie Fund Update

- Revised form available for officials to request reimbursement funds
- Golf Tournament (pass out flier-please encourage your associations to participate)
- District 6 golf tournament – June 6th @ Stonebrooke (see flyer for details)

Game Reports

My concern is that we are now assessing a minor for roughing rather than assess the head contact penalty.

MHOA CLOTHING INVENTORY

Requesting board approval to purchase 10 jackets in large.

- **District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen:**

District 8 had no issues and requested a representative from USA to speak regarding the Safe Sport Training and Minnesota Hockey voting to approve; state tournament officials require safe sport training.

- **District 9 Supervisor-Matt Bloxham**

No representative sent or report filed.

- **District 10 Supervisor-Mike Mannin**

- 4010 games
- MLK weekend: 480 games played Friday, Sat, Sun, and Mon. (In one day of hockey there were 235 games)
Thanks to all Districts that helped out!!! Especially Ryan Swaford/D-9

Evaluations: USA 88/110 80%

- On-Ice 500 plus
- INCIDENTREPORTS: Major+game: 85 16 Game misconducts 14 on coaches Match Penalties: 3
- Regional Tournaments: PW AA, PW A, PW B, and U14A
- State Tournaments: BA & BAA

Camps:

- Model Camp: Brent Emery April-24 thru April-27
- Instructor's camp: Jon Holte, Jon Sass May 1 thru May 4
- MHOA Camp: Jake Jackson June 14 thru June 19

- **District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich**

- Registered Officials: 2,269 games assigned utilizing 128 officials. (Up from 97 officials last season.)
- Evaluations: 40 officials formally evaluated. (32% of our officials). (Up from 36 last year and 20 in 2012)
- Seminars: 3 seminars (UMD, Cloquet, Two Harbors). All Level 1,2,3.
- 3 Official System- Added all Bantam B and Pee Wee AA district games.
- Jerry Hill- Unfortunate passing of a Duluth area 30 year USA Hockey veteran. Past local board member. Accomplished baseball and football ump. Goalie on Duluth's 1965 Pee Wee National Championship team. Jerry was a wonderful asset in training our younger and more inexperienced officials and will be missed dearly.

- **District 12 Report: Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh**

- District wide about 1,200 games this year. Some communities have good numbers of officials while others are very short staffed. Everyone is struggling with experienced officials who are not eligible for AARP cards! Recruitment efforts are yet to bear fruit but we keep trying.
- We really had a lack of "Safesport" certified officials and turned back many state tournament opportunities.
- Overall the season went pretty well although we did have a rash of Match penalties, two of which involved assault of officials.
- Hosted 14U A state tournament with crews from Districts 12, 11, 5 and 15. All did an excellent job and I received many compliments from teams participating. Thanks to Emil Makinen for his help with supervision. The crew from D11 worked the championship game.

- **District 15 Supervisor-Howard Breikreutz**

- There were approximately 2600 games played in District 15 last season.
- We had 1 Match penalty assessed for kicking for the season.
- The Game Report system, in my opinion, is not working. I had less than 10 game reports sent to me for the entire season. Officials were filling out the game reports but the reports were getting "lost" along the way. Apparently the reports were reaching USA Hockey but never got back to me. When the major penalty recap was sent out I noticed many reports filed in District 15. At least the game report was filed. Follow through must improve.
- District 15 hosted 4 level 1&2 seminars and 3 level 3 seminars last year. Most officials pre-registered as they should.
- We sent 3 teams of officials to work State Tournaments. They were the PWA in Crookston, the PWAA in Thief River Falls and the U14A in Grand Rapids. I had a difficult time filling all slots due to many quality officials never completed the SafeSport training. I barely had enough officials who, on paper, qualified to work a State Tournament.
- We will be sending two officials to USA Hockey Instructors Camp in CO.
- I am retiring as D15 Supervisor this year. John Rice from Alexandria is very interested in taking over. I have turned over the Projector to John which is the property of MHOA. I enjoyed working with you guys over the years. I plan on registering as an official again and help where I can with some seminars.

- **District 16 Supervisor-Ron Storey**

- The only major concern for D16 is getting enough officials in some communities.
- We need to be more proactive in recruiting new officials for some of our towns.
- We have a struggle getting folks to pass and complete the level 3 requirements...
- Not sure how to get folks motivated in October for officiating when they don't normally start any hockey up here until November..... might get better results if we did one of our level three seminars later when hockey is actually getting started... too many are still hunting and fishing in September/October.
- We need to work on the reporting structure for game reports. I don't feel we got full participating from our officials this year... I think many did not get reported.
- We are sending two officials to the instructors camp in Colorado in May... should help with the level 1 and 2 seminars and reduce some travel expenses for MHOA... wonder if we could help pay some of the travel costs for our instructors, in order to have more spread out in our district so we aren't paying so much mileage for these seminars in each of the communities.

- **South Vice-President: Dennis Alm**

- 1/5/14 Mid-Winter meeting was held and the temperature was -21.
- Level one prospects camp was discussed and Skip is working on this.
- 501C questions came up.
- The difference in game times for Women's League was a concern.
- Safe Sport Concerns was the major focus of the meeting and how to address the issue.

- **North Vice-President: Buzz Olson**

Buzz is appreciative of the job the supervisors are doing in the North. He looks forward to his final year as the North Vice President. Buzz thanked the supervisors at the state tournaments and complimented the job they did. Buzz recognized Howard for all his service!

- **Prospects Development Director: Skip Trumble**

Here are some thoughts to share the meeting. I have received a list of prospects from District 3, 6 & 10. Thanks to those groups for providing the list, it is a good start. We will add to the list those who attend MODEL camp and Men's / Women's MHOA camp. Assuming they are not already on development roster. In addition I would like each supervisor or their referee's association who have not given me names and contacts to send me a list of potential prospects. I have a couple of goals as we get this program off the ground. First is to create an email list that we can use to keep prospects informed of upcoming events where they can gain additional experience. Second to keep them updated on camp opportunities or other instructional events that would benefit their development. If there is one area we are lacking in as a group it is communicating with newer officials and to retain new officials we need to do a better job. If at all possible I would like to establish a network of evaluators that a prospect could get in touch with and request an evaluation, this would be an opportunity to help educate them so that they can make progress. I am asking you think about this during the summer and bring back suggestions to the fall meeting.

There are more opportunities than ever for new and young officials to get exposure and develop we just need to make sure that these individuals are aware of the path necessary to achieve higher goals.

Thank you for your effort,
Skip

- **MN RIC: Steve Tatro *Annual Report 2013-2014 Minnesota District, Officiating Program***

Registration: 2203 people registered with USA Hockey to become an official. 2117 completed the registration process. The completion rate increased to almost 92% from 89% last season. The increase in completion rate indicates a more dedicated official and better communication of registration requirements. Overall registrants are down 5.1% percent from last season. Nationally the registration rate was down by 3.7%.

Seminars: Local seminars numbered 65 with 2230 attendees. We used 99 Instructors. The decrease in attendance is 4% from last year, a figure consistent with the national decrease of officials attending seminars. Most of the decrease was in the number of level 1 & 3 officials. Interest in becoming an official and retiring older officials seem to be the obvious causes for this decline. An enhanced rule knowledge session at our Level 3 seminars helped maintain our pass rate on the closed book exam of 65%.

Evaluations: With the new web based reporting, we are at about 19% (396) of our officials having been formally evaluated this season. The total number of evaluations submitted was 722 with many officials being evaluated more than once. This is a slight increase in the number of individual officials evaluated from last season. The bulk of these formal evaluations are on level 2 and 3 officials. Most of the new entry level officials receive informal evaluations. In the future, I will encourage our evaluators to use this reporting system in lieu of an informal evaluation to track and develop our level 1 official.

Mentoring: The Mentoring program remains a great teaching tool. This program puts a seasoned official on the ice to guide new officials, not to call the game for them but to instruct them in positioning and in some cases, advise them of the penalty situations. At the conclusion of the game, the mentor spends time with the officials on how to improve. To date there have been about 200 mentored games in Minnesota.

Physical Assaults: There was one "Attempt to do Physical Harm to Officials" this year. This issue was resolved on February 15, 2014. The hearing committee felt this incident should be applied under Rule 601(f)3 because the "committee could not conclusively determine that the contact which occurred was intended to cause harm." The Bantam aged player received a suspension from Jan 25, 2014 through Feb 25, 2014.

Injured Officials: We had five incidents of injury that required medical claims to be filed. These claims were not of a serious nature. This is up from a total of three last season.

Game Reporting & MN Boarding & Check from Behind Pilot: Even though the increased penalty structures for Boarding & Checking from Behind were brought back in line with USA Hockey, the documentation of these infractions will be monitored through the new game/incident reporting system. The adoption of this system by MHOA will effectively monitor the penalties assessed for these dangerous acts. Along with this tracking tool, our

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seminar and supervisory staff is reinforcing and educating all officials in the role they play in making the game safer. The game reporting system will also alert administrators when a player has reached the threshold for aggressive infractions.

International Tournaments: A new high with for Minnesota officials was set with 7 officials working International competition. Kristine Morrison, Jerilyn Glenn, Alicia Hanrahan, Jamie Fenstermacher, Dana Penkivech, JB Olson, and Johnathan Morrison all worked international tournaments. Congratulations to these officials.

National Tournaments: This year we had 14 officials (10 male & 4 female) from Minnesota working National Tournaments. This representation was exactly the same as last year. I was assigned to supervise the Girls Tier 1 Tournament in Marlborough, MA.

Development Camps: Ten officials will be attending the Western Instructors Camp in Colorado. The appointments for other camps have not been made at this time. We have 8 applicants for the Regional Camp and will receive five or six appointments. There are 2 applicants for the Men's National Camp. There are 3 applicants for the women's Regional Camp. During the NIT HS tournament, MHOA will again offer a development experience to 12 officials. Game supervision, classroom, and presentations by MSHSL, Collegiate, and Junior League supervisors will be on the agenda. As always, we will hold the MHOA Camp. To date are 12 applicants for the 12 slots available. The MHOA Women's camp will be introduced again with Mike Mooney coordinating the logistics. It will be held in conjunction with the MN HP15 girls festival in St Cloud. Also, all of our female officials are encouraged to work games during the Girls 16-17 USA Hockey player development camp in St. Cloud (July 10-16). They will have the opportunity to work high level hockey and be supervised during each game. There continues to be an abundance of opportunities for officials to develop and deepen the Minnesota officiating talent pool.

Officiating Development Program: The ODP has new leadership. Scott Zelkin, a former NHL referee, is steering this program to new heights. Minnesota currently has 49 officials working in this program, an all-time high. This program continues to develop officials above and beyond the scope of our camps and local evaluators by assigning and evaluating officials to High School elite, Junior, Collegiate and Professional games. Our relationship has never been stronger and it creates the crowning step in the development process for our officials. 23 Minnesota officials were identified to work games and receive evaluations at NAPHL showcase events around the country. This complements the existing development camps or programs that may not be a good fit for the grass root official who serves as the foundation of our officiating ranks.

Education and Project RODEO: The USA Hockey Officials section has undertaken a significant project to update the education program. Project RODEO (Rebuilding Officiating Development Education Opportunities) will implement an on-line seminar component to each of the registration requirements. This component will assist the learning process of an official and may help with recruitment and retention.

Summary: Minnesota officiating remains strong. For this, I thank our local supervisors, evaluators, mentors and assignors. With the improvements to our educational process I anticipate continued accomplishments for the 2014-2015 season.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Tatro, Referee-in-Chief

- **President's Report: Eric Olson**

Metro League has requested a representative from MHOA to work with them. Dennis Alm will be working with the Metro League.

MLK Tournament: Dorms will be used to house officials from around the state. This is a huge tournament on a very busy weekend. The tournament will continue and we need to support District 10 on this tournament. The director of the tournament is looking to add a 4th of July and Labor Day tournament. Discussion from the supervisors regarding the difficulty of covering the tournament on this already busy weekend and how to support each other.

Safe Sport and screening are issues that will continue into the future. A possible fee for screening when officials register for the season, finalized plans will be available after the annual congress.

I made it to all the state tournaments, 1,100 miles later I was very impressed with the professionalism of the supervisors.

Acknowledged Howard for all your service to the organization and presented a USA Hockey clock.

John Rice was given the opportunity to speak regarding his background. John will be replacing Howard as the District 15 supervisor.

It is with great honor and privilege that I inform all of you that one of our own has been selected to receive the Chet Stewart Award this year at the Annual Congress in Colorado. Please help me congratulate Skip Trumble in being selected as the newest winner of the Chet Stewart Award. He truly is a deserving individual for this prestigious award. Congratulations Skip!

The Chet Stewart Award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the officiating education program during many years of service as an official and volunteer. The recipient will have been a grassroots leader in officiating education and development and provided dedicated service throughout his/her career to both the officiating and hockey community.

Thanks!

Eric Olson, MHOA President

Old Business:

- New Playing Rules enforcement for MN Hockey: There is a concern that officials are not calling penalties because they need to fill out paper work. Supervisors feel officials are making the call in the majority of the games. Possibly producing a video to clearly outline the expectation on what should be called. Is this a trend or an individual official concern, videos submitted to supervisors should be used to train and not question.
- There was some push back at seminars about filling out paperwork. Consistent data needs to be track to show how seasonal trends compare. The group asked if only mandated USA Hockey Penalties should be reported?
- How do we make reporting easier? Are GM penalties being sent to supervisors? *Seminars: Make a list of supervisor's emails. What should be reported? (Only mandated penalties!) Local Supervisors and seminar staff must continue to influence our officials on making the call under the USA Hockey guidelines. The group feels strongly that mouth guards and face masks should be worn correctly.

New Business:

Presentation by Ron Degregorio

- Ron Degregorio USA Hockey, spoke regarding Safe Sport Training. More use of technology needs to be provided by USA Hockey. These new technology supports will be placed by September.
- Safe Sport will require an additional 1.5 hours training. This will be done every two years. The second time you take the module it will be a refresher course that should take 30 minutes. USA Hockey is pushing congress to supply the information for screening.
- Shared story about the increase of players with disabilities playing.
- MN will conduct a seminar to teach players how to coach.
- Issues of the group: Increasing the fees to be screened. Ron spoke about how USA Hockey is shifting the way certain programs are financed. The use of ADM models when applied correctly will reduce fee structure.
- Recruitment of officials was brought up and Ron spoke about ways to keep costs down. Possibly putting the fees on associations that are benefitting from low cost officials. (In-House Programs)

Metro League Partnership:

- Tom and Bruce from the Metro League came to speak about having a referee as a member of the board. This is the starting point of the conversation.
- Mike Mooney thanked Tom and Bruce for their work with the league.
- Dennis will work to solidify the rule knowledge.
- Issues with scheduling will fall back to the districts.
- Using the 4-man system. Coaches gave varying opinions on the use of the system. Anecdotal responses were positive by the parents.
- Tom and Bruce thanked the efforts of the officials.

Founder Club and Service Awards:

- Phil Pascuzzi and Gordy Lee as possible recipients in front of the MN Hockey Board.

MODEL Camp and MHOA Camp

- MODEL Camp Experience: April 24th in Plymouth, MN The purpose of this camp is to gain exposure to the next level. To give officials the chance to work upper level games, receive supervision, and be exposed to upper-level supervisors. 14 participants will take part in this experience.
- MHOA Camp: 19 officials have applied. Group went through the list and their qualifications and made decisions.

Women's MHOA Camp

- 4 officials have applied with 1 official sending application. Mickey Moran, Kris Moran, Krissy Morrison, and Kelli Rolstad will be instructing.

NCHC Involvement with Official of the Year Awards

- Using College hockey games and meeting the officials in recognizing official of the year awards.
- Conversation with other college hockey league

Safe Sport Training and Screening

- Discussions around the upcoming season regarding screening. More information after the annual congress.

Seminars

- New on-line portion will allow us to have evening seminars.
- On-line modules will be about 3-4 hours in length.
- High School officials will get credit for being certified with USA Hockey.

Gifts and awards

- Clothing has been ordered and will be here shortly
- WSI discount will be given to MHOA members who order gear using discount code.
- WSI will reimburse MHOA for the sales of the material.

State Tournament Protocols

- Using 4 crews at Bantam and Pee Wee A and AA, 14U and 12U A.
- Other tournaments have utilized 3 crews
- Junior Gold A, B, and 16U's have three crews
- Do we need to use the referees and linesman inter changeably.
- Over 50% of MHOA's budget is for state tournament reimbursement.
- There are 15 tournaments to cover and this has increased.

Dave Kemp made a motion and Dennis Alm seconded to have three crews at all state tournaments. When a crew is required to work two games in one day a linesman could referee the second game. Nick Biondich made a friendly motion to add four crews at the Bantam AA and PeeWee AA, Alm seconded the motion.

Alm called for the vote.

Amendment was proved.

Terry Thorsheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paul Moen seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Once approved these minutes become part of the official record for the Minnesota Hockey Officials Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Thul
MHOA Secretary

Elections of officials

Nomination Committee brought three nominees forward. There were no other applicants on nominations.

South Vice President: Dennis Alm

Treasurer: Dave Nyquist

Secretary: Brian Thul

Dave Kemp asked for other nominations three times.

No other nominations were made.

Mike Mooney motioned to approve the nominees on a white ballot and Jim Gates seconded. The nominees were elected on white ballot.

A motion was made by Alm to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Tatro. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.