

Minnesota Hockey Officials Association 2014 Fall Meeting Grand Hinckley Inn – Hinckley, Minnesota Saturday August 16th, 2014

- Meeting called to order at 11:35 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 Absent

Secretary-Brian Thul Present

Treasurer-David Nyquist Present

District 1 Supervisor-Dennis Alm Absent (Paul Marshall Representing District 1)

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 Absent

District 9 Supervisor- Absent

District 10 Supervisor-Mike Mannin Present

District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich Absent (Dan Heldt is Representing District 11)

District 12 Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh Present

District 15 Supervisor-John Rice Present

District 16 Supervisor-Ron Storey Present

MHOA Past President-Skip Trumble Present

USA Hockey RIC-Steve Tatro Present

MHOA Appointed Positions

MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (North)-Jeff Walters Absent

MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (South)-Skip Trumble Present

USA Hockey, MN District Prospects Development Coordinator-Skip Trumble Present

USA Hockey Evaluation Coordinator-Bruce Carlson Present

MHOA Mentor Coordinator (North)-Tod Plackner Absent

MHOA Mentor Coordinator (South)-Ryan Swafford Present

MHOA Seminar Coordinator-Mark Verplaetse Present

MHOA Seminar Technical Advisor-Mark Verplaetse Present

Data Base Coordinator-Ryan Swafford Present

Guests:

1. Approval of Agenda.

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

Secretary-Brian Thul

- The minutes from the spring meeting were distributed and corrections were provided.
- A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Storey and seconded by Gates. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Reports

Treasurer - Dave Nyquist

- Financial, Profit and Loss Statement distributed to the group and corrections were provided by Dave Nyquist. Clarification regarding the Zebra Foundation and how the money is distributed. MHOA will contact JB to discuss the purpose of MHOA paying the golf course.
- A request to provide a detail financial report to the group. Dave said he would provide the report.
- Income was down from the registration of officials.
- 501-C-3 awaiting paperwork from the accountant.

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

Seminars-Mark Verplaetse

- Provide MN Hockey Web Director with an excel spread sheet to upload to the webpage.
- Mark thanked the board and all the involvement of the members.

MHOA Camp Men's and Women's – Dave Nyquist & Mike Mooney

- Participants ranged in age from 17-51.
- JB Olson, Nick Biondich, Steve Tatro, and Jeff Beckers
- Dave thanked Steve and Nick for their extra help setting up the classroom.
- Thanked MN Hockey for being great hosts!

- Women's MHOA
- 6 participants for the camp
- 3 of the 6 had 3-person experience.
- Campers skated all the games. Feedback from MN Hockey was positive.
- Instructors: Candy Kirshner, Jonathan Morrison, Krissy Morrison, Kris Moran, Kelly Rolstad, Mickey Moran, Evonne Fix, and Steve Kirshbaum.
- Mike thanked the National Hockey Center staff for their support during the camp.
- Board feels strongly about promoting the camp during seminar season.
- Continue to recruit and promote more women officials.

South Vice President – Dennis Alm

Discussions with WHAM to recruit female officials is ongoing.

North Vice President – Buzz Olson

Buzz thanked the supervisors for making his job easy.

President – Eric Olson

ONE Hockey Tournament- This tournament is over MLK weekend and coincides with other major tournaments. The dorms at the Super Rink are available for out state officials who would like to come to Blaine and skate.

Committee Assignments-

- Ethics: Skip (Chair), Dave Kemp, Ryan Swafford
- Registration: Brian Thul (Chair), Eric, and Steve
- Rules: Dennis Alm (Chair), Dave Kemp, and Jim Gates
- Nomination Committee: Skip (Chair), Mike Mooney, Paul Moen

MHOA Dues-

- The increase in tournaments has changed our financial burden.
- 14 tournaments is the current number of tournaments.
- USA Hockey will continue to collect our dues with registration.
- The Board is committed to keeping dues at \$10.00

Minnesota Referee-In-Chief – Steve Tatro

- USA Hockey is changing the way we train officials by providing on-line seminars.
- North American Prospects Hockey League is looking for officials. Skip will provide names provided by supervisors.
- Background Screens-Ngin web system has lost the names of officials who have been screen. They are keeping us posted on efforts to recover the names. This affects supervisor's ability to know which officials have been screened.
- Officiating Development Program-Trimming is occurring at the top as far as the number of leagues the ODP is providing officials for during the upcoming season. A greater focus on the top officials will shift the responsibility back to the districts for providing officials. MN Jr. League (Tier III) will no longer be involved with the O.D.P.
- J.B. Olson will be scheduling the Midwest Elite League and high school prep league.
- Recruitment plan with USA Hockey which would possibly involve regional managers. There are spikes when we lose officials; 18 and 21 yrs. Old are major life events that we lose officials.
- USA Hockey is offering grants to promote the recruitment of officials.

Old Business

- Minnesota Hockey will need to designate a person to access the system for suspension of players.
- Founder's Club-Discussions with MN Hockey to recognize an official of the year at the MN Hockey Banquet. MHOA would provide the criteria for the award.
- Mike Mooney will continue develop the parameters involving the award.

New Business

- Metro League / 4 Man System – More information from the Metro League needed.
- State Tournaments – assignment of crews and expenses. This is consuming a major portion of our budget. Should we change the criteria and which tournaments should we send state wide crews? Should we be paying for gas expenses vs. mileage?

Skip Trumble made a motion and Ron Storey seconded the motion to reduce the mileage rate to \$.25 per mile for state tournaments.

Discussion: This change would still cover the gas expense associated with travelling to tournaments. Crews are being paid a game fee at the tournaments.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Eric Olson made a motion and Scott Kuhl seconded the motion to assign crews for six state tournament; Bantam AA, Bantam A, Peewee AA, Peewee A, 14-U A, and 12-U A. Remaining tournaments will be assigned by local districts.

Discussion: Districts will work together to provide qualified officials for the locally assigned tournaments. Concerns were voiced about limiting the opportunities of officials at the end of the season.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

- MHOA Dues- The board is committed to keeping the dues where they currently are at \$10.00.
- Approval of MHOA Budget is based on \$23,000 in dues. The group went through each line in the budget and made necessary changes to balance the budget.

Motion to accept the budget by Skip Trumble and seconded by Dave Kemp. The budget was accepted.

- District 9 Supervisors of Officials? We are awaiting District 9 approval of a Supervisor of Officials
- Other-Conversation about the Leslie Fund and how to better serve the fund needs to continue with the committee.

Terry Thorsheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim Gates seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Thul
MHOA Secretary