



Minnesota Hockey Officials Association 2015 Fall Meeting Grand Hinckley Inn – Hinckley, Minnesota Saturday August 22nd, 2015

- Meeting called to order at 10:30 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-Tod Plackner Present
South Vice President-Dennis Alm Present
Secretary-Brian Thul Present
Treasurer-Kurt Hyster Present
District 1 Supervisor-Dennis Alm Present
District 2 Supervisor-Terry Thorsheim Present
District 3 Supervisor-Matt Olsonoski Present
District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl Absent
District 5 Supervisor-Mike Mooney Present
District 6 Supervisor-David Kemp Present
District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen Present
District 9 Supervisor- Ryan Swafford Absent
District 10 Supervisor-Mike Mannin Absent
District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich Present
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 Absent

MHOA Appointed Positions

USA Hockey, MN District Prospects Development Coordinator-Skip Trumble Present
USA Hockey Evaluation Coordinator-Bruce Carlson Present
MHOA Mentor Coordinator (North)-Tod Plackner Present
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 Absent
Guests: Tim Przybylski (District 3), Emil Makinen (District 12), Dan Heldt (District 11), and Duffy Dyer (District 11).

The meeting began with a moment of silence to honor Michael Heichert and Jim Scheid.

1. Approval of Agenda.

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Thul and seconded by Kemp. 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 Verplaetse and seconded by Olsonoski. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Reports

Treasurer-Kurt Hyster

We have a new account with Wells Fargo. The state will be reactivating our non-profit account and our application for our 501 will be sent within two weeks. MHOA should have the 501 status within 30 days. There will be an \$850.00 fee for reinstating our 501 status.

We currently have a balance of about \$8,000 minus the expenses for fall meeting. There will be an audit on the last five years of our books and the audit will cost about \$750.00 and is within the \$2,000.00 budget that was approved at the spring meeting.

Kurt stated the online expense report is almost completed and will be available within the month. This will be available for members to complete their expenses in a more streamlined manner.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Kemp and seconded by Trumble.

Seminars-Mark Verplaetse

Mark presented information to instructors and board members prior to the meeting during the instructors training.

Highlights of the presentation:

- Utilizing the seminar registration tool for communicating with attendees, adding 12 year old officials, and making changes to the seminar roster.
- Overview of the changes to USA Hockey on-line training videos along and how that impacts our seminars.
- Clarification on concussion protocol. Officials need to communicate their observations of the player's status to the head coach. This communication should be professional and factual. If the player returns and continues to display concussion like symptoms the official needs to remove the player. The above communication and decisions should be noted on the score sheet.
- Seminars will continue to incorporate the rules challenge to prepare officials for the closed book test.

MHOA Camp Men's and Women's – Nick Biondich, Brian Thul & Mike Mooney

Women's camp:

We had 12 campers apply for camp. Ten women participated in the camp two were no-shows. The ten campers were ideal for this camp, ages were mid-teens to mid-twenties. Two had worked a three official system previous to camp. All learned the system and worked very hard. I could not have been more pleased with the outcome of this camp, it succeeded in every area.

Our expenses came in under budget, we exceeded the budget in some areas but the overall expenses were less the budget called for.

I would like to thank the people that took time out of their busy schedules to participate in planning and instructing at this camp.

Kelli Rolstad, Kris Moran, Mickey Moran, Mary Frey, Chelsea Ray, Evonne Fix, Skip Trumble, Nancy Welfer

I would also like to recognize the support of MN Hockey specifically John Perry who participates in our organizational meetings and is a presence during our camp.

I would like to thank C.J. Beaurline and Jim Kirshbaum for discussing advancement possibilities to the high school level. Also Steve Tatro spoke on behalf of the USA Hockey Officiating Program and Eric Olson watched our officials work two games.

If supervisors have any candidates for next year's camp please forward their contact information to me.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Mooney
MHOA Women's Camp Director
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Discussion: The board is committed to recognizing and promoting the camp attendees throughout the season and giving strong consideration for post season assignments.

Men's MHOA-

Thanks to Dave Weisjahn for stepping up and organizing the camp and serving as the camp director.

Instructors: Steve Tatro, JB Olson, Rick Looker, Nick Biondich, Jeff Beckers, and Brian Thul.

Participants: Ian Almquist (District 3), Andrew Bell (District 4), Cory Erchul (District 2), Tyler Grove (District 9), Brandon Koontz (District 10), John Manthei (District 5), Aaron Neville (District 6), Steven Olson (District 6), Ricky Perez (District 8), Jonathan Stadler (District 2), Taylor Vichorek (District 11), and Brett Zallek (District 9),

Guests: Chris Allman (USA Hockey Junior Supervisor), Skip Trumble (USA Hockey, MN District Prospects Development Coordinator), and Mike Mooney (District 5 Supervisor).

Don Krauss (Head Coach of MN 15 Team) spoke to the group on coaches' perspective and other topics. This was beneficial to the participants and instructors and we thank Don for his time and support.

South Vice President – Dennis Alm

Dennis stated that he was happy being a Grandpa! He is looking forward to working with the supervisors during seminar season and starting the hockey season.

North Vice President – Tod Plackner

Make sure supervisors reach out if they need any support during seminar season. Attended the MN Hockey meeting and the board was appreciative of having a representative from the officials group.

President – Eric Olson

Stop patches and HECC Helmets: Any issues with these two equipment items should be documented and sent to the District Supervisor.

Retention of officials: There was discussion to engage in a long term strategic plan. The process began and seemed to stall out at the beginning of the process. This will continue to be a conversation with MN Hockey.

At the USA Hockey Meeting the referee section engage in long range planning. Some ideas that came up during the meeting were: Equipment grant program for new officials, new official's recruitment video, USA hockey is working on a scheduling program that will be given to the membership. Assigners need to focus on new officials and allowing their schedules to meet your needs. Bring assigners together for a meeting throughout the state including small town assigners. USA Hockey would like to be involved with this process.

State Tournament Game Fees: Eric distributed the current contract which expired at the end of last season to the board and opened the floor for discussion.

A motion was made by Brian Thul to raise game fees by \$10.00 per official per game and seconded by Skip Trumble.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Skip Trumble and seconded by Dave Kemp to increase the annual budget for hotels to \$5,000.00 maximum.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Eric distributed the budget and the board discussed the budget. Numbers are similar to the 2014-15 budgets.

The audit was added to budget and 501 reinstatement fee, reduced awards to 150 to reflect the price of the service award, eliminated spring meeting hotel expenses and the board decided to add a slide that discusses how MHOA dues are spent.

Dave Kemp made a motion to approve of MHOA Budget and seconded by Chris Kavanaugh. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Eric stated that state tournament assignments are completed and will be distributed when MN Hockey finalizes all locations.

Committee Assignments-

By-law Committee: Dennis Alm, Dave Kemp, Chris Kavanaugh

Registration Committee: Brian Thul,

Ethics Committee: Skip Trumble, Mike Mooney, Ryan Swafford

Registration: Brian Thul, Steve Tatro, Tod Plackner

Rules: Dave Kemp, Terry Thorsheim, Ron Storey

Minnesota Referee-In-Chief – Steve Tatro

Expense Reporting

Except for this meeting, all expenses need to be submitted to **ME!** I will then forward them on to Kurt Hyster for payment. Make sure you submit MHOA expenses and Seminar expenses separately. This is important because MHOA expenses come from the \$10 each official pays when they register. Seminar expenses come out of my USA Hockey RIC budget.

Seminar Mileage Protocol

Remember, this is MHOA's Fall meeting! That means Seminar credit is offered to Board Members and District Supervisors as an additional perk. Board Members and District Supervisors may claim mileage to this meeting. Seminar instructors are welcome to attend the meeting and utilize the seminar perk. However, they may not claim mileage to this function! (It is like getting paid mileage to get seminar credit...not acceptable with USA Hockey). They are entitled to mileage for the seminars they work beyond this meeting. Also, be diligent in having your instructors submit mileage expenses! ie: If John Doe helps out with a seminar where he gets seminar credit, he should not submit mileage if that is the only seminar he assist or attends. In the past, I have had to deny mileage when an instructor does this. Again, It is like getting paid mileage to get seminar credit.

Seminar Coordinator

Mark Verplaetse is now handling all level 1, 2, & 3 seminar functions. That means all closed book answer sheets need to be mailed to Mark in a timely fashion (keep the test booklets until Mark tells you that you can destroy them). New Level 1 tests will be distributed by Mark. If you have any older versions, please destroy them as there are a couple of changes. Seminar reports and facility checklists will also be mailed to Mark (attached). Mark will have more information, tests, and materials for you at the meeting. Remember our level 3 on-site seminars should be no longer than 3 hours! FYI...I am still facilitating all level 4 seminars.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great season, and Thanks for all the work you do!

Steve Tatro | Minnesota District Referee-in-Chief
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Old Business:

MHOA Service Award will continue and will use the same nominating procedure as last year. Supervisors will be emailed additional information early in the season.

By-laws: The by-laws committee will work to clarify the by-laws. This needs to be completed 30 days before the spring meeting.

New Business:

Game reporting changes: The system has been fixed so there will not be double submissions. When the player is chosen the team should come up automatically.

Major Penalties, Major + Game Misconducts, and Match Penalties need to be reported on USA Hockey's Game Reporting System which can be found on USA Hockey's Webpage.

Screening: Historically MN Hockey has screened MN officials. The list of cleared officials has not been made available to supervisors, but MN Hockey does alert supervisors when an official doesn't clear screening. MN hockey screening is allowed to work in MN, but officials who work for PHL, national tournaments, and starting this year WI. Reciprocity will no longer be honored by Wisconsin. Officials will need to go to the WHOA website and complete background screening. Once screening is complete officials will go back to WHOA and registered as a member. This will cost officials \$40.00 total to register in WI.

Discussion: There was lengthy conversation on the problem with screening between states. How does the process work with affiliates of USA Hockey and officials moving between districts after they have registered and been screened by the affiliate before they moved.

Supervisors will submit names of officials that did not register in MN to Steve Tatro to confirm the official has passed screening in the district they originally registered in.

Camp Technology: Brian Thul will work with Steve Tatro, J.B. Olson, and Kurt Hyster to make recommendations on filming equipment to enhance teaching during ice sessions and games for camps and during the season.

Adult/Women's Hockey: AHA has requested help officiating a Duluth tournament in October. Eric and Nick will work with AHA to coordinate fees and other logistics.

WHAM: In May WHAM notified Dennis that they would be hiring a scheduler. They are requesting that they have a supervisor sitting on the MHOA Board, but haven't contacted Eric to inquire on having position on the board.

Advanced game scheduling: Kurt Hyster will be working with Eric to schedule the games for these festivals. Supervisors will be notified on dates earlier to recruit qualified officials for the needed weekends.

PHL Events: September, October, and December. Currently Skip has 24 guys to use for these events. Skip will send the current list to supervisors.

Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mooney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Thul
MHOA Secretary