



Minnesota Hockey Officials Association
2021 Spring Meeting
Rogers Ice Arena
June 13th, 2021

- Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM by Mike Mannin, MHOA President.
- Minutes recorded by Brian Thul, MHOA Secretary
- Roll Call was taken by Brian Thul and Zoom.

MHOA Board Members

President-Mike Mannin Present
North Vice President-Tod Plackner Present
South Vice President-Dave Kemp Present
Secretary-Brian Thul Present
Treasurer-Kurt Hyster Present
District 1 Supervisor-Paul Marshall Present
District 2 Supervisor-Mark Arriola Present
District 3 Supervisor-Matt Olsonoski Present
District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl Present
District 5 Supervisor-Michael Kephart Present
District 6 Supervisor-David Kemp Present
District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen Present
District 9 Supervisor-Ryan Swafford Present
District 10 Supervisor-Robert Erickson Present
District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich Present
District 12 Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh Present
District 15 Supervisor-Craig Tietz Present
District 16 Supervisor-Ron Laituri Absent
WHAM Supervisor-Krissy Langley Present
Adult Hockey Association Supervisor (AHA) - Unfilled
MHOA Past President-Eric Olson Present
USA Hockey RIC-Steve Tatro Present

MHOA Appointed Positions

MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (North)-Emil Makinen Absent
MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (South)-
USA Hockey, MN District, Prospects Development Coordinator-
USA Hockey Evaluation Coordinator-Bruce Carlson Absent
MHOA Mentor Coordinator (North)-Emil Makinen Present
MHOA Mentor Coordinator (South)-Ryan Swafford Present
MHOA Seminar Coordinator-Mark Verplaetse Present
MHOA Camp Director-Dave Weisjahn Present
MHOA Seminar Technical Advisor-Mark Verplaetse Present
Data Base Coordinator-Glen Toewe Absent
Game Report Coordinator-Ryan Swafford Present
Webmaster-Scott Johnson Absent

Guests:

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1. Approval of Agenda,

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

2. Reports

Secretary-Brian Thul

- The minutes from the fall meeting were distributed and corrections were provided. Motion to approve the 2020 Fall Minutes was made by Kavanaugh and seconded by Swafford. Minutes for the 2020 Fall Meeting were approved by voice vote.

Evaluations Report:

- Steve presented the report provided by Bruce. Supervisors should pay attention to increasing level one and two official's evaluations. (INSERT Bruce's Report)

Seminar Report-Mark Verplatse, USA Hockey Officiating Program Seminar Coordinator, Minnesota District

This past year brought some new challenges to our seminar season. Covid-19 forced us to conduct all of our seminars virtually using Zoom. Zoom required some learning and new ways of presenting. All in all, Zoom was highly successful in bring our seminars to our officials. In Minnesota, this year we had 2104 officials, down from 2459 registered officials last year (15%). We conducted 69 seminars. Over 300 officials from out of state attended our Seminars. I want to thank all those instructors who participated to make the Zoom program successful.

Due to the virus, we were not able to conduct a level 1 Seminar in conjunction with the Minnesota Wild. I will endeavor to make that happen again.

In addition to getting used to Zoom, several other challenges came to light, some old and some new. The biggest challenge is making sure that every official completes the on-line portion of the seminar. This is very difficult to regulate since it is done on an individual basis. Some numbers:

2104 registered officials in Minnesota in 2020-2021. Of these, 282 did not complete all the registration requirements (13%). (195 Lev 1, 36 Lev2, 48 Lev 3, 3 Lev 4). So, we had 1822 completely registered officials (86%). USA Hockey extended the deadline to March for all officials to complete their registration requirements. Steve and I send out numerous reminders to all of those with incomplete items, reminding them of the extended deadline. We were somewhat successful, but we expected more. The biggest reason for the incompleteness was not finishing the online video modules. 257 did not complete the online portion. (195Lev 1, 35 Lev 2, 27 Lev 3).

85 registered as an official but did not attend a seminar. This is much better than previous years.

Breaking it down:

Level 1 –

708 Registered officials (-27% from last year)

513 completed all registration requirements 72%

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195 are incomplete

62 – no Seminar

131 – did not submit open book test

177 – did not complete online video modules

Level 2 –

366 registered officials (-21% from last year)

330 completed all registration requirements 90%

36 are incomplete

10 – no seminar

24 – did not submit open book test

35 – did not complete online video modules

339 taking L2 test, 302 passed 89%- 37 failed 11%

Level 3-

927 registered officials (-.5% from last year)

879 completed all registration requirements 94%

48 are incomplete

13- no seminar

28 – did not submit open book test

27 – did not complete online seminar

888 taking L3 closed book test (36 Tenured officials) (783 passed 88% - 95 failed 11%

All these trends are like last year, within a few percentage points. Most alarming is the number of those who have not completed the video modules, specifically Level 1 Officials. We have a plan to address that for next year.

Out of 2104 registered officials, we had 282 or 13% not complete all registration requirements. We had 1822 completely registered officials in Minnesota or 87% of all registered officials completed all registration requirements.

2021 seminars: One thing we sorely missed last year was the face to face of 'in person' seminars. Specifically, the Level 1 Seminars benefit the most from in person instruction. We are proceeding with plans for all Level 1- and first-year Level 2 Officials to attend an 'in person' Seminar. This will allow us to better instruct better and hold their attention, plus we will have on ice instruction. Addressing the incomplete video modules for Level 1, we have found that this is prevalent in all USA Hockey Districts. I have been working on a committee to address this issue. Level 1 Seminars will also include all required video modules in the presentation material. When the Level 1 Official leaves the seminar, he/she will receive credit for attending the seminar, and credit for viewing the video modules. This leaves the only online requirement to be completed being the open book exam, plus background check and SafeSport for those of age. Level 3 and 4 Seminars will be conducted via Zoom. All Closed book testing will be done online with the time for completion within 7 days of the seminar, and 90-minute time limit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Verplaetse, USA Hockey Officiating Program Seminar Coordinator, Minnesota District

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Treasurer-Kurt Hyster

Kurt distributed the financial packet to the board via email. Overall the organization's financial standing is solid as funds from the PHL continue to support. Expenses have been paid except for a few expenses from the MHOA camps.

MHOA Funds: \$6,400

Non-MHOA Funds: \$15,300

Leslie Fund: \$29,242

Scholarship Funds: \$8,450

Motion to approve the treasurers report by Kuhl and seconded by Erickson.

Mentorship Report - Eric Olson

Eric Olson shared logistics regarding the reporting system for the mentoring program. Districts are encouraged to continue to utilize mentors to support our level one officials. MHOA will continue to support districts with mentoring and request that district report officials who participate in mentoring programs. Sixty officials were assigned "formal" mentors as a part of this program. MHOA recognizes that many more officials are receiving mentorship within their districts.

Incident Report – Ryan Swafford

MHOA officials reported a total of 636 incident reports for the season. This is a decrease of 46% from last season, and while this number is down from last season, there still may be some pervasive underreporting. The Bantam age level remains the highest incident category. There still remains an issue of reporting penalties incorrectly or not required. We should continue to look at incorporating a more robust education to be included in our annual seminars to increase compliance.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Incident Report Totals	2821	684	733	855	916	999	1178	636
Match Penalties (Coach)	3	3	5	6	7	7	4	8
Match Penalties (Player)	37	30	29	33	43	40	54	35
GM (Coach)	85	69	66	60	72	98	73	52
GM (Player)	694	529	571	688	717	792	722	410
CFB – GM	193	135	123	127	134	130	304	70
CFB – Match	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	0
Boarding – GM	105	100	65	79	80	99	135	47
Boarding – Match	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Player/Coach Penalty Assessed	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21		
Game Misconduct	174	207	199	222	213	148		
Major Penalty	46	62	69	56	250	84		
Major Plus Game Misconduct Penalty	452	539	590	603	615	315		
Match Penalty	34	39	50	47	58	44		
Team 15 Penalties	5	8	8	12	9	7		
Grand Total	711	855	916	940	1145	598		

Officials should be aware of duplicate of reports. This causes problems with progressive suspensions.

Supervisor Reports-

District One-Paul Marshall

We sent two crews went to state tournaments. The Recreation League is going well and we will continue to schedule officials for this league.

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District Two-Mark Ariola

Officials did a great job responding to the challenges of COVID. Really appreciated the support given by other supervisors.

District Three-Matt Olsonoski

District 3 covered 3608 games a decrease of 42 from 2020. Darrell Gedney lead the way working 215 games followed closely by 3 other officials working 212, 195, 190 respectively. No major incidents this season. D3 started 17 officials new to the group with various experience. We will continue to accept new applications over the summer.

District 3 will be reverting to the 2-man system at the BB1 level in 2021/2022.

District 3 is increasing suspensions for coaches that are assessed a game misconduct for abuse of officials. In 2021/2022, any D3 coach who receives a game misconduct will be suspended for 3 games for first offense. If they were to receive another game misconduct during the season, they will be asked to attend a D3 grievance hearing to determine additional suspension(s).

If a coach were to receive a game misconduct for abuse of officials while an official under the age of 18 years of age is working the game the minimum suspension will be 5 games.

Final proposal to the district – BHRA is asking the district to consider a one game suspension to the head coach if one of his assistant(s) were to receive a game misconduct. Not approved at this time.

Beltline Hockey Referee Association sent a poll out to its membership asking a variety of questions, some interesting responses below. We received 71 responses from out 103 members.

1. What best describes why you officiate?
 - a. Money – 42.3%
 - b. Exercise – 29.6%
 - c. Players/coaches/parents – 7%
 - d. Fraternity – 8.5%
 - e. Other – 7%
2. Which bracket best describes your age?
 - a. 18 and under – 7%
 - b. 19 – 29 – 23.9%
 - c. 30 – 39 – 18.3%
 - d. 40 – 49 – 15.5%
 - e. 50 – 59 – 25.4%
 - f. 60 and over – 9.9%

**Our thoughts and concerns is that our group is getting old. More officials over 60 then 18 and under.

District 3 had a difficult time completing evaluations in 2021, mainly due to the fact that our evaluators were so busy covering games. D3 completed 17 evaluations and 12 mentorships.

District Four-Scott Kuhl

Games were down 30% in games, but officials were down about 50%. 654 games. We hosted two state tournaments. 3 match penalties. Kick, Coach jumping on ice, assault on official.

District Five

Michael Kephart
DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR

2020-2021 Season Report

District 5s season was like most other districts in which we struggled to fill games due to the lack of officials. We had a total of 1120 games this season compared to a normal year of 2500. My director and I made the decision after the pause to not allow scrimmages or tournaments in District 5 because of the number of officials. District 5 in a normal year has roughly 200 officials on our roster. This season after the pause I had 110 officials that were willing to keep skating the remainder of the season, and of that 40 of them were first year officials.

If I have learned anything this season, it is that in District 5 I need to bring back veteran officials that quit over the years for some reason. I need to have those veterans to help take the load off other veterans before they get to many games and quit as well. I am working with WSOA our District 5 officials association to get in contact with these guys to try and get them to come back.

Michael Kephart
District 5 Supervisor of Officials
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District Six-Dave Kemp
State Tournament Report

The Bantam AA and A Tournament was held at Braemar Arena. The CDC/MN Hockey Guidelines were followed throughout the tournament which included mandatory masks, three separate entrance and exit points. Players were allowed into the building 15 minutes prior to the start time of the game and fans were allowed into the building 10 minutes before the game. Tickets were purchased on-line with entry allowed using a scanner. There were no concessions available and after the game spectators exited the build immediately with no congregating allowed inside the building.

The following districts were scheduled to work the tournament:

- Bantam A - 1, 2, 3 and 6
- Bantam AA – 9, 10, 12, and 6

Game Totals

- League
1360 games played
344 games cancelled
- Scrimmages
743 games played
131 mes cancelled
- Invitational Tournaments
688 games played
556 games cancelled
- Play-Offs & Regions – 102 (This included district, Bantam Regions and Junior Gold Playdowns)
 - Bantam A and AA Region Tournament @ Eden Prairie Arena
 - Junior Gold Playdowns at:
 - Shakopee
 - Bloomington
 - Pagel
 - Edina

Mite Game Report

Dan Walt scheduled this program again this year with 51 kids registered and 41 officials worked games for 10 different associations. There were 210 regular season games and 36 jamboree games played.

MN Hockey Scoring Program

For the 2020-21 season, District 6 was selected to pilot a program involving electronic scoring utilizing a company from Canada, Game Sheets, Inc. Everything is done on an iPad at the game and then down loaded to the data base. Teams still had the option to use a paper copy instead of the electronic system. Training was offered to all teams on how to use the application and as people became familiar with using it, the transition went very well. The developers of the program were very accessible and responsive to any questions or issues that I had. I was also very impressed in the stats that I could obtain through the database:

- Total Games Played
- Total # of Penalties Assessed
- Most Frequently Assessed Penalty
- Total # of Major Penalties Assessed
- Most Frequently Assessed Major Penalty
- Complete List of Penalties Assessed/# of Times Assessed
- Suspension Report Listing Player, Association, Level
- Individual Officials Penalty Assessed List

Incident Reports

93 incident reports received thru District 6. District 6 has a Supplementary Discipline Committee, which met every two weeks starting on November 18th with the last meeting held on March 24th using the Zoom Meeting Format. Players are required to attend the next scheduled meeting if they are assessed a major for fighting or a match penalty and Coaches are required to attend the meeting if they are assessed a game misconduct for abuse of officials or 15 team penalties.

The committee met with 21 players and 11 coaches during the 2020-21 season for the following penalties:

- Game Misconducts
 - Fighting – 10
 - Abuse – 7
 - Mask Violation - 3
- Match
 - Kicking - 2
 - Racial Slur - 4

MN Hockey CFB/Boarding Pilot Program

District 3, and 6 again were selected by MN Hockey to pilot a program for the second year regarding the checking from behind and boarding penalties. For the 2019-21 season the following rules would be enforced in the above listed districts:

Per MNHockey, a pilot program regarding the USA Hockey Rules for Boarding and Checking from Behind Infractions will be followed by district 3, and 6. MN Hockey has modified these two rules for the 2019-2020

season.

The following rules will be in effect for all games (league and scrimmages) played in district 6 and all crossover games with district 3 and at the Bantam, Pee Wee, 15U and 12U level:

Boarding (rule 603a) – A major plus a misconduct penalty or major plus a game misconduct penalty shall be assessed for boarding an opponent. “Rolling” an opponent along the boards where he is attempting to go through too small an opening is not considered boarding.

Checking From Behind (rule 608) – A major plus a misconduct penalty, or a major plus a game misconduct shall be assessed for checking from behind.

Also, the 5-minute penalty associated with the CFB and *Boarding* will count toward the Progressive Suspension Penalty (Rule 411- page 22) under USA Hockey.

The respect the referee poster which was provided by MN Hockey was to be displayed in all MN Hockey rinks. This poster has also appeared in the “Let’s Play Hockey” paper that is available at a number of rinks. Dave expressed his gratitude to MN Hockey for their support regarding this project.

District 8-Paul Moen

We worked 2987 total games this past season. We did not have any tournaments or scrimmages for Pee/U12 and above. Starting January 1st we began squirt scrimmages to give our new officials some games. We cut league games to 12 Peewee and above and 10 games at U10. The U12s played with D2 and had 22 games.

Mike Diebold is D8’s Mentor Program Director and a great job with it. Every Level One Official has a mentor assigned prior to working any games with D8. This was our 4th season utilizing and improving this highly effective program. A huge thank you to Mike and all the mentors for their support throughout the years. We look forward to continuing this program next season.

Our seminar schedule is set for the upcoming season. L-3 September 27th and October 4th. Level 1 and new 2’s October 2nd and Level 2 October 5th.

I have requested pricing rates from other districts for each level. I am still awaiting this information. D8 would like to stay competitive with the other metro districts.

Junior Gold state tournament went very well at Doug Woog arena at Wakota. Thank you Robert Erickson for all his help. District 2, 5, 8, and 10 were the crews. We have discussed sending a crew home for 10 years and this is a difficult decision. This year District 10 volunteered not to work on Sunday. Games went well and no complaints, nothing but compliments.

Great * was handled again with top officials. D3, D9 and D8 were the crews. Great games with great officials working. Each crew worked four games. I would like to work out a structure where officials get paid before the event or I pay them from D8 funds and get reimbursed from MN Hockey.

I believe we need to discuss and work on guidance regarding guns in rinks. This has the potential for serious issues. I believe MHOA and MN Hockey could lead by advocating a position for rinks and communities to adopt.

District 9-

2020-21 Supervisor of Officials Report (submitted by R. Swafford)

District 9 had another great season. We enjoyed working 2657 Arbiter scheduled games, this is down 11% from 2979 last year. D9HOA assigned around 300 officials to 5532 positions/slots, this is down 20% from 6896 last season. D9 hosted **five** Regional Tournament (PWAA, PWA, Ban AA, 12UA & 12UB) and **two** State Tournaments

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(15UB & 12UB). The D9/D4 South "Virtual" Seminar Series hosted seminars on six dates and trained over 500 officials, utilizing 5 different helpers/instructors; all went well.

Share how your leadership has made a change or supported an existing initiative within your district. Were there any struggles that we can all learn from or you need support with?

3rd Year D9 Director, Mark Blaisdell and the D9 Board have been very gracious and supportive in the efforts of the officiating equation of D9 hockey. D9 is geographically dispersed over 15 hockey communities and utilizes a decentralized referee scheduling system with 12 officials' assigners operating under the umbrella of D9HOA. The District however, schedules all league games in a centralized method. In the past, I have explained that combining these efforts could dramatically reduce work for officials' schedulers and better utilize the power and breadth of the Arbiter Scheduling System. Hopefully, I can gain some ground on this for next season. Due to the geographic dispersion, D9HOA is very loosely organized, this lack of organization remains marginally problematic, however, it remains a goal of mine to improve. To better tighten the D9HOA organization, this year I hosted monthly virtual meetings with the officials' assigners to help address any local or scheduling concerns. My goal is to continue to provide outreach and improve collaborative communications.

Share what you believe will be a major goal for your leadership next season.

The D9 Board has graciously established an official's scholarship fund of \$1500 to help new officials get started. I am working through the details for eligibility and the application process. I am working with the D9 Board to possibly expand the eligibility breadth of this program. In my survey amongst the fifteen D9 communities, I discovered a vast majority of them already offer reimbursement to officials, so this will likely be a very small program within D9HOA, unless I am able to expand its usage.

Do you need any support from other MHOA Members to accomplish this goal?

Continued support for the scholarship fund and ideas to push the program further.

District 10-Robert Erickson

We conducted 46 evaluations during the pandemic season. We scheduled approximately 3,500 games with 75 officials. We had 35-50 less officials than previous seasons. A huge thank you to all our officials for stepping up and covering all of our games. We are working with D10 to establish new procedures and rules to reduce the number of confrontational incidents between officials, parents and team personnel. We have a new webpage that is live to support the recruitment of officials and our membership. Still working on finding a mentor coordinator. The retention and recruitment of officials is a huge concern for district 10 during the pandemic.

District 11-Nick Biondich

Our biggest issue continues to be the recruitment and retention of officials and the COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted this. We utilized 78 officials for 1,850 games. This is at least a 30 official drop and we would ideally have 120-125 officials.

There were only 4 new Level 1 officials under the age of 18. This will have to increase as a lot of senior officials are nearing the end of their careers. We will again target recruitment of college age potential officials and will host a Level 1 seminar at UMD this fall. The second area of concentration will be on re-establishing a mentor program to assure new officials are getting the resources they need to succeed.

District 11 was not in the rotation and did not host a State Tournament but we did send two crews to other State Tournaments: Bantam AA in Edina: Brad Reuter (Ref), Kevin Kangas and Chris Kucera (Lines) Pee Wee A in Monticello: Brent Kubis (Ref), Wyatt Corrigan and Ben Symanietz (Lines)

District 12-Chris Kavanaugh

I would like to thank all our officials for stepping up and working through many difficult situations that were created by the pandemic. District 12 had a successful season due to the commitment of these officials.

District 15-Craig Tietz

- 1.) 8% decrease in officials for year due to Covid, concerns about losing those officials forever.
- 2.) Increase in game misconduct penalties brought up at district meeting. This would effect only D15 coaches and increasing the severity of punishment for first, then second offense. Also trying to add clause for abusing of officials under-age of 18.
- 3.) Concerns about increasing membership at district level, especially smaller communities which use only 6 people, what ways can add and retain their rosters.
- 4.) Positive hosting 15U A State tournament and having officials from D10, D12 come in, great representation of Districts.

District 16-

We had a lot of games scheduled in a very short amount of time which created lots of pressure for everyone involved. Schedulers of games and game officials were put in tight spots but did a great job of communicating with each other to make sure that everyone was on the same page in regards to covid-guidance, pauses, and cancellations. Hats off to the D16 schedulers for a job well-done.

We sent 2 crews of officials to state tournaments, and they are as follows;

PWAA Andover

Bazil Zuehlke
Bay Zuehlke
Brennan Hockman

12UA Stillwater

Mat Godin
Bailey Schmitz
Kurt Larson

District 16 has named David White as the District Mentor Coordinator and will be performing the duties that come along with this title effective immediately. David comes with many years of officiating experience and will be a great addition at this position.

This year, I had a lot of people send clips from Live Barn for all sorts of reasons. I am finding that Live Barn can be a great teaching tool for officials and I have encouraged officials to get it to watch themselves and other officials work. This is the first year that I have had so many clips and I don't think that this genie is going back in the bottle.

I think that most would agree that this was the craziest season of hockey filled with quarantines, pauses, cancellations, etc. District 16 has survived those **unprecedented** times and is looking forward to a new season with less Covid-19 and more hockey.

Sincerely,

Ron Laituri

D16 Supervisor of Officials

WHAM-Krissy Langley

We assigned 25% of games from the previous year due to the pandemic. I want to thank all our officials for stepping up and working during this difficult season.

AHA- No Report Submitted and Brent Hansen has resigned as supervisor.

North VP- Tod Plackner

I want to thank all the supervisors for their leadership during this challenging year. We will continue to rely on each other to support our officials.

South VP-Dave Kemp

Crazy Year!

USA RIC- Steve Tatro

COVID, COVID, COVID! This was the topic which dominated all! USA Hockey will be posting a Women's Hockey RIC for the upcoming season. I will be reaching out to seek candidates from supervisors. This will be a national search. The National Congress was held via Zoom and there are several rule changes for the new 4-year cycle rule book. The mobile app will be updated after hard copies are finalized and distributed. We must remain diligent in our commitment to our new officials. Our support during their formative years is essential to our continual success. Our evaluation program saw a dramatic reduction this season due to the shortage of officials during the pandemic. Let's commit to increasing these numbers next season. USA Hockey has reduced spending across the board my budget saw a reduction of 24%. There will not be a skating exam for our level four officials. The National Tournaments in St. Louis and Omaha were well run and the officials did an outstanding job. Minot, North Dakota will be hosting the DOS this upcoming season. The Chet Stewart Award was presented to Bob Hayden. We have received a 2500 Grant for MHOA Camp again this season. Finally I would like to thank all our supervisors for their leadership during this season. It was a difficult season to lead and all of you stepped up!

President Report-Mike Mannin

We are currently in need of officials for the NHP officials. Please send me names of officials who are strong candidates for these games. We are looking for a new assignor for these games as well. The Fall meeting will be held at Sugar Lake Lodge on September 24th & 25th. We awarded 4 Scholarships of \$1,000 each to MHOA members. This is the first year for our scholarships and we need to continue supporting our Golf Outing at Madden's. This year's tournament is August 15th.

New Business:

- **Skip Trumble**
- We will need a replacement for Skip for the upcoming season. Skip has served MHOA for countless years and his service and leadership has been a tremendous asset to our organization. He has supported thousands of officials during his service and his mentorship produced many of our top officials. Thank you Skip for all you have given!
- **MHOA Development Camps**
Camps will be held this year, Mike Mooney and Dave Weisjahn will be leading.
- **USA Hockey Redistribution of affiliate fees**
USA Hockey will continue to collect our fees for the upcoming season. These funds are redistributed upon request of payment for expenditures.
- **Appreciation Gifts**
We are exploring giving pens and lanyards to officials for the upcoming seasons.
- **MHOA Service Award Recipient**
Paul Kill will be presented his award from last year. Congratulations to Ethan Andersen the winner of this year's Service Award.
- **Dan Culhane Proposal:**
Died of complications from COVID while recovering from Cancer. Discussion on ways to honor him. The board proposed naming a scholarship after him.

Eric Olson motioned to name one of the annual MHOA scholarships in Dan Culhane's honor and seconded by Krissy Langley

Paul Moen motioned to name one of the annual MHOA scholarships in Dave Nyquist's honored and seconded by Mannin. Motion passed

- **Scholarships Golf Tournament August 15th Maddens & Sept. 17th Stonebrook Golf Leslie**
- **State Tournament Assignments: Host crew would not work on Sunday.**
- **Motion to eliminate host district sending a crew to the state tournaments. The host district would then send the next year. There was no second on this motion.**
- **Recruitment of Female Officials (Female only Seminars) Could we run a women's only seminar.**
This topic was discussed and will need further discussion and planning.

Old Business

501C3 It has been submitted for 16 months and we are awaiting approval.

Motion to adjure the meeting by Kemp and seconded by Kuhl at 2:21 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 officers:

Nomination Committee brought two nominees forward for President. Scott Kuhl and Tod Plackner were nominated. Eric Olson asked for other nominations three times. Kavanaugh motioned to close nominations and Kemp seconded. Nominations were closed. Each candidate was given a chance to speak. Ballots were distributed. The first round of voting was completed and each candidate received nine votes. Motion to destroy the ballots by Kavanaugh and seconded by Marshall. Motioned pass on voice vote. Ballots destroyed. The second round of voting was completed and Scott Kuhl was elected President of MHOA. Motion to destroy the ballots by Kemp and seconded by Moen. Ballots were destroyed. Congratulations to Scott!

**Nomination Committee brought one nominee forward for Vice President of the North, Tod Plackner. Eric Olson asked for other nominations three times. No other nominations from the floor. Kavanaugh motioned to elect Tod Plackner on a white ballot. Congratulations Tod!
Eric Olson motioned to close elections and was seconded by Erickson, elections were closed.**