

**MINNESOTA HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
May 2, 1998 at Mille Lacs Lake, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by President Skip Trumble.

Meeting Roll Call

Present:

MHOA President and Treasurer.....Skip Trumble
TC District.....Dennis Alm
District 2.....Jim Partlow
District 3.....Darrell Gedney
District 4.....Ethan Anderson (Absent)
District 5.....Roger Stephens
District 6- MHOA Vice-President/South.....Brad Trumble
District 8.....Paul Moen
District 10 - Secretary.....Eric Olson
District 11 - MHOA Vice-President/North.....Steve Tatro
IR District.....Jeff Walters
District 15.....Howard Breitkretz (for Scott Anderson)
District 16.....Buzz Olson (Absent)
Minnesota Junior Hockey.....Dean Brandt (Absent)
Minnkota Referee-In-Chief.....Bill Leslie
Minnkota Seminar Coordinator.....Tim Przybylski
Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator.....Kurt Hyster

Secretary's Report - Eric Olson

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Fall Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Skip Trumble

The Financial Report for the period ending May 2, 1998 was \$6434.44.

North Vice President's Report - Steve Tatro

No report.

South Vice President's Report - Brad Trumble

No report.

Minnkota Referee-In-Chief Report - Bill Leslie

1. Registration completion rate in Minnkota is 88%.
2. There were 92 seminars held in Minnkota this year.
3. Bill needs dates for all seminars by June 1 to be included with registration materials.
4. Two officials went to Chicago Showcase this year. They were Brian Thul and Tim Przybylski. Both officials did a good job.
5. Six officials went to the Western Regional Instructors Camp.
6. Two women went to Women's National Camp.
7. Six men went to Western Regional Camp.
8. Five men are going to the National Camp.
9. J.B. Olson is going to Select Camp.
10. Supervisors will be on the agenda for Minnkota Seminars in the fall.
11. There are two national tournaments next year in Minnesota. The Jr. B National will be held at the new Quad Center in Blaine. The Tier I National A Bantam Tournament will be held at Braemar in Edina. All officials who want to work the Tier I National Tournament need to be evaluated.
12. There will be an Advanced Instructors Camp in Chicago May 29-31. Bill is sending Dave Kemp and Dan Dow to come back and retrain our instructors.

13. Scott Anderson is stepping down next year as District 15 Supervisor. Howard Breitzkreutz will be replacing him.
14. Bill wanted to thank the supervisors for all their help this year.

President's Report - Skip Trumble

1. Skip was impressed with the crews that worked the state tournaments this year.
2. Skip stressed that all supervisors need to work together. He asked that we need to respect the way that each one of us does our job even if it isn't the way that you think it should be done.
3. There is a need for more qualified officials to work all the games. There are more games than there are officials to work them.
4. The use of laser pointers by fans is becoming more prevalent throughout the state. This issue should be addressed at the district level.
5. State Tournament Fee Structure - We need to propose new fees to MAHA for officiating state tournament games.
6. Girls 12 & Under State Tournament - Being added this year and we need to add this tournament to the rotation and set fees for it.
7. MAHA is sponsoring a fall prep league for high school players. The games are going to be played on Saturdays and Sundays.
8. STP Tournament will be at Eden Prairie this fall.
9. Select 16 & 17 were added this year. 36 different officials were used to work the Select 15, 16, 17 and Great 68. Skip would like to expand the number officials who work these tournaments in the future.
10. We need to be prepared to participate in the fall coaches seminars.
11. There is a dramatic change in the Regional format for next year.
 - a) One region will be IR, 11, 15, 16. They will send 3 teams to state.
 - b) Second region will be 4 & 5. They will send one team to state.
 - c) Third region will be TC, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10. They will send 4 teams to state.
12. Showcase Hockey is not sanctioned this summer and MAHA is canceling their agreement with Hawkinson. Officials working the league should not wear their crests.
13. Skip would like a district to set up a make-up seminar in December to catch any stragglers.

Old Business

1. Jr. Gold Select Game - The set up of the game was a little disorganized this Spring. There was a banquet held after the game. Jim Partlow suggested that we need to start planning for the game earlier. Next years game will be held in District 6 at Bloomington Ice Gardens. The minor officials for the game need to be lined up by the Supervisor. Brad suggested that we should put together a checklist for future games. The Metro League will be buying the jerseys in future years. A motion was made and passed to form a committee to create guidelines for the Jr. Gold Select game. The committee members appointed are Jim Partlow, Brad Trumble, Darrell Gedney, and Ted Olson.
2. MHOA Camp - The camp has been very successful with MAHA and the officials who have participated in the past. The instructors who have been working the camp have been reimbursed \$200 for the week. A motion was made and passed to increase instructors reimbursement from \$200 to \$300.
3. State Tournaments - Discussion was held on developing an outline of duties of host supervisors of state tournaments. The decision was made to have the executive board develop:
 - a) Duties of host supervisors
 - b) Rotation of state tournaments (including the girls tournaments)
 - c) State Tournament fees (boys and girls)
4. MHOA Meetings - There was lengthy discussion regarding the way we conduct our meetings and if we should change the way the meetings are conducted. There seems to be a lot of items to cover in a one day meeting. The supervisors voted to start our meetings on Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

New Business

1. Game Report Forms - A motion was made and passed to have each supervisor fill out a game report for all game, gross and match penalties. Eric will make up a new game report form and print up 3,000 forms to be distributed to the supervisors at the fall meeting. Eric will check with Corky to see if he can get the forms printed at no cost.
2. Teamwork - Skip urged us all to focus on working together with our fellow supervisors and to continue to improve our young officials mechanics.

3. Reporting - Darrell presented the reporting procedure he uses in his own district. At his District meetings, he hands out his evaluation reports and other pertinent information for the District board. It was discussed how we all can improve our reporting procedures within our districts.
4. Supervisor Warm-up Suits - Motion was made and passed to purchase new warm-ups for supervisors and board members.
5. Screening (Background Checks) - USA Hockey is planning to do background checks on each official, coach, and manager. They are planning to take 1/3 of all officials and do it over a three year period.
6. Registration - Bill discussed the new proposal by USA Hockey. There will be a new format for level 3 and 4 officials which will require them to take a closed book exam at the seminar. They will still have to take the open book exam as well. The new fees for each level being proposed are:
 - Level 1: House (Mites, Squirts, and Peewees) and Travel (Squirts) - \$25.00
 - Level 2: House (Mites through Bantams) and Travel (Squirts and Peewees) - \$50.00
 - Level 3: House (Mites through Bantams) and Travel (Squirts through Midgets) - \$75.00
 - Level 4: All Levels - \$75.00
 The new fees will be voted on this summer.
7. By-law Amendments - The new by-law amendments were discussed and voted upon by the board. The amendments were passed. (A copy of the new by-laws will accompany the minutes)

Minnkota Evaluation Coordinator - Kurt Hyster

Kurt discussed the success of the evaluation program this year. Kurt will provide each evaluator with a clip board and will provide us with evaluation forms.

Seminars - (Tim Przybylski)

Reports

The seminars went well last year.

District 2 - (Jim) There is a new District Director (Les Daum) and new President (Dale Maristuem) in District 2. The new area code is 651 next year. The year went very well. The district is putting more teeth into disciplinary actions next year.

District 3 - (Darrell) Darrell was in a serious car accident in January and was laid up for quite awhile. He is recovering fine and thought the year went well.

District 4 - (Ethan) Not present.

District 5 - (Roger) Roger has a concern that there were a number of games worked this year with unregistered officials. Roger would like to know what the procedure should be if an unregistered official is working a game. Roger also suggested that we come up with an outline for when we address the coaches at the coaches seminars. Roger also is concerned that we need to address how to deal with coaches more at the officials seminar. Roger had success this year with mentoring young officials. He worked with local schedulers to have more seasoned officials work with new officials.

District 6 - (Brad) Brad thanked the districts that sent officials to help out with the regional tournaments. He is concerned that the violence in the game is on the rise and that we need to be aware of the issue and deal with it as a group. Brad will be retiring from MHOA after the '98-'99 season.

District 8 - (Paul) Paul is concerned that the changes being proposed with USA Hockey regarding officiating will diminish the number of officials. Paul was pleased with the Jr. Gold B Regional held at Rochester.

District 10 - (Eric) Eric wanted to thank the crews that came to Elk river to work the Jr. Gold A State Tournament. The number of evaluations completed this year was a dramatic increase over last year and is hoping to improve next year.

District 11 - (Steve) The best way to reach Steve is his work number. They worked 2600 games with 80 officials this year. Steve had 83 games, gross' and matches in his district this year.

District 15 - (Howard) Scott is retiring as supervisor. They had success in recruiting a good number of young officials in the Alexandria area but most also played hockey so their schedules were limited.

District 16 - (Buzz) Absent

District IR - (Jeff) The year went good.

Jr. B - (Dean) Absent

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn. Seconded by Roger. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Olson, MHOA Secretary