

Date: January 28,2017
To: MN Hockey Board
From: Eric Olson
MN Hockey Referee Section Director
Re: Winter meeting report

Seminars

All of the seminars have been held for the season. We also held a last chance seminar and those officials that hadn't attended a seminar were contacted and encouraged to attend to complete the registration process. The turnout was not what we had hoped for but we feel we still need to continue to encourage those who need a seminar to attend.

MHOA Camp

This year MHOA will hold our annual MHOA Camps in conjunction with the CCM/Reebok Boys and Girls Advance 14/15 festivals in St. Cloud. We have come up with a new plan for the two camps since we are still struggling finding women who are willing to devote the time to attend camp. We will be holding two camps, open to both men and women, to assure that we have enough participants for both camps. This year there will not be exclusive camps but we will be recruiting officials to attend either camp. We are hoping that this will open up more opportunities for all officials without having to hold a women's only camp with only 4 participants.

Adult Hockey Supervisor

This fall we have appointed Brent Hanson to serve as the supervisor of officials for the Adult Hockey Leagues. Brent will work with the groups that are USA Hockey sanctioned regarding officiating issues. We are pleased to have him on board.

Progressive Suspensions and Game Reporting

So far this season there has been 497 game reports filed. Below is a summary of the reports.

Totals

Match Penalties = 19

GM = 441

Major Penalties = 37

Specific Reports

Boarding = 60

CFB = 107

Charging = 13

Recruitment/Retention Ad Hoc Committee

The Recruitment/Retention Ad Hoc Committee will be requesting funds to create a Recruitment/Retention Coordinator position in District 11 to help recruit and retain new officials. We will be submitting the request for the district directors to take up at the Spring Meeting to begin the pilot program for the 2017-18 season.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Olson
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MN Hockey Referee Section Director