



**Minnesota Hockey Officials Association  
2019 Fall Meeting**

The Lodge – Biwabik, Minnesota  
Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Meeting called to order at 11:12 AM by Mike Mannin, MHOA President.  
Minutes recorded by Brian Thul

**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-Dennis Alm Absent Paul Marshall Proxy  
District 2 Supervisor-Terry Thorsheim Absent  
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 Absent  
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-John Rice Present  
District 16 Supervisor-Ron Laituri Present  
WHAM Supervisor-Krissy Langley Present  
MHOA Past President-Eric Olson Present  
USA Hockey RIC-Steve Tatro Present

**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 Present  
MHOA Special Projects-Dave Weisjahn Absent  
Guest: Emil Makinen (District 12) Paul Marshall (District 1)

### **1. Approval of Agenda.**

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

### **Secretary-Brian Thul**

- The minutes from the spring meeting were distributed and no corrections were provided.
- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kavanaugh and seconded by Kemp. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

### **2. Reports**

#### **Evaluations**

10 Reports since June 1<sup>st</sup> and officials that are not registered for the current season will not show up in the reporting system. Hence our camp evaluations were not part of the numbers. Evaluators must be a minimum of an Affiliate Member of USA Hockey to evaluate. Evaluators should focus part of the evaluation process on the standard of play initiative by providing feedback on the official's interpretation and judgment of the initiative.

#### **Seminars**

#### **MHOA Camps**

##### **Camp #1 MHOA Camp (Mike Mooney):**

6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Applications are due in April.

##### **Camp #1 & Camp #2 MHOA Camp (Mike Mooney, Dave Weisjahn & Steve Tatro):**

Good camp with one exception which resulted in the notification of the District Supervisor. This continues to be a great development opportunity for our members. The instructional staffs are committed to providing individualized instruction within a highly structured camp that supports the officials success.

#### **Treasurer – Kurt Hyster**

**Kurt distributed the financial documents to the board. MHOA Budget is balanced for the year as a result pulling some money over from our hockey assigning budget. State Tournament expenses came to Kurt as late as June which resulted in unexpected expenses. Moving forward expenses from state tournaments will be submitted by the weekend of the spring meeting. Our fund balance is strong and we are utilizing our USA Hockey Funds to provide development and educational opportunities. The Leslie fund continues to be in a good place and our new scholarship is growing.**

**Kurt shared the 2019-20 budget and the board discussed the budget. KEMP made a motion to accept the budget and KAVANAUGH seconded. Budget passed by voice vote.**

**South Vice President – Dave Kemp**

Dave shared the instructor jacket inventory with the group. We did award a camp reimbursement for an official attending a development camp.

The WILD recognition events need to be recruited and assigned. Mike Mooney will be asked to head up the program.

Mid-Winter meeting will be held via conference versus in-person meeting.

**North Vice President – Tod Plackner**

Tod is looking for instructors the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>. Any instructors interested in supporting please contact Tod.

**MHOA President – Mike Mannin**

**Checking from Behind and Boarding pilot program in 3, 5, and 6. Currently this is being negotiated at the MN Hockey Level. Mike will send the final decision to the group.**

**NAHPL Rates were renegotiated this summer and will continue to support MHOA's budget when needed.**

**MHOA Scholarship fund will continue to grow via the MHOA Golf Tournament at Maddens. The event has been in August and we will continue to help grow the event.**

**MHOA was asked if there is concerns with having 4 coaches on the bench. MHOA believes the rule is adequate as written.**

**State Tournaments**

**Abuse of Officials: Corey Koskie is developing an app for baseball and has reached out to Mike Mannin and Matt Olsonoski to see if it can transfer to hockey. Mike and Matt will work with Corey to help support his work as it pertains to his app.**

**Mike Mannin brought an invoice from Minnesota Hockey to support the Blind Hockey Summit. Eric Olson motioned to pay the invoice and Tod Plackner seconded the motion passed by voice vote. There were two nays**

**Committee Assignments: 2019-2020**

Ethics Committee: Skip Trumble (Chair), Paul Moen, Chris Kavanaugh

Registration Committee: Mark Verplaetse (Chair), Scott Kuhl, John Rice, Bruce Carlson, Dave Weisjahn

Rules Committee: Dennis Alm( Chair), Terry Thorsheim, Ron Laituri  
State tournament Committee: Dave Kemp (Chair), Matt Olsonoski, Mike Mannin  
Policies and Procedures: Todd Plackner (Chair), Ryan Swafford, Mike Mooney, Kurt Hyster  
By-law Committee: Brian Thul (Chair), Eric Olson, Nick Biondich, Robert Erickson  
Nomination Committee: Eric Olson (Chair), Paul Moen, Dennis Alm  
Scholarship Committee:

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Background Screening: How will we enforce with our local assignors which officials have been cleared to work games? Mike and Steve will be meeting with MN Hockey to discuss the best way to keep supervisors and assignors updated.**

**USA Hockey Safety Initiatives**

**Video is available and supervisors are encouraged to share with coaches at pre-season coaches meeting. MN Hockey is encouraging officials to share the importance of the new initiative with coaches. Officials can communicate professionally with coaches about the standard of play initiative before games.**

**Enhanced Checking From Behind, Boarding,..... (Pilot for 3, 5, and 6)**

**State Tournament Assignments**

**Mike will be sending assignments out to supervisors.**

**AOS Attendance**

**253 and 52 were from MN. The symposium was an outstanding gathering of officiating minds. The presentations focused on great stories that can enhanced official's approach to the game.**

**The next symposium will be held tentatively in Providence RI.**

**Tier One and PHL Events**

**USA Hockey will no longer be providing officials for these events. MHOA is encourage to promote officials that are looking to get upper level experience.**

**Development opportunities will continue to be encouraged, but availability for the weekend has historically been difficult for some officials. Six officials are the goal for these events. Supervisors are encouraged to recruit perspective officials for these events. Out-state officials that are part of the 6 officials will receive room and mileage for the event.**

**MHOA Service Award**

**Mike Mooney will continue to run this program and will be sending request to supervisors in December.**

**Mr. Kemp was awarded the Chet Stewart award last season!**

**Kemp made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Swafford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Brian Thul*

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MHOA Secretary