



Minnesota Hockey Officials Association
2023 Fall Meeting
Thumper Pond Resort
September 23rd, 2023

- Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM by Tod Plackner, MHOA President.
- Minutes recorded by Brian Thul, MHOA Secretary
- Roll Call was taken by Brian Thul

MHOA Board Members

President-Tod Plackner Present
North Vice President-Nick Biondich Present
South Vice President-Mike Mannin Present
Secretary-Brian Thul Present
Treasurer-Kurt Hyster Absent
District 1 Supervisor-Paul Marshall Present
District 2 Supervisor-Jason Sturm Present
District 3 Supervisor-Matt Olsonoski Present
District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl Present
District 5 Supervisor-Ryan Szymanski Present
District 6 Supervisor-Dave Marcott Absent
District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen Present
District 9 Supervisor-Ryan Swafford Present
District 10 Supervisor-Mike Mannin Present
District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich Present
District 12 Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh Present
District 15 Supervisor-Mac Nelson Present
District 16 Supervisor-Ron Laituri Absent
WHAM Supervisor- Lisa Knutson Absent
Adult Hockey Association Supervisor (AHA) - Unfilled
MHOA Past President-Scott Kuhl Absent
USA Hockey RIC-Steve Tatro Present

MHOA Appointed Positions

MHOA Female Development Coordinator- Tina Elam Present
MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (North)-Emil Makinen Present
MHOA Evaluation Coordinator (South)-Unfilled
USA Hockey, MN District, Prospects District Development Coordinator- Skip Trumble Absent
USA Hockey Evaluation Coordinator-Bruce Carlson Present
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 Absent
MHOA Seminar Technical Advisor-Mark Verplaetse Present
Data Base Coordinator-Glen Toewe Absent
Game Report Coordinator-Ryan Swafford Present
Webmaster-

Guests:

Anthony Podominick

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1. Approval of Agenda,

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

2. Reports

Secretary-Brian Thul distributed the minutes from the Spring meeting via email earlier in the week for review, the group had no additions or changes. Chris Kavanaugh made a motion to approve the MHOA 2023 Spring Minutes and Paul Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Evaluations Report: Bruce Carlson

In the May Meeting with the National Evaluations Committee there seems to be a hiatus in the program due to technical issues with the webpage and the focus on the mentor program. Given the technical issues with the system the committee decided to return to paper evaluations. Supervisors can submit electronic forms on the old evaluation platform. Evaluators should hit SUBMIT and not SAVE.

There is a work around to the problem of new evaluators not having a log in could be that they share a log in and place their name in the notes section.

The evaluation and mentoring program should work in conjunction with each other.

Bruce distributed the evaluations notes page to the group.

Contact Bruce if you have any questions regarding the evaluations program.

Treasurer-Kurt Hyster

Kurt email the financial statement to the board for review and submitted the following bullet points for discussion and context. There was discussion regarding the difference between the two camp costs. The difference between is \$1205.00 between the camps. Tod will look at the expenses with Kurt and work with the directors to align the budgets. The group also discussed travel expenses for the state tournaments. Steve reinforced that seminar expenses should be held until the end of seminar season and submitted as one packet from each supervisor. Remember to include the point to point (home to seminar location) mileage from google maps for each mileage reimbursement request.

The board expressed support for the proposed budget.

MHOA Treasurer Report

Please find attached the Treasurer Report for the Period Sept 1st, 2022 – August 31, 2023

Notes for the Report:

- MHOA Dues Collected for the 2022-2023 season was \$11,866.46.
- MHOA received \$3000 grant from USA hockey which covered all the expenses for Camp 1 and \$453 of the \$3,752 camp 2 expenses. MHOA received \$1050 in camp registration fees
- MHOA Checkbook Balance is \$6,358
- NAPHL Hockey fund Checkbook balance is \$22,095
- Leslie Fund Took in a net \$3,225 of income and paid out \$2,409 in grant with a couple more still pending for a \$31,873 balance.
- Scholarship Golf Event we received \$4,075 from Hole sponsorships to date, Mike Mannin still has additional funds he is collecting and will report on this, Huge thanks to Mike for all his work on putting the event together! Scholarship fund paid out 2 scholarships (\$2000 each) this year

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and has a balance of \$10,761 plus whatever we finally earn from this year's event.

- Proposed Budget will be presented for final discussion and vote.

Thanks for all your efforts this year, any questions please let me know.

Please find attached the proposed budget for 23-24.

A couple of quick notes.

- 2023 Budget was \$18K – First year of MN Hockey collecting our Fee there going to be unknowns' amount of Fee we take in.
- 2023 – we started the year with a higher-than-previous years checkbook balance as a cushion
- 2023 we took in almost \$16K \$2K less than our budget.
- We spend \$19K which was still less than previous years, \$1K over our budget.
- In 2023 we only received \$3000 for a camp grant vs \$5000 in previous years.
- We had a higher Gift/flower payout in 2023 than previous years.
- I am proposing a \$17K budget for 2024.

Kind Regards,

Kurt Hyster
MHOA Treasurer
d6kurt@d6ref.com

Paul Marshall made a motion to accept the proposed budget for the 2023-24 season and Ryan Swafford seconded the motion. The Motion passed by voice vote.

Mentorship Report - Eric Olson (Reported by Tatro)

Steve discussed the reported events throughout the state. There seems to be a breakdown in the process where mentors are not accessing the link to record the mentoring event. Steve encouraged the group to utilize the Google Form to track mentoring events to better track and evaluate the effectiveness of mentoring throughout the state. Emil is the North Mentoring Coordinator and he shared that he utilizes the form and will continue to support the North Supervisors establish mentoring programs..

Steve explained the process for installing Google Form to your iPhone.

Incident Report – Ryan Swafford

Matt Leaf was the direct contact at USA Hockey regarding incident reporting. The IT concerns continue but there no changes in the system. We anticipate the same glitches as last season, but hopefully no new ones. Supervisors should continue to review reports as errors continue to occur.

About 90% of our games are in-house or recreation. Metro League will fall under the high school age group. Very few games are tier one. It is important that officials select the correct league when completing an incident report.

Supervisor Reports-

District One-Paul Marshall

First meeting is coming up this week. We will begin skating in November and we are excited for another season in District 1.

District Two-Jason Sturm

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Currently we have 144 officials and will be meeting October 2nd. Goals will be to cover games during the season. Any parent ejected from the rink will result in a one game suspension to the coach. The referees are instructed to follow the procedures in the handbook of talking to the coach first before removing the coach.

District Three-Matt Olsonoski

Completed our Level 1, 2, and 3 seminars. It would work better to have the ice at the end of the level one seminar. We have at least 30 new applications for the season. Matt asked of the group of what systems will be used? D2 will be using 2 official mainly, D5 both, D8 3 official, D11 3 official mainly, D12 2 official mainly. The group discussed different ways to pay officials and how pay structures differ across the state.

District Four-Scott Kuhl

District Five-Ryan Szymanski

3 new schedulers working on scheduling regionally. District will be charging premium rates on Holidays and special days. To support training we are running a scrimmage during a U10 game where we bring level 1 officials in to watch in the stands and then rotate different crews during the game.

District Six-Dave Marcotte

District 8-Paul Moen

We have have over 50 applicants and they must be mentored before going on the ice. We will be using the 3 officials' system. We have 22 junior gold teams within District 8. Paul appreciated the meeting hosted by Mike Mannin to align the districts within the metro area. Jeremy Hendrickson will be running our mentor program. Mentors will be assigned as a 3 man crew to provide a clear structure for supporting the mentor program.

District 9-Ryan Swafford

We have about 320 officials and about 50% are newer level 1 or 2 officials. D9 schedulers meeting will be next week. The D9 board is concerned with abuse of officials and will be strengthening the penalties within this area. Discrepancy between associations pay rates are being addressed by the D9 board. Mentor and Evaluations program are decentralized within D9 and I will continue to support these programs throughout D9.

District 10-Mike Mannin

D10 hosted our tryout and 17 potential officials attended and we hired 15 of them. Those 15 officials will be moved into our mentoring program. Mike distributed their new officials manual created by Kent Madsen. He offered to share the document electronically with anyone interested. Mike discussed hosting the upcoming DOS in Andover.

District 11-Nick Biondich

We are just beginning our season and seminars start tomorrow. We have hired a sub assigner to handle the turn backs to alleviate the pressure on the main assigner. We will be using the 3-man system for league games and tournaments when possible.

D11 will be contributing funds to support the mentorship program. Thank you to D11 for your support.

District 12-Chris Kavanaugh

We have begun the seminar season. Last year we saw a surge in our numbers and will be interesting to see what the numbers will be for this year. Our post season will be busy as we are hosting 5 regional tournaments and the Bantam A and AA state tournaments.

District 15-Mac Nelson

My biggest goal is to align our resources within our district to support the geographic area. Mike Diebold and Alicia Hanrahan will be running the program.

District 16-Ron Laituri

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WHAM-Lisa Knutson

AHA-Unfilled

North VP- Nick Biondich

I am here to support our group and will focus on growing the mentor program.

South VP-Mike Mannin

Mike will be attending the D2 meeting on October 2nd. Given the abbreviated seminars we need to continue to promote and utilize the mentorship program.

Standardized rates and times continue to be a topic and is now up to the officiating groups to decide if we want to pursue a more standardized approach to collecting fees before going to standardized rates. Directors agreed on standardized times but will not be implemented until the official’s group comes together regarding rates of pay.

USA RIC- Steve Tatro

Steve reported that we will be reimbursing seminar instructors at 5 instructors per seminar. This is only for LEVEL 1 seminars only. The IT Department at USA Hockey is going through major changes and the technical difficulties are very unfortunate. Steve thanked the board for their service and presented backpacks from the tenured officiating symposium a few years ago.

Officials must register early to make sure there is time to resolve issues.

President Report – Tod Plackner

Make sure you submit your expense reports to Kurt.

New rules: Fighting rule added a third step.

U8 Rules: After January 15th they can play up to 10 full ice games.

State Tournament Sites have been selected and will be held the weekend of March 15th.

Minnesota Hockey State Tournaments 2024										INQUET STATUS		
Level	Host Dist	Community / Association	Arena	Chairperson	Phone	e-mail	Alt. Email / C	Address	City	Zip Code		
BAA	12	Grand Rapids										
BA	12	Virginia/Rock Ridge										
BB	11	Proctor	St. Luke's Sp	Neil Hardy	507-993-383	neil_hardy@hotmail.com		704 Kirkus S	Proctor	55810		
PWAA	6	Shakopee	Shakopee Ic	Joel Klute/K	480-390-910	kim.conboy@shakopeehockey.com		13120 Inde	Savage	55378		
PWA	6	Shakopee	Shakopee Ic	Joel Klute/K	480-390-910	kim.conboy@shakopeehockey.com		13120 Inde	Savage	55378		
PWB	11	Cloquet	Northwoods	Justin Harrir	218-879-540	cloquethockey@hotmail.com		1102 Olymp	Cloquet	55720		
12UA	4	Marshall	Red Baron A	Ryan Stelter	507-829-221	stelter22@outlook.com		1651 Victo	Marshall	56258-2165		
12UB	10	Blaine	Fogerty Ice A	Thomas Ner	763-670-603	shraref113@gmail.com		9250 Lincol	Blaine	55434		
15UA	4	Fairmont	Martin Coun	Luke Ebeling	507-848-901	luke_ebeling@midco.com		1299 Hwy 15	Fairmont	56031		
15UB	10	Blaine	Fogerty Ice A	Thomas Ner	763-670-603	shraref113@gmail.com		9250 Lincol	Blaine	55434		
19U	10	Blaine	Fogerty Ice A	Thomas Ner	763-670-603	shraref113@gmail.com		9250 Lincol	Blaine	55434		
Jr Gold A	8	South St. Pa	Doug Woog	Michael Ahe	651-248-061	sspyha.tournaments@gmail.com						
Jr Gold B	5	Buffalo										
Jr Gold 16U	8	South St. Pa	Doug Woog	Michael Ahe	651-248-061	sspyha.tournaments@gmail.com						

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Tod thanked the board and welcomed Tina to the board. Please make sure to reach out to Tod if you have concerns.

MHOA Female Development Coordinator – Tina Elam

I am excited to join the group to grow female representation within the sport and advance female officials.
Goals: Connect with Tai Thorsheim regarding the summer camp and the best ways to support our officials
Seminars: Work with Lisa Knutson in planning female all-female seminars.
Working with supervisors to fill Girls State Tournaments.

Tina is excited to join and begin the journey!

New Business:

- **Seminar Logistics**

Given the level one seminars have changed. Mark believes that “pulling material” from the group will support the learning needs of the participants. If we push the information to the group you will finish quickly and this doesn't promote learning of the entire group. Suggestions of adding penalty signals and injuries was brought up for additional material.

- **Webpage review**

Remove the district pages.

- **Scholarship Awardees invited to MN Spring Meeting**

The group was updated on the request and information to come.

- **Scholarship Timeline**

Applications will be accepted until March 1st. Applicants will be notified by March 15th.

Brian update form on Webpage

- **MHOA Scholarship Golf Tournament (Classic at Maddens)**

24 teams participated and raised around \$9000.00 to fund the scholarships. Supervisors are encouraged to ask associations if they are interested in sponsoring a hole. Mike is looking for a replacement to take over the tournament. The board sends a huge thank you to Mike Mannin and Glen Hagberg at the Classic for their many efforts.

- **State Tournament Assignments (Host Sites) (Room Assignments)**

Kurt Hyster will be booking the rooms again for the state tournaments.

- **MHOA Development Camps**

Steve has stepped down as administrator of the MHOA camp. The board needs to appoint a position. We will develop a Google form as an application.

- **Leslie Fund**

There were 4 officials that were given grants from the fund. The executive board will serve as a committee to oversee the fund.

Old Business

Service Award: Timeline: March 1st and March 15th Brian will send the qualifications for the award.

MHOA Dues: Must be registered and paid to work post-season games in Minnesota.

The spring meeting will be April 12th-14th.

Motion to adjure the meeting by Kavanaugh and seconded by Sturm at 2:14 PM

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

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Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Thul
MHOA Secretary