



**Minnesota Hockey Officials Association
2018 Fall Meeting**

Maddens – Brainerd, Minnesota
Saturday, September 22nd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:45 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 Absent
District 1 Supervisor-Dennis Alm Present
District 2 Supervisor-Terry Thorsheim Present
District 3 Supervisor-Matt Olsonoski Present
District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl Present
District 5 Supervisor-Mike Mooney 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-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 Absent
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)

1. Approval of Agenda.

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dennis Alm and seconded by Terry Thorsheim. 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 Kuhl. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

2. Reports

Evaluations

Bruce handed out a summary of evaluations. There has been a substantial decline in evaluations since 2008 and 2014. In 2018 there were 470 evaluations completed compared to 1365 in 2008 and 709 in 2014. The board discussed that a few districts are completing their own form. The districts that are completing their own evaluations are urged to complete the USA Hockey Form on a minimal level so they are documented on the USA Hockey System. All the metro districts are receiving funds to support the evaluation program. Most of the out-state districts do not receive funds. Conversation involved the logistics of evaluating level 1 officials, requested 2's and 3's. If you need evaluators added to the system contact Bruce Carlson or Steve Tatro if unable to reach Bruce. Former officials are encourage to contact Supervisors if interested, but must be Safe Sport Certified.

Seminars

Mark presented the seminar materials to the group and answered any questions. The level 3 seminars in the metro will be completed within the next two weeks. There is discussion of possibly adding a later seminar, but officials should not count on this addition.

Xcel Seminar: 50 participants with 9 instructors. The MN Wild did a great job making the group feel welcome. The ice was at TRIA rink. The seminar was conducted earlier in the season this year and no Wild game that evening which may have contributed to the lower numbers.

MHOA Camps

Camp #1 MHOA Camp (Mike Mooney):

There were 12 participants in the camp which is a full camp. Campers did a great job working the 3 person system. There were 4 female officials at the camp. Ty Thorsheim, Tommy Albindia, Kelly Rolsted, and Rick Nelson instructed at the camp and their talents and effort are greatly appreciated.

Camp #2 MHOA Camp (Dave Weisjahn & Steve Tatro):

Steve Tatro presented on the camp. The camp was a huge success, but we continue to have a decline in applicants. The camp was under budget. Nick Biondich, JB Olson, Todd Anderson did a great job instructing at the camp.

Treasurer – Mike Mannin

Kurt distributed the treasurer’s report to the board via email. The board discussed the budget. Registration numbers are projected to be a little lower so the budget will be adjusted. The golf budget is higher than the cost of the events and will be adjusted. Lodging was discussed with the board and the board recognized MN Hockey for their support of lodging at state tournaments. The board decided to approve the budget by the end of November once the registration numbers were more solidified.

Mr. Kemp motioned to vote on the budget by the end of November once the numbers are more secure. Seconded by Alm. Passed by voice vote.

South Vice President – Dave Kemp

Dave is looking for a supervisor to host the mid-winter meeting on January 5th. Dave discussed the inventory of clothing and urged supervisors to claim items for the seminars. Dave thanked Stone Brook golf course on the behalf of the Leslie Foundation for their contributions and support of MHOA.

The Leslie Fund Balance is around \$23,000 and we received one request to attend Sled Hockey Camp.

North Vice President – Tod Plackner

Tod offered any support to the North Supervisors. They will hold a conference call in December.

Minnesota Referee-in-Chief - Steve Tatro

Steve distributed a financial sheet with all the Affiliates and explained how the funds roll over for three years. Minnesota is very close to balancing budget every year compared to other districts which can be running big deficits and surpluses.

USA Hockey is making major registration changes. Steve outlined the details of the Tenure Program for next season.

Background Screening: Steve submits requests every week; so officials will be cleared. Officials will not hear from anyone if they are cleared.

MHOA President – Mike Mannin

Meeting structure: How do we improve our meetings? Group discussed utilizing time for committee work during the spring and fall meetings.

C level State Tournaments were discussed during the summer meetings, but there are not changes at this time.

Coaches Game Misconduct rule was discussed at the summer meeting. Districts have been given latitude to set their own guidelines.

Wild will be highlighting two officials at specified games during the year. The officials wore their gear and skated out for warm ups with the NHL officials last year. Supervisors should send nominees to Dave Kemp.

Redistricting was discussed Friday evening where 3 options were presented. MN Hockey will continue to discuss this issue, but no proposal has been submitted. The board spent time discussing recruitment and retention of officials. Many on the board feel we need to commit to coming up with a strategic plan to address recruitment in certain areas of the state.

Committee Assignments-

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

Old Business:

MHOA Service Award – Update: The award will be placed at the National Sports Center. Supervisors are encouraged to continue to submit nominees to the committee for consideration.

New Business:

State Tournament Policy and Procedures Review

The board felt the new procedure went well and Dave Kemp offered to resend the policy if anyone needs the policy.

State Tournament Assignments

Assignments will be submitted in January to Supervisors.

Addition of Scholarship Committee

Mike is looking for people to serve on this committee. Dave Kemp, Eric Olson, Krissy Morrison, and Brian Thul stepped up to support this new initiative. Funds from the Madden's Golf Tournament will be used to support.

DOS Attendance

Attendance was low at the event in District 9. USA Hockey is discussing how to better promote these programs and possibly revamping the program.

MHOA Store

The site is up and running. There have been five orders so far after one week. Supervisors are encouraged to support the store at the upcoming seminars.

Tier One and PHL Events

MHOA is going to continue to assign these events. Mike Mannin is currently assigning the event and is looking for someone to take over the scheduling.

Guest/Traveling Evaluators (How to Pay)

MHOA mileage stipend would be provided. Bruce and Skip Trumble have said they are willing to start this program. The North Vice President and the South Vice President will work together to help coordinate this program.

Rec. League (District 1)

District One will be assigning the Rec. League. (Jim Smith)

Instructor Warm-Up Jackets

Dave stated that supervisors should email if they have new instructors.

Score Book Pages

MN has gone from a 4 copy scorebook to a 3 page score book. Officials are encouraged to take a photo of the score sheet if one is not available.

Seminar Posting Dates

Seminars need to be submitted by spring meeting.

USA Hockey Tenure of Officials

The board discussed the proposed system. The details of the program were outlined in the STRIPES Magazine. More discussion will continue at the spring meeting regarding this upcoming program.

Kuhl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alm seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 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