



**Minnesota Hockey Officials Association
2017 Fall Meeting**

Eddy's – Onamia, Minnesota
Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:40 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 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 Absent
District 9 Supervisor- Ryan Swafford Present
District 10 Supervisor-Jon Sass 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 Morrison 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
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

MHOA Camps

Camp #1 MHOA Camp (Mike Mooney):

We opened this camp to Females and Males this year to help fill unused opportunities. This camp was a great success! We had four females and two males attend the camp.

Sarah Moe District 9, Claire Cripps District 6 Sarah Buckner District 6, Kelly Lorenz District 11, Hunter Mottinger District 2, Dan Bell District 6

We started with four of our campers never working in a three official system. All dug in and were able to work the three official system on the first day. By the third day all were able to referee in the three official system.

Five of these officials were advanced enough to be recommended to work H.S. hockey this season and have been accepted into H.S. hockey officials associations.

We are finally getting a consistency in our instructors. Tai Thorshiem and Tommy Albindia are very good instructors and have committed to next year's camp. I would like to also thank Mary Frey, Kendall Markovic , Kelli Rolstad and Chelsea Ray for assisting.

I would also like to thank Mike Mannin from MHOA for coming up for a day.

We will start promoting next year's camp in December. Please help by identifying potential camp candidates. Total expenditures were \$2,577

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

Twelve participants were at the camp and it was great camp. Instructors were excellent and helped provide diversity in education. The reduction of campers (one no show and one left early) created some logistical situations. General discussion was had around the camp. North won the ice ball championship. The cost of the MHOA camp was \$2096 and was paid for by a grant from USA Hockey. The remaining \$404 dollars went into the fund to support other development.

South Vice President – Dave Kemp

January 7th, 2018 is the date of the winter meeting, location TBD. Send any ideas for location to Dave.

Supervisors if you need instructor jackets are needed please let Dave Kemp know immediately.

Brooke Hanson received a scholarship from the Leslie Fund for Sled Hockey Camp.

North Vice President – Tod Plackner

Conference call with North Supervisors will be scheduled in January. Supervisors please reach out if you need any assistance with seminars.

Treasurer–Kurt Hyster

Reports were handed out to those present by Kurt Hyster. Kurt went through the details of the report.

Steve Tatro has requested that all seminar expenses be submitted through him. All MHOA expenses go to Kurt Hyster. (Remember, seminar expenses are separate from every other expense).

Kemp motioned to accept the report, second by Kuhl , approved by voice vote.

2018 Budget

Kurt discussed the preliminary budget with the group and will be meeting with Mike Mannin to iron out the details based on recent expenditures and future income.

The 2018 budget will be passed via an email vote in early October.

Committee Assignments-

Ethics Committee: Skip Trumble (Chair), Paul Moen, Chris Kavanaugh
Registration Committee: Mark Verplaetse (Chair), Scott Kuhl, John Rice, Jon Sass
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
Nomination Committee: Eric Olson (Chair), Paul Moen, Dennis Alm

State Tournament Committee: Report was distributed by Dave Kemp. MHOA is committed to creating an outstanding experience for state tournament officials. The document distributed captured ideas to provide clarity and changes that could support the goal of having an outstanding experience. Officials need to continue to car pool to tournaments. The board discussed the idea of 3 or 4 crews at the state tournaments. There was an extensive conversation regarding the logistics. In the fall of 2014 MHOA passed the below policy:

MHOA will assign officials for six state tournaments: Bantam AA, Bantam A, Pee Wee AA, Pee Wee A, U15 and U12.

MHOA Board will vote on the revisions to the proposed document via email.

By-law Committee: Policy and procedures need to be separated from By-laws. The committee will look at areas that need to be change and present possibilities at the spring meeting.

Policy and Procedures Committee: Committee drafted a proposed document and shared preliminary ideas regarding job descriptions within MHOA. The committee is looking for feedback from all board members regarding these policies. The board discussed the need to keep policies and by-laws separate.

Minnesota Referee-In-Chief – Steve Tatro

Steve spoke about the upcoming season and the need to connect with members on a personal level. Creating relationships with our officials is the best way to keep them coming back. Seminar instructors should continue to build relationships and spend time talking about the steps and time required to be successful long-term in officiating. Developing systems that help connect new members with experienced officials will help grow capacity within districts.

Steve is no longer serving on testing committee; so feedback on testing should go to supervisors who will pass comments onto the national office.

Reminder to supervisors that all seminar expenses go directly to Steve.

MHOA needs to continue to promote the USA Hockey Development camps in the summer. These camps are outstanding opportunities for officials to develop.

President – Mike Mannin

Thanks to all the supervisors and board members for their efforts to lead MHOA. We will continue to grow and improve as an organization. Special thanks to all of our members for the time spent officiating the great game of hockey.

Webpage is being managed by Scott Johnson. All content will be managed by Scott so if you have any information that should be sent to Scott and Cc: Mike Mannin

Scott's Email: jaywir3@gmail.com

New Business:

MHOA Arbiter Site – Mike Mannin

We will be using a MHOA Arbiter site to assign big tournaments such as PHL and other major tournaments. The site fee is just over \$1,000 annually. MHOA officials will be collecting fees from these tournaments.

North American Prospects League Revenue Report – Mike Mannin & Kurt Hyster

Each Tournament will be generating roughly \$2,000 per tournament.

MN Wild Seminar – Mark Verplatsae & Mike Mannin

September 30th

We have over 100 officials signed up for the seminar. Officials will receive their level 1 seminar requirement. Meet the NHL officials and be able to attend the WILD Game. Class, lunch, and ice.

State Tournament Assignments – Mike Mannin will have district assignments to the supervisors by January 1st. Supervisors will have officials back to Mike by February 1st.

http://www.minnesotahockey.org/news_article/show/832167?utm_source=MN+Hockey+Newsletter&utm_campaign=4ba86edf29-MN+Hockey+Newsletter+9+12+2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b37c46ec5e-4ba86edf29-13673225

Guest evaluators – Tod Plackner spoke to the group about sharing evaluators between districts. This sparked

Status of Recruitment-Retention Coordinator Proposal – Nick Biondich updated the group regarding MN Hockey’s offer to help new officials. MN hockey is considering the proposal and is waiting for grant money.

Recreation League Coverage and Logistics – Mike Mannin discussed that local districts will cover the local rinks. This didn’t always happen last year. Mike will discuss with MN hockey.

Seminar Responsibility – Mike Mooney wanted to see where the districts are at for providing ice for seminars. The majority of the districts are providing ice for officiating seminars and view this as a good investment for developing quality officials.

Plackner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kemp seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 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