



Minnesota Hockey Officials Association
2018 Spring Meeting
Courtyard Marriot Hotel – St. Louis Park, Minnesota
Saturday April 14th, 2018

- Meeting called to order at 8:04 AM by Mike Mannin, MHOA President.
- Minutes recorded by Brian Thul, MHOA Secretary
- Roll Call was taken 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 Present
District 9 Supervisor-Ryan Swafford Present
District 10 Supervisor-Robert Erickson Present
District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich Absent
District 12 Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh Present
District 15 Supervisor-John Rice Absent
District 16 Supervisor-Ron Laituri Present
WHAM Supervisor-Krissy Morrison Absent
Adult Hockey Association Supervisor (AHA) - Brent Hansen Present
MHOA Past President-Eric Olson Present
USA Hockey RIC-Steve Tatro Present

MHOA Appointed Positions

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

Guests: Dave Weisjahn MHOA Camp Director, and Michael Kephart District 5 Official

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1. Approval of Agenda,

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

2. Reports

Secretary-Brian Thul

- The minutes from the fall meeting were distributed and corrections were provided. Motion to approve the 2017 Fall Minutes was made by Ryan Swafford and seconded by Dave Kemp. Minutes for the 2017 Fall Meeting were approved by voice vote.

Brian Thul briefed the board on an omission to the 2017 spring minutes had a clerical omission regarding the by-law vote. Brian Thul explained the omission to the group and asked for a motion to reapprove the minutes with the addition of the vote on the updated by-laws. A motion to approve the addition to the 2017 Spring Minutes was made by Chris Kavanaugh and seconded by Mike Mooney. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Evaluation- Bruce Carlson

Evaluations increased 3% from last year. We still have room for improvements. 111 of the level 1 officials were evaluated last year. 120 level 3's were evaluated which we need to look at differently. We have to switch our focus to our younger officials. District 2 is using their own evaluation program and they are not recognized in the data base. 20 level four officials were evaluated and some of these officials were evaluated multiple times. District 16 had more evaluations done that were not entered into the data base. Mr. Laituri will worked to correct this issue.

Discussion involved ways to increase evaluation numbers especially in the rural areas. Payment of evaluators is a concern and supervisors are working with districts to secure funds. Matt Olsonoski suggested we work with our veteran officials who are evaluators to do on-ice evaluation with our new officials in lower-level games. Bruce is willing to work with supervisors to help the evaluations fit with their local programs.

Seminars- Mark Verplaetse, Seminar Coordinator (Electronically submitted)

Seminars:

In Minnesota, we conducted 76 seminars with 2180 attendees. The number of seminars is more than the number of seminars conducted last year. I expect that we will continue this many plus or minus seminars in the following year due to the numbers of officials and how geographically dispersed the Minnesota District is. To make our registration process and attendance process less cumbersome, next season I will be creating separate seminars for Level 1 and Level 2, even though they will be held together. It will be a little more work on the front end, but a lot less administrative work on the back end.

We conducted a late seminar in December with 27 attendees, fewer than we expected. I sent out over 200 invitations. I don't expect to make a habit of the late season seminars, but will be open to having one should the need arise. Having said that, I think it would be a good idea to contact our local associations and have them inform their 'in-house' officials of the registration requirements and seminar times. This may avoid us having to schedule a late seminar at the last minute.

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On-Line Seminars: Generally, the online seminars were much better received by the officiating community, but many officials still feel that it is a waste of their time. The online seminars are here to stay, and we can expect continued improvements.

I worked on a committee to review all online seminars. I reviewed all Level 3 seminars, and my critiques were incorporated into the online content.

There was word earlier this year of some streamline registration requirements, including on line requirements, coming for next year. We will be awaiting word on this from Matt and Don.

Another challenge is making sure that every official completes the on-line portion of the seminar. This is very difficult to regulate since it is done on an individual basis. Some numbers:

2396 registered officials in Minnesota in 2017-2018. Of these, 411 did not complete all of the registration requirements. (332 Lev 1, 46 Lev2, 30 Lev 3, 3 Lev 4). So, we had 1985 completely registered officials. It appears that the biggest reason for the incompleteness was not finishing the online seminar. 375 did not complete the online portion. (311 Lev 1, 36 Lev 2, 22 Lev 3, 2 Lev 4). There were 216 registered as an official, but did not attend a seminar. Some numbers:

Level 1 – 993 registered officials, 311 did not complete the online seminar, 212 of these failed to complete their open book test. 332 did not complete all the registration requirements. 661 completed Level 1's requirements this season, 67% completion rate. This is slightly less than last year, definitely not good enough.

Level 2 – 436 registered officials, 372 completed online seminar, 36 did not complete the online seminar, 30 no open book exam, 13 no seminar, 2 no Safe Sport. 390 completed all registration requirements (89 are complete as L1 and 301 are complete as L2), 46 did not. 90% completion rate.

Level 3 – 880 registered officials, 868 completed online seminar, 22 did not complete the online seminar, and 850 completed all registration requirements (242 are complete as L2, 608 are complete as L3). 97% completion rate. Level 3 closed book test had a 72% pass rate this year, down about 20% from last year. This is not the results I expected.

Level 4 – 83 registered officials, 81 completed the online seminar, 2 did not complete the online seminar 97% completion rate, however only 53 completed and passed all Level 4 requirements. 19 completed at L3 and 11 completed at L2.

It is alarming that 31% of the registered level 1 officials did not complete the online portion. I know that we stressed this in our seminars, but perhaps we did not stress this enough. I feel that because 332 level 1 officials did not complete the registration requirements, will result in few returnees for next year. I believe that recruitment and retention is on our agenda.

Out of 2396 registered officials, we effectively had 1985 complete the registration requirements or 83%.

Minnesota Wild Seminar. We were pleased to be working with the Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Hockey to deliver a Level 1 Seminar this year. The Seminar took most of the day at the Wild headquarters on September 30. We had an awesome staff and the seminar went well. Hats off to the following instructors: Mike Diebold, Gerry Heinen, Kendall Hanley, Paul Marshall, Tommy Albindia, Mark Arriola, Alicia Hanrahan. The NHL officials spent about 45 minutes with us.

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Some lessons learned: While this was a Level 1 Seminar, and we expected this to be open only to younger officials, we did have about 13 adult officials attend. Frankly, we did not account for this in our registration process. We expect to limit attendance at this seminar to 19 year olds and under. Another item that we need better coordination with is the registration process. Since the Wild need to charge 25.00 to cover the lunch and ticket to the game, they required that registration be set up with them. That created a gap in the USAH registration process, where I had to enter all 93 attendees by hand. We'll be working on this during the summer.

We expect to be conducting a Level 1 seminar in conjunction with the Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Hockey again but will probably be at the Tria rink. We are expecting 100+ attendees. Attendees will receive lunch and tickets the game that night. We are working on a Q&A with the officials for that game too. Many details are still being worked out. Stay tuned!

2018 seminars: Please lock down your seminar requirements, dates and times, as soon as possible and provide them to me. All seminars must be entered into the USA Hockey system prior to August 1. I'll enter them as soon as I am allowed. I'll prepare seminar materials over the next few months and hope to have ready by our fall meeting. We'll be looking forward to any registration requirement changes from USAH and I'll do my best to incorporate by our fall meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Verplaetse

USA Hockey Officiating Program Seminar Coordinator, Minnesota District

Discussion: The group discussed what MHOA currently had for projectors and iPads for seminars. Eric Olson will be compiling current list of equipment and provide a needs assesement.

Treasurer-Kurt Hyster

Kurt Hyster distributed the financial report to the members. Kurt went through the budget in detail and members asked questions regarding the budget. Currently we have just over a \$10,000 balance with camps and other state tournament expenses to still be paid. MHOA Board is committed to keeping the dues at \$10.00 which is significantly lower many other affiliate fees across the country. The money from the NAPHL One Hockey has helped to stabilize the budget and allow for some investment in equipment and training.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Dave Kemp and seconded by Eric Olson. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Incident Report-Ryan Swafford

Ryan briefed the group on the incidents over the past year and provided an extensive report to the group. Below is the overview of the report which contains multiple tabs and categories. Fighting was the number one reported incident at the bantam level. There were several players with multiple reports and one coach with 4 incident reports. Supervisors are encouraged to have conversations with their District Directors about players and teams that are repeat offenders.

Conversation revolved around the Central District not using the incident reporting system and how do we know when MN players are involved in situations in the Central District? There are situations where players and coaches were not in the database from those other districts. Steve stated that this is a concern at USA Hockey as well and hopes there is resolution in the near future.

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Mark V. and Ryan need to continue to develop education materials that promote a more consistent message for our seminars and provide clear direction on reporting incidents.

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Incident Report Totals	3565	2821	684	733	855	916
Match Penalties (Coach)	2	3	3	5	6	7
Match Penalties (Player)	50	37	30	29	33	43
GM (Coach)	87	85	69	66	60	72
GM (Player)	592	694	529	571	688	717
CFB – GM	171	193	135	123	127	134
CFB – Match	1	0	1	1	0	3
Boarding – GM	71	105	100	65	79	80
Boarding – Match	2	0	0	0	0	0

Count of Player/Coach Penalty Assessed

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Game Misconduct	174	207	199
Major Penalty	46	62	69
Major Plus Game Misconduct Penalty	452	539	590
Match Penalty	34	39	50
Team 15 Penalties	5	8	8
Grand Total	733	855	916

Submitted By:



Ryan Swafford
MN District Incident Report Coordinator

State Tournament Reports:

- **Junior Gold A, B and 16U, Fogerty Ice Arena** – Mike Mannin and Robert Erickson

Games in the JRG A & B were done with the 4 officials system. Supervisors were happy with the way the system was conducted. Cost can be an argument for using this system, however money was saved by not using goal judges during 4-official games. Supervisors believe this is the best system for this level and support using the 4-official system moving forward for state tournament play.

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JRG 16 Crews from 3, 8, 10, 10
JRG B Crews from 1, 2, 8, 10
JRG A Crews from 1, 2, 6, 10

D-8 worked the Championship
D-8 worked the Championship
D-2 worked the Championship

- **15UA Ron Laitiri**

Thief River Falls hosted the 15UA Girls State Tournament this year and everything went smoothly. Games were very competitive and officiating was very good. No complaints from fans or coaches and the host rink was fabulous.

- **19UB, Terry Thorsheim**

District 2 hosted the U19B Girls State Tournament at St. Croix. There was a very nice banquet on Thursday night. There were 5 games played during the weekend. I suggested to Mike Mannin that the U19B State Tournament be attached to either the U15A and B State Tournaments or the WHAM State Tournaments. A lot of work goes in to setting up and running a state tournament. A single five game state tournament is a waste of resources.

- **Bantam AA & A: Matt Olsonoski and Ryan Swafford**

District 3 hosted the BAA/BA state tournament at Minneapolis Parade Ice Garden. The event was a great success. The host association invited our entire officiating staff to the International Market Square to take part in the player's banquet. The event was fun and incident free with Osseo/Maple Grove BAA and Edina BA winning the state championships. A special thanks to Ryan Swafford for assisting over the weekend.

- **Bantam B and PeeWee B: Mike Mooney**

District 5 hosted two state tournaments this year, Bantam B and Pee Wee B. Both tournaments were well played and we had no creditable complaints concerning the officiating. Due to both tournaments being in the B classification D5 officials covered all 15 officiating slots. I have listed the officials below.

Bantam B

For the most part the games were competitive and well played. Edina White edged St. Paul in a 3-2 overtime win on Friday. After their close game on Friday Edina cruised through their next two games with wins over Moorhead Black in the semis and Osseo-Maple Grove to claim 2018 Bantam B State Championship. Congratulations to all the participants.

Pee Wee B

Scoring was plentiful during the opening round on Friday; we had 35 goals scored during Friday's games. This made the games fun to watch. Edina Green dominated this tournament with a 7-2 win over Stillwater on Friday, 4-1 victory over Lakeville South on Saturday and outscored Farmington 7-2 for the Pee Wee B State Championship. Congratulations to all the participants.

I would like to thank Scott Kuhl the D4 Supervisor of Officials for spending the weekend in St. Cloud to assist with the supervision of the two tournaments. Michael Kephart also assisted on Saturday and Sunday. Also I would like to thank Mike Mannin for stopping by on Saturday to support our officials. Steve Tatro stopped by Friday morning but needed to leave for Bismarck before any officials took to the ice.

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D5 hosted a dinner for all the officials and supervisors Saturday night at Anton's. I would like to thank all the on ice officials listed below for working hard and making our decisions for assignments difficult on Sunday.

Pee Wee B

Jeff Carlen, Cole Van Halbeck, Tom Hanson, Mike Kellogg, Adam Smiglewski, Brad Reuter

Bantam B

Gavin Jocelyn: Referee, Jacob Prior: Linesman, Mitchell Girard: Linesman

Lane Glaser: Referee, Dom Clements: Linesman, Wyatt Hahn: Linesman

John Manthei: Referee, Jeff Linna: Linesman, Lewis Mrozek: Linesman

Brad Reuter and Gavin Jocelyn's crews officiated their respective State Championship games.

- **Peewee AA/A:**
- **12UA Dave Kemp and John Rice**

Tournament was at Eden Prairie with the banquet being held at the Marriott Southwest Hotel on Thursday night. This was also the hotel where the crew from District 4 stayed.

Utilizing the three-man-system, Districts 3,4,6 and 8 provided officials. We also used goal judges and the District 6 Referee's Association supplied these. I received a positive response from all of the officials regarding the MHOA provided key chain and would strongly recommend that we continue with this practice. The referee's association also provided hats and towels to all of the officials and goal judges for their participation.

Overall the games were good and the crews did a great job. Formal evaluations were completed on every official on Friday. The following is the listing of assigned games for Sunday:

Consolation - District 4 (Centennial vs. Proctor-Hermanntown)

Third Place - District 6 (Apple Valley vs. Eagan)

Championship – District 3 (Andover vs. Edina)

I would like to thank John Rice for his assistance throughout the tournament. He did have to miss his daughters Archery Tournament but Mrs. Rice did keep us both updated on how she was doing while supervising this tournament.

- **Girls 15UB, Dennis Alm**

U15B State tournament was held at Woodbury. All crews were from district 8 and were pre-scheduled in advance. I was unable to attend the banquet due to a work commitment, Paul arranged a replacement who addressed the coaches and managers. We had no issues thru out the tournament with coaches, players or parents. We had a lot of minor penalties called in the tournament and one game misconduct.

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The officials thought the key ring gift was a very nice gesture from MHOA and thanked us for doing it. Woodbury had no hospitality room for any team, officials which I thought was a little disappointing. Since the tournament was pre-scheduled I did not do any formal evaluations, however I did give some advice on mechanics on position and signals as they were not using USA standards.

- **Girls 12UB, Paul Moen**

THIS WAS REALLY A DIFFERENT LEVEL TOURNAMENT. A BANQUET WAS HELD BY FIVE OF THE TEAMS, THREE TEAMS DID NOT WANT TO HAVE TO PAY FOR AN EXTRA NIGHT AT THE HOTEL WHICH IS REASONABLE. A COACHES MEETING WAS HELD AT THE BANQUET AND AT THE ARENA FOR THE 3 TEAMS THAT WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE BANQUET.

ALL GAME OFFICIALS WERE FROM DISTRICT 8 AND MANY WERE REALLY OVER QUALIFIED, BUT THEY WERE NOT BOTHERED. WE HAD 6 OT GAMES. SENDING A CREW HOME ON SUNDAY WAS NOT A PROBLEM, IT WAS ALL EXPLAINED PRIOR.

ATTENDANCE WAS GREAT AND ALL OFFICIALS WERE HAPPY WITH THE MHOA GAME FEES. STILLWATER HAD TWO TEAMS IN THE TOURNAMENT AND STILLWATER RED WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP. THEIR COACH WAS THE ONLY PROBLEM DURING THE TOURNAMENT. HE IS ACTUALLY A FORMER PLAYER OF MINE SO IT WAS PRETTY EASY TO INFORM HIM TO SHUT UP.

- **Minnesota District U18 and U16 Tournament:**

Blaine hosted 4 teams on each side, played to determine who would go to Nationals. 18 officials worked one game each. Jon Sass was used as a Supervisor. Shattuck won the tournament. There was one Match Penalty during the tournament. Level 4 officials were used with the exception of 4 level 3 officials.

Supervisors Reports

- **District 1 Supervisor-Dennis Alm**

District 1 covered 379 games this season with 63 officials. We have increased our numbers this season which is a positive for us! The district continues to add squirt numbers which is good for the St. Paul-Minneapolis inner city programs. The Jr Gold program has also been a positive as they want the 4 man system utilized. We have had a handful of issues with that level last season which is less than previous years. Most of those issues were simply the age of the players and lack of maturity.

Our outdoor squirt tournaments continue to have a great deal of support from the surrounding communities in participation. The rec league continues to grow in numbers and had very few issues this year. The biggest area that needs to be addressed is the officials from other districts who want to work these games, as USA hockey states we are all independent contractors and can accept assignments from any local group they wish. We also need to get the game fees similar to comparable district rates as this is a consideration of acceptance for these games.

We had our first official attend a Wild game - Anna Muccio was very appreciative of this opportunity and enjoyed it tremendously. We sent two groups to the Jr Gold state tournaments which is first in many years, although they did not work Sunday they appreciated the opportunity.

Evaluations did not happen, our evaluation staff are working other districts, high school and college. I asked the Rec league to consider funding an evaluation program next season which is being considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Alm

- **District 2 Supervisor-Terry Thorsheim**

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District 2 Officials officiated 3167 games in 2017-18. That number is down 35 games. The breakdown is 1426 league games, 895 tournament games, 599 scrimmage games, and 247 games for Playoff/Region/JG Playdowns/State. There were 1530 official turnbacks/declines. The D2 assignors had an extraordinarily hard time covering weekend games on November 17-19 and from January 12th through February 11th. The problem is a saturation of tournament games plus the unavailability of officials mostly working elsewhere. District 2 needs to review the number of tournaments and add a large number of officials at all levels. We ended the season with 135 officials on the roster.

District 2 used the 4 official system for the Junior Gold A and B levels for the fourth straight season. The Metro League utilized the 4 official system for the Playdowns this season at the A and B levels. Reports from players, coaches, and fans were very favorable. The officials were very happy that some very good hockey was actually played and flare-ups were rare. The 4 official crews also helped the assignors by doubling the number of qualified officials available. District 2 4 official crews were also used at the Junior Gold State tournaments.

The District 2 Mentoring program again turned out some young officials with great potential. We have moved many young officials up quickly into upper level games. It has become apparent that these newer officials have all the skills needed but they lack the mental and emotional seasoning that working a lot of games at all levels can give them. We are considering slowing down the fast upward movement of newer officials through the levels in favor of developing a strong foundation at each progressive level. District 2 evaluated 33 officials this season. The referee association is committed to increasing that number by a factor of 2.

The problem of outrageous spectator behavior is increasing at an alarming rate. There were many more spectator ejection reports filed by District 2 officials this past season. The behavior of coaches and players has deteriorated even more as evidenced by reading the game reports this season. Even players at the U10 level acted like the WWE according to the game reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thorsheim
Supervisor of Officials
District 2 Hockey

- **District 3 Supervisor-Matt Olsonoski**

District 3 covered 3574 games an increase of 121 games or 3.5% over 2016/2017. We used 127 officials. We brought on 26 new officials to our association, 21 first year officials and 5 with varying levels of experience. We are currently accepting applications for new officials and have begun training 6 new officials during spring league hockey. Our Board of Directors and evaluation staff did 95 formal USA Hockey evaluations and 35 on-ice mentorship during the season. At this time, over 80% of all of the officials working with BHRA, Beltline Hockey Referee Association, have been evaluated. Our continuing goal is to evaluate every official on roster at least once every 3 years.

District 3 officiated the Junior Gold "A" level was officiated with the 4 official system this season with good results, and the District along with the Metro League has requested we expand this to the Junior Gold B level next season.

USA Hockey incident reports were down slightly from last season with a big reduction in fan behavior issues, which is good. Our group did however see a large increase with abusive of officials at the 10U level this season. We plan to rewrite of coaches presentation for the mandatory coaches meeting to address some of these issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

Matt Olsonoski
District 3
Supervisor of Officials

- **District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl**

767 games officiated using 101 officials.

1 Match Penalty for Kicking

1 Referee Suspension

Quiet Post Season hosting only the South Region 12UB

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Kuhl

Supervisor District 4

- **District 5 Supervisor-Mike Mooney**
Assigning

We assigned officials to 2245 games, which equates to 4996 slots. This is a reduction of 128 games and 244 slots from last season

Playoffs

We had a successful playoff season. We worked two very busy weekends of D5 Playoffs. We also hosted four Minnesota Hockey Regional Tournaments, Bantam AA, Bantam A, Bantam B and the Pee Wee B tournament, and we hosted the Minnesota Hockey Bantam B and Pee Wee B State Tournament. All these tournaments were officiated by D5 Officials. We also sent a crew to Duluth for the Pee Wee AA State Tournament. The officials working the state tournaments are listed below.

All tournaments were competitive with some great hockey.

Bantam B

Gavin Jocelyn,	Referee
Jacob Prior,	Linesman
Mitchell Girard,	Linesman
Lane Glaser,	Referee

Pee Wee B

Jeff Carlen
Cole Van Halbeck
Tom Hanson
Mike Kellogg

Pee Wee AA, Duluth

Travis Hanson,	Referee
Kendall Markovic,	Linesman
Nathan LaBorde,	Linesman

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Dom Clements,	Linesman	Adam Smiglewski
Wyatt Hahn,	Linesman	Brad Reuter
John Manthei,	Referee	
Jeff Linna,	Linesman	
Lewis Mrozek,	Linesman	

Brad Reuter and Gavin Jocelyn's crews officiated their respective State Championship games. Our Pee Wee AA crew in Duluth was chosen to officiate the State Championship game. Congratulations to all these officials!

Official of the Year

Once again we chose three officials, one from level 1, 2 and 3 for the Officials Of The Year. We attended the St. Cloud State Huskies vs. Denver Pioneers game on February 24. The Director Of Officiating for the NCHC, Don Adam, allows our officials to interact with the NCHC Officials that evening. The NCHC Officials could not have been more kind to our crew, they spent about 45 minutes, prior to the game, answering questions and talking about officiating in general and then we met with them after the game for a recap. A special thank you to Don, Commissioner Fenton Supervisor Schmitt and the entire crew for their hospitality.



From L to R NCHC Lineman Elliot Bucholz, D5 Supervisor Mike Mooney, D5 Level 3 Official Of The Year Lewis Mrozek, D5 Level 1 Official Of The Year AJ Smiglewski, NCHC Supervisor Mike Schmitt, D5 Level 2 Official Of The Year Billy Braun, NCHC Referee Tom Sterns, NCHC Linesman Brandon Schmitt. and NCHC Referee Brad Shepherd.

Incident (Game) Reports

The players and coaches in D5 had a total of 48 Incident Reports written against them during 2017-2018 season.

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This compares to 52 Incident Reports last season. Our average is trending higher over the past few seasons our current average for the last six seasons is 41 reports, as you can see the last two seasons have increased our average exponentially.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Mooney
Supervisor Of Officials D5 MN Hockey

- **District 6 Supervisor-David Kemp**

Game Totals

- Total district games – 4504 (last year – 4587)
- Scrimmages – 795 (last year – 745)
- Tournaments – 1506 (last year – 1832)
- League – 1969 (last year – 2010)
- Play-Offs – 234
- We are not suffering from lack of officials, we were close to 185 officials on the roster again this year
- 15UA American & National Region Tournaments @ Minnetonka and Pagel Arenas
- PWAA Region Tournament @ Victoria

Incident Reports

169 incident reports received thru District 6

2 reports filed against spectators (d6 parents)

District 6 has a Supplementary Discipline Committee which meet every two weeks. Players are required to attend the next scheduled meeting if they are assessed a major for fighting or a match penalty(there is a minimum three game suspension when assessed a fighting major which involve another district 6 team, either in league or tournament play). Coaches are required to attend the meeting if they are assessed a game misconduct for abuse of officials or 15 team penalties.

The committee meet with 38 players and 14 coaches during the 2017-18 season.

2018 USA Hockey Seminar

October 6th, 2018

8:30am

Rosemount Community Center

Level 1 & 2

- **District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen**

WE HAD A LITTLE OVER 4200 GAMES DURING THE SEASON. D8 HELD DISTRICT PLAYOFFS AT 7 DIFFERENT SITES AND 5 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS ALONG WITH 2 STATE TOURNEYS. WE OPERATE WITHABOUT 250 OFFICIALS, ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THESE ARE YOUNG KIDS STILL PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR GOLD OR BANTAM HOCKEY.

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THIS SEASON WE HAD AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF COACHES GAME MISCONDUCTS ALONG WITH OVER A 100 GAME MISCONDUCTS TO PLAYERS. Somehow we have to slow this down on coaches or we won't have any officials left to work. The abuse the officials have to take is not worth the problem, especially when you have a family. Then if an official makes a comment which might be out of line, we are condemn. In D8 it is mandatory for any coach that receives a game misconduct to appear in front of our board. We had 16 appearances. Plus we had three coaches come in front of us because the officials were young and didn't know exactly how to handle the situation. I heard about it and made them come in front of our board. Retention will not take place with coaches willing to rip young officials apart.

So as an District 8 association of officials, we are setting up mandatory meetings for all D8 officials if they plan on working D8. Three meetings at different areas due to our district size. I have plenty of seminar instructors that are not being used by USA Hockey to run these and are very capable. The instructors being used at the Wild seminar, are not our best instructors. Our target will be on game reports. My officials are terrible on filling these out. I know we had more failures than anyone else in MHOA on the L3 test. This will be targeted also. Plus, how to handle coaches.

Lastly, we are asking our D8 board to operate game EJ's at all levels for coaches and players. Also to limit tournaments thru out the district. We are very over worked on Saturdays with a lot of our better officials working High School and College.

Paul Moen
Supervisor of Officials
District 8

SUBJECT: GREAT 8, 2018

I WANTED TO TAKE A MINUTE TO INFORM YOU ALL ON THE 2018 GREAT 8 TOURNAMENT. THIS IS MADE UP OF 4 TEAMS OF SENIOR PLAYERS AND FOUR TEAMS OF 18U PLAYERS (PLAYERS THAT ARE TOO OLD FOR THE 17 PROGRAM AND HAVE ANOTHER YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.

GREAT HOCKEY. SOME OF THE STATES BEST. THE TEAMS PLAY A ROUND ROBIN WITH THEIR LEVEL AND ON SUNDAY THEY CROSS OVER AND PLAY THE OTHER LEVEL. THIS YEAR, THE TEAM OF 18U FROM HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONS 7/8 WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

OFFICIALS CAME IN FROM DISTRICT 15, 10 AND 8 PLUS A TEAM FROM THE WCHA. COACHES WERE VERY SATISFIED WITH ALL THE OFFICATING WHICH IS USUALLY THE CASE. EACH OFFICIAL REFEREE'S AT LEAST ONE GAME AND LINES 2, WITH ONE OFFICIAL REFEREEING TWO. FOUR GAMES.

ID LIKE TO THANK MIKE FOR ATTENDING AND SEEING WHAT OUR OFFICIALS DO. ALSO KURT FOR THE TIMELY PAYING OF THESE OFFICIALS AND LODGING FOR THE GUYS THAT NEED LODGING. TED BRILL ALWAYS SAID, THE WINNER OF THIS WAS ALWAYS THE BEST OF THE BEST, WELL THE OFFICIALS COULD BE INCLUDED IN THAT.

THANK YOU

PAUL MOEN

- **District 9 Supervisor-Ryan Swafford**

District 9 had another great season. We enjoyed working a little over 3000 games, and assigning around 300 officials to 6800 positions/slots for the season. D9 hosted 3 Regional Tournaments, all went well.

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- **District 10 Supervisor-Mike Mannin & Robert Erickson**
3587 games assigned

We had 119 active members, up 20 from previous years.

20 officials worked over 100 games, and 73 worked over 50 games.

Awards:

Rookie of the year: Joe Bennek 107 games, 0 declines and 3 turnbacks

Official of the year: Dave Weisjahn 131 games, 2 declines and 0 turnbacks

Mentor program with the NCHC : Nick Klepinger, and Jonah Bergstrom

Six officials were out with season ending injuries.

- **District 11 Supervisor-Nick Biondich-2017 MHOA Spring Meeting District 11 Report**
- **District 12 Report: Supervisor-Chris Kavanaugh**

Overall a good season. Good numbers but most are level 1 and a lot did not completely register. Became a real problem for state tournament assignments and D12 was not able to fill opportunities for the Bantam A. Emil stepped up and developed a plan to initiate evaluations throughout the district. A total of five match hearings last year including one assault of an Official. A challenge we need to address is identifying mentors in some of the associations where adult referees are lacking.

Chris

- **District 15 Supervisor-John Rice**
- **District 16 Supervisor-Ron Laituri**

*District 16 registered 178 officials this season and 147 were complete.

*10 Seminars, 8 for 1-2 and 3 for level 3

*28 total game reports

*14 Evaluations completed

There were a very minimal amount of complaints this year. One parent felt like a game misconduct call at the end of a game was not warranted and a coach felt like a game was not called very well early in the season. Both situations were brought up through an email to District Supervisor Mark Elliot, investigated by Ron Laituri, and dealt with quickly. Mark Elliot continues to do a nice job making sure that teams and coaches are held accountable for their actions.

The evaluation process will be the focus next year in District 16. This process has basically been nonexistent at the formal level in the past and I am in the process of having an evaluator in each community to evaluate officials to

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help improve the quality of officiating and retention rate. The process was piloted this year in Bemidji and went very well. I look forward to improving this throughout the summer and having a firm process next year with the help of the district.

- **WHAM**
- **Adult Hockey Association (AHA), Brent Hansen**

Overview

Adult hockey leagues that are registered with USA Hockey in Minnesota (excluding WHAM) are the MN Wild League and the Adult Hockey Association (AHA). Each of these leagues host multiple programs throughout the entire calendar year. Both leagues offer various levels of play based on skill ranging from true beginners to former pro and collegiate players. These various levels of play require officials with varying skills and abilities which allows for a good opportunity for official development.

Game Totals

- MN Wild League – 2215
- Adult Hockey Assoc. – 2003
- **Total - 4218**

The 4218 total games played were officiated by 144 registered USA Hockey officials

Officiating Growth and Development

The MN Wild League saw a 24% growth in officials from 55 to 68 in the past 6 months. The AHA saw a 21% growth in officials going from 63 to 76 over the past year. These growth rates can be attributed to a couple of factors. First, there has been a number of new adult-aged officials that registered with USAH with the initial intent to work adult games over the past few years. Additionally, the MHOA assisted by sending out an email and posting a notice on the Minnesota Hockey website informing officials that both leagues were offering additional officiating opportunities. There are currently no official development programs set up within each league. However, just like the youth districts, newer officials are paired up with more experienced officials and set up to work in lower skill level games where they can get practice and guidance in a slower paced game situation. There have been discussions about setting up mentoring and evaluation practices using USA Hockey's current evaluation system, but this has not been implemented yet.

Game and Incident Reports

There was a total of 88 game misconducts and 5 match penalties issued between both leagues. Unfortunately, I do not have enough historical data to be able to say if this is a decrease or not from previous season. A number of the GMs can be attributed to an additional rule that the AHA has implemented where **any** 5-minute major becomes a major + game misconduct. This was done to help reduce the amount of overly aggressive physical play that often results in major penalties, as well as to help reduce fighting within the league.

The match penalties break down as follows:

- Kicking - 1
- Attempt to Injure – 2
- Racial slur – 1
- Abuse of officials - 1

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Brent thanked the MHOA Board for their efforts to recruit officials. This has helped recruit new level 1 officials to the sport. We host one seminar for the Adult League and there are officials that only do adult hockey only and others work multiple levels.

- **North Vice-President: Tod Plackner**

December conference call discussion involved unregistered officials and how to create a system that manages this problem. Tod will be working with the supervisors and MN Hockey to address this serious issue.

- **South Vice-President: Dave Kemp**

Mid-Winter Meeting

Reports were given on the following:

- Reviewed State Tournament Assignments
- Last Chance Seminar
- Evaluations
- Incident Reports/Score sheets
- National and MHOA Spring/Summer Camps
- Leslie Scholarship Fund
- MHOA Scheduled Games
- Recreational League

MN WILD Youth Hockey Referee Spotlight

- October thru March
- One male and one female per month
- Meet the game officials working the game
- Participate in the pre-game on ice activities
- Receive two game tickets
- Participants were from Districts: 1,3, 5, 6, 8, & 10

Bill Leslie Fund Update

- Currently Fund is at \$22,000.00
- District 6 golf tournament – June 15th @ Stonebrooke (1pm shotgun start)
- Registration Information <https://www.d6ref.com>
- Golf Passes available for 25.00 for eighteen holes including cart (on-line registration) at Stonebrooke. All proceeds go to the Leslie Scholarship fund. Brochure Available - Contact Dave Kemp

MHOA Clothing Inventory

<u>INSTRUCTORS POLO SHIRTS</u>						
<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>X LARGE</u>	<u>XX LARGE</u>	<u>XXX LARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
22	7	15	9	3	4/28/11	
22	5	12	7	3	4/18/12	
21	2	10	6	3	8/18/13	
21	2	8	6	2	8/27/13	

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21	0	7	4	2	8/29/13
20	0	6	4	2	4/30/14
20	0	5	3	1	9/18/16
20	0	5	3	1	4/2/17

FLEECE WARMUP PULLOVERS/FRONT ZIP

<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>X LARGE</u>	<u>XX LARGE</u>	<u>XXX LARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
13	5	2	4	0	4/28/11
13	1	0	2	0	4/18/12
12	1	0	2	0	4/20/12
12	0	0	1	0	9/14/12
10	0/8	0/10	1/8	0/8	6/26/13
8	0/8	0/10	1/8	0/8	8/12/13
7	0/5	0/9	0/8	0/8	8/18/13
7	0/3	0/6	0/8	0/8	8/27/13
7	0/0	0/6	0/6	0/8	8/29/13
5	0/0	0/0	0/5	0/8	4/30/14
5	0/4	0/4	0/5	0/8	12/10/14
5	0/3	0/4	0/5	0/8	4/19/15
4	0	0	3	8	9/18/16
4	0	0	3	8	4/2/17

TAN MHOA SHIRTS

<u>SMALL</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>X LARGE</u>	<u>XX LARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
4	0	11	13	0	4/28/11
4	0	10	12	0	4/18/12
4	0	9	11	0	4/20/12
4	0	9	8	0	8/27/13
4	0	9	7	0	4/30/14
4	0	8	7	0	4/19/15
4	0	8	5	0	9/18/16
4	0	8	5	0	4/2/17

BLUE MHOA VESTS

<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>X LARGE</u>	<u>XX LARGE</u>	<u>XXX LARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
0	6	0	0	0	4/18/12
0	6	0	0	0	4/30/14
0	6	0	0	0	9/18/16
0	6	0	0	0	4/2/17

GRAY MHOA CAMP T-SHIRTS

<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>X LARGE</u>	<u>XX LARGE</u>	<u>XXX LARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
12	12	12	6	0	4/28/11
8	6	12	6	9	5/1/11
8	6	12	6	9	4/18/12
8	1	6	6	9	5/19/12
8	1	6	6	0	4/30/14
8	0	6	6	0	4/19/15
8	1	0	2	0	9/18/16
8	1	0	2	0	4/2/17

SUPERVISOR JACKETS

<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>	<u>X LARGE</u>	<u>XX LARGE</u>	<u>XXX LARGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
0	14	14	3	2	9/16/16
0	8	2	1	0	9/17/16

SUPERVISOR SPORTS COATS

<u>40</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>DATE</u>
			1(s)	1®	4/13/18

- **MN District RIC: Steve Tatro**

Registration: 2398 people registered with USA Hockey to become an official. 1996 completed the registration process. The completion rate decreased from 84% last year to 83% this season. The marginal completion rate, mostly level 1 officials, can be attributed to on-line requirements (Safe sport, On-line seminar modules, and Open Book Exam). Another factor to include is the 21 people that registered to become an official when there were no more Minnesota seminars to attend. Not sure why they proceeded when they were warned there were no more Minnesota seminars available. Minnesota was better than the national average by 4% and this issue is being addressed at a national level. Overall registrants are up 2% percent from last season (50 officials). Nationally the registration rate was up by 2.2%. We are still experiencing shortages in out-state areas.

Seminars: Local seminars numbered 73 with 2297 attendees. The number is higher than last year even though many experienced MN officials got seminar credit from a District Officiating Seminar or ODP Junior Camps. 143 officials did not attend a seminar despite holding a late season seminar in December to try and capture those officials. Multiple e-mail notifications were sent out, but only 22 attended.

Evaluations: From the new web-based reporting, about 17% (344) of our completed officials were formally evaluated this season. This is a 3% increase from last season. A total of 453 (+70) evaluations were performed.

Mentoring: The Mentoring program remains a great teaching tool. This program puts a seasoned official on the ice to guide new officials, not to call the game for them but to instruct them in positioning and in some cases, advise them of the penalty situations. At the end of the game, the mentor spends time with the officials on how to improve.

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Physical Assaults: There was one “Attempt to do Physical Harm to Officials” this year. This issue seems to be cyclical in nature from season to season, never exceeding a high of five.

Injured Officials: We had 4 incidents of injury that required medical claims to be filed. These claims were not of a serious nature (broken legs, hip, and rotator cuff).

Game Reporting: The implementation of the national game reporting system had very few problems in its fourth year. Most issues with the system were user generated and quickly resolved. The game reporting system sends alerts to administrators when a player has reached the threshold of rule 411 of aggressive infractions. Ryan Swafford of district 9 is the Minnesota administrator and continues to do a fantastic job.

International-College Tournaments: Minnesota officials are well represented in International competition. To date we have 12 officials licensed to work International competition. We are also well represented at the Men’s and Women’s D1 and D3 Collegiate levels.

National Tournaments: This year we will have 46 officials from Minnesota working National Tournaments. This is 28 more than last year due to Wayzata hosting the High School Nationals. I was assigned to supervise the High School at Plymouth and the Boy’s Tier 2 18U Tournament in Green Bay, WI.

Development Camps: Six officials will be attending the Western Instructors Camp in Colorado. The Men’s Futures camp, High Performance Camp, and Women’s Futures Camp will also have representation. The selection process is still not complete for those camps. As always, we will hold the MHOA Camp. This is the 27th year of this camp. To date are 7 applicants for the 12 slots available. This camp is the most popular development program and continues to be the “Gold Standard” for officials to reach the next level of their officiating career. I want to thank MN Hockey for the resources it provides. The MHOA Women’s camp will be held again with Mike Mooney of district 5 coordinating the logistics. It will be held in conjunction with the MN HP15 Girl’s festival in St Cloud. Also, all of our female officials are encouraged to work games during the Girl’s U18 USA Hockey player development camp in St. Cloud (July 15-21). They will have the opportunity to work high level hockey and be supervised during each game. There continues to be an abundance of opportunities for officials to develop and deepen the Minnesota officiating talent pool.

Officiating Development Program: The twentieth season of the Junior Officiating Development Program under the leadership of Scott Zelkin gets stronger every year. This program continues to oversee officiating assignments in the USHL and works closely with Mark Faucette (SPHL) and Chris Allman (NAHL) in coordinating development and identification of prospect officials at the Junior, Collegiate, and pro levels of play. Minnesota currently has 40 officials working in this program. Our relationship remains strong and it creates the crowning step in the development process for our officials. Also, many Minnesota officials were identified to work games and receive evaluations at NAPHL showcase events in Blaine. This complements the existing development camps or programs that may not be a good fit for the grass root official who serves as the foundation of our officiating ranks.

Education, Registration and Project RODEO: Project RODEO (Rebuilding Officiating Development Education Opportunities) continues to evolve. More on-line courses have been added, and a committee to look at streamlining the registration process and increase retention has been established. This committee has now submitted legislative proposals to be ratified in order to implement registration changes and new fee structures.

Screening: This past fall every Minnesota official registered with USA Hockey (Complete or Incomplete) who was 18 or older prior to Jan 1, 2018 was screened through MN Hockey. We also took this a step further and were able to import that data into USA Hockey’s national database as some of the other affiliates currently do.

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Summary: Minnesota officiating remains stable and strong and I have no doubt we will implement strategies to increase our registration completion rate. I want to thank our local supervisors, evaluators, mentors and assignors. I anticipate many accomplishments for the 2018-2019 season.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Tatro, Referee-in-Chief

Discussion Notes:

MN District hosted a high school national tournament at Plymouth and the event was well run. 48 Minnesota officials worked National Tournaments, 37 were at Plymouth. Steve supervised the 18U's in Green Bay, there were 31 incident reports.

This summer we are submitting legislation to change registration requirements which would impact 2019 requirements.

There is a pilot program in the Atlantic District where registration goes from May 1st to April 30th.

Players who receive a match penalty are not allowed to officiate until their Match Penalty is resolved.

Screening: All officials that are 18 and over are screened. Officials are screened every other year.

- **President's Report: Mike Mannin**

NAPHL assigning was a success, and they have asked us to do the assigning next season as well. Three events at this time. We also assigned the OneHockey event that puts a big burden on officials from all districts. If we decide to do this event going forward, we will have to have some stipulations.

All HP/Tier1/Model camp games in the Metro are being assigned on the MHOA Arbiter as well. This has been working well, and the funds from MN Hockey are coming in a timely manner. This has taken the burden off the local supervisors. With all of the other hockey out there, it can be a struggle to get games filled. We do need more quality officials on the roster. Let me know if you have anyone that can be promoted to work in the 3-person system as a referee and a linesman.

Fall meeting set for Sept 22nd in Brainerd at Breezy Point. I am in discussions with MN Hockey to put the room fees for both the spring and fall meetings in the MN Hockey budget. Presently they only cover rooms for the spring meeting.

Proposed New State Tournament rates:

			2019, 2020, 2021	Previous
Level	System	Game Fee	Officials Fee	Game Fee

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Jr. Gold A&B &16	Four-Official	\$290.00	(\$80-\$80-\$65-\$65)	\$230.00
Jr. Gold A&B & 16	Three-official	\$205.00	(\$75-\$65-\$65)	\$190.00
U19B	Three-official	\$205.00	(\$75-\$65-\$65)	
Bantam A/AA & B	Three-official	\$195.00	(\$75-\$60-\$60)	\$180.00
Girls 15UA	Three-official	\$195.00	(\$75-\$60-\$60)	\$180.00
Peewee A/AA	Three-official	\$165.00	(\$65-\$50-\$50)	\$160.00
Girls 12UA	Three-official	\$165.00	(\$65-\$50-\$50)	\$160.00
Peewee B	Two-official	\$130.00	(\$65-\$65)	\$120.00
Girls 15UB	Two-official	\$130.00	(\$65-\$65)	\$120.00
Girls 12UB	Two-official	\$130.00	(\$65-\$65)	\$120.00
Sr. Women	Two-official	\$90.00	(\$45-\$45)	\$90.00

Proposed HP/Tier1/Model Camp pricing for fall 2018 through the spring of 2020:

Level	2017	Fall 2018-Spring 2020
14 Two Person		\$122.00
Girls 15	\$136.00	\$156.00

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Boys 15	\$136.00	\$156.00
Girls 16/17	\$161.00	\$186.00
Boys 16/17	\$161.00	\$186.00
HP18	\$176.00	\$196.00
Great 8	\$176.00	\$191.00
HS Girls	\$176.00	\$191.00
HS Boys	\$176.00	\$191.00
Tie 1 Finals	\$205.00	\$211.00
Model Camp	\$146.00	\$156.00

Level	Ref	Lines	Lines	Fee	Total Fee
14 Two Person	\$58.00	\$58.00		\$6.00	\$122.00
Girls 15	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$6.00	\$156.00
Boys 15	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$6.00	\$156.00
Girls 16/17	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$6.00	\$186.00
Boys 16/17	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$6.00	\$186.00
HP18	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$6.00	\$196.00
Great 8	\$70.00	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$6.00	\$191.00
HS Girls	\$70.00	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$6.00	\$191.00
HS Boys	\$70.00	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$6.00	\$191.00
Tie 1 Finals	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$6.00	\$211.00
Model Camp	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$6.00	\$156.00

Single game fee of \$10.00 per official			
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Sit around fee \$20.00 per official			
Parking fee \$10.00 per official for (Ridder, Mariucci, Tria, Xcel, etc)			

Respectfully,

Mike Mannin

Old Business:

MHOA Service Award Location: Mike Mannin and Mike Mooney will work with the Super Rink to find a permanent home for the award.

New Business:

- Policy & Procedures: Board discussed the proposed documents. Sup
The board approved the
State Tournament Game Assignment Policy

The following state tournaments will utilize four crews from across the state as assigned by the President of MHOA. One crew as selected by the on-site supervisor will work games only on Friday and Saturday.

Junior Gold A, Bantam AA, Bantam A, Pee Wee AA, Pee Wee A, 12UA, 15UA

The remaining state tournaments will utilize three or four crews from the host district. If this becomes a burden for the host district, out of district crews maybe used when limited travel is involved (no lodging or stipend).

Junior Gold B, 16U, Bantam B, Pee Wee B, 12UB, 15UB

- **Dress code for officials will be Business Professional**
- **On-line evaluations will be conducted on all officials**
- **If Possible Crew(s) will not work their home district teams.**

State Tournament Stipend and Mileage Policy

Officials who travel a minimum of 75 miles one way:

- Lodging
- 50.00 state tournament stipend
- Mileage re-imbusement (**\$ 0.25 per mile**)

Officials who travel a minimum of 50 miles one way:

- 50.00 state tournament stipend
- Mileage re-imbusement (**\$ 0.25 per mile**)

Officials who travel less than 50 miles one-way:

- 0.00 state tournament stipend
- No Mileage re-imbusement (local district may subsidize)

Supervisors:

- Lodging if necessary

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- 75.00 state tournament stipend
- Mileage re-imbusement (**\$ 0.50 per mile**)

All Hotel Expenses Must Be Submitted To The MHOA Treasurer ASAP!

All Mileage and Stipend Expenses Must Be Submitted To The MHOA Treasurer!

A motion by Kuhl and seconded by Liteiri to approve the mileage and state tournament policy. Motion passes by a voice vote.

- MHOA Store:

The Board is committed to working with a vendor to supply apparel at cost to members. The store will be posted on the MHOA webpage.

- MHOA Development Camps:

Currently there are 15 applicants for Camp 1 with 13 paid and 10 for Camp 2. The board worked to complete the rosters for each camp. Applicants for each camp will be forwarded to Dave Weisjahn for scouting books.

- Affiliate Fees: MHOA Board Members appreciate USA Hockey's efforts to collect our fees. USA Hockey is committed to making sure our fees are being spent appropriately. MHOA Board members are committed to spending the funds responsibly. Funds can be carried over for a period of three years. MHOA will continue to collect \$10.00 per official for our affiliate fee.
- Development and the North American Prospect League (NAPHL): Skip Trumble

The primary purpose of the USA Officiating Program is to develop official. Whether their goals are to progress to higher levels of the game, (Junior, NCAA, Pro, IIHF, etc.) or to become a better official in our local associations or District there are programs available to those who wish to reach the top of their game. In Minnesota those opportunities are District officiating Seminar, MHOA Camp and now the NAPHL. We did a little with the NAPHL this past season but would like to be better in the 2018-19 season.

There will be 3 events next fall and the goal is to give an opportunity to 18 officials, 6 for each event to work and be evaluated. I will assign one evaluate to each event who will see each official at least twice on the weekend, once as a referee and once as a linesman. The supervisor will consult with the officials between periods, when necessary and after the game, to provide feedback and education to each official. Currently we have 3 Supervisors willing to give a weekend to these events. JB Olson, Steve Tatro and Skip Trumble, anyone who has interest in spending a weekend at the Super Rink is welcome to contact me.

I do have a current list of 75 potential officials for the development portion of the NAPHL and that list grows each year with attendees of the MHOA camp. The ideal would be to have 18 new officials each year and not recycle officials who have had the opportunity in the past. We will give 2nd opportunities to past officials if needed to complete a development staff. What I am asking of each of our local Supervisors is to provide names and contact information for any official that you think would benefit from the experience. Officials will need to be available for all days of the event in order to make the opportunity valuable.

The Supervisor for each event will rate each of the officials in similar fashion to the USA Hockey NAPHL program. Rated A, B or C, and a brief comment on each official. Once reported to me I will relay the information to the Supervisors of the Districts participating in each event.

Each official will work a 3 or 4 games per day and will benefit from the supervision as well as being paid to work the games. The NAPHL will provide hotel rooms to outstate officials but there is no mileage or per diem available. This is an excellent opportunity for younger officials to make strides toward higher level as well as an opportunity for older officials who give back to the program and just want to work some higher level games.

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Skip sent the proposal to the supervisors and presented the plan to the board. Historically USA Hockey had covered these games and stipends for the events. Skip wants the board to consider budgeting money for per diem and mileage for these events. These events are 3-4 days and the cost of the stipends would be \$600.00 per tournament Officials outside of 75 miles would receive .25 cents a mile roundtrip. Supervisors would receive \$100 a day not to exceeded \$200 a day.

BrianThul made a motion and Dave Kemp seconded to cover the cost of 6 stipends per day at the cost of \$25.00 per day, mileage for officials outside of 75 miles would receive .25 cents a mile not to exceed one roundtrip per official. Supervisors will receive \$100.00 per day not to exceed two supervisors total per day for the PHL development opportunities.

Motion passed by voice vote.

- Instructor Warm-Up Jackets: Dave updated the board on inventory of instructor's jackets. Dave Kemp will work with Kurt to order jackets for the new instructors and to replace worn out jackets.
- Update Minnesota Seminar Staff List: Mark Verplatse will work with the supervisors to update the list.
- Proposed Rule Changes for MN Hockey Handbook: Clarification was given on goal judges. Goal judges are optional for state tournament play. Clarification was given on the policy of using level 2 officials at state tournaments. Conversation regarding a proposed Bylaw change in MN Hockey to allow video and audio recordings in discipline hearings.
- Recreation Leagues: District 1 will assign officials for the Recreation League and Dennis Alm will supervise.

Chris Kavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry Thorsheim seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:16PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Thul

Brian Thul
MHOA Secretary

Elections of officers:

Nomination Committee brought one nominee forward Dave Kemp for South Vice-President. Eric Olson asked for other nominations three times. No other nominations from the floor.

Dave Kemp was elected as the new MHOA South Vice President on a white ballot.

Nomination Committee brought one nominee forward Brian Thul for Secretary. Eric Olson asked for other nominations three times. No other nominations from the floor.

Brian Thul was elected as the MHOA Secretary on a white ballot.

Nomination Committee brought one nominee forward for Treasurer. Eric Olson asked for other nominations three times. No other nominations from the floor.

Kurt Hyster was elected as the MHOA Treasurer on a white ballot.