



**Minnesota Hockey Officials Association  
2020 Fall Meeting**

Zoom Meeting 7:00 P.M.  
Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM 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- Paul Marshall Present  
District 2 Supervisor-Mark Arriola Absent (Excused D-2 Meeting)  
District 3 Supervisor-Matt Olsonoski Present  
District 4 Supervisor-Scott Kuhl Present  
District 5 Supervisor-Michael Kephart Present  
District 6 Supervisor-David Kemp Present  
District 8 Supervisor-Paul Moen 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-Craig Tietz Present  
District 16 Supervisor-Ron Laituri Present  
WHAM Supervisor-Krissy Langley Present  
Adult Hockey Association Supervisor (AHA) - Brent Hansen Absent  
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 Present

**1. Approval of Agenda.**

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

**Secretary-Brian Thul**

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

**COVID update:**

MHOA COVID Policies Document Discussion. Many districts have created their own document that aligns with the MHOA Document. Supervisors stated that the document is helpful in guiding their groups and working with the districts.

Things are different throughout the country. Some Eastern States have stricter policies and so it is critical we continue to use good judgment and be responsible regarding the current COVID Policies.

Two officials for all levels, until district playoffs as of now. In January the policy will be revisited by the MN Hockey Board; so supervisors can plan on maintaining two officials through December and into January.

Two coaches on the bench is the current guideline from Minnesota Hockey.

Officials will report any violations regarding COVID policies to their district referee supervisor. District supervisors will report to the designated district personnel for follow up discipline.

The high school league and coaches' association are meeting this week to work on plans regarding the current season. Officials will need to be USA Hockey registered to work any U-19 hockey if that is what is decided.

**Treasurer Report:**

Kurt shared a detailed overview of the budget. Highlights include a transfer of funds to the newly created MHOA Scholarship Fund. Currently MHOA is on solid financial ground.

Our 501C3 is filed and waiting the approval of the federal government.

Reciprocity conversation, MHOA will require any out-state official who plans on working a state tournament or attending a camp to pay MHOA dues. Districts can require out-state officials to pay the dues to work games in their districts.

KEMP made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Kavanaugh seconded. Motion passed.

**Seminars:**

Mark Verplatse reported that 59 seminars scheduled so far and we are planning on adding more to meet the needs of officials who register later in the season. Mark covered the need to rehearse the seminar with the other presenters. It is important to make all the instructors cohost. There was a power point shared explaining the details of the virtual seminars. Overall Mark and Steve are very proud of the work instructors are doing in creating an engaging experience for our officials.

**RIC Report:**

Steve reported that there is conversation at the national level to revamp the evaluation system. This work will be done in committee.

Mentor Program: State Mentor Coordinator is a position that Steve Tatro is seeking applications from dedicated individuals interested in fulfilling this important leadership role within the MN District.

Thanks for all the hard work on the seminars! I am very proud of all our instructors!

**President Report**

Mike Mannin reported that the 2019-20 Checking From Behind Pilot program failed to move forward. MN Hockey board voted to not continue the pilot program this season.

MN Hockey board voted to increase the penalty for Fighting: Any fighting penalty will be a 5 minute major + three games. The second fighting major assessed to the same player will be a season suspension.

Officials will not be penalizing coaches for COVID violations this will be handled by the district leadership. Officials will notify their district supervisor who will contact the appropriate district personnel of any COVID related violations.

We will be issuing our first two scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Officials interested should go to the MHOA Webpage and send completed scholarship information to Brian Thul

State Tournament assignments will change slightly due to regional tournaments moving and the state tournaments staying in the same locations. Mike will notify supervisors of these changes in January.

MHOA Service Award: This award will continue again this year and supervisors will receive communication from Mike Mooney and or Brian Thul.

**Committee Assignments: 2020-2021**

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

Registration Committee: Mark Verplaetse (Chair), Scott Kuhl, Craig Tietz, Bruce Carlson, Dave Weisjahn

Rules Committee: Paul Marshall( Chair), Mark Arriola, 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, Paul Marshall

Scholarship Committee: Mike Mannin (Chair), Brian Thul, Eric Olson, Krissy Langley, and Dave Kemp

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kemp and seconded by Olson. Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM.

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