

WSOA General Membership Meeting Minutes 10/20/2008

Call to Order at 7:00pm

Welcome and announcements by Scott Oeffling, President West Suburban Officials Association.

Introduction of Board Members

Scott Oeffling, President

Rick Ragan, Vice President

Bill Breeden, Secretary

Brandon Geyen, Treasurer

Jeff Carlen, Scheduler

Kris Moran, Tom Luckin and Darren Glur, Members at Large

Mike Mooney, District 5 Supervisor of Officials

WSOA is focused on developing young officials and improving seasoned veterans. This requires a focus on **consistency** in our officiating, **hustle, hustle, hustle**, and **appearance**.

The WSOA board of directors has adopted the following policy relating to appearance.

The West Suburban Officials Association will require all officials level 2 and above to wear all black referee pants (no stripes) when officiating games for WSOA.

District 5 information by Doug Kephart, Director Minnesota Hockey D-5

District 5 will be using the RinkWriter system at select locations this season to improve on the quality of score sheet received by the district. The associations volunteering to use the system this season are: Litchfield, Hutchinson, Willmar, St. Michael-Albertville, and Sartell. District 5 is helping these districts financially to support the implementation of this system.

What does this mean for officials? There will be a printer located at each of these rinks and the official will be required to sign a hard copy of the score sheet before it is sent in to District 5.

All persons involved with youth hockey should act in a professional manner both on and off the ice.

As officials, it is important to be able to communicate effectively with different personalities.

Treasurer's Report: Brandon Geyen, Treasurer WSOA

During Last season WSOA took in roughly \$60000 and paid out roughly \$60000 in expenses. The net change in the balance in the accounts was \$64 due in part to our income from the volunteers that worked the US Pond Hockey Championships.

Checks will be printed 4 times during the season with the first payment being made in the middle of December 008.

All members will be required to complete a W-9 tax identification form to be kept on file with WSOA prior to receiving the first paycheck of the season. This will be used if there is need to send a member a 1099 income statement for Tax purposes at the end of the calendar year.

Go to <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf> to access an on-line fillable PDF form. Fill in your name, address and social security number. Check the box that says Individual/Sole Proprietor. You must print out the completed form, sign and date it, and send it to WSOA using one of the methods listed below. (See secretary's report)

Secretary's Report: William Breeden, Secretary WSOA

You must send a copy of your 2008-2009 officiating card to WSOA before receiving games beyond November 30th 2008. This is when your previous year's card will expire. You can do this using one of the options below.

Scan and e-mail: williamb@stma.k12.mn.us or jscarlen@lakedalelink.net

fax: 1-630-635-4110

US postal Service: WSOA
PO Box 572
Buffalo, MN 55313-0572

Please Verify that all the contact information listed for you on the Arbiter is correct. If there are any mistakes, please fix them so we can get you your pay check.

Supervisor of Officials Report: Mike Mooney, District 5 Supervisor of officials.

If you want to officiate any post season games (district and regional playoffs or state tournaments), you must fill out an application and send it to Mike. The application can be found at <http://district5.pucksystems2.com/page/show/53400-officials-page>.

Game reports and incident reports can be found at <http://mhoa.us>.

Fill out game reports for game misconduct penalties

Fill out incident reports for any **bench minor given to a coach** or for any inappropriate behavior not worthy of a game misconduct by a coach or a fan.

Remember to conduct yourself in a professional manner both on and off the ice.

Scheduler's Report: Jeff Carlen, Scheduler WSOA

Print a roster of officials at the beginning of the season so you have the phone number of every official in your bag in case of any emergencies. CALL JEFF ASAP if your partner does not show for a game.

Put a picture of yourself on the arbiter to help others identify you at the rink.

2008-2009 Budget Report: Darren Glur, Member at Large WSOA

Member Dues will increase to 6.5% this season.

Each association will pay WSOA \$4 per game scheduled with their association. (an increase of \$2 per game over last year.)

The scheduler will receive a \$1 per game pay increase for his time in scheduling officials.

The Treasurer will be paid a flat \$500 for the extra time necessary to print/sign checks and completed necessary tax information.

We will not have the \$1700 income from the US Pond Hockey Championships we had last year.

Mentors will be paid \$10 per game for their time.

Evaluators will be paid \$10 per evaluation for their time.
Board Members will be paid \$10 per meeting for their time.

Official Development Coordinator's Report: Rick Ragan, Vice President/ODC WSOA

Please accept mentoring positions when they are given to you. It is in all of our interests as officials to help develop our younger officials.

There are 7-8 evaluators. The goal is to evaluate every official twice per season. Last year we performed 199 evaluations. E-mail Rick Ragan if you feel you need to be evaluated.

On-Ice Official Clinic: Hosted by District 5

December 7th, 2008, 2:15pm at Buffalo Civic Center
Required for all first year officials and strongly recommended for second year officials.

First year officials will receive a new whistle for attending this seminar.

Non-Checking Classifications: Kris Moran, Member at Large WSOA

Remember, it is non-checking, not non-contact. This statement goes a long way with coaches.

According to the Standards of Play, a person is allowed to use their size, speed and balance to maintain their space. This may require body contact. You must interpret the intent of an individual when determining if a body check has occurred. You can get a good feeling for this by watching the eyes. Are their eyes on the puck or on the body of their opponent?

Pre-Game Duties: Tom Luckin, Member at Large WSOA

Be considerate of co-ed locker room situations. If you are working with an official of the opposite gender, give them their time to change without being in the room.

Talk with your partner before the game. This is a good way to get help each other and bring about consistency within the game. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing about a call. Looking it up is a great opportunity for both of you to learn the rule book better.

What should you do if you partner is not at the rink at least 10 minutes prior to game time?

1. Call your partner. Maybe they are walking in the door.
2. Call Jeff Carlen (The scheduler). Do not call a buddy to come work the game with you. They may have the level, but not the experience to work that game.
3. If you can't reach Jeff, call Scott Oeffling, Mike Mooney or Rick Ragan as they have access to the schedule and can find a replacement.

If you are going to be late, call your partner, or call the arena and have them notify your partner.

ON-ICE: Talk with the coaches as per District 5 procedures. Introduce yourselves to them.

Wrap up: Scott Oeffling, President WSOA

Brief Question and Answer period

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm