

# **AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## **January 4, 2010**

The following were present at the meeting: John Dunne, Terry Stasica, Pete Humann, Jack Raslawski, Bob Saliba, Don Allord, Andy Kokosa, Mike Mullally, Sjoukje Brown McCudden, Laura Johnson, Ken Michel, Randy Jacobs, Doug Becht, Bill Gomolinski and Paul Jakubowski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Mullally. Minutes from November 2, 2009 and December 7, 2009 were reviewed, discussed and accepted with one word changed in the November minutes.

### **Girls-Sjoukje Brown McCudden**

Sjoukje talked about the Tiering Criteria Proposal for Girls. The draft should be distributed to all Directors next week. As a member of the Female Long Term Athletic Development Committee for USAH, Sjoukje explained that the Girls Committee will discuss eliminating the U-12 Girls National Championship in 2011.

### **Announcements**

AHAI is looking into conducting a Tier II Midget Major Showcase either March 19-21 or April 2-4. Missouri has agreed to participate and share expenses. Andy Kokosa is chairing this committee.

Congratulations to AHAI HS Chair, Terry Stasica for another successful Blackhawk Charities Tournament. Special thanks go out to assistant Tournament Supervisors: Maddy Rossobillo, Ken Michel, Rich Becker, Doug Becht, John Dunne and Don Allord.

The AHAI Committee to Review the 2 Choice Rule will meet again on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 8PM.

AHAI is considering restructuring the High School Chair position: one Chair with an event Director for each event (Combined Team Approval, Blackhawk Charities Tournament, Showcase Tryouts, Showcase GM, All-State Selection and Game and the HS State Tournament).

Team Illinois has moved its entire operation from the Edge Ice Arena to the Leaf Center.

In the wake of the tragic death of a Leafs hockey players' Mother from a brain aneurism during a game at the Addison Rink the question has arisen about mandating Defibrillators in ice rinks. It was noted that at least one rink has refused to accept a donated defibrillator for liability reasons. Mike suggested talking to USAH and STAR to see what their involvement/policy is on this subject. Bill Gomolinski suggested AHAI investigate exactly how many ice rinks in IL do not have these devices and that would be interested in acquiring them. He went on to suggest that AHAI look into purchasing them at a reduced rate and reselling them at cost to the rinks.

The AHAI Hall of Fame Dinner will be January 31, 2010.

President Mullally related that the Ice Cube in South Bend, IN is an affiliate club with the Chicago Blackhawks and as such is interested in initiating a Minor Hawk program. Discussion followed as to AHAI's possible Minor Hawk grant money there and it was

agreed that this would best be represented by the USAH Central District in conjunction with the USAH Mid-Am District.

### **Discussion Topics**

Checking from Behind will be re-emphasized to all organizations in regards to the injury suffered recently to Anthony Luka. Jack Raslawski will send memo to all IHOA officials; Doug Becht will do an emailing to all AHAI Club Presidents/Hockey Directors through the ACE Program and Mike will publish a letter in ILLINOIS ICE. This topic will also be stressed more in future coaching clinics to all coaches. This message needs to be heard not only by referees and coaches, but most importantly by the players!

Discussion on the ADM and the next steps to be taken were tabled to the February Board meeting as was any discussion and action on the A-2 programs.

Laura presented the following (they were all applied for before 12/31/09) for roster adds to:

Peoria Notre Dame-Jacob Schweiter to Varsity; Hawks-Keenan Corrigan to BA3; Huskies-Ricky Wolfe to Mid Min NAPHL; Marist-Matthew DeStafano as BUG to Varsity and Goalie to JV; Skokie-Nick Barbara to Midget Majors; Northern Express-Scott Victor & Robert McCabe to Midget Minors; Sabres-Stason Ludwig to Midget Major NIHL; Bruins-Wiley Lauerman to BA 3 as BUG; JCA- Shaine Muha & Lucia Plyer to JV; Peoria-Chris Sichak, John Cassidy & Jacob Schwieter to Midget Majors; Cary Grove-Matt Panko to Varsity; Mt. Carmel- David Kudrow to JV; ELS-Philip Garza to JV; TI-Luke Sandler to Midget Major; Champaign-Garrett Rice to PW AA; TI- Jarrod Hanson to Midget Major. These players were all approved by E-Votes but are presented now to be introduced into the minutes.

Bill Gomolinski made a motion to allow the 2 Nylander boys (who are moving back into town) to be added to the Mission pending approval from USAH. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Jacobs and was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski  
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