

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 2, 2009

The following were present at the meeting: Kevin Bolger, Bob Saliba, Pete Humann, Mike Durkin, Laura Johnson, Rich Becker, Jack Raslawski, John Dunne, Doug Becht, Jim McGlynn, Mike Mullally, Terry Stasica, Sjoukje Brown McCudden, Jack Weinberg, Bill Gomolinski and Paul Jakubowski. Tom Michon and Sara Bolen from NWHL and Mike Glynn from NIHL were also in attendance.

President Mullally called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. The minutes from the February 9, 2009 meeting were accepted. The Treasurers report was discussed and accepted. Mike thanked all of the IHOA referees that worked all level State Tournament games for a job well done. He also made note that Match Penalties have always been and will continue to be heard on a case by case basis and that historically players have always been allowed to “try out” while under a suspension. Mike also reminded everyone to add April 24-26 for the AHAI Strategic Planning Session to their calendars.

Tier II-Bob Saliba

As Chair of the Tier II Committee Bob recommended and moved that the AHAI BOD approve the Tier II status for the Yellowjackets. The motion was seconded by Kevin Bolger and carried.

Further Bob also recommended and moved that the AHAI BOD approve the Tier II status for the Admirals. This was seconded by Jack Weinberg and carried.

Player Development-Paul Jakubowski

Paul noted that Player Development is a misnomer and that Player Identification would be more appropriate. In the future this could be more closely tied to the USAH HPC Program. The Committee has discussed changing the Prep Jamboree to an all Tier II format from which the top rated 20% would be invited to the Player Development Camp in March. Also discussed was the possibility of reformatting the College Night Program. Suggestions offered were: using a small handout to all age appropriate parties, using a PDF electronically delivered, to using Facebook as a means of delivery. Finally, volunteers were asked to help with Check-in on Friday, March 27th for all 272 Player Development participants.

American Development Model & AHAI Structure-Mike Mullally

Mike noted that the HPC has been put on hold until 2010 by USAH. The current proposed HPC format would use 36 teams in 6 geographic locations. Currently there are 148 Tier I organizations in the country. By incorporating the ADM in IL this will allow AHAI to build from the bottom up.

Mike outlined a theoretical three steps and suggestions were made for each step:

Step 1. A progressive 20 week skill plan program should be developed for Mites (and possibly Squirts). A base line evaluation should be done and then mid and end evaluations done to chart/measure progress with suggestions made on specific needs for improvement.

Step 2. Limit the number of teams each Tier II Club can have at travel in each age level. This is currently what is done at the Tier I level. Change/restrict practice to game ratios, possibly mandate learn to skate programs as Tier II requirement, have house league (Tier III?) teams for each age level of travel, limit the number of games any age travel team can play. Suggested game limits (from the Tier I Committee) were: Midget-75, Bantam-65, PeeWee-55, Squirt-45 (and by progression Mites-40). Also suggested was the requirement of rosters for all House League teams.

Step 3. Training coaches how to instruct in this prescriptive 20 week skill program. Have a coaching director for every age level teach a class every 2 weeks to all age specific level coaches with the next two weeks program. Who is going to do this? be responsible for this? how can we best accomplish this?

Rule Modification-Laura Johnson

Laura asked about changing the text in Article XIII, Spring/Summer #2 from: “A registered AHAI Player” to *A registered AHAI Tier I, Tier II, House or Girls Player*. This was tabled until the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAJ Recording Secretary