

# **AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## **November 11, 2008**

The following were present at the meeting: Mike Mullally, Rich Becker, Ken Michel, Don Allord, Terry Stasica, Sjoukje Brown McCudden, Pete Humann, Bill Gomolinski, Laura Johnson, Jim McGlynn, John Dunne, Bob Saliba, Doug Becht, Maddy Rossobillo, Kevin Bolger, Jack Weinberg and Paul Jakubowski.

The meeting was called to order by President Mullally at 7:06 PM. The minutes from the September 2, 2008 meeting was distributed, reviewed and accepted. They will be sent to JJ O'Connor to be posted to the AHAI Website.

### **Treasurers Report-Bob Mathson**

A copy of the P&L Statement from June through October 2008 was distributed, reviewed and discussed. Bob noted that AHAI will be retaining a new accounting firm to do our Certified Annual Audit, better to keep costs down. The report was accepted. Bob took a moment to thank Bob Saliba for volunteering to Chair the 2010 National H. S. Tournament.

### **New Business**

Mike noted that the AHAI Board will conduct a Strategic Planning Retreat on April 24 – 26 once again in Green Lake, WI.

A discussion was had about the need for some new video equipment for the AHAI Center Conference rooms as several TV monitors were no longer operable.

The Adult State Tournament will be co-Chaired again by Don Allord and Ed Nicky.

After a rather lengthy discussion, it was the consensus to post / or list all tournaments on the AHAI website rather than do email blasts.

Kevin Bolger-ASRC will call clubs in with 3<sup>rd</sup> offenses. He noted that a minor text correction should be made on the website for the Neck Guard Policy.

IHOA President Bob Stevenson gave a brief update on IHOA Expectations:

1. IHOA/AHAI has employed Chris Overly as the referee game assigner for all Tier I and HS games in IL. Bob noted that this is a bit of an overwhelming task for 1 person.
2. IHOA Officials Development Program – 3 Groups: A, B and C. IHOA will have a senior referee with each new referee on their first game.
3. The Data Report for the 4-Man System will be completed no later than December 31, 2008.
4. Jack Raslawski and Craig Welker are overseeing the Mentoring Program. Bob will see about providing a Data Report for this program.

Mike noted there are registration issues with Jr. Players. If a player is active on Jr. Team they cannot play on a Midget team in IL. Jim McGlynn noted that USAH has a Pilot Program that allows a player to play a few games up within a certain parameter of the program.

Laura Johnson made a motion to allow a player from the Sabres to move to the Joliet Jaguars. After some explanation/background, Kevin Bolger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried.

The AHAI Board unanimously opposes the NIHL Squirt A-2 Program.

The AHAI Board will not change its mandatory 4 team minimum at any level for the Girls State Tournament.

Mike charged the Board to come up with ideas to lower the costs to play hockey. Some of the ideas discussed were game to practice ratio (with travel cost factoring heavily with games).

It was noted that several Board members had received complaints of adults/professional coaches berating players (children) often times swearing at them during games/practices. The question was raised as to who exactly polices coaches?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski  
AHAH Recording Secretary