

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 4, 2008

The following were present at the meeting: Bob Mathson, John Dunne, Mike Durkin, Bob Saliba, Laura Johnson, Kevin Bolger, Jack Weinberg, Jim McGlynn, Jack Raslawski, Ken Michel, Doug Becht, Andy Kokosa and Paul Jakubowski

The meeting was called to order by President Mullally at 7:08 PM.

Mike introduced Joe Modrich from the Franklin Park District Ice Arena to speak briefly on the rising energy costs associated not only with operating an ice rink but also hockey in general. Joe explained that he had been in the ice rink business for 26 years. He noted that the Park District spends from 150K to 250K in energy costs annually.

Mike introduced Mike Durkin as the new AHAI Membership Development Chairman and Andy Kokosa as the new AHAI Player Development Chairman.

Treasurers Report-Bob Mathson

Bob distributed and explained the year to date P & L Statement. After some discussion a motion to approve was made by Bob Saliba and seconded by Kevin Bolger and the motion to approve carried. Bob also noted a special recognition and thank you to Don Allord for his work on this years 2008 Golf Outing. The outing made more money than the last two years combined.

CEP-John Dunne

John indicated that the online CEP registration was up and running. The first clinic will be a Level 3 on August 23rd.

Tier II Presidents Council- John Dunne

The next meeting will be in September.

House League-John Dunne

The next meeting will be sometime in late August.

Girls-Sjoukje Brown McCudden

The next meeting will be August 13th. The Camp went well. It was smaller, but very good. The goal in attendees next year is 68. She noted that teams that wish to participate in Blackhawk Cup must register by October.

Junior-Jim McGlynn

Jim noted that all USHL & NAHL teams had protected lists in by August 1st. The National Junior Team tryouts are this week in Lake Placid. This team will compete in the World Cup. Jim also noted that he is no longer on the Safety & Protection Committee, but still on the Junior Council and Rules Committee for USA Hockey.

High School-Terry Stasica

Terry said that SICA folded and that so far he has received 34 requests for combined programs. The HS Presidents Meeting will be August 12 at 7 PM in Darien. Of the 31 Rule changes submitted the following were approved at this meeting: 6, 15, 19, and 26. Number 20 was withdrawn. Numbers 13 & 14 were not approved / refused and were sent back to the Committee. All other proposed changes will be done via an email vote.

IHOA-Jack Raslawski

Jack indicated that IHOA has hired its first full time employee, Chris Overly. Chris will be the IHOA full time assigner doing all HS and AAA games.

ACE-Doug Becht

Doug reported that he had 27 signed up so far for the ACE Clinic scheduled for August 9th at the AHAI Center. Mike Elkin, the Central District ACE Director will be there as an instructor. Norm Spiegel, John Dunne and Mike Mullally are also scheduled to speak.

Registrar-Laura Johnson

Laura said she will hold 5 separate Registrars Meetings for HS, House/Adult, Tier II and Tier I. She will focus her presentation on the AHAI web tool. She also noted that travel and tournament permits will also be done via the new web tool.

One Goal-Jack Weinberg

Jack indicated the need to reach out to non-USA Hockey groups / Park Districts to become part of USAH and take advantage of this great program.

ASRC-Kevin Bolger

The next meeting will be on September 22 with 3 cases on the docket so far.

The meeting was adjourned due to bad storms and power outage at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAI Recording Secretary