

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 5, 2007

The following were present at the meeting: Mike Mullally, Jack Weinberg, John Dunne, Kevin Bolger, Randy Jacobs, Maddy Rossobillo, Terry Stasica, Pete Humann, Ken Michel, Sjoukje Brown McCudden, Jim McGlynn, Don Allord, Dennis O'Malley, Doug Becht and Paul Jakubowski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Mullally. Copies of the Minutes from April 2, June 3, and October 1, 2007 Board Meetings were distributed, discussed and accepted. They will be sent to JJ O'Connor to be posted to the website.

Treasurers Report-Mike Mullally

The P&L Statement June through October 2007 was distributed, discussed and accepted.

President Mullally officially welcomed Doug Becht to the AHAI Board of Directors.

Player Development-Paul Jakubowski

Paul indicated that Prep Jamboree letters and Coaches Recommendation forms were mailed Friday to all club presidents and all coaches of '93 & '94 Birth year players for both boys and girls. Recommendations were to be made by December 1, 2007 with the evaluation meeting to determine invitations set for December 12, 2007 at the AHAI Center at 7 PM for the Boys. Paul also asked all directors to remind all clubs to have their appropriate coaches participate in this process.

CEP-John Dunne

John noted that the final Level 2 and 3 clinics will be conducted this weekend in Peoria and the last Level 1 would also be in Peoria on December 15th.

Presidents Council-John Dunne

John said at the last meeting items discussed were: tryouts, recruiting, GROW Grants and an update on the 2nd Choice Rule with an overview of the process. It was noted that Presidents would like feedback on players from their clubs that went through this process to help determine its validity.

Downstate-Randy Jordan

Randy introduced a proposed amendment to Article II with a motion that it be tabled and put on the Agenda for the January 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Blackhawk Cup-Maddy Rossobillo

The host sites are set and the Committee will meet in January 2008.

ACE-Doug Becht

Doug is planning on meeting with the Central District ACE Director on November 16th during the USAH Level 4 Clinic that will be conducted in Lisle, IL

Junior/USAH-Jim McGlynn

USAH will field a team for the Jr. A Challenge in Nelson, British Columbia on November 5-11. Jim said that there have been joint meetings between the Jr. Council and the Youth Council with positive movement. He noted that the Jr. Council will be proposing criteria changes in Tiering: Tier I (USHL), Tier II (NAHL), Tier III (everyone else). Finally Jim said that Rich Becker is proposing to USAH to extend the term limit for the Executive Committee to 3 years from the current 2 years.

IHOA-Don Allord

IHOA Director Jack Raslawski has proposed merging the IHOA Golf Outing into the AHAI Golf Outing.

High School-Terry Stasica

The Blackhawk Holiday Tournament sponsored by Coca-Cola is filled out and all teams are paid. The Blackhawk Alumni have asked to send representatives to the HS Committee meeting and other HS League meetings. Terry made the Board aware of an issue about a Notre Dame HS student who was rostered on their hockey team and played in several games that has transferred to St. Viator and is requesting permission to be rostered and play for St. Viator now. Terry explained to the Board that he denied permission for that to occur based on the fact that this boy in question had already played at the first school. There was discussion on this and the Board consensus was that Terry was correct in not allowing the boy in question to play for the second school, St. Viator.

Girls-Sjoukje Brown McCudden/Dennis O'Malley

The Girls Committee is investigating the possibility of holding Central District Tryouts separate from the Girls Development Camp as has been done in the past. They are working on dates and location for the Women's Blackhawk Cup. Sjoukje has invited all the top Girls coaches to a meeting for their input on Tiering for Girls Hockey in Illinois and USAH. They want to develop criteria for Tiering Girls in Illinois for input to USAH's decision for a plan to Tier Girls Hockey.

ASRC-Kevin Bolger

Kevin announced that an Appeal of the Committee's decision for Derek Nichols has been filed. This appeal is currently being reviewed by President Mullally. The next meeting is on November 17th.

One Goal-Jack Weinberg

Jack said that a meeting earlier this evening the Committee had designated 14 clubs to receive a combination of equipment sets (199) and dollars (\$20,000) from AHAI / USAH to foster growth at the entry level. These clubs will be notified of these Grants immediately and arrangements will be made for them to pick up their equipment sets.

New Business

The Tier II petition to add Cameron Cordts was approved.

Holly Spiegel is retiring as of March 2008. Mike asked the directors for any recommendations. We will publish ad for position.

The USAH Affiliate Presidents from Minnesota, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois, New York and Wisconsin will meet in Detroit this weekend to discuss common issues. Two topics that will be discussed are: Professionalism in Amateur Sports and non-USA or out-of-state players in Tier I.

A study of the checking from behind penalties so far this year has indicated that the number of these penalties called are just a bit less than last year at this point in the season.

The USA Hockey Winter Meetings will be on January 10-13, 2008 in Orlando, Florida.

An investigation into the ages of Squirts in Tier I indicated that about _ of the players on current rosters are NOT of Squirt Major age. There was a motion from Mike Mullally, seconded by John Dunne and approved to put the issue of Squirts in Tier I on the January 2008 meeting agenda.

Finally, an email will sent to all affiliate Presidents asking for recommendations of people to sit on the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee. The AHAI Directors were also asked for their recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAH Recording Secretary