

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 10, 2007

The following were present at the meeting: Mike Mullally, Bob Saliba, Ken Michel, Maddy Rossobillo, Bob Stevenson, Pete Humann, Rich Becker, Terry Stastica, John Dunne, Bob Mathson, Randy Jacobs, Don Allord, Jack Weinberg, Kevin Bolger, Sjoukje Brown-McCudden, Bill Gomolinski and Paul Jakubowski

The meeting was called to order by President Mullally at 7:06 PM. Mike introduced Bob Stevenson, the IHOA President. Bob distributed copies of a draft of an IHOA Reciprocity Guideline Policy. Bob explained this draft pertains to the Screening of Referees from other states that come into Illinois to officiate various Tournaments held in Illinois. This was discussed and Bob answered several questions about this proposed policy. Three main points were brought up: Screening Proof, Proof of Insurance, and Indemnification. This proposal was tabled.

Treasurers Report-Bob Mathson

Copies of the P & L Statement through August 2007 was distributed, discussed and approved. Bob noted a substantial savings by not mailing coaches AHAI Books and USA Hockey Rulebooks, but shipping all to the organizations Registrar for distribution. USA Hockey will do AHAI Audit in the spring 2008.

CEP-John Dunne

Two Level 3 Clinics have already been completed.

Presidents Council-John Dunne

John noted that they meet tomorrow night with Coaches compensation, midgets, earlier tryout dates for midgets, recruiting, and splitting the NWHL on the agenda for discussion.

Girls-Sjoukje Brown-McCudden

Sjoukje reported that the AHAI Elite Girls Summer Camp is too large and should be reduced to a more manageable number of 80, or split into two separate levels. Sjoukje said she would investigate the different possibilities. Sjoukje briefly explained the AHAI Girls Recruitment Program that makes a list of girls cut from premier organizations teams available upon request to other associations trying to build girls programs in an effort to place any girl that wants to play travel on a team. Hoffman Estates had petitioned to the Midwest Elite League for admission and was denied so they combined with the Fury to field a team in the Midwest Elite League. This however, was done after tryouts for these teams. The Committee discussed Tiering and suggested the possibility of two Elite Level teams – one North and one South.

Womens-Sjoukje Brown-McCudden

Sjoukje reported that there is virtually no representation any more for this segment of hockey. She has been contacted by several teams that would like to play for the Blackhawk Cup.

ASRC-Kevin Bolger

Kevin said that the next meeting would be September 17 with mostly men's league violations being heard.

R&E-Bill Gomolinski

Several financial/fees issues on the docket

Tier I- Bill Gomolinski

Bill made a motion that for Tier I, a 3 game penalty for fighting will only be observed for games played against other Illinois teams. The motion was seconded by Kevin Bolger and carried. Bill said that he will try to draft a Tier I recruiting rule. Two players requested their release from their cards. In both cases their spots and financial obligations can be replaced. Bill made a motion to authorize their release; the motion was seconded by Jack Weinberg and carried.

High School-Terry Stasica

Terry reported that both Cary Grove and Lockport high schools have made the transition from Combined to Pure teams.

Blackhawk Cup-Maddy Rossobillo

Maddy said that bids for host sites had been received.

One Goal-Jack Weinberg

Jack reported that he had received applications from Winnetka and Kankakee so far.

Tier II-Bob Saliba

Bob said the Committee had received 85 contacts about a Second Choice resulting in 69 applications of which 62 had been approved.

New Business

Mike Mullally announced that he would be appointing Doug Becht to the vacant seat on the AHAI Board effective today.

Bob Mathson made a motion to recognize IHOA as AHAI's Officiating Body for the 2007-2008 season. The motion was seconded by Randy Jacobs and carried.

Mike asked all Directors to contribute suggestions to formulate an AHAI position on recruiting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAI Recording Secretary