

## **AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2004**

The following were present at the meeting: Bob Mathson, John Dunne, Rich Becker, Don Allord, Lisa Olsen, Pete Humann, Bob Saliba, Kevin Bolger, Bill Gomolinski, Ken Michel, Maddy Rossobillo, Randy Jacobs, Fred Lopez, Jim McGlynn, Dave LaBuda, Central District Registrar, Norm Spiegel and Paul Jakubowski.

The meeting was called to order by President Mathson at 7:09 PM. The minutes from November were distributed and discussed. A motion was made by Randy Jacobs to approve the November minutes and was seconded by Maddy Rossobillo. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Treasurers Report**

P&L Statement was distributed and discussed. Four main items in a Management Letter-Draft Copy of Audit Report were reviewed and discussed and suggestions were made to improve the accounting.

A motion to approve Review of Management Letter was made by Randy Jacobs and seconded by Bob Saliba. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the draft version was made by Randy Jacobs and seconded by Rich Becker. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Bill Gomolinski and seconded by Lisa Olsen to approve the Treasurers Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Registrars Report**

The number of teams registered with AHAI & USAH so far this year are 1758 compared to 1785 at this time last year. The total number of Coaches, Players and Managers registered in Illinois this year so far is 19,930. Last year at this time the total number was 18,199. Fourteen High School, 7 Tier II, 4 Girls, and 1 Girls Backup Goalie petitioned to be added to the AHAI/USAH Rosters after the 10/15/04 deadline were approved by the AHAI Registrar. The report was unanimously approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Women's Committee-Lisa Olsen**

Glacier will host the Women's State Tournament which will be held on the weekend of March 11 – 13, 2005. Team declarations are due Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Girls Committee-Dennis O'Malley/Lisa Olsen**

Girls round robin playdown games will be hosted by Winnetka & Wilmette on the weekend of March 4 – 6, 2005. A meeting will be held for the Central District to kickoff the "Put the Biscuit in the Net" program, with the program starting in the Spring 2005.

The Winnetka hockey club would like to form a U8 Girls team before December 31, 2004. Since this is well beyond the October 15 deadline it needs Board approval. The Girls Committee recommends approval. A motion was made by Lisa Olsen and seconded by Randy Jacobs to approve a U8 Girls team for Winnetka. After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

### **C.E.P.-John Dunne**

Over 1100 coaches have attended the Coaching Clinics so far this year. The last clinic is December 11, for Level 3. Fifty five coaches are registered for that clinic. There are currently only two requests for waivers under consideration.

### **Junior/Safety & Protection-Jim McGlynn**

Canada is considering a major shakeup to its Junior Hockey rules. Under review is a proposal to limit the number of non North American players in Junior Hockey in Canada. The proposal also includes forbidding 14 & 15 year olds from playing Junior. Decisions on these proposals will be made at their summer meetings.

A handout was distributed outlining a joint program with AHAI, Chicago Blackhawk Charities and Child Help USA teaming up to form a Safety Awareness Program with a National Child Abuse Hotline that will allow players and parents to seek and receive professional counseling and advise on any abuse related problems they may encounter during their youth hockey experience.

### **Central District-Norm Spiegel**

A Notice was distributed discussing USAH registered teams not being allowed to play non-USAH registered teams. This had been sent to all Central District Associate Registrars, Affiliate Presidents and Referee-in-Chiefs.

There will be no more Festival Teams. Just Central District Players in what will now be called Development Camps.

Norm who is also the GM of the AHAI Hornets Sled Hockey team noted that they practice every Wednesday night, 6:30 pm at the Edge Ice Arena. The Hornets and the Tomahawks will be playing in a 4 Discipline Exhibition in Detroit on February 18 & 19, 2005.

### **Player Development-Pete Humann**

There will be a meeting Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to make selections for invitations to the Prep Jamboree which will take place on January 17, 2005.

### **Tier II-Bob Saliba**

Saddle & Cycle and Glacier have approached the Committee about possible Tier II status.

### **ASRC-Kevin Bolger**

There are currently 8 hearings scheduled for December.

### **Rules & Ethics-Bill Gomolinski**

There are 3 cases scheduled to be heard on the next meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2004. A rise in the number of Zero Tolerance violations has occurred with many violations weekly.

### **Tier I-Bill Gomolinski**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, with tryout dates, Midget Minor ages, and Blackhawk Cup Ice schedule on the agenda.

CYA filed a petition to the Tier I Chairperson seeking a release of a CYA Midget Major Player from the roster based upon a season ending injury. CYA also supported the petition by a doctor's letter confirming the injury. Based upon the petition, Bill Gomolinski recommended the release and substitution of a player to fill that spot with the condition that any substituted player that may be a Tier II player must have a release from the Tier II Organization. There was a second and the motion passed unanimously.

**Blackhawk Cup-Maddy Rossobillo**

Ice agreements have been received by the following Host Sites: Mites-Crystal Lake, Squirt-Falcons, Pee Wee-Huskies, Bantam-Flames, Midget-Chargers. A refined exemption procedure with application judging criteria was outlined. And finally it was noted that the Blackhawk Cup Committee will be using electronic registration, ranking and payment system this year.

**Old Business**

February 2005 was set as a target date to update and redraft the Affiliate Guidelines. It was also noted that someone was needed to spearhead the Cross Ice Program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski  
Recording Secretary