

# **AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

## **MAY 3, 2004**

The following were present at the meeting: Bob Mathson, Mike Mullally, Bob Saliba, Kevin Bolger, Bill Gomolinski, Bruce Meckler, Mark Shutan, Don Allord, Jim McGlynn, Lisa Olsen, Fred Lopez, Ken Michel and Paul Jakubowski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by President Mathson. The minutes from the April 5 meeting and the Special April 12 meeting were handed out, reviewed and approved.

### **Registrars Report-Holly Spiegel**

A breakdown on team registration was distributed. Illinois is down a total of 48 teams from last year. The Central District is up this year a total of 142 teams. It was stressed that we need to focus on mite development and growth. President Mathson said that AHAI would like to do a matching Cross Ice Grant program. A straw poll was taken on this issue and the vote was unanimously in favor of such a program.

### **Treasurers Report-Mike Mullally**

A copy of the year to date Profit & Loss Statement was handed out and briefly explained.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Rules & Ethics-Bruce Meckler**

The biggest issue dealt with this year has been non-rostered teams and illegal players/non-rostered players.

### **Suspension-Kevin Bolger**

Will have a breakdown of cases and suspensions for Annual Meeting.

### **House League-Mike Mullally**

Kankakee will have a new program starting in 2004-05 with a new rink scheduled for 2005. Bloomington will also start a new program. Mike announced that a survey/poll is being conducted with 2 questions: 1. Should Tier II players be allowed to be rostered on House teams? 2. Should we allow the formation of House Select teams? Zion-Benton did fold its organization and the kids from that program will skate for either Lake County or Kenosha.

### **High School-Mike Mullally**

There was a net growth of 19 teams this year which can be attributed to combined teams. Lake Forest Academy has proposed to field 2 teams: a Prep team (using 5<sup>th</sup> year players) and a Varsity team that will only use 4 year players. Showcase was a great success with California defeating Minnesota for the Boys Championship. The High School Committee is also conducting a survey with 2 questions: 1. Should AAA players be allowed to play high school hockey? 2. Should a HS hockey club with only 1 team, be forced to compete as a varsity team?

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

Bob will have a summary of Tier II applications for the Annual meeting

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

Bill will have copy of the new Tier I Rule available at the Annual meeting. A motion was made to approve the four Tier I organizations (Team Illinois, Chicago Young Americans, Chill and Chicago Mission) for the 2004-'05 season. The vote was unanimous to approve.

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

Central District tryouts are this weekend: Friday night, Saturday & Sunday at Glaicer Arena.

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

There is a possibility of a new Jr. A team in Geneva. A new committee, a Trainers Committee is being explored as a possible sub-committee of the Safety & Protection Committee.

### **Golf-Fred Lopez**

Preparations for the Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing are proceeding smoothly.

### **Girls/Womens-Lisa Olsen**

A GROW application with an updated budget from Skokie was submitted for board approval. A motion was made to approve \$2410.00 for this GROW Grant was made and unanimously approved. A second GROW application was received, but was incomplete and will be returned for completion before being resubmitted. The GROW Grants will be available through the 2005-'06 seasons. Twelve Women's teams declared for the State Tournament while two declared for the National Tournament.

**CEP-John Dunne**

The dates, times and locations for the 2004-'05 season will be posted on the web site soon. John also reported that the Tier II Presidents Council has been a useful forum and fairly well attended.

**New Business**

President Mathson noted some of the major issues that USA Hockey will be exploring at the Annual Congress, June 2-6 will be: the age increase (by 6 months) of Midgets for the '05/'06 season; a hazing policy; and the method directors are elected.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski  
AHAI Recording Secretary