

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 8, 2004

The following were present at the meeting: Bob Mathson, Mike Mullally, Maddy Rossobillo, John Dunne, Pete Humann, Mark Shutan, Lisa Olsen, Rich Becker, Bruce Meckler, Bill Gomolinski, Ken Michel, Fred Lopez, Kevin Bolger and Paul Jakubowski.

President Mathson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The minutes from the February 1, 2004 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. They will be sent to J.J. O'Connor to be posted to the AHAI website.

Registrars Report – Holly Spiegel

The total number of Illinois Players, Coaches and Managers that are registered with USA Hockey is 24, 070. The total number of Illinois USA Hockey registered teams is 2097. Players (1 High School, 1 Tier I Backup Goalie and 1 Girls 19U Backup Goalie) who “Petitioned to be added to the AHAI Rosters after 10/15/03 were approved by the AHAI Registrar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Ethics – Bruce Meckler

Things are relatively slow. The next meeting will be near the end of March or early April.

Suspension – Mark Shutan

The next meeting of the Suspension Committee will be March 29, 2004 at 7 PM at the AHAI Center.

C.E.P. – John Dunne

A schedule of Coaching Clinics for the 2004-05 season is in the process of being finalized.

Tier II – Bob Saliba

The Committee met with the McLean County group. It was agreed that they should be a house program for their first season of operation and then resubmit an application for Tier II consideration by January 15, 2005.

IHOA – Don Allord

Copies of Don's report were distributed. Briefly: Assignments for the State Tournament games went well. Scheduling for High School and AAA will be handled differently next season, more on this as it develops. Chris Lindley will coordinate the officials for Stadium Day at the United Center as Don Allord will be out of town.

Adult State Tournament – Don Allord

Tournament will be March 19-21, 2004 at the Edge. Registrations are progressing slowly with only B and C Levels being registered so far. There have been no “A Elite “entries from the Johnnies teams.

Rink & Arena – Don Allord

The Hoffman Estates rink is slightly behind schedule but is still expected to open in time for next season.

Junior – Jim McGlynn

The Junior Council will decide on March 10, 2004 on whether or not to certify the North American Hockey League.

Girls – Lisa Olsen

Lisa reports that the State Tournament went very well. There is a GROW Grant Application from the Skokie Park District that will be returned so that they may provide more detailed information necessary to consider this Application.

OLD BUSINESS

The AHAI Board of Directors would like to offer a very large Thank You to Maddy Rossobillo, the Chairman of the Blackhawk Cup Committee, all the Committee members, Jim Smith and his crew, and all the many volunteers that made this seasons’ State Tournament such a success!

NEW BUSINESS

After a presentation by Bob Mathson and some discussion by the Board, the Board agreed unanimously to approve \$8,000.00 for postage to our membership for the Matching Grant Dollars Program through the McCormick Foundation.

Registration to USA Hockey/AHAI through an Online Registration format was discussed.

A revision of Article XVI, Tier I Teams was distributed by Rich Becker and a discussion was held. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 7 PM at the AHAI Center to further discuss this revision.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
Recording Secretary

