

AHAI Annual Meeting June 1, 2003

The following were present at the meeting: Bob Mathson, Mike Mullally, Lisa Olsen, Ken Michel, Jim McGlynn, Rich Becker, Norm Spiegel, Bruce Meckler, Bob Saliba, Don Allord, Dennis O'Malley, and Fred Lopez.

President Bob Mathson called meeting to order at approximately 9:18 am.

President's Report – Bob Mathson

Welcome to one and all. Recognition of National Tournament Participants and National Tournament Winners from Illinois:

Tier II Bantams – Huskies National Champions

Tier II Midget Minors – 2nd place Huskies

Tier I Midget Majors – 2nd place Team Illinois

Mite numbers across the board are down, which is not a good sign. Each organization needs to look into factors why.

A special thank you to the Chicago Blackhawks Organization for their donation to our amateur hockey community of \$150,000.00.

National attendance records show that Illinois is 2nd only to Minnesota with 6,700 to 17,000 for the High School state tournament.

It's been 7 years since an AHAI fee increase, which will happen this year (details in the Treasurers Report).

Both Jim Smith and Norm Spiegel would be stepping down from AHAI duties, but both will continue to stay involved assisting were ever they are needed. Both will also remain Nationally involved with USA hockey.

Paul Jakubowski was introduced as the new full time Business Manager/Administrator.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Mullally

Mike Mullally went over the Financial Report stating that income was \$945,000 and expenses were \$1,016,000. A fee increase of \$4.00 per registrant should net \$60,000 to \$80,000, which should cover a higher insurance premium, cross-ice and women's GROW programs. As a result of the lawsuit settlement \$37,500 per year will be spent over the next 5 years on these programs. The year-end was 5/31/03. There are no final financials (audit) and won't be for 90 days. There were no questions.

House League Committee – Mike Mullally

More emphasis is needed to support our House League programs and we must investigate what more we can do.

A.C.E. was designed to make USA coaching materials available to each club. USA mandates the ACE coordinator to pick 3 clubs to focus and involve in cross-ice programs.

High School Committee – Mike Mullally

The high school tournament and the Chicago Showcase were very successful. This year there were 146 teams in the tournament which was up from last year. Mike thanked all the many volunteers that made the Showcase and the H.S. tournament a great success. He also thanked the Blackhawk Organization for the use of the United Center, which made it all possible.

Golf Outing – Fred Lopez

Fred said that plans for the outing that raises money for AHAI's Catastrophic Fund and for the Hearing Impaired were moving along nicely and that many prizes had been donated.

Women's – Lisa Olsen

The number of teams is down slightly, although the number of players is virtually unchanged.

Illinois women participate at the B level in the National Tournaments.

Girl's – Lisa Olsen

Numbers of girl's teams are up and individual registrations are up.

Effective for 2003/04 USA age changes: 14 and under, 16 and under, and no 15 and under.

The Illinois Girls Showcase Team was 3 – 2

There were 34 players that participated in the Prep Jamboree. The AHAI Development Camp at Lake Forest Academy added to development process for girls.

2003 USA Hockey Development Camps – Illinois placed 3 forwards, 3 defense and 2 goalies at the 14/15 year olds Rochester Camp; 1 forward, 1 defense, and 1 goalie at the 16/17 year olds Lake Placid Camp.

In the GROW program through the 2004/05 season there are grants up to \$3000 to develop girls programs available. Crystal Lake has 110 girls registered for their program. AHAI approved 10 grants totaling \$29,019 in 2002/03

Diversity – Lisa Olsen

Fifty players were in the Diversity Program, ages 4 to 15 years old. One player Carlos Garcia participated in the Willie O'Ree program in Minnesota.

Special Hockey – Lisa Olsen

The number of Tomahawk players continues to increase.

Two Tomahawk players participated as managers for the Illinois Showcase teams. The manager of the girl's team was given an Illinois Showcase Team jersey by the players.

Referees – Don Allord

The numbers of younger referees is up. Out of 1100 referees 750 are under 20 years of age, 150 are 20-35 and 200 are 35 and older.

At Level 1 there are 400 refs. At Level 2 there are 350, and at Levels 3 &4 there are 350 (up at this level 100 from last year).

Coaching Committee – Rich Becker

This past year the number of certified coaches has doubled.

The next coaching clinic is scheduled for June 21, for Associate and Intermediate Coaches.

Rules & Ethics – Bruce Meckler

This past year the Rules & Ethics Committee heard an increased number of cases for attacks on parents and coaches.

Online Registration – Ken Michel

Ken is just about ready to move all clinic registration online with credit card payments accepted.

Junior / Safety & Protection / Rules – Jim McGlynn

There is currently a proposal to eliminate checking in house leagues before USA Hockey. There is also a need for certified trainers.

Registrar / Player Development – Norm Spiegel

Last year there were 2,097 teams registered. So far this year there are 2190 registered. Central District is up 178 teams.

Mites are down to 351 teams from a high of 450. That shows a steady decline over the last 5 years.

Paul Cannata the new Lake Forest Academy coach is a strong proponent of and involved with the Cross Ice Program.

Team Illinois has applied to host the National Tournament for 2004/2005.

The Initiation Program has certified 558 new coaches to teach skills to young kids.

Election of Directors

John Dunne, Lisa Olsen, Dennis O'Malley, Bob Saliba and Sara Teuting were elected as Directors to serve through the 2006 season.

After the election of Directors a motion was made by the Nominating Committee and unanimously approved for the following Officers positions:

President	Bob Mathson
1 st V.P. Past President	Mike LaBarre
Vice President-Operations	Rich Becker
Vice President-Players	Jim McGlynn
Treasurer	Mike Mullally
Secretary	Fred Lopez

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Jakubowski
Recording Secretary