

# AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS, Inc.

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## AHAI Board of Directors Meeting February 3, 2003

The following were present at the meeting: Don Allord, Jay Cohen, Pete Humann, Bob Mathson, Bruce Meckler, Ken Michel, Mike Mullally, Lisa Olsen, Dennis O'Malley, Mark Shutan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm and the minutes of the last board meeting were approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report - Mike Mullally**

AHAI Financial Reports (June 2002 - January 2003) were distributed, reviewed and approved. Some of the report items have been reallocated but will be more detailed starting next fiscal year. The Draft of the AHAI Audit Report was presented to the Directors for examination, discussion and approval.

### **Registrar's Report - Holly Spiegel**

The total number of Illinois Players, Coaches and Managers that are registered with USAH is 22,761 and the total number of Illinois Registered Teams is 2071. Players (7 High School, 1 Tier I - Back-up Goalie only and 1 Tier II - Back-up Goalie only) who "Petitioned to be added to AHAI Rosters after 10/15/02" were approved by the Registrar; however all will NOT be eligible for the State Tournament. The following groups still HAVE NOT registered their programs: **Girls / Women** - Fenwick High School, **Adult** - Fox Valley Geneva, Greater Chicago Adult (Advanced Arenas: Addison, Edge, Seven Bridges) and Johnny's Ice House.

### **Screening**

The mandatory 25% yearly random screening of participants has been completed.

### **Player Development Committee**

The Prep Jamboree ran with no problems with the Player Development Camp coming up March 28-30 at the AHC. Showcase registration is now full with 24 Boys Teams and 12 Girls Teams including the Central District team

### **Tier I (Open) Committee - Mark Shutan**

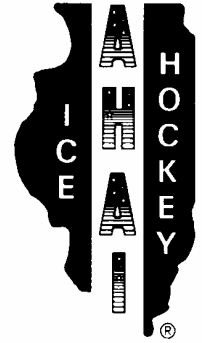
The two additional CYA roster additions that were previously approved now are asking for approval to participate in the State Tournament; their request was denied. The completed State Tournament schedule should be on the web shortly. The 2003-2004 Season Tryouts were approved to BEGIN on the following dates: Squirt (93) - May 31, PeeWee (92/91) - May 31, Bantam (90/89) - May 31, Midget Minor (88) - July 18, Midget Major (87/86) - July 15.



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### **Youth House League Committee - Mike Mullally**

Very little going on with just a few roster additions.

### **Tier II Committee**

The committee met with both the Kings and Sharks to discuss next season's projected teams status and based upon these meeting they asked that the Board of Directors grant waivers for both organizations of the "3 team" rule that is required to maintain Tier II status; Unanimously Approved.

### **Tier II Youth Blackhawk Cup Committee**

Troubles occurred with the online registration for the State Tournament; a case of too much, too soon.

### **Girls' Committee - Lisa Olsen**

Final planning meeting for the State Tournament coming up 2/4/03. The Girls' Prep Jamboree went well with everyone looking forward to the next event. The latest Girls' G.R.O.W. Grant applications from the Arctic Lady Senators and the Falcons Girls Hockey Program were presented and unanimously approved by the Board. More applications are still expected with the current disbursements at \$11,195.

### **Adult Hockey Committee - Don Allord**

The tournament brochures are out and applications are due back by March 4th.

### **Suspension Review Committee - Mark Shutan**

5 cases scheduled for February 19th and 4 cases scheduled for March 5th.

### **Rules and Ethics Committee - Pete Humann**

Big increase in zero tolerance cases (mostly "verbal abuse of officials"). Two midget team cases involving alcohol were addressed. One organization was asked to appear for failing to handle zero tolerance issues. High School hazing incident completed. High School fans behavior is not improving!

### **Diversity Task Force**

The Blackhawks will be honoring the AHAI Diversity Program at the United Center with ALL 50/50 Raffle money being donated on February 17th and the Tomahawks will be playing at the United Center on March 7th. 53 players, 23 coaches and 10 off-ice volunteers participated in this year's program.



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### High School Committee - Mike Mullally

The invitations for the All-State team have been completed; the game is scheduled for Monday, 2/10/03 at 6:35pm at the AHC. Some issues arose regarding the State Tournament rankings. Showcase invitation responses are just starting to come in.

### Supervisor of Officials - Don Allord

Assignments for all State Tournament games and the High School All-State game have been completed. This year's registration totals are as follows: 1352 total with 729 under the age of 20 and 673 are either level 1 or 2. This year did show an increase in the number of level 3 and 4 officials.

### Old Business

The job description for the new AHAI "Business Manager" was promised for the March meeting.

### New Business

#### **USA Hockey Mid-Winter Meeting Report from Norm Spiegel:**

The Presidents meeting discussion dealt with issues such as Mite level cross-ice training, new Mite age travel limits and the registration of independent teams. J J O'Connor was appointed to Chairman of the USAH Disabled Sports Section. The National Championship Tournament schedule has been posted on the USAH website. At the Central District Caucus, Festival team costs have been re-examined and in many cases reduced and more activity needs to be done on a Parent Education Program. This year's District Championships will be held March 21-23 with Tier II in St. Louis and Tier I /Girls in Madison. Central District Registration is showing a Team increase of ~ 5.4% (~ 1800 now - it should end up around 2100) while Illinois has + 58 Midget teams, + 59 Bantam teams, - 1 PeeWee teams, - 1 Squirt teams, - 71 Mite teams, - 33 High School teams and - 99 Adult teams

The next AHAI Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, 3/3/03, 7:00pm at the **AHAI Hockey Center**.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting concluded at 9:25pm.

**Mark Shutan, AHAI Secretary**

