

# AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS., Inc.

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## AHAI Board of Directors Meeting April 2, 2001

The following were present at the meeting: Rich Becker, Jay Cohen, Cindy Fujii, Dick Glass, Pete Humann, Mike Lebarre, Bob Mathson, Bob Saliba, Mark Shutan, Jim Smith, Norm Spiegel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm and the minutes of the last board meeting were approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's / "Smith" Reports - Jim Smith**

Profit & Loss Statements for June 2000 – March 2001 were distributed; updated information still to come. Stadium day went well with ~7400 people in attendance! The Annual Chicago Showcase Event is coming up April 18th – 22nd at Seven Bridges; the Alaska team is being supplemented with extra Illinois skaters who did not make our final roster. This year's Terry Beacom Award winner is Ken Michel who received this honor at The United Center on April 1st. Our Championship Award Dinner which was attended by over 950 people was held at the O'Hare Marriott saving ~\$10,000!

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

Over 2100 teams are now registered. We have already surpassed the 1999-2000 Registrations!

### **Youth House League Committee - Mark Cohen**

No Report

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

A memo was distributed outlining the committee recommendations for By-Law and/or Rule Changes which the Board proceeded to discuss. A proposed change to ARTICLE VIII TIER II, Section 1. CHOICES – 2nd SENTENCE – was approved 8-1 with the specific language to be provided to the General Membership with adequate time for their examination before the June Annual Meeting.

The second proposal involved the "Mite A2 Developmental Level Hockey" which was determined to be a Rule Change and will be discussed further before the Board takes any action.

### **Tier II Youth Blackhawk Cup Committee - Bob Saliba**

Requests for bids for the 2002 Blackhawk Cup SuperSites have just been sent out.

### **Junior Committee - Jim McGlynn**

No Report



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**Coaching Committee – Rich Becker**

Jay Cohen brought up that USA Hockey **requires** Advanced Level Coaches at the Tier II Midget, 19+ Women's and High School levels and that this will be a BIG problem for AHAI next season.

**Screening - Norm Spiegel**

No Report

**Player Development Committee - Norm Spiegel**

Camps went very well the last weekend in March; 650 recommendations for 300 openings! The evaluators did an excellent job deciding which players should continue in the Player Development Program. The Festival tryouts will be held in May with Illinois receiving 48% of the chosen players.

**Women's / Girl's Committee - Jay Cohen**

A 25% increase in team registrations is expected next season as interest in Women's / Girl's hockey continues to GROW! ~136 players attended the FREE clinics that were held this season at the AHC.

**Open Committee - Norm Spiegel**

The next meeting will be held on April 10th. The Team Illinois PeeWee team advanced.

**Adult Hockey Committee - Kevin Mann**

No Report

**Suspension Review Committee – Mark Shutan**

The committee feels that they need to conduct what they are referring to as "Phase One Investigations" concerning violations that fall under Rule 410 Supplementary Discipline. The purpose of this Phase One Investigation is to determine IF there is cause to FULLY investigate the offending player. Rich Becker explained that some specific criteria for this new policy MUST be in place asap.

**Rules and Ethics Committee - Dick Glass**

No Report

**Appeals Committee – Bob Saliba**

Five Cases; Steve Snorek – Appeal dropped, Don DeWilkins – Appeal dropped, Vikings Organization – Appeal Pending, Blues Organization – Appeal 4/21/01, Todd Rawls – Appeal 4/21/01.



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**In-Line Hockey Committee - Frank Leonette**

No Report

**Diversity Task Force - Cindy Fujii**

No Report

**High School Committee - Bob Mathson**

The Illinois Showcase team is playing a controlled scrimmage game against the Chicago Freeze on Thursday, April 5th.

**Supervisor of Officials - Don Allord**

No Report

**Old Business**

Rich Becker updated everyone on the current status of the Johnny's Chicago Chill Girls legal action against AHAI; Dave Loughnane was approved as our new legal representative for these lawsuits.

**New Business**

The Nominating Committee asked if the following Directors who are at the end of their current term are interested in continuing; Cindy Fujii, Pete Humann, Bob Mathson, Maddy Rossobillo and Mark Shutan.

Ken Glowacki officially tendered his resignation as a Director and Chairman of the Suspension Review Committee; Everyone wishes Ken well and thanks him for a job well done!

The Central States Developmental Hockey League distributed a preliminary list of team requests.

The next AHAI Board of Directors meeting should be held on Monday, 5/7/01, 7:00pm at the **AHAI Hockey Center**.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting concluded at 10:00pm.

**Mark Shutan, AHAI Secretary**

