

## **AHAI Board of Directors Meeting December 4, 2000**

The following were present at the meeting: Don Allord, Rich Becker, Jim Benz, Jay Cohen, Mark Cohen, Cindy Fujii, Ken Glowacki, Mike Lebarre, Kevin Mann, Maddy Rossobillo, Bob Saliba, Mark Shutan, Jim Smith, Norm Spiegel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm and the minutes of the last board meeting were approved as revised and amended.

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

The Profit and Loss Statement (June - November 2000) was distributed along with Committee Financial Statements for 2000-2001. Due to a duplication error in the mailing of the last Newsletter, multiple copies went to quite a few people - It will not happen again. The next edition of "Between the Pipes" should be out by Christmas. The recently updated AHAI Guidebooks are now being mailed. Chicago Showcase information is also expected to be mailed before Christmas. Our new look website should be online by December 11th. The schedule for the Holiday High School Tournament to be held at the Edge, December 27-30 is now on the website. Please continue to make all AHC meeting room requests through Jim Smith.

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

~ 1600 teams are now registered including 2 new combined girl's teams. Numbers are up! Norm Spiegel presented petitions for late roster additions from; Team Illinois Midget Major, Bolingbrook HS, Buffalo Grove/Hersey HS, Deerfield HS, Glenview Bantam Gold, Homewood-Flossmoor HS, Huskies Mite A, Huskies Bantam A, Joliet Bantam Bronze, Lincolnway HS, Marian HS, Peoria PeeWee A, Rockford Midget #2, Sabres Bantam Bronze and St. Joseph HS; all were Unanimously Approved.

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

The late distribution of this year's Skill's Showcase information has resulted in almost no participation; only 2 organizations will take part in the competition - Danville & Grizzlies.

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

No Report.

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

The Bantam AA Chicago Hawks team has folded; following previous cases such as this any "choice" petitions submitted will automatically be granted providing the AHAI Registrar is informed.

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

A meeting was held on December 5th and the following was decided; there will be 3 levels to this year's tournament: "AA" at Vernon Hills (Glacier), "A" at Orland Park and "B" at Darien and Seven Bridges (only for "A" teams registered as the 3rd, 4th or 5th level team). After much discussion, it was decided that the committee will start to look into the entire tournament design.

### **Coaching Committee - Rich Becker**

One more Re-Certification Clinic will be held on Monday, December 11th at the Edge. The last full Associate / Intermediate Clinic was held 12/2/00 in Pekin. The clinic went well but there were still way too many no-shows; there needs to be some sort of disciplinary penalty for skipping out on a coaching clinic. Much appreciation was shown for all the people involved in putting together the Coaching, Initiation and Officiating Clinics this year - JOB WELL DONE!

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**Screening - Norm Spiegel**

More than 1000 people have been screened to date; ~125 coaches and managers were suspended until they provided proof to Norm that they had been fingerprinted.

**Player Development Committee - Norm Spiegel**

The AHAI Girls' Clinic on December 4th had ~67 participants and everything went very well. The Prep Jamboree for 1986 & 1987 birthdates will be held on January 15, 2001 at the AHC.

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

The discrimination lawsuit filed against us by the Chicago Chill Girl's team will be handled by the legal firm retained by Rich Becker; as always, do not speak with anyone about this subject without the guidance of Ralph Morris (our attorney) or Rich Becker! The committee meeting to be held on December 5th will include choosing a State Tournament Coordinator.

**Open Committee - Norm Spiegel**

Applications for the new Tier I Open organization must be in by the December 12th meeting.

**Suspension Review Committee - Ken Glowacki**

The next 2 meetings have a full load of cases. Mark Shutan has been added to the committee.

**Rules and Ethics Committee - Dick Glass**

There have 4 cases this year involving physical contact between players.

**Adult Hockey Committee - Kevin Mann**

No Report.

**In-Line Hockey Committee - Mike Lebarre**

The USA Nationals may be back here this summer along with the World Championships.

**Diversity Task Force - Cindy Fujii**

Currently 35 - 40 kids are involved in the program.

**High School Committee - Jim Smith**

The Friday column written by Jonathan Schoenberg in the Tribune returned December 1st.

**CSDHL - Norm Spiegel**

No Report.

**Supervisor of Officials - Don Allord**

Zero Tolerance incidents seem to be way down - something is going right! One last Level 1 & 2 Seminar will be held at Buffalo Grove on 12/23/00. Overall the seminar numbers are about the same as last year. Scheduling of officials for weekend games is very difficult - BIG SHORTAGE!

**Old Business**

The anonymous donor to IHOA wanted to improve the quality and quantity of today's officials; the money will be used to implement a new 3-Person "Mentoring" system to achieve that goal.

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**New Business**

A new AHAI Appeals Committee chaired by Rich Becker will be formed “To review the validity of the criteria of appeal requests submitted to the AHAI Board”. Discussion of the new proposed AHAI Zero Tolerance Policy will be on the agenda for our January meeting; please review the draft that was distributed. We now have 2 pending lawsuits; Coach Pecoraro and the Chicago Chill Girl’s team - refer all questions to Rich Becker.

The next AHAI Board of Directors meeting should be held on Monday, 01/08/01, 7:00pm at the **AHAI Hockey Center**.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting concluded at 9:10pm.

**Mark Shutan, AHAI Secretary**