

**AHAI Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2000
(Revised as Amended)**

The following were present at the meeting: Don Allord, Rich Becker, Pete Creticos, Cindy Fujii, Dick Glass, Ed Howe, Dave LaBuda, Mike Lebarre, Frank Leonette, Kevin Mann, Bob Mathson, Jim McGlynn, 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" Report - Jim Smith

All Committee "Receipt and Disbursement" reports for last season were handed out. This year's Committee "Budgets" will be ready for next meeting.

The "Stadium Day" event times have been changed to accommodate the 5:00pm LIVE telecast of the Red Varsity Championship: 11:00am-Police/Fire, 1:00pm-HS Rumble, 2:30pm-BH Alumni.

A second mailing was just sent out regarding the Blackhawk Alumni Scholarships. The response was very poor on the initial mailing and applicants are needed! This year's luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 29th at the McDonald's Lodge in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Registrar's Report - Norm Spiegel

2,035 teams and 23,747 players are now registered which is a slight increase over the previous season. Senior's registration has improved with the "Blades" program the only non-participant.

Youth House League Committee - Jim Smith

Over 570 players participated in this year's Skills Competition raising \$2200.

Tier II Committee - Bob Saliba

New Organization Applications: "Sharks"(Buffalo Grove) meeting on 2/9/00, "Grizzlies" (Addison) waiting for FULL application to be completed, "Chiefs" (Elmhurst) preliminary investigation only.

A new "Midget Substitute Choice" Rule proposal was passed out - discussion on March 6th.

Possible Multiple Tier Registration (AA-A-B-C) and the 75% State Tournament Rule were brought up and the Tier II Committee was asked to bring the Board their specific recommendations.

Tier II Youth Blackhawk Cup Committee - Bob Saliba

223 teams are registered to participate in this year's tournament culminating with the Championships on March 4th ("A") and March 5th ("AA") at the AHC.

Junior Committee - Jim McGlynn

The Tier I Junior A League proposal still has not gotten enough support to proceed any further.

Screening - Norm Spiegel - No Report.

Player Development Committee - Norm Spiegel

Format changes have been proposed and are under consideration by USA Hockey.

Women's / Girl's Committee - Jay Cohen - No Report.

Open Committee - Ed Howe

All the tournaments are set and ready to go.

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Senior Committee - Jim Smith

This year's new tournament brochure was handed out.

Suspension Review Committee - Ken Glowacki

No Report.

Rules and Ethics Committee - Dick Glass

The current Case Summary list was distributed. A comment was made that expediency in handing out discipline at this time of the year is imperative.

In-Line Hockey Committee - Frank Leonette

A new High School In-Line league is in the process of being started for this spring.

Diversity Task Force - Cindy Fujii

The program now has 40 players participating and all are having a great time.

High School Committee - Bob Mathson

The High School "Rumble" Skills Competition will be held on 2/20/00 at the AHC with the top four teams advancing to the United Center on March 19th at 1:00pm.

120 teams (Five Divisions) have registered for the State Tournament to begin 3/6/00 at the AHC.

The Coaches All-State teams will play on Monday, 2/14/00, 6:45pm at the AHC.

The Showcase players have been chosen and tryouts are set for 2/19/00 - 2/21/00 at the AHC.

Coaching Committee - Rich Becker - No Report.

CSDHL - Pete Creticos

The playoff brackets were handed out with the Championship Games to be held on Sunday, 2/13/00 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the AHC.

Overall there have been few complaints during this inaugural season and everyone is looking forward to next year. A recap meeting will be held on Championship Sunday. One suggestion is to run the 2000-2001 season as an "Absolute Zero Tolerance" league. New Missouri and Wisconsin teams will probably participate at various levels next season.

Supervisor of Officials - Don Allord

All State Tournament Coordinators have been notified of each level's Officials Assignor.

An incident during the Flames Midget Gold NIHL game against the Vikings on 2/6/00 was discussed. An on-ice altercation resulted in an official getting hit by a player and the officials being subjected to police intervention. The result is that some of our officials are refusing to be scheduled for ANY games involving the Flames Organization. AHAI CAN NOT AND WILL NOT ALLOW ANY OFFICIAL TO REFUSE AN ASSIGNMENT ONCE THAT ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED and Game Officials cannot refuse to complete ANY accepted assignments! A special committee comprised of Norm Spiegel, Rich Becker, Jim McGlynn and Bob Mathson was appointed to meet with Flames President Maddy Rossobillo to express our extreme displeasure and that continued similar behavior could result in the loss of their Tier II status.

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New Business

A new proposal defining "Student Coach" was presented for addition to the 2000-2001 AHAI Guidebook. The motion was Unanimously Approved.

Dave LaBuda, Central District Referee-in-Chief, reported that there are 3600 registered officials in our district and we are experiencing ~30% attrition per year! He presented a Canadian poster advertising campaign to address the "Abuse of Officials" problem. AHAI recognizes the problem and will begin an aggressive approach pointed at each organization including posters, videotapes and Board Member appearances to help stop this unacceptable behavior.

The next AHAI Board of Directors meeting should be held on Monday, 3/6/00, 7:00pm at the **AHAI Hockey Center**.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and the meeting concluded at 9:40pm.

Mark Shutan, AHAI Secretary