

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 1, 2010

The following were present at the meeting: Mike Mullally, Rich Becker, John Dunne, Doug Becht, Sjoukje Brown, Jim Clare, Ken Michel, Kevin Bolger, Laura Johnson, Gregg Chudacoff, Pete Humann, Jack Raslawski, Steve Silvey, Chuck Smith, Bill Gomolinski, Jim Powers and Paul Jakubowski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Mike Mullally.

The Minutes from the October 4, 2010 Board Meeting were discussed and accepted.

Treasurers Report

Copies of the P & L through October 2010 were handed out, discussed and accepted. Ken Michel suggested that we modify the Treasurers Report to shown comparison budgeted expenses to final expense. Mike indicated that the Audit was not yet completed.

Announcements – Points of Interest

College Night

It was reported that about 1100 players and parents attended this years College Night. President Mullally thanked all Board members that were in attendance to help with the evening.

USAH Audit: “by far the best of ALL the affiliates” Some of the suggestions for improvement were: Whistle blower policy; written doc and retention policy; Exec Committee for employee compensation; 990 transparency; physical inventory of equipment; electronic access to account; additional crime insurance for cash balances.

USAH Winter Meetings: 12 will attend (including AHAI directors that also are USAH personnel) – balance attend Congress

Affiliate Presidents meeting – agenda items

North Shore A2: Wilmette, Winnetka, Glenview and Northbrook are forming a House B Tier III youth league for U-8 players currently in their house programs called House Plus: 9 games, no cuts, no standings.

Juniors – USAH proposal – review Committee formed by USAH

AHAI Player Development – Don Allord, Doug Becht and Norm Spiegel will oversee Player Development program for AHAI.

USAH Director – Jim Campbell has been found to be using his position with USAH to promote his own business.

Injury Diligence – Mike noted that whenever an on ice injury has occurred he has tried to call the family as a follow up to lend whatever support we are able.

NIHL Directive – all Squirt teams must play NIHL?

New AHAI web site – should be ready in a month or so

The Sports Authority has committed to a sponsorship partnership with AHAI. Details are pending.

High School-Steve Silvey

Steve noted that there are 76 pure boys HS teams, and 62 combined boys HS teams for a total of 2700 boys players. There are 3 pure girls HS teams and 7 combined girls teams for a total of 200 girls players.

Bill Gomolinski spoke in favor of not applying the HS Combined definition to girls for this year only. Kevin Bolger also spoke in favor of a one-year moratorium for this as well. A straw vote showed the Board in favor of exempting girls for this year. Bill Gomolinski made a motion to exempt Girls HS Combined teams from the HS Combined definition for one year. Kevin Bolger seconded the motion. The motion carried. A committee was formed to resolve this for future seasons: Bill Gomolinski, Sjoukje Brown, Steve Silvey, Mike Mullally, and Chuck Smith.

Steve Silvey submitted a motion for the revised Policy Definition of a HS team:
A high school team consists of currently enrolled students from the same high school or attending high school within a common community. The essential element in the classification is a core community whether it is a building, town or district. It is the intent of the classification to mirror an ISHA winter sport as closely as is practical under the supervision of AHAI and the High School Committee.
This motion was seconded by Rich Becker and carried.

Mike noted that this is a rule change year for USAH and one of the proposals is changing the age that checking begins to Bantams. In conjunction with this more “contact” would be allowed at Mite, Squirt and Pee Wee.

Mike also indicated that a baseline testing program to be used for measuring / mitigating effects of Concussions has been brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAI Recording Secretary