

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 15, 2011

The following were present at the meeting: Doug Becht, Rich Becker, Jim Clare, Bob Saliba, Pete Humann, Steve Silvey, Sjoukje Brown, John Dunne, Kevin Bolger, Don Allord, Chuck Smith, Bill Gomolinski, Jim Powers, Laura Johnson, Gregg Chudacoff, Dave Zednik and Paul Jakubowski.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Dunne at 7:08 PM. The minutes from the January 3, 2011 were distributed and discussed. A motion to accept was made by Kevin Bolger and a 2nd was made by Chuck Smith. The minutes were accepted.

The Treasurers Report was distributed and discussed and a motion to accept was made by Steve Silvey with a 2nd by Jim Clare. The Treasurers Report was accepted.

Announcements

- Please sign the Conflict of Interest Policy and submit
- Help is needed for the HS State Tournament
- Please submit your name if attending the USA Hockey Annual Congress
- Reminder that the Strategic Planning Session dates are April 29 to May 1
- NWHL is conducting a seminar about their elimination of checking at the Pee Wee level this spring. It will be Saturday, February 26th at 10 AM at the Sheraton Four Points O'Hare.

High School-Steve Silvey

Steve reported that the HS All State Games went well and thanked George Hayes, Carl Miller, Dave Shapiro and Ned Forsberg for their help with the event. He indicated that there were 85 responses out of 120 invites so far to the Showcase Tryout Invitations. Steve also said he needed some help with the Showcase as well.

ADM-John Dunne/Chuck Smith

Chuck indicated that he is working to assemble format for Local ADM Clinics. John noted that there are 3 Sessions at Millennium Park for the Hockey Weekend Across America on Sunday.

Blackhawk Cup-Gregg Chudacoff

Gregg reported that there are 205 teams registered for the Blackhawk Cup and that the Round Robin starts on March 2nd.

Tier II-Bob Saliba

Bob said that the Tier II Committee was meeting on February 28th with McFetridge and Hoffman Estates for their final review for Tier II status. Chuck Smith also noted that there would be a Tier II Presidents Meeting on February 22nd at AHAI at 7 PM.

IHOA-Dave Zednik

Dave noted that all referees are instructed to file Incident Reports for any injuries.

Registrar-Laura Johnson

Laura reported that she is polling all Registrars about Spring League. An E-Vote will be conducted to determine whether the Policy proposal to register all leagues is accepted.

Tier I-Bill Gomolinski

Bill indicated that Tier I State Tournament is all set to begin. He has payments from CYA, Mission and Fury.

Rules & Ethics- Bill Gomolinski

Bill stated that this has been a very, very busy year for the R&E Committee. Discussions have been conducted about a possible draft of a Recruiting Policy. Bill noted that the single largest deficiency with any Recruiting Policy would be “lack of enforcement power”.

Player Development-Doug Becht

Doug explained that all information was emailed to all age appropriate (94,95,96 & 97) head coaches to go online and recommend players for this years' Player Development Camp. The Player Development Committee will meet on March 2nd to review the electronic recommendation/evaluations. On another note, Doug indicated that he will do an outline/power point that will cover all aspects of AHAI for a Parent Meeting presentation.

Concussion Initiative-Paul Jakubowski

Video from Dr. Michael Stuart is now on AHAI website. Dr. Stuart was Chair of USAH Concussion Task Force and his video is a 36 minute presentation of these findings. All AHAI directors need to spread the word about these findings.

Juniors-John Dunne

John reported that Mark Frankenfeld, the President of the North American Hockey League met with the USA Hockey Executive Board along with Mike Mullally, John Dunne and Paul Jakubowski at the Winter Meetings in Orlando and is committed to achieving a resolution to the Jr. expansion in Illinois.

ASRC-Kevin Bolger

Kevin said that he believes that Check From Behind should be determined by the Referee whether the player is really injured or simply feigning an injury to incur a Major Penalty.

Girls-Sjoukje Brown

Sjoukje explained that the Girls Committee was a bit more complex than it seems. This Committee is responsible for the Tier I Girls, Tier II Girls, HS Girls, Girls Player Development and the Girls Blackhawk Cup/State Tournament. She noted that a separate Committee member is responsible for each of these facets and chairs a sub-committee

that oversees each of them. Finally, Sjoukje said that she will set another date for the Tier I Girls meeting sometime in the next two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAI Recording Secretary