

AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 6, 2012

The following were present at the meeting: John Dunne, Jim Clare, Kevin Bolger, Gregg Chudacoff, Ken Michel, Rich Becker, Doug Becht, Marc Kapsalis, Jim Powers, Don Allord, Pete Humann, Mike Mullally, Tony Cachey, Chuck Smith, Bob Mathson, Laura Johnson, Paul Jakubowski, Amy Lapoe and Admirals President Jeff Schoner.

The meeting was called to order by President John Dunne. Minutes from the May and June Annual Meeting were distributed, discussed and approved.

President Dunne introduced Jeff Schoner, the President of the Admirals Hockey Club explaining that the Admirals have volunteered to do a Model ADM Program under the guidance of USAH Regional ADM Manager, Bob Mancini. Jeff explained that they will do 1 Squirt and 2 Pee Wee teams. The Admirals have really educated their prospective parents as to what this Model Program will be – and will NOT be. Bob Mancini did an extensive on-ice/off-ice presentation to all these parents and answered every question asked about how this would be conducted. Jeff indicated that he would like to return to this Board with a progress report mid-season.

Treasurers Report-Bob Mathson

Bob distributed the P&L Budget vs. Actual, June through July 2012 and the Budget P&L June 2102 through May 2013. A motion was made by Chuck Smith to accept the June through July 2012 and was seconded by Jim Clare. The motion carried. Bob made a motion to accept the Budget for 2012-2013 and was seconded by Kevin Bolger. Ken Michel questioned the low average going rate for on-ice officials. He believes that the budgeted monies for referees should at least be equal to the regular season league fees and stated that the proposed budgeted fees for State Tournament are way too low! The motion was amended for approval minus the proposed low referee fees (and the directly related items). This amended motion was approved.

Registrar-Laura Johnson

Laura noted that she will be conducting Registrar Training Seminars on August 7, 9, 14 at the AHAI Offices, the 20th in Darien and the 28th in Bloomington.

High School-Mike Mullally/Jim Powers

A proposed new HS Combined rule was distributed and discussed:

Article I, Section 7. High School Team Definitions:

“PURE” or “REGULAR” Team: - A team made up solely of players attending the same High School

“COMBINED” Team: - A team made up of players attending two or more High Schools. The following rules apply to Combined teams and to Combined Organizations:

- A. Combined teams are sponsored by a “Combined Organization” - which is an AHAI affiliate that has been reviewed and approved by the High School*

- Committee. The criteria for grouping players from multiple high schools together to form a Combined Organization will be:*
- a. maximizing the “Essence of High School hockey” (based on school district, community and geographic proximity). The first priority shall be to combine players representing High Schools within the same school district. All combined schools must be within a geographical proximity of one another.*
 - b. ensuring the long-term viability of the resulting Combined Organization based on a projection of an adequate number of players each year for the foreseeable future (Note: viability must not be confused with competitiveness).*
- B. All eligible players from all the combined schools must be invited to try out for teams organized by the Combined Organization. Any infractions of this rule will terminate Combined Organization status.*
 - C. There is absolutely no “cutting” of players that want to try out.*
 - D. The minimum number of players in a Combined Organization will be 24. Each Combined Organization will have a minimum of 2 teams: a Varsity and a Junior Varsity team. Each team shall have a minimum of 12 unique players (players may be counted only on one team roster for the purposes of this calculation). Additional teams may be formed by the Organization as needed. There is no maximum number of players in the Organization.*
 - E. Organizations must annually submit a “Combined” status form to the Chairperson of the High School Committee for approval no later than June 1st of the upcoming Playing Season.*
 - F. A group of players representing a single high school within an existing Combined Organization that seek to become a separate Pure Team must apply to the AHAI HS Committee for approval prior to June 1st for the upcoming playing season.*
 - G. All Combined Organizations must have a Board of Directors with at least one (1) representative from each school included in that organization.*
 - H. All Combined Organizations must have a pre-season meeting with all their players, parents, coaches and administrators in attendance. A representative of the AHAI High School Committee will be present at such meeting, upon request.*
 - I. All “Combined” teams must enter the AHAI High School State Tournament unless an exception is approved by the High School Committee.*
 - J. Combined Organizations offering spring teams will be limited to the same schools as the preceding fall season.*

Jim Powers made a motion to approve the new rule proposal for HS Combined teams. The motion was seconded by Kevin Bolger and the motion carried. Jim also noted that the Illinois HS Hockey League is the umbrella organization that will oversee most HS leagues.

AHAI Mite Jamboree-John Dunne

John indicated that homework is being done on these events and RFP's are now out to all interested hosts. On October 19th AHAI will be hosting the USAH Executive Board and

Youth Council at Park Ridge for an on-ice ADM Practice and hard board set-up demonstration. There will also be a display of our AHAI One Goal Equipment. The Mite Task Force will meet on Tuesday, August 7th at the AHAI Offices at 6:30 PM. Jim Clare will chair this meeting.

Tier II-Gregg Chudacoff

Gregg noted that the Committee has received 9 applications to date. Eight were denied and 1 was approved. The application for this is online and the Committee can review, comment and vote online. Denied applications have option to request hearing. All pertinent policies, rules are posted online on Tier II Committee page.

NIHL-Jim Clare

Jim reported that NIHL has proposed a by law that all clubs must place ALL their Tier II Mite & Squirt teams in NIHL.

New Business

Mike Mullally made note to all that Mr. Lulove took 4 teams from his Great Lakes Jr. Hockey League and moved to AAU. Eight other teams from this league moved to league in MN under the Great Lakes Division. Kalkaska, MI Jr. Team has moved to Dyer, IN.

Bob Mathson thanked Don Allord, Paul Jakubowski and everyone for their efforts to make the Golf Outing a success, raising \$4,000.00.

The next AHAI Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, as Monday, September 3rd is the Labor Day Holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jakubowski
AHAI Recording Secretary