

May 1, 2023, 2023,
AHAI Board of Directors meeting | MINUTES

May 1, 2023 /6:30PM | Zoom

Meeting called by *Bolger*

Type of meeting *Monthly Board Meeting*

Note taker *Dunne*

AHA! Board present:

*Bolger, Lichterman, Crowley, Dunne, Johnson,
Clare, Cavallini, Weinberg, Zschach, , Surrette
,Apter, Naveja, Smith, Gallagher, Hann,
Krausefeldt, Chudacoff, Montgomery,
Baumruck*

Approval of Meeting minutes

Approved April 2023 minutes

Motion: Lichterman

2nd: Surrette

Approved

Treasures Report: Crowley

The State tournament expenses will be sent to committee chairs including ice bills

AHA! Finances committee will be reviewing AHA! program expenses and recommending member entrance fees

Treasures report

Motion:, **Crowley**

2nd: Smith

Approved

Registrar Report:

- *reminder that safe sport certifications are yearly based on the course completion date. A member who completed a safe sport training on April 1 2022 will need to complete recertification by April 1 2023*

Electronic Vote affirmations

Vote was No

Tier III probationary Blades are asking to put teams in NIHL this upcoming season.

Background info sent Wednesday 5/24 9:15am via email

Blades are requesting the AHAI Board of Directors grant both of our Peewee teams and Squirt team the ability to compete in the NIHL league this upcoming 23/24 fall season.

IT Update: Michael:

- AHAI is experiencing data loss/player when importing teams from the USAH roster to the AHAI web tool player list. Johnson and Michel are working to ensure all players are accounted for participation in State and national tournaments.

CBH report: Hann

CBH were happy with the State High School Championships and are looking for ways to improve.

the AHAI Board approved the following :

***Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. Annual Awards
2023***

AHAI Lifetime Achievement Award Mike Mullally

AHAI Service Award (service above and beyond benefiting the AHAI Membership.

- Jim Arhontas (league president/ master ice scheduler)
- Jen Davidson from Champaign Urbana HS and Youth.
- Alex Alessi Niles Rangers HD

- **AHAI New Leader Award (a volunteer who is leading by example at the Affiliate club level.)**

- Michelle and Wayne Millard (Special Hockey)

AHAI Volunteer of the Year Award (service above and beyond benefiting the AHAI Membership or Affiliate))

- Jim Clare

AHAI Girls Program Award

- St Jude

Committee reports:

Rules Committee:

- Rule proposals were distributed.
 - **Rules and Regulations updating:**
- 2023 New Rule and Regulations or Rule Changes**
 - **January BOD Meeting** **Call for rule changes/submissions**
 - **March BOD Meeting** **Circulation of proposed rules to AHAI Board of Directors**
 - **April BOD Meeting** **Review of changes to proposed rules**
 - **May BOD Meeting** **Vote on all proposed rule changes/additions**
 - **June AHAI Annual Meeting** **Present rule changes to the membership**
 - **AHAI Monthly BOD Meeting** **Emergency rule changes only General Rules**

The following rules proposals were passed.

Proposed Rules Changes Approved by the Respective Committee

Article 4 – nominating committee added language (qualifications) passed in March

Article 7 – addition of Jamboree events & teams (motion Surrette, 2nd Weinberg)

Article 11 & 15 – addition of language for house league goalies (Motion Clare, 2nd Gallagher)

Article 12 – laceration policy modification & heading change (Motion Weinberg, 2nd Surrette)

Article 18 – player commitment language modification (Motion Clare, 2nd Surrette)

Article 18 – general intent language change (addition of specific age groups) Motion Lichterman ,2nd Clare)

Article 19.3 – Player eligibility (motion Weinberg, 2nd Clare)

Article 19.9.11 Girls HS goaltenders (motion Weinberg, 2nd Clare)

The following proposals were tabled:

[Proposed Rules Changes Incomplete, Not Vetted by the Respective Committee, or Not Approved by the Respective Committee](#)

Billet Players

Game Counts

Article 13 – High School modifications

Article 14 – Removal of out of state restrictions 6u & 8u

Article 16 – Tier II Youth language addition for 8u flexibility

Article 17 – Removal of playing restrictions for Tier II Girls

Article 19.2.4 – Home School clarification

High School Committee: (Weinberg)

AHAI Showcase Teams

- Boys Team lost in Championship game
- Girls team also experienced good results
- Both Teams will review future participation in the event

Tier II Committee: Chudacoff

- The committee is setting dates for substitution requests

State Tournament: (recap)

The State tournament expenses will be sent to committee chairs including ice bills

Presidents Council: (Zschach)

Tier I Committee (Cavallini)

Committee is sending out reauthorizations to Mission and TI for the 23/24 season

18.8.1 Re- Authorization:

A Tier I Youth or Girls' Affiliate Organization who has been granted a charter may rely upon maintaining that charter for three years so long as it continues to comply with all AHAI and USA Hockey By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies. Each third (3rd) year a chartered Tier 1 Youth or Girls' Affiliate Organization must submit the required documents indicating compliance to this Article to the AHAI Tier I Committee Chairperson.

Girls: No report

Tier III (Apter)

Grant Committee:

CEP (Clare) No report

Disabled Committee: Dunne

- warriors will be applying for their own 501c3.
- Other disciplines will work toward acquiring their 501c3 statuses.

Communications:

Officials:

IHOA held its Board of Directors voting: There were Five (5) candidates for Five (5) positions.

Director Mark Bialko conducted the voting process. There was a motion to have the membership vote on a slate as opposed to voting individually for each position. That motion was passed by a show of hands

There was a motion to approve the slate of candidates. That motion passed by a show of hands.

The following persons were elected to serve three (3) year terms.

- Brad Baumruck,
- Samantha Cebulski,
- Erika Greenen,
- Geoff Schlender,
- Brett Straley

The Following Directors were voted to the following positions by the new and current IHOA Board.

President: Brian Fisher

Vice President: Scott Gaffney

Secretary: Erika Greenen

Treasurer: Geoff Schlender
Referee in chief: Brad Baumruck

Player Development (Naveja)

- AHAI PD will be held April; 14 -16, Mt prospect
- **PD attendees set**

New Business:

- Girls HS :there was discussion of moving Girls HS jurisdiction from the HS Committee to the Girls committee
- AHAI Leadership Conference topics were discussed and finalized
 - BOD elections
 - Currant BOD terms expire 2023
 - Bolger
 - Michel
 - Lewandowski
 - Naveja
 - Surrette
 - Bylaw proposals notice 4/24and deadline 5/4
- Closed Board meeting session

Next Board meeting, June 3 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm