

February 7, 2022  
AHAI Board of Directors |MINUTES

**February 7, 2022 |6:30pm | Zoom**

Meeting called by *Bolger*  
Type of meeting *Monthly BOD*

Note taker *Dunne*

*Bolger, Lichterman, Crowley,  
Chudacoff, Dunne, Johnson, Clare,  
Cavallini, Smith, Weinberg, Gallagher,  
Zschach, Mullally, Surrette, McGing  
,Lewandowski, Apter, Krausfeldt,  
Humann, Cowsill*

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Approved nov 2021 minutes posted  
**Approve Jan 2022 Minutes**

*Motion: Crowley  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Zschach  
Approved*

**Treasures Report: Crowley**

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- AHA1 audit
  - Set to BOD, approval at February meeting

*Audit report:  
Motion: Crowley  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Zschach*

- Approved unanimously

- **CHB ticket program report**
  - **AHA1 is following CBH ticket refund policy**

*Treasures report  
Motion:, **Crowley**  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Weinberg  
Approved*

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**Registrar Report:**

*AHAI registrar is working with any and all teams that could possibly advance to USAH District or national to help the team gather the requesting documentation. All information will be electronic*

*Motion: Clare  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith*

**Approved**

**IT Update: Michael**

- AHAI continues to work with USAH on date transfer issues
- USAH IT department is undergoing personal changes.

**Tier II League resolution/ update; Zschach**

*President's meeting was two weeks ago and Central States wanted to share with the Presidents we're they were at with modifications. It was not perceived well by some and did result in an unproductive meeting at that point. Gino and I both felt it was progress with the on ice component and wanting to work with clubs moving up tryout dates to have certified roster for application progress.*

*This ultimately has halted everything. We as a board would need to decide if we wanted to add specific rules applying to leagues. The feedback from presidents is about 50/50 at this point.*

*Other issues need to be focused on with Tier 2 presidents, the last two years have been Covid and now league issues. The focus with them needs to shift back to basics Modifications to player movement rule, tryout start and end date, and most importantly having a firm zero tolerance and Rules and ethics policy*

**CBH report: Camins**

No report

**Committee reports:**

**High School Committee: (Weinberg)**

- JV State tournament is one division only
- Committee is working on HS Combine restructure
- Central Illinois HS State Championship is 2/12 and 2/13

**AHAI Showcase Teams**

No Report

**Suspension Committee: Weinberg**

- Working with officials on the USAH Game reporting system and the systems challenges

**R&E: Chudacoff**

- Committee working on 5- 8 cases
- Working with safe Sport coordinator on SS reports

**Tier II Committee: Chudacoff**

- The Committee will discuss the management of the AHAI 2 choice rule for the 2022/23 season with regards to the DuPage Black Bear Affiliate.
- There are merger negotiations going on with the Chicago Bruins and the Admirals HC.

**State Tournament:**

Nationals Tournaments for all National Bound age levels at Tier I Youth & Girls, Tier II Youth & Girls, and High School.

- looking for Athletic trainers for the state tournament

**Presidents Council: ( Zschach)**

- See League report

### **Tier I Committee (Mullally)**

- State tournament schedule finalized

### **Girls:**

#### **GIRLS REPORT**

- The Girls Committee has our next meeting tomorrow night.
- We will be finalizing the tweaks for player movement & 2-choice for presentation to the AHAI Board for final approval in March.
- State play-in games have begun...some bumps in the road but all good.
- Finalizing round robin checklist
- Showcase registration is strong & continues.
- Central District Tryout Camp registration opened on Feb. 1st
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**Motion: Lichterman**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith**

**Approved**

### **Tier III (Apter)**

- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month (2/14 is next meeting)
- Working on AHAI Grants for Growth and retention
- Working on House Select roster rules

### **Grant Committee:**

- One Goal equipment supplies are limited
- Working on updating the supply of equipment

### **CEP (Clare)**

All,

*There has been several discussions going on around 8U hockey as it pertains to the CUHL League and our ability to bring them back to USAH. Kevin, John and I met with Bob Mancini and Dan Jablonic at the Winter Meetings. Some key discussion points from that meeting:*

- 1. It was made clear to them that AAU is a threat not only to 8U but also older age levels. They see it in pockets across the country as well especially out east.*
- 2. We expressed our desire to bring the 8U's back into the fold. However, USAH does have rules regarding what 8U USAH players can do and that does not include full-ice*

*unless the state has a waiver in place. There are several states that still have the waivers which allows for full-ice 8U games after Jan 1.*

*3. We did not get the sense that they were just going to let us bring them back and play full-ice from the start of the season, although we made it well known that we would like to do that at some level. The fact we do not have any contact with approx. 1500 8U players from either AHAI or USAH for 3 years before they hit 9 years old is an issue.*

*4. AHAI currently does not allow 8U players to play up without approval and we have rarely if ever done it (except for a few goalies). This is not a USAH rule and both Bob and Dan had no issue if we changed it. I recommend we do.*

*5. Another possible solution, but not one I am overly excited about, based on number 4 above concerned letting a team of 8U players roster as a 10U team. If 8U's can play up at 10U, then have the whole roster be 8U's, roster as a 10U team and the league can create a division for all these teams to play in so they are only playing against other 8U's. It was brought up so I wanted you all to be aware of it.*

*No resolution yet but one thing I would ask for is **a change to Rule 14.1, strike section 14.1.2 from the rule.***

#### **Disabled Committee: Dunne**

- USAH funds designated for each discipline have been transferred to each discipline account from the golf outing fundraiser
- CBH Special hockey is registered with USAH for the National; disabled fest.

#### **Reopening Committee:**

- Monitoring changing health concerns and IDPH sports guidance

#### **Communications:**

- Jana reported the publication schedules for AHAI newsletter

#### **Officials: (Cowsell)**

*Held a level 1 training and had 65 attendees*

#### **Player Development (Humann)**

*Coaching evaluation in progress*

Player selection meeting set for 3/21

**Rules and Regulations updating:**

**2022 New Rule and Regulations or Rule Changes**

<b>January BOD Meeting</b>	Call for rule changes/submissions
<b>March BOD Meeting</b>	Circulation of proposed rules to AHAI Board of Directors
<b>April BOD Meeting</b>	Review of changes to proposed rules
<b>May BOD Meeting</b>	Vote on all proposed rule changes/additions
<b>June AHAI Annual Meeting</b>	Present rule changes to the membership
<b>AHAI Monthly BOD Meeting</b>	Emergency rule changes only <b>General Rules</b>

**New Business:**

The Board discussed a proposal from Calibrate Consulting for an RFP to investigate quotes for updating the AHAI infrastructure of electronic systems.

The board approved costs not to exceed \$4000

Motion: Weinberg

2<sup>nd</sup>: Surette

Bolger abstained

**Next Board meeting, March 7, 2022**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm**

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