

April 5, 2021
AHAI Board of Directors |MINUTES
Approved

April 5, 2021 |6:30pm | Zoom

Meeting called by Bolger

Type of meeting Monthly BOD

Note taker Dunne

Michel, Bolger, Lichterman, Crowley,
Chudacoff, Dunne, Johnson, Clare,
Cavallini, Cowsill, Cockey, Weinberg,
Jakubowski, Gallagher, Lewandowski,
Zschach, , Mullally, Svac, Camins, Faulkner

Approved February 2021 minutes posted

Approve March 2021 Minutes

Motion: Weinberg

2nd: Crowley

Approved

**Blind Hockey Presentation :Mike
Svac**

*Mike Svac presented Gretchen
Cockey with a service award for
support of the AHAI Blind program*

Treasures Report

Crowley

- The AHAI Assigners account is added to the Monthly AHAI treasures report
- AHAI internal Audit is Complete and found no improprieties or internal issues
- AHAI continues to monitor spending
- *AHAI is working with the current back to restructure the AHAI Accounts for better oversight by AHAI Leadership*
- *Motion to Approve: Jakubowski*
- *2nd": Zschach*
- *Approved*

Registrar Report Johnson

- It was discussed that a long range strategic plan is needed to retain, increase membership and provide Leadership to the membership
 - Registrar is working on USAH Nationals team credentials
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Committee reports:

Nominating Committee: Crowley

- Membership notice will go out starting April 6th
- Deadline for AHAI BOD nominations is April 24

Reopening Committee:

- The Committee will work on forming a strategic plan for future events such as a shutdown of play or an emergency event
- Bolger and Dunne will be meeting with an IDPH representative to discuss pandemic related ice Hockey issues

AHAI Rules and Regulations rewrite

- Section drafts have been sent to respective board members for final input and review
- AHAI is finalizing an updated Conflict of Interest policy to be signed by AHAI BOD, AHAI Staff and AHAI Committee Members
- The AHAI board passed the following change to Affiliate Organizations 501c3 status.
Corporation 501(c)(3) Status: Except as set out in the AHAI By- Laws, Rules and Regulations, it is highly recommended each Affiliate shall have a corporate structure and at all times maintain a tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or other acceptable and comparable IRS category and/or have a good faith application for IRS 501(c)(3) pending

Commented [JD1]: added highly recommended

that shall be approved by the IRS within 180 days of submission of the application or other comparable IRS category status.

It is recognized that High School Affiliates may have some difficulty obtaining 501(c)(3) status. It is strongly recommended High School Affiliates be an Illinois Not-For-Profit corporation and it is strongly recommended to be a 501(c)(3) corporation. The High School Affiliates should use reasonable efforts to become a 501(c)(3) corporation.

It is recognized that Tier III or Adult Affiliate structures may vary between governmental, not for profit and for-profit Organizations. If any Tier III Affiliate (House League) or Adult structure, because of its structure, believes the governance requirements do not fit with their structure, the Affiliate should contact the appropriate AHAI Committee prior to any issue being raised to resolve the matter.

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Commented [JD3]: added 4/19

High School Committee: (Weinberg)

- NT will be attending USAH HS event after an appeal to USAH Tournament committee. The HS Committee did not recommend a team go to Nationals. came from a system agreed upon by the leagues in the ILSHL.
- The Committee is working on a succession plan to be implemented over the next few seasons.

Tier III

Justin Lewandowski was officially named AHAI Tier 3 Chairman by President Bolger

Tier II (Chudacoff)

- There is committee held meetings on march 4th and march 9 and march 29
- The Committee Denied an application from the DuPage Black Bears to form a tier 2 Affiliate Organization.
 - Committee member Arika Siegal recused herself from discussions and voting due to a potential COI.
 - AHAI Staff, John Dunne and Laura Johnson provided technical and informational support for the committee, but have no voting rights and did not participate in the committee vote.
- The Committee will Address requests for substitute AHAI 2 choice rule for the 2021/22 season with the standard procedures. Each case will be handled individually through the Online application process.

Tier 1 Committee (Mullally)

- Tier 1 spring programs are posted
- Add discussion of 9U AAA to May BOD meeting
- It was discussed that at least 4 tier 1 Affiliates are running non USAH, U8 and U9 programs

- the AHAI board voted to change the tier 1 committee from a vote for each president, to a recommendation from the tier 1 committee members.

This is the current wording:

16.0 Tier 1 Committee:

The president shall establish and appoint a Tier 1 committee and Chairperson ("Tier 1 Chairperson"). Each member and the President of every authorized Tier 1 Organization shall be entitled to vote on the Tier 1 Committee.

This is the new wording:

16.0 Tier 1 Committee:

The president shall establish and appoint the Tier 1 Committee and Chairperson ("Tier 1 Chairperson"), Each member, and every authorized Tier 1 Affiliate Member shall be entitled to recommend rules change to the AHAI Board.

Motion: Mullally

2: Jakubowski

Approved with 1 abstention (Cavilini)

Changed in AHAI rule rewrite

- *Rule changes to tier 1 - new*
 - *The head and assistant coaches of a tier 1 teams may not coach the same birth year players at a different tier 1 club the following year.*
- *5 AAA Tier 1 clubs are approved for 2021-22 season.*

Player Development (Humann)

- New player Development dates; are April 9 thru 11
- Updating the web site for 2021 PD
- Players selected and notified of AHAI PD participation

Girls:

Lichterman will be attending Central District Girls player development tryouts

AHAI Annual Meeting: Saturday June 5

- Planning is progressing
- Business meeting will be on June 5, 2021
- Educational sessions will be held later in June after the USAH Congress
- Meetings will be virtual
- topics are being finalized by Committee

Presidents Council: (Zschach)

- Held Meeting on March 18
- Will schedule a meeting in mid April
- Council has expressed issues with current tier 2 leagues, NIHL and CSDHL

CEP (Clare)

AHAI announced the 2021 AHAI Coaches of the Year

Disabled

Wayne Millard
Chicago Blackhawks Special Hockey

Girls

Rachael Cremer
CIGHA Revolution

Boys High School

Chris Waters
BG/H/W

Girls High School

Del Morris
Evanston High School

Youth

John Werner
Cyclones

Disabled Committee: Dunne

No report

Officials: (Cowsell)

- Continue to add fully registered officials
- The AHAI ADP program will utilize the AHAI Player Development camp for Officials training

State Tournament:

- .AHAI has a credit for the unused ice from the cancelled State tournament

Communications:

- AHAI Will utilize a Google Calendar for all Committee meetings. It will be posted on the AHAI web site for Public viewing
 - Upcoming Committee Dates & Locations

AHAI Showcase Teams**New Business:**

- **Growth initiative to jumpstart 2021/22 Johnson /Dunne, See Registrar's report**
- **9U and Non USAH Play: Lewandowski. Added to LRP Agenda**
- AHAI executive committee Tabled to August 21
- Contract approvals
- the AHAI Bod approved the ice usage agreement for the 3rd year of a 3 years contract with the village of Bensenville for utilization of the AHAI State Tournament, HS Showcase and Player Development programs

- the AHAI Bod approved the ice usage agreement for the 2nd year of a 5 year contract with Mt Prospect ice Arena for utilization by the AHAI Disabled programs

AHAI BOD went into Closed meeting
AHAI BOD reconvened regular Board meeting

Next Board meeting, May 3, 2021

Meeting adjourned at :9:00 pm