



**ILLINOIS HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, October 10, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**

**Agenda**

**Board members in attendance:**

Geoff Schlender

Larry Clark

Steve Drews

John Oldenburg

Len Edling

Nicole Davis

Eric Cowsill

Don Mrozik

Craig Welker

Dave Zednik

Erin Blair

Jameson Gronert

Mason Strom

Carl Sassolino

**Referee in Chief:** Michael Barrett

**Central District Referee in Chief:** Sjoukje Brown

**IHOA members/others present:** None

**Call to Order:** 1902hrs J. Oldenburg

**Opening Comments:** See President's Report

**Approval of Minutes:** None at this time

**President's Report:** (Oldenburg)

- Thanked the BoD for the flowers sent to his father's funeral. Paul Ciancanelli also wanted to thank the BoD for flowers at his mother's funeral.
- Special Olympics at NEIU on Nov 12 need volunteers; contact Jack Raslawski.
- IHOA Sportsmanship Award- bring it back? Discussion tabled until Jan meeting.
- Awards to Instructors and Assistants- let Oldenburg and/or Sassolino know suggestions.
- AHAI HOF dinner date: January 29, 2017. Table will be purchased, but interest in 1 or 2 needed? Email attendance ASAP.
- New idea started by Barrett (as a L1 instructor) and used by Mrozik in another L1 seminar: send out "Follow-up/ thank-you" email to students (Atta-boy guys!)
- A few of the IL ODP officials are doing "Ben Allison" bracelets again, and requesting a donation from IHOA to the "Ben Allison Legacy Fund"
  - Motion by Oldenburg: Donate \$100 (check) to the "Ben Allison Legacy Fund", 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sassolino Aye: unanimous
  - Sassolino will obtain the pertinent information for whom the check will be written/ sent to.

**Financial Report:** (Schlender)

- Almost all seminar expenses are paid. Champaign is the last one. Currently \$3,000.00 ahead of forecasted revenues; “Still healthy” at \$80,000.
- Ian McCambridge requested NHL Combine Camp reimbursement for transportation (airfare) cost. Discussed IHOA’s involvement in camps if non-USAH.
  - Motion by Schlender: Deny officials reimbursement to non-USAH camps, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Zednik.  
Aye: 10 Nay:1 Abs: 0

**USA/IHOA Registration Report:** (Gronert)

- Numbers are up (121+ members as of today)
  - L1: 514 (2016) vs 416 (2015)
  - L2: 217 (2016) vs 236 (2015)
  - L3: 406 (2016) vs 391 (2015)
  - L4: 109 (2016) vs 82 (2015)
- Skokie paperwork has not been submitted yet due to a software change (database info does not match up.)
- Will need to “re-vamp” *How to be a ref?* PDF soon.
- Work w/ Ken to update ability to run specific seminar queries.

**District Referee in Chief:** (Sjoukje Brown) Not present.

**Referee in Chief:** (Barrett)

- No wavers to WI officials for Vipers games.
- Match penalty hearings are scheduled; many.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rules and Ethics:** (Zednik) None

**Rules:** (Drews) Not present

**Referee Oversight:** (Davis) None

**Nominating:** (Strom) None

**Performance Education and Development:** (Sassolino) 6 “Atta-boys”, 20 reports so far; nothing really outstanding.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hall of Fame:** See President's Report regarding IHOA attendance and table needs.

**Scholarship:** (Schlender) None

**USA/IHOA Seminars Coordinator:** (Sassolino, Oldenburg)

- 2 "Atta-boys" for seminar instructors.
- Champaign staff and staff set "good to go" per Zednik).
- Late season seminar discussion. Nov 23 @ Leafs Centre L1 & L2 only. L1 1p-8p, L2 1p-7p, both with ice.
  - Motion by Schlender: Nov 23 @ Leafs L1 & L2 only, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Zednik  
Aye: 11 (unanimous)
  - L3 & L4 are allowed to attend BUT REGISTRATION WITH USAH MUST MATCH IHOA REGISTRATION.
  - L2 officials will not be eligible/ certified to officiate by Nov 30
    - Email will be sent on/after Nov 15 regarding loss of assignments due to *incomplete status*.

**Website/News Letter:** (Davis) Will post information for late season seminar on site.

**Tier II and HS Presidents Liaison:** (Randy) None

**Coaches Seminar Coordinator:** (Fehrman) Not present

**Public Relations:** (Drews) Not present, information given to Oldenburg

- Liability insurance \$500/yr
  - Motion by Oldenburg: Obtain liability insurance, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Cowsill Aye: 11 (unanimous).

**Downstate Illinois report:** (Clark) Not present.

**Selection: *President* / *RIC* / *ARIC*:** None

**Evaluation/Supervision Committee:** (Sassolino, Ballantyne) None

**Mentoring:** (Sassolino) Some assigners not notified of cancelled games to give mentors a "heads-up."

**Development:** (Blair) Need help with "Watch the Ref."

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** IHOA sportsmanship award (revisit in January).

**Adjournment:** 2109hrs Oldenburg, Gronert

**Minutes taken by:** N. Davis, secretary

**Next Board Meeting:**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**  
at Bloomingdale Golf Club