



ILLINOIS HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, February 13, 2017 @ 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 (via phone)  
Mason Strom  
Carl Sassolino

Referee in Chief: Michael Barrett

Central District Referee in Chief: Sjoukje Brown

IHOA members/others present: Bill Green

Call to Order: 1908hrs Oldenburg

**Opening Comments:** Guest Bill Green addressed the board. Discussing retention and how IHOA has addressed the 270+ incomplete officials. Hearing officials in the locker room discuss the unsafe conditions of local rinks. Two most common rinks talked about are Seven Bridges and mainly Addison. It's tough for a young official to determine the safety and potentially suspend a game at these rinks. Officials feel afraid to suspend games for feeling they will not be assigned future games. Per Mike Barrett, IHOA Board responded that we are aware of the issues and will support officials who suspend games but cannot force rinks to fix their buildings.

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**President's Report:** (Oldenburg) John O addresses fees being 40 for all levels. Brought up in the prior meeting but not voted on. Discussed how fees impact retention at the various levels mainly level 1's and they are the most expensive level to have a seminar for. No reason to lower level 3's and 4's. Discussing game fees in relation to other states and the potential to raise game fees. Can we spend money on tools to make seminars better? **Motion:** Keep fees the same for next year by Oldenburg, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Schlender (Aye- 10 Nay-1)

**President's Report (con't):** John O sent sample IHOA banners to the board to be placed in rinks. No motion made at this time, overall opinion is to keep working on these.

Super Weekend help needed, BoD to volunteer to help with the championship games at the Edge from March 9-12, 2017 without being assigned as a supervisor.

**Financial Report:** (Schlender) No major changes

**USA/IHOA Registration Report:** (Gronert) None

**District Referee in Chief:** (Sjoukje Brown) None, not present.

**Referee in Chief:** (Barrett) Total game count is going up but the number of officials working games has remained the same.

Discussed contacting incomplete officials by phone this season.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Rules:** (Drews) None

**Referee Oversight:** (Davis) None, not present.

**Nominating:** (Strom) None, not present.

**Performance Education and Development:** (Sassolino) 109 PEDs, 15 good jobs.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hall of Fame:** Dinner was January 29, 2017.

**Scholarship:** (Schlender) None

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

Seminar dates and location updates:

8/12 Leafs, 8/13 Geneva, 8/19 Open weekend, 8/20 Romeoville, 8/26 Orland Park, 8/27 Vernon?

9/3 (Labor Day wknd) Bolingbrook?, 9/9, 9/10, 9/16, 9/17 – open dates (Hoffman), 9/23 Darien,

9/24 Skokie

Open weekends to potentially be filled. Seminar committee to finalize dates and locations.

**Motion:** Reduce the cost of in-state dues only fees by \$20 to prevent officials from going out of state to become certified and coming back to Illinois to work games by Gronert, 2<sup>nd</sup>: None.

**Motion:** Instructors who teach more than two seminars have their registration fee refunded by Gronert, 2<sup>nd</sup>: None.

**Website/News Letter:** (Davis) None, not present.

**Tier II and HS Presidents Liaison:** (Randy) None, not present.

**Coaches Seminar Coordinator:** (Fehrman) None, not present.

**Public Relations:** (Drews) None, not present.

**Downstate Illinois report:** (Clark) None, not present.

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

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

**Mentoring:** (Sassolino) 115 games mentored; can always use additional mentors.

**Development:** (Blair) ADP finishing up for the season. Asking how assigning will be done for playoffs for ADP officials so they don't double book.

GDP still looking for additional ice sessions for this season.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** USAH Annual Congress in Colorado Springs on June 7-10, 2017. Interested: Oldenburg, Sassolino, Cowsill, Barrett, Zednik, and Welker.

IHOA Merchandise to sell through Jerry's Pro-Shop, researched by Davis, had meeting w/ Bob Neubecker (info at meeting given by Blair): Link on the IHOA website to Jerry's website. A page under *Organizations* for people to buy. NO money would come back to IHOA, and NO cost to IHOA. Motion to table the vote for the next meeting by Barrett.

**Adjournment:** 2137hrs Oldenburg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cowsill.

**Minutes taken by:** Cowsill

Next Board Meeting will be  
Monday, **March 13, 2017** @ 7:00 PM