



**ILLINOIS HOCKEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday September 15, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
AHAI Meeting Center  
Bensenville, Illinois**

**Agenda**

**Board members in attendance:**

*Geoff Schlender- no*

*Larry Clarke- yes (Skype)*

*Steve Drews - yes*

*John Oldenburg- yes*

*Len Edling- no*

*Nicole Davis- no*

*Randy Krawiec - yes*

*Michael Nargie -no*

*Craig Welker- no*

*Dave Zednik- yes*

*Erin Blair- no*

*Jameson Gronert - yes*

*Mason Strom- yes*

*Carl Sassolino- yes*

**Referee in Chief**

*Michael Barrett – yes (conference call)*

**IHOA members/others present:** *none*

**Call to Order:** 1950hrs

**Opening Comments:** See RIC Report

**Approval of Minutes:** Steve Drews, Carl Sassolino (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**President's Report:** None

**Financial Report:** None

**USA/IHOA Registration Report:** The Level III & IV closed book examination passing rate is low so far this season. For those officials who fail the level 3 exam and become level 2 officials, Barrett poses the question; do we allow them to continue officiating upper level games over those who passed their closed book exams? **John**, based on repeated PED reports, believes that the best official should be assigned to the game, based on overall ability, regardless of their level. The idea is to provide the kids with the best crew possible. Assign the top officials (level III and IV) early in the month so they are locked in, or else we will lose them to non-USAH games and end up being short-staffed, like we were last season.

6 seats left at Skokie and several at Northbrook. Many have taken exams and completed seminars out of state but have not registered with IHOA. **Erin** will send all ADP kids an email to remind them.

**District Referee in Chief:** *None*

**Referee in Chief:** Report on national meeting at O'hare Hilton: AHAI is handling the issues directly with USA Hockey and once additional information is available, another report will generate. None of the issues discussed with USA Hockey have a direct impact on IHOA. REMINDER: In light of the recent YouTube video of a referee goofing off on-ice, there are cameras everywhere, people are watching; conduct yourself properly.

A number of mite associations have joined the AAU in some capacity. They will have a separate access to an assigner system, but will have no support from the mentoring or evaluation programs of AHAI. A question remains about whether AAU will impact squirts next year. If this trend of players moving to AAU were to continue, the concern is that IHOA registration will similarly fall – AAU does not require a training program for their officials and the registration fee is only \$16.00. Barrett, Steve, or John will draft a response to questions/concerns regarding AAU games. Larry says AAU has been a problem down south as well. They are finding officials but many have expressed displeasure with the pay.

Elective modules are out for the online seminar requirement from USA Hockey.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rules and Ethics:** It has been reported but not confirmed, that a couple of ADP officials had some issues at the CID High School tourney over the weekend, particularly with exchanging inappropriate words with some players.

**Financial Oversight:** none

**Rules:** none

**Referee Oversight:** none

**Nominating:** none

**Performance Education and Development:** John will request an email list from Barrett so he can contact AAU teams so they know not to fill out game reports or PED's to AHAI or IHOA for AAU games.

Mason is apparently now on the PED committee. PEDs from Mites are expected to be down due to the AAU situation. Overall PED occurrences will most likely be based on IHOAs overall numbers.

## **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hall of Fame:** None

**Scholarship:** Too early for awards.

**USA/IHOA Seminars Coordinator:** Seminars: Carl, Schlender is going to be late to the Skokie seminar. Jameson will run the Level 4 on-ice so Drews and Barrett (or Oldenburg) can grade the tests. 9 instructors are taking the test, making it at least 31 total. 3 graders will be needed. It was brought to Carl's attention that the mentoring process downstate is not consistent with the Chicagoland area practices, and needs to be. Carl will be looking into this over the next couple of weeks. Overall costs of the downstate seminar costs this weekend is still \$2000.00 under budget. Carl proposes to the board that all instructors who drove downstate be given a \$50 gift card. Total, it would be a \$400 expense (7@50 and 2@25), leaving us \$1200.00 in the black. Jameson seconds.

Vote: Larry	I
Drews	Abstain
Jameson	I
Carl	I
Randy	I
John	I
David	I
Mason	I

The 'I's have it.

**Website/News Letter:** None

**Tier II and HS Presidents Liaison:** Randy and David attended the President's dinner. Young officials are needed in the Peoria and especially the Champaign area.

**Coaches Seminar Coordinator:** None

**Public Relations:** None

**Supervision Committee:** Neither Carl nor Dave are getting what they need as far as changes in the software are concerned. Both programs are up and running although mentoring is very concerned their program will not be very well attended.

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

**Mentoring:** See *Supervision committee* comments above.

**Evaluations:** See Supervision report.

**Development:** Jameson stated that ice sessions are underway and running better than ever. Video has been taken of every skater to help break down their stride and make them a better skater.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Jameson will continue to look into the Total Hockey Official's pricing before moving forward.  
Bauer Invite scheduling is underway.

**Adjournment:** 9:25pm, motion for adjournment: Drews, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Zednik.  
Minutes taken by M. Strom.

**Next Board Meeting will be  
Monday, **October 13**, 2014, 7:00 PM  
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