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Madison's Pub & Grill 7611 S Madison St, Willowbrook, IL 60527

### **Board Members in Attendance (\*denotes absence)**

Brad Baumruck  
Sam Cebulski\*  
Erika Greenen\*  
Geoff Schlender  
Brett Straley

Mark Bialko  
Brian Fisher  
Craig Welker  
Dave Ballantyne

Scott Gaffney  
Matt McManus  
Dennis MacLennan  
Dan Zaloudek

**Meeting Date: Monday, January 12, 2026**

**Referee-in-Chief:** Brian Fisher

**District RIC:** Tim Richter\*

**AHAI Supervisor of Officials:** John Dunne

**Call to order: Baumruck 6:10 PM**

### **AGENDA**

1. Approved Minutes
  - Motion:Fisher
  - Second: Schlender
2. Approved Financials
  - Account balance healthy
  - Waiting on reimbursements from USAH
3. AHAI Report – Dunne
  - Winter meetings coming this weekend
  - 2-1 discussion at meetings
  - AHAI will meet with official section re: training/seminars
  - Gamesheet working on integrating with USAH reporting system



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4. RIC Report – Fisher

- RIC meeting 12/17, district did 92 seminars
- Districts March 7-9, Girls in St. Louis, Boys in Madison
- 2 National tournaments in district
  - Tier 1 youth 15O & 16U in Green Bay, WI
  - Tier 2 Girls 16U in St. Louis, MO
- Increase in 601e penalties this season

5. President's Notes – Baumruck

- Winter meetings this weekend
- Need people for Hall of Fame Dinner on Feb 1, call Brad to RSVP

6. Registrar Report – McManus

- 1,623 officials registered with USAH including incompletes.
  - Level 1: 675
  - Level 2: 244
  - Level 3: 312
  - Level 4: 392
- Only 78% are registered with IHOA, some of those are Missouri based officials.
- Officials who did not register with IHOA will not be recommended for Nationals

7. Seminar Committee – McManus

- All seminars now complete.
  - Level 1: 14
  - Level 2: 6
  - Level 3-4: 14
- 11 in-person seminars in partnership with MCHO
- 48 different instructors

8. MCHO Updates/PED – Straley

- Working on eligibility lists for playoff assignments

9. R&E – Bialko

- Three so far this season, all closed out



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- One more just came up
10. Peer Review – Welker
- No updates
11. Communication Committee – Gaffney/McManus
- 11,372 Emails sent by Constant Contact from November to January
  - Special Olympics Officials sent thank you email on Thanksgiving Day
  - Multiple deadline reminders sent to all members
12. Nominating Committee – Bialko
- Annual meeting at All Seasons on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 form 6-10 PM
13. Bylaws – Zaloudek
- Attorney has revised
  - Added Articles for Indemnification and Removal of members
  - Revisions complete, ready to move ahead
  - Motion:Ballantyne
  - Second: Schlender
14. Apparel Store – MacLennan
- Slowed down considerably
  - Not easy to find, will add link to IHOA site
15. Playoffs Supervision – Ballantyne
- Central States, will cover all games for Majors/Minors, Championships for Prospect divisions
  - Cost will be split between IHOA and MCHO
  - Will cover state playoffs same as previous years
  - MCHO will cover costs for supervisors
16. Chicago Steel Officials Night, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2026
- Working on finding contacts for Hall of Fame officials
  - Looking into getting a skybox
17. Adjournment: 7:30 PM
- Motion:Schlender
  - Second: Straley