

November 3, 2025,
AHAI Board of Directors meeting |MINUTES

|6:30PM

Meeting called by	Bolger	AHAI Board present: Bolger, Crowley, Dunne, Johnson, Rancourt, Jauch, Surette , Naveja, Lichterman, Apter, Weinberg, Cavallini, McGing, Krausfeldt, Tuminaro, Scott ,Agrest, Wright
Type of meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	
Note taker	Dunne	

Approval of Meeting minutes

Approved October, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion: Weinberg
2nd: Naveja
Approved

Treasures Report: Crowley

Treasures report:

- State tournament budgets are being formed based on last season's deficits
- AHA! is preparing for the USAH audit, Audit is held every three years.
- AHA! internal audit is in progress
- USAH payments are behind compared to previous years.

Motion:, **Crowley**

2nd: Jauch
Approved

Registrar Report:

	Players	Coaches	Managers	Volunteers	Others	Unclaimed	Total
All	14104	2246	593	1209	190	0	18342
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Girls HS	25
Girls Tier I	15
Girls Tier II	65
HS	187
Tier I Youth	61
Tier II Youth	357
Tier III	110
Women	36
Adult	100
Disabled	14
Team Totals	970

Electronic Vote Affirmations: None

CSDHL presentation:

*Jim Wright and Glenn Agrest presented an update on CSDHL.
CSDHL has 45 Organizations and 384 teams spread across all divisions.*

NIHL:

Bob Apter gave a brief update on NIHL. NIHL has experienced better team participation than expected. NIHL is working on end of the season programing for the League playoffs.

IT Update:

AHAI Website

Project Management Report

Continued steady progress on multiple fronts, particularly in design and setup of the Crossbar and Calibrate parts of the project. Pages have been started and content organization has begun for the marketing site, while Calibrate refined key workflows, presented a portal prototype, and we gathered stakeholder feedback.

USA Hockey NDA was agreed upon and signed by all parties. Meanwhile, email system setup continues to move forward.

Committee reports:

Rules Committee:

- Rules and Regulations updating:
- January BOD Meeting: Call for rule changes/submissions
- February BOD Meeting: Circulation of proposed rules to AHAI Board of Directors for data and collection of input from committees and stake holders
- March BOD Meeting: Review of changes to proposed rules
- April BOD meeting: Present any rule amendments or modifications based on feedback
- April BOD meeting: Post all AHAI rule proposals on the AHAI web site
- May BOD Meeting: Vote on all proposed rule changes/additions
- May BOD meeting: Post all new or modified AHAI rules on the AHAI web site
- June AHAI Annual Meeting Present rule changes to the membership
- AHAI Monthly BOD Meeting Emergency rule changes only General Rules

Nominating Committee: No Report

R&E: NR

Suspension and Review Committee:

- Seeing large upticks in Match and Major penalties.

High School: NR

Tier II Committee: Zschach

- Anticipating several Tier II applications

Tier II subcommittee report": No report

State Tournament held Nov 13 committee meeting

- Logistics being contracted for Ice, Trainers, Awards and gamesheet

Presidents Council: Combined Tier II/ III Presidents meeting held October 27

Notes /Takeaways:

Retaining players at the entry levels of organized league play:

- Saturation of market with the addition of Tier I Organizations has created additional opportunities for the same level of player. This results in players often playing above their skill level.
- Poor experiences create opportunities for players to leave the game.
- Most participants appear open to placing equal skill level teams in the proper division, no matter what the designation or the team
- Organizations that have good collaborative relationship with rinks or Park District programming are finding much greater success at retaining players and providing development opportunities for members.
- Financial and commitment considerations often affect the members' organizational choices

How to create competitive levels of play for teams/ leagues/ organizations for the CSDHL Prospects blue, NWHL and NSHL levels (putting the teams/ players at the proper skill levels)

- There was discussion, pro and con, on having all Tier II and Tier III youth teams fall under Tier II designation
- Not all Tier III Organizations have the desire to follow the Tier II model
- AHA! rules pertaining to Tier III, 15.1.3 Tier III Youth 'B' Prime Travel Teams, were discussed and intent explained
- Other potential rules that failed membership voting in the 2025 AHA! Annual meeting were also discussed

Tier I Committee (Cavallini)

Updated Tier I recertification criteria is being finalized by Melissa and Gino per 18.8 TIER I AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE. The proposed criteria will be presented to the board for approval.

Girls: NR

Tier III

Grant Committee:

- *Approved One Goal Equipment grants for Yellowjackets and Buffalo Grove*
- *Approved distribution of AHA! golf outing funds to the following programs*

American Hearing impaired

IHOA memorial Relief fund

JJ O'Connor Catastrophic relief fund

Storm Special Hockey

Hornets Sled

*Blind Hockey Program *

CEP: NR

Communications: *No report*

Player Development *(Naveja)*

Date set 4/10 thru 4/12 : Mt Prospect

Next Board Meeting

January 5, 2026,

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm _____