

March 2, 2026,
AHAI Board of Directors meeting |MINUTES

|6:30PM

Meeting called by	Bolger	AHAI Board present: Bolger, Crowley, Dunne, Johnson, Rancourt, Jauch, Surrette , Lichterman, Apter, Weinberg, Cavallini, Krausfeldt., Zschach Mullally, Allord, Naveja, Scott Lewandowski, Allord
Type of meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	
Note taker	Dunne	

Approval of Meeting minutes

Approved February 2026 meeting minutes

Motion: Crowley
2nd: Jauch
Approved

Treasures Report: Crowley

Treasures report:

- . USAH Audit update and completed
 - No red flags and AHAI will work with USAH and AHAI auditors to implement the suggestions
- AHAI internal audit report. Completed and no flags
- The group reviewed financial statements, including a clean audit opinion and suggestions for improving electronic record-keeping processes.
- Board approved financial audits at March meeting
- Crowley and Dunne attended USAH zoom in regards to the USAH foundation fund

Motion: **Crowley**
2nd: Weinberg
Approved

Registrar Report: *Spring registration will be starting*

- *All AHAI national bound teams are being certified*

Electronic Vote Affirmations: None

IT Update:

AHAI Website

Project Management Report

The board was provided an update on the IT backend, noting progress in communication with USA Hockey and the adoption of Calibrate's system.

USA Hockey has provided data access for the AHAI vendors.

Meanwhile, email system setup continues to move forward.

GD Squared and Krausfeldt have been working with Gamesheet and crossbar to provide a comprehensive state tournament platform.

It is a work in progress and new technology for Gamesheet, but is moving forward.

Committee reports:

Rules Committee:

- *The AHAI Board approved the following rule amendment to rule 3.5*
- *the following was added to current rule*

d. At any given time, upon its own review, the AHAI Board may consider modifications to, suspension of, or exceptions to this Section 3.5. The circumstances leading up to, and any justifications supporting, such review shall be considered by the AHAI Board on a case-by-case basis. The decision to modify, suspend or make an exception to any of the deadlines contained in this Paragraph 3.5 shall be decided by the AHAI Board in its sole discretion.

- *Rules and Regulations updating:*
- *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:

Dates for AHAI Annual meeting information distribution:

- *April 20: Annual Membership meeting notice*
- *March 31: Board of Directors nomination process information*
- *April 17: Board of Directors nomination deadline*
- *March 31: Bylaw proposals process*
- *April 30: Bylaw proposal deadline*
- *May 16: Publish Bylaw proposals*
- *May 9: Publish AHAI Board candidates*

R&E:

- *Working a few cases involving PREP and State Tournament issues*
- *Discussed Safe Sport training requirements and reporting procedures regarding clubs and USAH.*

Suspension and Review Committee: *Formed State Tournament review committee to streamline any ice issues*

High School:

4. New Application – DePaul Prep was approved by the AHAI BOD starting the spring 2026 season

Tier II Committee: Zschach

Anticipating several Tier II applications

- *Franklin Park*
- *West Dundee*
- *Kankakee*
- *Hoffman Estates*
- *Niles*
- *Chiefs*

Tier 2 Applications and Procedures

The board discussed several topics including Tier 2 applications, rule change procedures, and registration reports. Keri reported on four anticipated Tier 2 applications from West Dundee, Kankakee, Hoffman Estates, and Franklin Park. The board agreed to appoint one to two key people from the committee to lead each individual application.

Growth Committee: *Scott: Send out the club survey link to board members for review/feedback within one week; collect feedback and send survey to clubs after revisions.*

Boarder subcommittee report”:

- *Sub committee met with WAHA and Updated the board on border agreement negotiations between Wisconsin and Illinois hockey organizations were given, though no final resolution was reached.*

State Tournament :

Tier 1 had 8 game 3 games. AHAI purchased 8 hours of additional ice to cover the need

- *Logistics of contracted for Ice, Trainers, Awards and gamesheet have been smooth*

Presidents Council:

Next Meeting Monday March 30

Tier I Committee (Cavallini)

Girls:

- *Girls Committee: Schedule and conduct an expedited meeting (targeting next 3/10) to review the Rockford girls' application and provide a recommendation to the board by Wednesday 3/11.*
- *Board: Electronically vote on the Rockford girls' application exception/recommendation once received from the Girls Committee, prior to April 15th deadline.*
- *Girls Committee: Review the Stallions girls' application once complete, and provide a recommendation to the board.*

Tier III

Blackhawks Ice Center Rec Hockey Organization was approved

Grant Committee: *Peoria has a pending request for one goal equipment*

CEP: *Scott working on finding a CIC for AHAI*

Communications: *March newsletter will be sent after state games are over with a state recap*

Player Development (Naveja)

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

Next Board Meeting

April 6, 2026,

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm _____