

April 6 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, Allord, Scott, Tuminaro, McGinn
Type of meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	
Note taker	Dunne	

Approval of Meeting minutes

Approved March 2 & 14 meeting minutes

Motion: Crowley
2nd: Jauch
Approved

Treasures Report: Crowley

Treasures report:

- Reported that the initial State tournament financials look positive with additional invoices expected.
- The IT project was discussed, indicating it current payments represented 60-70% completion and would require ongoing maintenance payments.

Motion: Surrette
2nd: Jauch
Approved

Registrar Report:

Spring registrations are coming in

Electronic Vote Affirmations: None**IT Update:**

AHAI Website

Project Management Report

- *March marked a major transition from development into validation, as the AHAI Portal entered live stakeholder review through internal and client demos. Significant progress was made in stabilizing core functionality, advancing Quality Assurance (QA), and refining integrations. The project is now positioned for more comprehensive testing, feedback collection, and preparation for launch readiness.*
- **Crossbar (Public/Marketing Site)**
Crossbar was used successfully to support Player Development Program registration and team placement. The platform continues to perform reliably for registration and content needs.
- *A refinement identified for future seasons is enabling the "Add registrants to club membership" setting, which will allow for more effective team-based communication through the system.*

Committee reports:**Rules Committee:**

- *Post rule proposals on the website for members to review before the board vote next month*
- *Rules and Regulations updating:*
- *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: Complete*
- *March 31: Board of Directors nomination process information: Complete*
- *April 17: Board of Directors nomination deadline*
- *March 31: Bylaw proposals process: Complete*
- *April 30: Bylaw proposal deadline*
- *May 16: Publish Bylaw proposals*
- *May 9: Publish AHAI Board candidates*

R&E:

- *Discussed Safe Sport training requirements and reporting procedures regarding clubs and USAH.*

Suspension and Review Committee:

High School:

. Tier II Committee: Zschach

The board discussed several topics including Tier 2 applications

Tier II applications status

- *Franklin Park: Active*
- *West Dundee: Deferred to 2027*
- *Kankakee: Active*
- *Hoffman Estates: Active*
- *Niles: Active*
- *Chiefs: Deferred to 2027*

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.

Feedback included:

challenges faced by hockey organizations, including struggles with volunteer recruitment, parent support, and growing player base. Key issues identified were rising costs, Tier 1 competition affecting local programs, and recruitment of players and families. The Board emphasized the need to address these challenges, particularly focusing on transferring energy and engaging more people in solving these problems.

The Board discussed assisting organizational development and upcoming events. The importance of education and mentorship in hockey, particularly for young players, and highlighted the need for accountability at various levels of the organization. The group also addressed plans for the annual meeting, including potential sessions for girls and youth, and discussed the need for first-time presidents training based on feedback from a recent President's Meeting.

Boarder subcommittee report”:

- Sub committee is in continued negotiations with WAHA regarding the border agreement between Wisconsin and Illinois hockey organizations. No final resolution has been reached at this time.

State Tournament :

- Logistics of contracted for Ice, Trainers, Awards and gamesheet have been smooth
- Committee will meet to discuss tournament challenges and possible format changes

Presidents Council:

- held meeting 3/30.
- discussion topics: State tournament exemptions, and potential tournament format modifications.
- AHAI survey
- AHAI rule proposals
- AHAI annual meeting topics

Tier I Committee (Cavallini)

Spring Try out schedule being finalized

Girls:

- *The Board approved the Rockford HS girls' application for the 2026/27 season with probationary restrictions.*
- *The Board: approved the Rockford Tier II girls' application with restrictions at the March 14 meeting.*
- *The Board approved the Stallions Tier 2 Girls application with restriction for the 2026/27 season*

Tier III

The Board approved Blackhawks rink Tier 3C organization

Grant Committee:

- ***AHAI submitted the USAH grant application for the 2026/27 season***

CEP: *Scott stated Shawn Pauly will take over as AHAI CIC*

Communications:

Player Development (Naveja)

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

Next Board Meeting

May 4, 2026,

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm _____