

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda
Monday, October 26, 2015
6 pm – RCC

Monthly Meeting

1. Call to order

6:04 pm

Members present: John Engfer, Caroline Holbrook, Andy Shriver, Brian Klimek, Lois Croonquist, Jason Lattimer, Paul Schwartz, Jan Bymers, Kent Kopp, Shannon Kludt, Lisa Larson

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Engfer/Holbrook, motion passes

3. Approve Minutes – September, 2015

Motion to approve the September minutes: Klimek/Lattimer, motion passes

4. Correspondence:

- a. Public comments

concerns about tryouts, parents/coaches upstairs with evaluators
those coaches bring other information that is valuable to the process
needs for future years: increased separation from evaluators and kids on the ice, possibly one coach up there, but the rest impartial, board will come back to discussion next month, what we publish about the tryout process needs to match what we do

- b. District 15 meeting.

District Hockey Committee and Board continues to discuss the way our leagues are aligned, with the attempt to reduce blowout games.

looking for more guidance on how associations in the district designate teams

District will run a district Squirt A and B tournament.

- c. Rink Contract – Signed.

Will discuss that all lights will be on for scrimmages, games and house league

- d. 3rd rink progress – City. Also, met with the Academy board members regarding possible partnership if the city chooses not to go forward.

City to have a closed door session about the rink project soon, not exactly sure when that will be on their agenda

Some conversation was had with the NorthStar Academy board, may look at ice rental options if the city project does not go through

- e. Due to Blizzard game on the Saturday of our Squirt B tournament, we will rent ice on Saturday night in Sauk Centre for 2 tournament games. Sauk Centre agreed to pay for the ice and work the tournament games in SC in return for us charging them ½ price for the tournament. They are also open to providing additional ice in the future if we need it.

Sauk Centre parents will work those two games

- f. A reminder to send committee reports out to everyone 3 days in advance of meeting? Hope to expedite meetings.

5. Financial Reports

a. Gambling – Lisa –
review of each gambling site, Pike and Pint is up and running, games are picking up at Tennessee Roadhouse behind the bar pull-tabs.
Motion to approve gambling report: Engfer/Klimek, motion passes
Motion to approve up to \$12,000 in gambling expenses this month: Croonquist/Klimek
Will arrange calendar money collection dates, drawing will be December 17th

b. AAHA Financials – Lois
review of balance sheet and profit and loss budget vs. actual
Motion to approve monthly financial report: Lattimer/Holbrook, motion passes

6. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising (Caroline) - pictures coming soon, times will come out once schedule is posted

b. Public Relations/Communications (Paul) - Social media sites being created for AAHA

c. Sponsorships (Jan) -
Discussion with Estensen printing about tournament book, will visit with current sponsors about renewals and their ad in the tournament book

d. Equipment Program (John) –
purchases for AAHA logo wear will go through Cowing, there will be a window of time for order collections at the concession stand, new Bantam jerseys will be ordered

e. Tournament/Team Manager/Parent Committee (Brian) -
Working on getting names of team moms, discussion about booking room blocks once tournaments are set

Parent meetings- when should they be scheduled? Will discuss with team moms how and when the meetings should be held and ask if they'll be willing to sit in on the meetings

f. Concessions (Jason)-
concession stand is open, have looked into option of Coke fountain pop options, inventory has been transferred from the city, discussion of how to add names to the for-hire list, will keep internal, workers on the list need a connection to AAHA

g. Director of Hockey (Andy) –
Coaches- B level coaches working with kids on the ice this week, will work on splitting teams this weekend, working on naming coaches at all levels if they haven't been already, list will be sent to the board, recommendations of USA hockey being considered with a girl on the boys team this year in terms of lockerroom, etc. team meetings- coaches will schedule team meetings soon. Dryland- met with Heartland, considering dryland training at the Heartland facility after school for PeeWees/U12s and older. Would there be interest/concerns in an off-site option? Safe-sport- coaches are supervising lockerrooms before and after practices, in close proximity and in and out of lockerrooms. Jr. Gold, doesn't seem to be a need based on numbers, but that won't be known until after high school tryouts, may consider intermural option for high school students

7. Old Business

a. Reorganizing job descriptions.
will be addressed at November board meeting, information/draft will come to the board prior to the November meeting

b. AAHA Goal Setting

- Budget/ Fundraising
- Additional Ice

- Grow the game
- Safe Sport
- JR Gold/ Girls U19
doesn't look like a need this year
- Communications- scheduling and changes
 - Next spring -→ fall, proactive communication for graduate Mites as they enter traveling program.

Schedule will come out soon, emails to come out when changes to the pdf are made

8. New Business
 - a.

Motion to adjourn 9:49, Klimek/Engfer, motion passes

Next Board Meeting- Monday, Nov 23rd

Mission Statement

The Alexandria Area Hockey Association (AAHA) is committed to providing a quality environment for youth hockey players to learn and enjoy the sport of hockey.