

**Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda**  
**Monday, January 18, 2016**  
**6 pm - RCC**

**Monthly Meeting**

1. Call to order  
6:03 pm

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

2. Approve Agenda  
motion to approve the agenda: Schwartz/Klimek, motion approved

3. Approve Minutes – December, 2015  
motion to approve the minutes: Engfer/Croonquist, motion approved

4. Correspondence
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> rink progress –
    - Orb decided last week that they would be unable to assist in our fundraising efforts. Kent is working with JLG to get a contact who does similar work.
    - City Council met with local legislators last week- went very well
  - b. Having some issues with schedule changes not going through proper channels. Sent out an email to all coaches explaining protocol.
  - c. Participated in a great meeting with Northern Minnesota Girls Coaches and representatives from MN Hockey. Shared what's going on in this area with girls hockey, difficulty finding games. Would like to see a focus on continuing to grow girls hockey.
  - d. AAHA was emailed a complaint from a Hotel in Northfield regarding issues with one of our squirt teams. Has been looked into and resolved.
  - e. District Hockey Meeting is Monday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Wadena. No district Hockey Committee meeting at this time.

5. Financial Reports
  - a. Gambling – Lisa –  
Would like to add a box at Jerry's and also at Raaper's. Also looking into the possibility of adding electronic gaming at Raaper's again. All sites continue to be successful.

motion to approve the gambling report: Croonquist/Klimek, motion approved  
motion to approve up to \$38,000 in gambling expenses for the month:  
Engfer/Holbrook, motion approved

- b. AAHA Financials – Lois

review of monthly financials  
motion to approve the financial report: Lattimer/Klimek

6. Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising (Caroline) – Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> will work for craft beer expo

Calendars went well, photo plaques were given as a thank you from the photographer, will be distributed to sponsors, looking for a committee to help plan the craft beer expo, will bring request for members to the parent committee, looking to take another full association picture, AAHA apparel program is underway with Cowing

- b. Public Relations/Communications (Paul) - looking into dates and venue for the banquet
- c. Sponsorships (Jan) - invoices are out
- d. Equipment Program (John) – no report
- e. Tournament/Team Manager/Parent Committee (Brian) - U15/Bantams all 17 minutes periods with 2 minute penalties, the rest are 15 minutes with 1:30 penalties
- f. Concessions (Jason)– continue to go well
- g. Director of Hockey –
- a. one applicant for Director of Hockey interview will be scheduled soon
- b. Had a brief discussion regarding “AA” vs “A” team designations. The stage is set to have a more meaningful discussion during the off-season. Ongoing conversation on this. High school would like to encourage AAHA to go “AA”.
- c. We need to address player recruitment with both Hockey Committee and AAHA Board of Directors. Only 8 cardinal mites this year. Already planted the seed with Jon Cullen on this issue.
- d. Several conversations with coaches at several levels regarding parent issues, and with parents on coaches issues. No formal complaints in either direction, just giving guidance on getting on the same page.
- e. Lengthy conversations with Brian Klimek, Ryan Severson and BJ Anderson regarding Olympic Mite program. The “game” philosophy has changed back and forth the past 10 years, and we need a consistent approach to this. Also, received parent feedback in parent meeting. Additional jamboree has been added to the Olympic schedule this year.

7. Old Business

- a. AAHA Goal Setting
- Budget/ Fundraising – Should we have a mid-year budget review in January aside from our normal meeting? Meeting to be held in January
  - Additional Ice – See RCC notes in correspondence

- Grow the game – see recruitment under Director of Hockey
- Safe Sport – new Hockey Director will be our Safe Sport Coordinator
- JR Gold/ Girls U19 – Hockey Committee will discuss in end of year review and pre-planning for 2016-2017 session
- Communications- scheduling and changes
  - Next spring -→ fall, proactive communication for graduate Mites as they enter travelling program.

8. New Business

- a. Equipment manager proposal on Squirt/U10 goalie gear.  
Motion to approve up to \$3,000 in goalie equipment for the Squirt/U10/Mite: Schwartz/Bymers, motion approved
- b. Social media up and running for AAHA: Instagram, Twitter and Facebook
- c.

Motion to adjourn 8:41 Engfer/Croonquist, motion approved

**Next Board Meeting- Monday, February 22nd, 6:00 pm**

**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.