

**Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda**  
**Monday, December 21, 2015**  
**6 pm - West Rink**

**Monthly Meeting**

1. Call to order

6:07 pm

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

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda; Klimek/Croonquist, motion passes

3. Approve Minutes - November, 2015

Motion to approve the minutes; Engfer/Bymers, motion passes

4. Correspondence

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> rink progress -

- met with Orb to discuss partnering with them (Chad Runge) to lead the organizational challenges of fundraising. Bill Ingebretson plans to push hard on the idea at the state level. He will look to get bipartisan support. Looking to start fundraising campaign in January. Motion to have AAHA contribute up to \$2700 for the retainer for Orb: Lattimer/Engfer, motion passes
- RCC Commission and user groups are working on gathering information needed to present to the State Legislature for our state bonding bill. Kris Juettner from AFSC is working with a local video producer on a video for this effort. RCC and user groups are also supporting the video project.

- b. Mike Peterson has taken over scheduling. Many, many thanks to Jason Lattimer for not only bridging the gap between schedulers but also doing a great job communicating with all parties before, during, and after the transition to help keep our schedule fair, consistent and as timely as possible. Questions about the schedule should be directed to Mike Peterson.

- c. Kent had an extensive conversation with Mike Terwilliger, who is the New Programs Manager at Minnesota Hockey. He reached out regarding our success and our challenges and how MN hockey can help.

- d. Kent was emailed a complaint from a parent from Brainerd Pee Wee B team. The case was investigated and is closed with no further disciplinary action required. Code of Conduct procedure- until a hockey director is named, issues with families/skaters that can't be handled at the team level, for now Kent will handle with partnership from coach/director at that level, next level is hockey committee, then to board of directors and could go to the district and to MN Hockey if final board action does not resolve it to the family's satisfaction

- e. Discussion about Coach Yuro, who is the Player Development Coach for Alexandria and Brookings Blizzard Junior teams. Continuation with his services was not budgeted for this season, and will be discontinued at this time.

- f. Girls hockey in Northern MN, summit January 2nd in Brainerd to talk about girls hockey and how to continue to grow and support it in Northern MN.

5. Financial Reports
  - a. Gambling - Lisa -  
review of action at each site. Things are going well at each location. Quite far ahead of last year at this time.  
Motion to approve gambling report: Croonquist/Bymers; motion passes  
Motion to approve up to \$15,000 in gambling expenses for the month: Bymers/Klimek, motion passes
  - b. AAHA Financials - Lois  
Review of Budget vs. Actual and Profit and Loss this year vs. last year  
Motion to approve the financial report: Klimek/Engfer, motion passes
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Fundraising (Caroline) - Kent discussed craft beer expo planning. Looking at April 16th as the tentative date for the craft beer expo event. Home brew contest, beer tasting, live music, and food are currently being looked into as options.
  - b. Public Relations/Communications (Paul) - looking into legalities of gun raffle, also looking into banquet date and possible change of venue
  - c. Sponsorships (Jan) - most invoices are out
  - d. Equipment Program (John) - will look into apparel options for next season, discussion of jersey needs, should be good for a while
  - e. Tournament/Team Manager/Parent Committee (Brian) - next parent committee meeting, banquet ideas, reminder of jersey care
  - f. Concessions (Jason)- things are running smoothly, Stacy keeping things running well, and is here a lot
  - g. Hockey Committee -
    - Hockey Committee reviewed Job Descriptions with some recommendations. See provided updated Contract requirement descriptions
    - Also, had a brief discussion regarding “AA” vs “A” team designations. The stage is set to have a more meaningful discussion during the off-season.
    - We need to address player recruitment with both Hockey Committee and AAHA Board of Directors. Only 8 Cardinal Mites this year.
    - Open Hockey over break needs to be discussed. Looking at December 26t
    - U10A game- game played without officials in St. Michael, St. Michael would like to reschedule, schedule options will not work for our U10 team, will not reschedule
7. Old Business
  - a. Reorganizing contract requirement descriptions.  
Motion to approve the director of hockey contract requirements: Engfer/Schwartz, motion passes
  - b. AAHA Goal Setting
    - Budget/ Fundraising - will plan to have a mid-year budget review in January aside from our normal board meeting
    - 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
    - o Next spring --> fall, proactive communication for graduate Mites as they enter traveling program.
8. New Business
- a. ORB fundraising proposal - above
  - b. non-parent coach reimbursements -  
motion to pay for team approved hotel and \$20 per day stipend for tournaments for the remainder of this season: Schwartz/Engfer, motion passes
9. Motion to adjourn:  
9:20pm Lattimer/Klimek, motion passes

**Next Board Meeting- Monday, January 18th, 6:00PM at RCC**

### **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.