

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda
Monday, February 22, 2016
6 pm – RCC

Monthly Meeting

1. Call to order

6:02

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

Also present: Lisa Larson

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Klimek/Croonquist, motion passes unanimously

3. Approve Minutes – January 18, 2016

Croonquist/Holbrook

4. Correspondence

a. 3rd rink progress –

- Kent is reaching out soon to a contact that Sandy Sheets provided with fundraising experience
- RCC video is on the city/rcc website- www.arceventcenter.com
- Requests for letters to legislators was sent to all youth and high school hockey parents

b. District 15 meeting on 2/8

- Set brackets for district tournaments
- Spoke about classification of teams, which will be addressed more in depth by District Hockey Committee. Bushy will more directly scrutinize team classifications to help ensure more balance and parity
- There will be a high performance district team, good training even if skaters do not make the team- information has gone out
- Mites- looking to move no full ice requirement from January 1st to January 31st, and limiting to six full ice games
- May 7th- MN hockey to host leadership conference for any committee members of associations

c. 2nd year of squirt/ 1st year of u10 districts- limited teams to play on the U10 side, many options on the squirt side

d. Past Pee-Wee parent concern follow-up, parents had no further issue, and did not want to discuss any more at this time.

e. A formal complaint was made regarding player treatment, discipline and bullying, the situation has been investigated and addressed and has been resolved to the satisfaction of all involved parties. Some practices for next season that will be put into place following this incident and just best practice include:

- Pre-season coaching clinic regarding Safe Sport issues of bullying, harassment, locker room supervision, and concussion protocol.
 - Pre-season class for parents and players re: bullying, harassment, locker room behavior, and concussion/health protocol.
- f. A question was asked at the last parent committee meeting about why we do not have non-parent coaches at all or certain levels. This is the board position on non-parent coaches:
- If we have a qualified non-parent coach who volunteers to help our program we will do our best to find him/her a good fit as a head or assistant coach.
 - Non-parent coaches do come at a cost. If we were to transition into all non-parent coaches, AAHA would pay an increased stipend in order to build a big enough pool of applicants. This would go against our desire to keep hockey affordable for most families in our area
 - Our goal as an organization should be to assign qualified, talented coaches at all levels who follow our principles of how to develop quality skaters in a safe, fun environment. Whether they are a parent or not is low on the list of requirements.
5. Financial Reports
- a. Gambling – Lisa – using gambling profit to make ice payments, doing well this year with gambling, profits are higher than last year and should be able to make more payments toward ice than last year, will add another meat raffle at Raaper’s for their Bargo on Monday nights, egambling going well at Raaper’s, working on getting egambling at Pike and Pint as well
 Motion to approve gambling financials: Engfer/Croonquist, motion passes unanimously
 Motion to approve \$35,000 in gambling expenses: Bymers/Kludt, motion passes unanimously
- b. AAHA Financials – Lois
 review of year to date profit/loss, budget vs. actual,
 motion to approve financial report: Engfer/Bymers, motion passes unanimously
6. Committee Reports
- a. Fundraising (Carolin) – craft beer expo event being planned, save the date will be coming as soon as details are firmed up
- b. Public Relations/Communications (Paul) - working on a date for the banquet

- c. Sponsorships (Jan) - will continue to work on sponsorships throughout the year
 - d. Equipment Program (John) – An area for gambling items will be added in the equipment room with a secure door. After hockey season, AAHA will remove and store many AAHA items until next season. Looking for a free place to store bumpers, new nets, etc.
 - e. Tournament/Team Manager/Parent Committee (Brian) - We are considering ideas to buddy up new mites with older mites or players in the association, and also possibly new mite team moms with more experienced team moms. We will be hosting regions for U12 As here in Alexandria, the planning has gone very well
 - f. Concessions (Jason)- inspection went well, no action needed, mite jamboree was a good weekend for concessions
 - g. Director of Hockey –
 - a. We will discuss candidates during new business.
 - b. Hockey committee meeting in first week of March to begin planning for next season.
 - c. Spring Hockey - 8 touches per team, two per week, all in March, play at the level you'll play at next year, motion for \$75 cost for spring league, Klimek/Engfer, motion passes unanimously
 - d. District 15 High Performance 14's and 15's
 - i. Practice ice for players trying out for these programs, ice will be available, will pay for sessions to cover the cost of the ice rental,
7. Old Business
- a. AAHA Goal Setting
 - Budget/ Fundraising –
 - Additional Ice – See RCC notes in correspondence
 - Grow the game –
 - 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
 - spring → fall, proactive communication for graduate Mites as they enter travelling program.
8. New Business
- a. Director of Hockey Position- Hockey committee members present: Bruce Hanstad, Pat Waldorf, BJ Anderson, Derek Trosvig, Jeff Doherty
Motion to offer director of hockey position to Ryan Severson: Klimek/Croonquist, motion passes, 5 for, 2 against

Motion to offer selected candidate the director of hockey position:
Croonquist/Bymers, motion passes unanimously

Motion to adjourn, 9:31pm: Klimek/Lattimer, motion passes unanimously

Next Board Meeting- Monday, March 21st, 6pm, 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.