

**Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda**  
**September 22, 2024**  
**6PM - Runestone Community Center**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Joel Loveland, Josh Hills, Melanie Belsheim, Ben Vangsness, Matt VanBruggen, Amber Blakesley, Rebekah Summer, Andrea Nyberg, Cory Oberg, Apryl Putnam, Getty Johnson, Brittney Thoreson

**Absent:** Brian Klimek, Taylor Hayes

- **Call to order : 6:00pm**
- **Approve Agenda:** Loveland/Putnam, motion carries
- **Approve Minutes – August 2024:** Vangsness/Summer, motion carries
- **Financial Reports:**
  - **Gambling (Rebekah)**
    - **Budget Request:** \$47,560, motion to approve: Hills/Blakesley, motion carries
  - **AAHA Financials (Ben)**
    - Reviewed financials of new fiscal year through August 31
    - Reviewed pay positions
      - Motion to give the decision to waive DIBs or have paid position for current coordinators of the hockey committee:  
Putnam/Vangsness, motion carries.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Vice President Report (Joel)**
  - **Secretary (Brittney)**
    - Posted tryout clinic groups for Bantams and U15s to website
      - Will post others as I get them
    - Rostered all fall development groups and skills
      - Late Registrations for Fall
    - Current Registration Numbers:
      - 24/25 Season: 298
      - Beginners Clinic: 58
      - Fall Development: 206
  - **Communications (Andrea)**
    - Apparel to be released Sept 23rd
      - UNRL & Cowing Robards
      - Will continue to do coupons for board members, team managers and coaches
    - Website committee will review and update the website
    - MN Wild night for Olympic mites

- **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)**
  - VFW Update: hosting boys and girls VFW state tournament
  - Goalie Skills almost full
  - Working with coving for trophies
  - 12A- 2 openings (6 team total)
  - 12B- 1 opening (10 team total)
  
- **Volunteers/DIBS Coordinator (Apryl)**
  - Still putting in dib amounts as new registrations come in
  - Will be going thru hire out list to make sure everyone on there is up to date
  
- **Concessions (Josh H)**
  - New concession stand area is set to be completed by October 1
    - Consider digital menu board for the concession
    - Will need help loading new concession stand when time comes
    - Will also need a new safe
    - Reviewed concession stand money, process
  
- **Sponsorship/Fundraising (Getty J)**
  - **Golf Scramble Results**
    - \$10,850 in hole sponsor
    - 26 registered teams - \$12,850
    - \$28,095 total revenue
    - \$21,000 gross revenue from the tournament
  - **Raffle Tickets Hand Out** – October 8, 10, 29<sup>th</sup> with turn in by December 11
  - **Fundraising Option** – Consider Gun Raffle (Next Season)
  
- **Equipment/Rink Rookie (Melanie B)**
  - Beginner Clinic equipment check out- Sept 28 9:00-12:00
  
- **Retention/Recruitment (Taylor H)**
  - Kids Expo
  - Homecoming parade/float
  - Yard signs
  
- **Director of Hockey/Hockey Committee**
  - Reviewed Hockey Committee Meeting Minutes
  - Safe Sport and Locker Room Monitor Reminders at all levels
  - Fall Development struggling to get volunteers and coaches willing to help
  - Coaching Interviews with Cory happening this week
  - Discussed the tryout process and talking through U15 scenarios of some skaters moving up to high school hockey.
  
- **Old Business:**
  - RCC expansion
  - Explore Alex
    - Submitted on July 11, 2024
  - Charitable Gambling Committee Application
  - Policy on Posting to the Website (Kris Erickson email of June 13)

- **New Business**
  - Email Management and Board Communication
    - Consider group me message group for board
  - Alicia, Scheduling – USA hockey registration fee reimbursement
    - Motion made to cover registration fee: Summer/Putnam, motion carried
  - Responsibility for finding concession workers

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm**

**Next Board Meeting - October 27th, 6PM**

**Location - 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.