

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda
Sunday, November 19, 2023
6 PM - Runestone Community Center

Monthly Meeting

1. Call to order
 - a. 6:01 PM
 - b. Members present: Matt VanBruggen, Joel Loveland, Mariah Wirth, Kelli Draper, Ryan Severson, Josh Waldorf, Andrea Nyberg, Amber Blakesley, Josh Hills, Rebecca Summer, Apryl Putnam, Kim Albert, Brittney Thoreson, Kris Erickson
 - c. Not present: Brian Klimek, Matt Olson
2. Kim Albert- renovation and expansion update
 - a. Renovation planning is underway
3. Approve Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda: Hills/Loveland, motion passes
4. Approve Minutes – Oct 2023
 - a. Motion to approve minutes: Summer/Blakesley, motion passes
5. Approve Secretary Brittney Thoreson
 - a. Motion to approve Brittney Thoreson to the board as secretary: Loveland/ Severson, motion passes
 - i. Mariah Wirth resigned
6. Alex Hockey Handbook review discussion
 - a. At minimum 13 directors, 3 year terms except hockey director (pd w/ annual review), gambling (pd w/ annual review), past president (attrition)
 - b. review and approve hockey committee recommendations and decisions at AAHA board level
 - c. Change to raffle vs calendar raffle
7. Financial Reports:
 - a. Gambling (Rebekah)
 - i. Additional details for Gambling report are reported to the board members from financials submitted to the Gambling Control Board. These reports are available upon request to the membership.
 - ii. Motion to approve Financials: Hills/Putnam, motion passes
 - iii. Budget request: \$27,400 (no donations): Hills/Putnam, motion passes
 - iv. New Gambling site - Hook & Slice
 1. Motion to approve addition of Hook & Slice as new gambling site: Loveland/Thoreson
 - b. AAHA Financials (Kelli)
 - i. Review of financials, profit and loss vs. budget. Motion to approve Financials: Loveland/ Summer, motion passes
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)
 - i. Squirt A changed to a 6 team tournament.
 - ii. Photo Booth- Kris Erickson presentation

- b. Volunteer Coordinator (Apryl)
 - i. Tournament schedule starting soon
 - ii. Getting Concessions schedule worked out
 - iii. Brian Klimek DIBS
 - 1. Motion to approve to waive Brian Klimek's dibs: Van Bruggen/Waldorf, motion passes
- c. Scheduler/Concessions (Josh H)
 - i. RCC doesn't create a schedule for rink other than bible since we quit using google sheet for schedule.
 - ii. Switching to Liquid coffee to eliminate waste and clean up
 - iii. Removing minimum charge on CC
 - iv. Zorbas pizza seems to be going well
- d. Sponsorships (Josh W)
 - i. There are 3 new dasher board sponsors in the west rink . Waiting for 1 more.
 - ii. Palmer Creations working on programs and should be ready
- e. Equipment (Matt)
 - i. Additional beginner Clinic equipment returned
 - ii. Ordering equipment for next season early December
 - iii. Apparel pickups/closings - volunteer codes
- f. Fundraising/Events (Joel)
 - i. Pictures Tues & Wed 14th & 15th
 - ii. Raffle Turn In Dec 5th & 6th 5:30 PM
 - 1. Sell extra raffle tickets - (teams meeting 10.30.23)
 - a. \$3 a ticket for all extra sold
 - b. Motion by Joel Loveland, 2nd by Josh Hills
 - iii. End of year Banquet March 10th Arrowwood
 - iv. A few Hole sponsors to Invoice ~ \$600
- g. Director of Hockey (Ryan)
 - i. Boys HS Update
 - 1. The bingo event was talked about
 - 2. Scrimmage on November 18 for tryouts - MN River
 - 3. 2 HS Eligible players trying out for Bantams and 3 Bantams receiving a HS tryout invitation
 - ii. Girls HS Update
 - 1. 1 U15 invite was sent she decided to stay at the U15 level
 - iii. Jr. Gold
 - 1. Possibly might not be enough - coaches thought there might only be 5+/- cuts based on some players that have quit.
 - iv. Tryouts
 - 1. Discussion about the process and how the committee thought things went well - it's a difficult job being an evaluator
 - v. IMPACT Testing - Heartland did this at PEAK
 - vi. PCA - Online option for those who it is determined need it
 - vii. Bantam Coordinator Report
 - 1. Bantam Grey situation-Coaching issue to start now, 3 non-parent coaches season is off and running

- viii. Mite Coordinator Report
 - 1. Olympic mites went to Wild game - parent meetings were conducted - HL information to be pushed out soon
 - ix. Travel Coaches Meeting
 - 1. was on 10/29 5:00 pm
 - x. Beginners clinic
 - 1. Spreadsheet of who registered at beginners clinic
 - xi. Email items since the last meeting
 - 1. Acceleration request denied at u12 level Did not qualify
 - 2. PW player movement denied- prefer to receive request before tryouts
 - 3. Squirt player/goalie situation where a written process will need to be created.
- h. Communications/Recruitment (Andrea)
- i. Mite House League Communication
 - ii. Raffle turn in reminders
 - iii. Skate with Cards? GHS
 - iv. Friends of Hockey Sponsorship “recognition”
 - v. 10K puck finishers communication
 - vi. Communications with RCC Expansion
 - vii. MN Wild tickets for next year
9. Old Business
- a. RCC expansion
 - i. Marketing Fees
 - b. Alex Hockey Handbook
 - c. Hockeyland Event
 - d. Explore Alex
 - i. Submit for 2nd half of funds in early April reminder
 - e. Locker Room Monitors
 - i. Background Check required by MN Hockey
 - 1. Motion to approve SE background checks at a cost to AAHA; Loveland/Blakesley motion passes (email dated 11.1.23)
 - 2. motion to approve AAHA locker room policy; Summer/ Hills motion passes. (email dated 11.1.23)
 - ii. Motion to reimburse for those who completed background check prior to sport engine background; Approved bySeverson/Loveland
 - f. Heartland Contract (Peak)
 - g. VFW State Tournament
 - h. Upper Midwest Elite Goalie Training
 - i. Charitable Gambling Committee Application
10. New Business
- a. AAHA Credit Card
 - b. Board Secretary
 - c. Skate with the Cards / Girls HS /T Shirt cost - motion to approve up to \$8 a tshirt, split with GHS; Hills/ Summer, motion passes

11. Motion to adjourn - Loveland / Draper 8:31

Next Board Meeting- Sunday, Dec 17th at 6 PM
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.