

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda
February 25, 2024
6 PM - Runestone Community Center
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

Members present: Matt VanBruggen, Joel Loveland, Kelli Draper, Andrea Nyberg, Josh Hills, Brittney Thoreson, Amber Blakesley, and Rebekah Summer

Not present: Brian Klimek, Josh Waldorf and Apryl Putnam

Start: 6:23 pm

2. Approve Agenda: Hills/Nyberg: motion carries

3. Approve Minutes – Jan 2024 Thoreson/Nyberg: motion carries

4. Financial Reports:

a. Gambling (Rebekah) -

- i. Additional details for Gambling reports are reported to the board members from financials submitted to the Gambling Control Board. These reports are available upon request to the membership.
- ii. Hook & Slice: Up and running
- iii. New Sites: Hardwood Hills application at County, Talking with Willy T's
- iv. Removal of tabs from RCC storage and shelving for new storage
- v. Donation requests: Loveland/Nyberg: motion carries
 - Vikings Sportsmen \$1000
 - Redline Booster (boys high school) \$750
 - HS Girls Booster \$750
 - Dollars for Scholars \$3,000 - two \$1,500 scholarships for one boy and one girl hockey player
- vi. Annual Audit review:
 1. Rebekah shared the audit findings: Hills/Draper: motion carries
- vii. MN Control Board Annual report review
 1. Rebekah shared the MN Annual Gambling Report: Hills/Draper: motion carries
- viii. Budget request: \$39,550 (includes donation requests): Draper/Loveland: motion carries
 1. Build shelving in storage unit

5. AAHA Financials (Kelli)

a. P&L Review

- i. Summer/Hills: motion carries

b. Goalie Scholarship

- i. Google Form has been created and emailed to all travel age goalies
 1. Response from 7 goalies at this time: Thoreson/Blakesley: motion carries

6. Committee Reports:

a. **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)**

- i. Hotels Confirmed Next Season-

1. American Inn- 2 teams each tournament (36 rooms total)
 2. Holiday Inn- 4-5 teams each weekend (80 rooms total, except 75 rooms January 24-26)
 3. Fairfield- Awaiting Response
 4. Arrowwood- Awaiting Response
 5. May look into other hotels if needed.
- ii. Jerseys (Travel Game Jerseys and Practice Jerseys)
 1. Collection Date- All teams done except U15A, U15B, BAA, PWAA. U12A
 2. Email out washing instructions to managers.
- b. Volunteer Coordinator (Apyl)**
- i. Last of the dibs shifts have been released for the remainder of the year.
 - ii. We have sent several emails out to the association as a whole as well as Team Managers to pass onto their teams regarding the season coming to an end and what the fines will be if people don't complete them. We still have a lot of mite parents left to complete, but I should have a better estimate after this weekend with the Mite Jamboree on where they are at with completion.
 - iii. Last year, we hired out workers for the decoy show. We may have to look at doing that again, once this week/weekend is completed for dibs.
- c. Concessions Scheduler/Concessions (Josh H)**
1. Final schedules are complete.
 2. Need to meet with RCC about traffic flow for decoy show and battle of the blades being on the same weekend.
 3. Also need to make plans for storing all our equipment on products for the summer remodel. We will also need to remove installed equipment for reinstall in a new area.
 - a. Should be completed by mid-April
 - b. Josh will look into what it would cost to get a temporary storage unit delivered to store items during the remodel
 - c. Coaches room, office and concession stand
- d. Sponsorship (Josh W)**
- i. I am working with A'BriTin on a sponsorship otherwise nothing to report!
- e. Equipment**
- i. Rebekah and Amber have been starting to clean out the equipment area. Will finish after travel season wraps up.
- f. Fundraising/Events (Joel)**
- i. End of year Banquet March 10th Arrowwood
- g. Communications (Andrea)**
- i. VFW tourney feedback
 - ii. Banquet
 - iii. Survey - AAHA and Coaches
 1. Developing questions for the year-end survey. Exploring survey monkey as a tool to distribute electronically.

- iv. Spring/Summer information - leagues
 - Get 'Local training opportunities' webpage updated (Brittney), then Andrea will send out
- v. Any new promotions/announcements that need to go out?
 - Instructions for washing jerseys
 - Open board positions

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Old Business
 - i. RCC expansion
 - ii. Explore Alex
 - 1. Submit for 2nd half of funds (action)
 - iii. Locker Room Monitors
 - iv. Charitable Gambling Committee Application
 - v. AAHA Credit Card
 - vi. Vraa Fall program (update)
 - vii. Updates on Hockey Director plan and next steps (action on job description and posting)

8. New Business

- a. AAHA Banquet Review
 - i. Walsh Scholarship/Westphal award
- b. Feedback from members on Hockey Season, committee to draft survey monkey questions to send out after season
- c. Add a dedicated board member that is responsible for recruitment and retention and amend the by-laws for the Hockey Director position to not be a voting member of the board. Hockey Director will be an ex-officio at the board level. VanBruggen/Loveland: Motion carries
- d. Hockey Director position
 - i. Reviewed and approved updated job description and salary. Loveland/Summer: motion carries.
 - ii. Hiring Committee
 - 1. AAHA Board: Joel L, Matt VB, Brittney T
 - 2. Hockey Committee: Matt A, Jeff H, Denelle D
 - iii. Mar 18 - application deadline
 - iv. Advertising to membership and Indeed

Next Meeting Scheduled: March 18th at 6pm

Adjourned: 9:11pm