

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda
August 28th, 2024
6AM - Runestone Community Center

Monthly Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Joel Loveland, Josh Hills, Taylor Hayes, Melanie Belsheim, Ben Vangsness, Matt VanBruggen, Amber Blakesley (virtual), Rebekah Summer (virtual), Andrea Nyberg, Cory Oberg, Apryl Putnam, Getty Johnson (virtual)

Absent: Brian Klimek, Brittney Thoreson

- **Call to order: 5:59am**
- **Approve Agenda:** (Hills/Putnam)
- **Approve Minutes – July 2024:** (Hills/Loveland)
- **Financial Reports:**
 - **Gambling (Rebekah)**
 - 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.
 - **Gambling sites update**
 - Training assistant gambling managers
 - Youth Baseball Inquiry
 - Motion to approve budget request of \$36,210: (Hills/Putnam)
 - **The board reviewed the compliance report and reviewed the corrective action (VanBruggen/Hills)
 - **AAHA Financials (Kelli/Ben) Motion (Putnam/Hayes)**
 - Registration is open – that will come in, in Sept
 - Paying out travel tournaments at this time
 - Explore Alex paid out their second half at the end of the July
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Vice President Report (Joel)**
 - Season prep is coming along – meetings, registrations and planning are all on track
 - **Communications (Andrea)**
 - Registration has been coming along, beginner's clinic remains lower
 - Posts continue in regard to the golf fundraiser Sept 15th
 - Open spots for tourneys shared again on social
 - Parent Meeting communication for pre tryout meetings
 - Apparel is being finalized. Have met with Cowing and Pin High
 - Reiterate neck protection requirement

- Communication ASAP about homecoming float (Squirts/10s)
 - Website documents need to be updated (waivers, etc....) – updates. needed
- **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)**
 - 4 open spots for U12A
 - 1 open spot for Squirt C- Team dropped
 - Refund- should we refund process fee? Or just the 250 deposit
 - Started November and December game brackets with Jason.
- **Volunteers/DIBS Coordinator (Apryl)**
 - In process of updating the DIBS for the current year
- **Concessions (Josh H)**
 - Update on RCC Lobby Completion
 - Potential need for temps stand for tier 1 we likely won't be able to open stand in new location by the dates needed.
 - Concession stand needed for Sept 20-22 for tier 1 tournament Friday 3-8 Saturday 8-8 and Sunday 8-2
- **Sponsorship/Fundraising (Getty J)**
 - Sponsorships being sent out in September
 - Golf tournament process continues
- **Equipment/Rink Rookie (Melanie B)**
- **Retention/Recruitment (Taylor H)**
 - Homecoming parade float, need kids & parents to help
 - Early Bird registration is done
 - Yard signs for next year? Or later this year?
- **Director of Hockey/Hockey Committee**
 - Boys HS Update
 - Girls HS Update
 - Beginners Clinic
 - Registration numbers (70-120 on average)
 - Planning a 3rd equipment handout
 - Schedule update from Jason
 - Mite Update
 - FF/Brainerd League update: new contact in Fergus Falls, working to schedule with them
 - Fall Development Clinic
 - Schedules, dryland are all set with Landon
 - Working on 3v3 for each age group for rotation and coaches
 - Tryout Clinic – coming together, should be good to go
 - Tryouts
 - Plan is in place. Will need teams/coaches/parents to rotate and cover other teams, they cannot cover own kids age groups
 - Committee to oversee
 - Evaluator ideas
 - Volunteer Sign up

- Coaches Meeting took place on Sunday, August 25th
 - Pre Tryout parent Meeting
 - Bantams/15U – September 29th
 - U12/U10/PW/SQ – Thursday, October 10th
 - Non-Parent Coach (3 potential)
 - Possibility for Bantam B2
 - Outdoor rink at Discovery
 - Would love to have a legit outdoor rink in Alex but need more details and logistics
- **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)
 - Cutting Edge: \$150/session. \$100 for the hour on the ice and \$50 for the half hour of off ice.
- **New Business**
 - NSC Contract Discussion/Approval 2024-2027 – approved last meeting
 - Bylaw Amendment (Rebekah to allow HD voting rights) - Oberg voted to temporarily be a voting member to be in compliance with the state
 - Driscoll Goaltending – Monday weekly training, more individualized being proposed. Board approved – registration will be set up and sent out to the travel goalies
 - Minnesota Wild Update, November 29, 2024 vs Chicago (125 tickets available for purchase)
 - Peak Performance (Andrea Allyn/Kaitlin/Duane) contract review/approval – Kaitlin will be leaving PEAK (Nyberg/Hayes)
 - Trevor Peterson outdoor rink @ discovery – question dressing areas, ways to get down to the rink. Discussed liability for AAHA
 - Website cleanup – working on new documents

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 am

Next Board Meeting- Discussion: Sept 22nd at 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.