

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Meeting Minutes
November 24th, 2024
6PM - Runestone Community Center

In Attendance: Josh Hills, Ben Vangsness, Matt VanBruggen, Amber Blakesley, Rebekah Summer, Andrea Nyberg, Cory Oberg, Apryl Putnam, Getty Johnson, Brittney Thoreson, Taylor Hayes, Paige Savelkoul

- **Call to order: 6:02pm**
- **Approve Agenda:** Thoreson/Nyberg
- **Approve Minutes – October 2024:** Hills/Johnson
- **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
 - Slow October for most of the sites
 - Budget Request: \$50,700, includes \$12,000 raffle payout (needs approval)
 - Motion to approve budget request, Putnam/Hayes, motion carried
 - Motion to approve financials Hills/Hayes, motion carried.
 - AAHA Financials (Ben)
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Vice President Report (Getty)**
 - Family Grievance
 - RCC has asked for a locker room policy to have from AAHA
 - Recommendation to have a doctors note from any AAHA skater/goalie that needs a locker room accommodation
 - Getty coordinated with RCC staff to have an additional locker room to accommodate special circumstances
 - Locker Room for Children with Disabilities
 - Policy to Give to RCC for Disabilities
 - **Secretary (Brittney)**
 - Travel House League – Roster?
 - Blizzard Games
 - **Communications (Andrea)**
 - Website update
 - Livestreaming option worked well – 15As tried it over the weekend
 - MN Wild Tickets
 - 30 tickets left
 - Upcoming team pictures email – December 4th and 5th
 - Travel Tournament and game volunteers

- Some tournaments that our teams are going to are being asked to volunteer in the penalty box
- **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)**
 - First home tournament this weekend
- **Volunteers/DIBS Coordinator (Apyl)**
- **Concessions (Josh/Paige)**
 - New items
 - Walking Tacos
 - Fresh Fruit and Healthier options
 - Menu boards are up and working
 - Money bag and safe protocol
 - Consider safe to keep concession money bag in
- **Sponsorship/Fundraising (Getty J)**
 - Updated Sponsorship Program for Home Tournaments
 - Gun Raffle/Hog Roast supported by Abritin– consider first part of April as a timeline
 - Discussion around using the hog roast as our year end banquet
- **Equipment/Rink Rookie**
 - Motion to approve Taylor to move in to the Equipment/Rink Rookie board role, Hills/Johnson, motion carried. Taylor will transition from Retention/Recruitment to Equipment/Rink Rook role.
- **Retention/Recruitment (Taylor H)**
 - Pictures dates December 4 & 5
 - Planning end of year banquet
- **Director of Hockey/Hockey Committee (Cory)**
 - Welcomed Getty and JP to first meeting
 - H.S. Updates
 - Mite Update
 - Beginner clinic -
 - House league - (4) Top Group and (4) Bottom Group
 - Made goodie bags for the playmaker of the game.
 - Scrimmage on 12/8 against Bemidji and Brainerd
 - Put colored tape on helmets to help group the kids on the ice
 - Mite Girls skating during Varsity, Blizzard and Women's UofM games
 - Girls Update
 - U10 - A's undefeated, B's 2-1
 - U12 - A's undefeated, B's 1-3
 - U15 - A's only 2 losses, B's Undefeated
 - Squirt
 - Gray Team moved to "C" - Confirmed with District, Rescheduled 6 games
 - House league with U10's - Get teams put together and picked
 - Create two pools and divide the Squirt Bs and U10As

- Start on 12/17
 - PeeWee
 - B2 5-1, B1s took 4th in tourney, A's 3-3
 - Bantam
 - A's 10-2, B1 around 500% , B2 - 4 game winning streak
 - Goalies
 - Get more coaches out to help for clinic
 - Dryland Area
 - Who oversees schedule? Equipment?
 - Get a locked locker to put pucks, balls, etc., in
 - Tryouts
 - Evaluator perspective - overall good process. Comments were extremely helpful to combat any complaints.
 - Close Scrimmage to parents as well
 - Organization/process - workout process for injuries, sickness, etc week of tryouts.
 - Results

- **Old Business:**
 - RCC expansion
 - Explore Alex
 - Charitable Gambling Committee Application

- **New Business**
 - End of year banquet
 - Tryout Feedback
 - Website cleanup
 - DIBS
 - Gambling Manager replacement
 - No applications have come in
 - Rebekah will be done by January 15th
 - Will post another assistant manager position on social med
 - New Recruitment/Retention Board Member:
 - Motion to approve Karla Brutlag as the newest board member in this new role, Nyberg/Johnson, motion carried.

Next Board Meeting - December 15th at 6pm

Location – RCC

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm

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.