

Alexandria Area Hockey Association Agenda
July 24th, 2024

6AM - Runestone Community Center

Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Brian Klimek, Joel Loveland

- **Call to order: 6:00am**
- **Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve Vangsness/Nyberg, motion carried
- **Approve Minutes – June 2024:** Motion to approve Summer/Vangsness, motion carried
- **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**
 - D Mikes Resort Bar and Grill: opened paper tabs July 10th, E-Tabs started on July 22nd
 - Hired two assistant gambling managers and an auditor
 - Motion to approve budget request of \$46,110: Hills/Vangsness, motion carried
 - **AAHA Financials (Kelli/Ben)**
 - Reviewed proposed budget 2024
 - Motion to approve proposed budget: Hayes/Putnam, motion carried
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Vice President Report (Joel)**
 - **Communications (Andrea)**
 - Contacts being made to start the apparel process (Cowing/UNRL)
 - Golf tourney “save the date” went out for September 15th at AGC.
 - \$125/person for golf
 - \$150 for hole sponsor
 - Reshared non-parent coaches post again
 - Fall/Regular Season registration has been started and will get posted soon
 - Early Bird Registration will close on August 26th
 - **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)**
 - Starting to schedule tournament games
 - Discussion around Saturday mite practice schedules
 - 12U A’s have 4 team openings for home tournament

- PeeWee A's have 1 team opening for home tournament
- **Volunteers/DIBS Coordinator (Apryl)**
 - Discussion on DIBs counts for each skater level
 - Board will volunteers/support tryout clinics
- **Concessions (Josh H)**
 - Nothing new to report on concessions after working with city and changing layout to accommodate temp door being between windows
 - Lions club reached out to see if we had interest in running the lions hamburger stand at the fair this season. They are meeting to get me more info.
- **Sponsorship/Fundraising (Getty J)**
 - Exploring new sponsorship ideas
 - Proposed sponsorship plan/handout reviewed; Diamond level added
 - Discussion around removing sponsorships on the back of jerseys
 - Motion to approve proposed sponsorship plan with suggested revisions: Summer/Blakesley, motion carried
 - First golf committee meeting on Monday, July 29th
- **Equipment/Rink Rookie (Melanie B)**
 - Reviewing jersey process
 - Some bantam jerseys will need replacement
- **Retention/Recruitment (Taylor H)**
 - Looking for ideas to add to recruiting
 - Possibly have a volunteer at a table at each elm. school for open house night with gear
- **Director of Hockey/Hockey Committee**
 - Approval of Updated Hockey Committee Policy and Procedures
 - Do we charge a tryout fee?
 - Already captured in the tryout clinic fee
 - Reviewed policy on reimbursement of Bantam/U15 registration fees if those skaters get moved up to varsity
 - Reviewed draft with a couple of edits suggested. Revisions will be made, and then sent back to the board for approval.
 - Reviewing Squirt Level Coordinator opening
 - Tryout Explained
 - 4 sessions
 - 1 day of drill/scrimmage, 2 day scrimmage and 1 outside scrimmage
 - Pre-Tryout Parent Meeting will be held to explain the process
 - Tryouts will be closed to parents and outside visitors
 - Fall Development Clinic – Landon Olson will lead skating plan
 - Review number of sessions:
 - Bantams – 6 sessions with start date 9/8-9/9
 - PeeWee, U12, Sq, U10 – 9 sessions with start dates 9/8-9/9

- Mites: 9 sessions with start date 9/28
 - Reviewed waiver requests
 - Motion to approve the Hockey Committee Report: Hills/Nyberg, motion carried
- **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
 - 2024-2025 Tournament information from Denny
 - Peak Performance (Andrea Allyn/Kaitlin/Duane)
 - Updated Sponsorship Agreement (Getty)
 - Insurance Changes (Colleen Folder effective 10/1/24 on renewal)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00am

Next Board Meeting- Wednesday, August 28th 6am

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.