

Alexandria Area Hockey Association
August 27th
6AM - Virtual Meeting
Monthly Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Josh Hills, Ben Vangsness, Matt VanBruggen, Andrea Nyberg, Cory Oberg, Karla Brutlag, Rebekah Summer, Paige Savelkoul, Angie Einerson, Kelli Rheaume, Brittney Thoreson, Josh Hills

Absent: Getty Johnson, Taylor Hayes, Amber Blakesley

- **Call to order: 6:01am**
- **Approve Agenda: motion to approve agenda, Karla/Rebekah, motion carried.**
- **Approve Minutes – July 2025: motion to approve July meeting minutes, Rebekah/Ben, 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
 - Meat raffles going at D Mikes
 - Overall, gambling profits are down
 - Motion to approve the gambling report as presented, Karla/Paige, motion carried.
 - Asst Gambling manager hired, in training
 - Budget Request: \$33,900
 - Motion to approve budget request, Josh/Karla, motion carried.
 - AAHA Financials (Ben)
 - Fiscal year ended June 30th
 - Working through a work comp audit
 - Following up with those that haven't paid registration
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Director of Hockey/Hockey Committee (Cory)**
 - Working through volunteers for tryouts, fall development and tryout clinic. Putting a focus on locker room monitors. If the board and hockey committee can't fulfill all of these, they will be put out for DIBs.
 - Working through groups and schedules for tryout clinic
 - **Vice President Report (Getty) – N/A**
 - **Secretary (Brittney)**
 - Registration Numbers:
 - Beginners Clinic: 50
 - Fall Development: 187

- Regular Season: 307
 - Rostering Groups?
 - Fall Development
 - Tryout Clinic
 - Tryouts
- **Communications (Andrea)**
 - Continuing to promote golf fundraisers, beginner's clinic and fall development
 - Website updates
 - FAQ for mite families or new to hockey
 - Need to update DIBS info on website
 - Apparel store with Cowing preview was shared with the board to review and approve
 - Jackson Drum donation – as an association, what is the plan?
- **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber)**
 - Dropped 10A tournament
 - Not hosting 10A district tournament- pass onto next in line to host
 - 14 helmets were ordered
 - Meeting with tournament committee next month (September) to start tournament prep
 - 15A won't participate in VFW Tournament for 2025-2026 (same weekend as home 15 tournament)
 - Current Openings
 - 1- Bantam A/AA- Team had to drop out
 - 3- 10B- Changed to 12 team tournament
 - 3- Peewee A/AA
 - 1- Squirt B- 12 team tournament
- **Volunteers/DIBS Coordinator (Kelli)**
 - Working on getting each family's DIBS amounts entered
- **Concessions (Paige)**
 - October 1st concessions will open
 - Working on concession policy and FAQ to send out ahead of time
 - During the week of tryouts, there will be a training offered for the concession stand
- **Sponsorship/Fundraising (Josh H)**
 - Working on naming right sponsorships for teams
 - Working on securing several new sponsorships
- **Equipment/Rink Rookie (Taylor H)**
 - Equipment hand out/exchange 9/10
 - Still waiting for equipment from Cowing
 - All tryout jerseys in new black/yellow totes
 - Will sort through practice jerseys in the next few weeks
- **Retention/Recruitment (Karla)**

- Do Co Fair recap
 - 101 entries at the fair booth
 - Overall, it was fun and a success
 - Try Hockey Free – we will not be doing it this year, and something that the association will need to determine if we want to do both Try Hockey Free and Beginner's Clinic
 - Golf Scramble / Beginner Clinic promotion - planning for next year
 - **Team Support (Angie)**
 - Working on a few resource documents to upload to the Team Manager webpage with a focus on making it easier and clearer on what a Team Manager is expected to do
 - I will be cleaning up the Team Manager page on the website over the next few weeks.
 - Pin Trading
- **Old Business:**
 - RCC expansion
 - Explore Alex-Submitted 2nd half fund request
 - Charitable Gambling Committee Application
 - Outdoor Rink at RCC or fairgrounds
 - Hockey Day Minnesota 2028 – RFP was sent – and there will likely be a visit from them in September
- **New Business**
 - Explore Alexandria 2025-2026 application for funds
 - Advertising Contract with RCC was approved
 - Dryland Space Ideas
 - Cory attended the dryland space meeting last week
 - Newsletter – with the ongoing emails and website clean up, we will not be doing a Newsletter.

Next Board Meeting - September 21st, 6pm

Location – RCC

Meeting adjourned: 6:55pm

Board Chair Signature: _____

Secretary Signature: _____

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