

**Alexandria Area Hockey Association Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2025**  
**6PM - Runestone Community Center**

**In Attendance:** Josh Hills, Ben Vangsness, Matt VanBruggen, Amber Blakesley, Andrea Nyberg, Cory Oberg, Taylor Hayes Karla Brutlag, Brittney Thoreson (via Teams), Getty Johnson, Rebekah Summer

**Absent:** Paige Savelkoul, Apryl Putnam

- **Call to order: 6:05**
- **Approve Agenda: Summer/Brutlag, motion carried**
- **Approve Minutes – January 2025, Hayes/Brutlag, motion carried**
- **Financial Reports:**
  - 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 (Rebekah)
    - Gambling sites update
    - Donation Request: Dollars for Scholars \$3,000 (needs approval)
      - Motion to approve the donation request, Hayes/Brutlag, motion carried
    - Budget Request: \$39,800, includes Dollars for Scholars donation (needs approval)
      - Motion to approve budget request, Thoreson/Putnam, motion carried
  - AAHA Financials (Ben)
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Director of Hockey/Hockey Committee (Cory)**
    - Hockey committee meeting hasn't occurred yet this month
    - Good success in District Tournaments, many advancing to Regions
    - Coaches room needs to be emptied by April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - **Vice President Report (Getty)**
    - No updates to report
  - **Secretary (Brittney)**
    - Banquet slides will be sent out to Team Managers to complete this week
  - **Communications (Andrea)**
    - Banquet communication is out
    - End of the year wrap up and jersey turn in
    - Promoting AAHA players that make HP
    - Discussion around any camps we promote on the website need to be a sponsor
  - **Tournament/Team Manager (Amber) – N/A**
  - **Volunteers/DIBS Coordinator (Apryl) – No updates to report**
  - **Concessions (Paige)**
    - Cost for concessions hire out last week was \$930 (VFW weekend)

- Nice juice and I are working on healthy energy/electrolyte drink. Currently calling it Rink Rat Revival (exclusive to AAHA)
    - Square site is up and running for banquet. I will watch the count as ticket sales come in
  - **Sponsorship/Fundraising (Josh H)**
    - Cleaning up sponsors on Website
    - Need to have plan on what is shared via the board on non-sponsor opportunities
    - Need to remove links on goalie form unless AAHA sponsor
    - Will start on new contract soon
  - **Equipment/Rink Rookie (Taylor H)**
    - Jersey update – looked at different jersey options to order for the next season. Player purchased and owned, and their number will carry with them season after season. Consider if we should think about any sponsorship opportunities.
      - Online store options, numbers
    - Mite jerseys, no name, for jamborees, assoc. owned
    - Jersey & rink rookie equipment turn in March 13
    - Cleaning the equipment room and getting rid of old stuff
    - Goalie equipment – needing some larger size options for Mites
    - Motion made to go with the U.S. Gemini brand (2 jerseys and 2 socks) for player owned jerseys, starting next season: Hills/Hayes, motion carried.
  - **Retention/Recruitment (Karla)**
    - Final head count due by 2/26 for banquet
    - Status of emcee for banquet
- **Old Business:**
  - RCC expansion
  - Explore Alex – submit second half within 30 days of the season ending
  - Charitable Gambling Committee Application
  - End of year banquet
  - Girls Scheduler
  - Scheduling
- **New Business**
  - Dibs Policy and Procedure
    - Will wait for Paige to be at the meeting for discussion next month
  - Year end survey
  - Jackson Drum support conversation and how the association can show our support, considering a donation to the benefit that is scheduled locally.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:52pm**

**Next Board Meeting - March 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.