

AAHLBC GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

September 12, 2015

Desmond Hotel

Albany, New York

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE BOOSTER CLUBS
DESMOND HOTEL - ALBANY, NEW YORK
GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Convention Chair Chip Hanuscik. He apologized for the lack of variety at breakfast. Chip welcomed everyone to the 51st AAHLBC Convention.

Everyone joined in singing the anthems.

At this time Chip introduced the officers: President - Terri Lewis; Vice President - Bill Walsh; Secretary - Cindy Haluszczak; Treasurer - Chris O'Shea; and Convention Chair - Chip Hanuscik.

President Terri Lewis ran the meeting. She reminded everyone to turn their phones off or on silent.

Bill Walch welcomed the Lehigh Valley Booster Club to the convention. He congratulated Chicago Blackhawks for winning the 2015 Stanley Cup and the Manchester Monarchs for winning the 2015 Calder Cup.

All rookies were asked to stand and were welcomed into the family.

Minutes - Jeff Krupel (Bridgeport) made a motion to waive the reading of the 2014 General Meeting Minutes; Marey Bailey (Albany) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Chris O'Shea presented the report which was read by Bill Walch (complete report attached to the end of these minutes).

Balance as of 9/8/2014	\$ 16,965.03
Total Income	60.094.00
Total Expenses	<u>6,348.10</u>
Balance as of 9/1/2014	\$ 70,710.93

Nancy Haryasz (Springfield) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit; Mark Haryasz (Springfield) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Correspondence

1) A welcome greeting from Daniel P. McCoy, Albany County Executive.

- 2) A thank you from from Holy Ghost Prep School for our donation of \$376 and \$176 from the Chicago Wolfpack Booster Club in memory of Jack Schott.
- 3) A thank you from Joan Schott for our donations to the Holy Ghost Prep School in memory of Jack Schott.

Roll Call

Adirondack	0	Oklahoma	0
Albany	23	Peoria	1
Baltimore	2	Philadelphia Firebirds	1
Binghamton	22	Philadelphia Phantoms	7
Bridgeport	19	Pittsburgh	8
Chicago	0	Portland	6
Cleveland	9	Providence	12
Grand Rapids	0	Rochester	14
Halifax	1	Rockford	8
Hamilton	5	Saint John	0
Hartford	3	San Antonio	0
Hershey	17	Springfield	6
Lehigh Valley	5	Syracuse	19
Lowell	10	Utica	1
Manchester	17	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	17
Norfolk	1	Worcester	4

Total - 241

Sign-in sheets were going around.

Joan Schott (Philadelphia Firebirds) gave her overview of the activities of the Firebirds Club this past year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Almost every club has their dues paid. The ones not paid are not represented at the convention.
- 2) There was a discussion last year concerning children attending convention. We did not receive any written suggestions or proposed by-law changes concerning this. At this point it is a dead issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) There will be no initiation of rookies this year. The officers had a lengthy discussion on this. They have received a letter and many comments about this. It has also been on social media. People are feeling uncomfortable about it. Some people are afraid to come to the convention as a rookie. It was to be a fun thing but some of it has gotten out of hand. Initiation is not part of our by-laws. The board's decision

was unanimous to cancel initiation from this time forward and we will welcome rookies at the General Meeting.

- 2) Bill Walch stated that the information for the photo contest is on the Website. Dennis Gottesman (Hershey) puts together a video each year of the previous convention. Information will be on the Website for ordering a DVD. Please do not send cash.

ELECTIONS

This is an election year. There were no nomination forms received. A motion from last night's Executive Board meeting was for the officers to remain in their respective office of which the officers agreed to this. Jim Pertuso (Providence) made a motion to cast one vote for each of the officers (President - Terri Lewis; Vice President - Bill Walch; Secretary - Cindy Haluszczak; Treasurer - Chris O'Shea; and Convention Chair - Chip Hanuscik); Jeff Florio (Providence) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

2016 Convention - Patty Devine (Springfield) confirmed that Springfield will host the 2016 Convention. The theme will be Dr. Suess.

2017 Convention - Providence Bruins Booster Club has accepted the hosting of the 2017 Convention.

At this time Dennis Gottesman (Hershey) presented the DVD from last year's convention.

Everyone was reminded of the dress code for tonight's banquet - no jerseys, no jeans, no t-shirts, no tennis shoes. Your meal ticket for tonight is in your badge holder.

Remember to get your raffle tickets before leaving.

Ann Bello (Binghamton) thanked Howie Lewis for his running of the initiations in the past and making them fun.

There will be a separate table tonight with a place setting to honor those who are no longer with us. This will be an annual event. The names of those who passed away this year and were given to the Secretary will be read tonight (a list is attached to these minutes). A reminder that there is a Memory Wall on the Website for those who have passed and attended conventions. Submit the information along with a photo to Bill Walch.

The charity this year is the American Heart Association in memory of Therese Chwazik.

The pre-party for the 2015 All Star Game in Syracuse will be held at the Crown Plaza. Information will be given to Bill Walch to put on the Website.

Bob Guzy (Albany) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jeanne Carras (Albany) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

President Lewis adjourned the General Meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia K. Haluszczak

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Secretary

Attachments: Treasurer's Report
List of Members Who Passed Away This Year

September 1, 2015

Association of American Hockey League Booster Club's Treasurer Report for the period

September 2014 – August 2015

The balance at our last meeting on September 8, 2014 was \$16,965.03

INCOME

AAHLBC Misc	\$128.00	kid's meals
AAHLBC Mdse 2014	\$105.00	extra shirts
AAHLBC Charity 2014	\$176.00	Cash donation –Chicago for host charity
AAHLBC Dues 2014	\$45.00	
AAHLBC Mdse 2015	\$1,435.00	shirts/pins
AAHLBC Dues 2015 +	\$420.00	includes 3 clubs that paid for multiple years
AAHLBC Deposits 2015	\$15,520.00	
AAHLBC Balances 2015	\$42,265.00	

TOTAL \$60,094.00

EXPENSES

Wal-Mart BkCd	\$43.53	printing ink for Convention reports
Holy Ghost Prep School	\$200.00	AAHLBC 2014 Host Charity donation Ck#258
Holy Ghost Prep School	\$176.00	AAHLBC 2014 Host Charity (converted cash to check Donation Ck#259
AAHLBC 2014 Refunds	\$500.00	4 refunds Ck #'s 262,263,264,265 –medical/family
Sew Sharp	\$2,284.00	AAHLBC 2014 Mdse shirts/pins Ck#260
Sew Sharp	\$101.00	AAHLBC 2014 Mdse additional shirts Ck#266
Double Tree Pittsburgh Dwtm	\$877.67	AAHLBC 2014 Hotel balance Ck#261
Bank Fee	\$179.70	Monthly service charge 6 months (Oct-Mar) \$29.95 per gas & travel/ scouting AAHLBC 2015 Albany Ck#267
Reimbursement	\$146.00	AAHLBC 2015 Hospitality money (\$5 x238) Ck#268
Albany Devils BC	\$1,190.00	2 overpaid a double to triple room Ck#'s 269 &270
Reimbursement	\$60.00	3 people-Prior to deadline & rooms/meals were canceled Ck#'s 271 &272
AAHLBC 2015 Refunds	\$480.00	
USPS BkCd	\$39.20	Stamps &postage for AAHLBC mailings
Returned Check	\$22.00	AAHLBC 2015 Mdse-bank returned check
Bank fee	\$12.00	bank fee for returned check
Returned check	\$25.00	AAHLBC 2014 Mdse – bank returned check
Bank fee	\$12.00	bank fee for returned check

TOTAL \$6,348.10

Balance as of 8/31/2015 is \$70,710.93

There will be additional income in September for dues, mdse, misc, reimbursement of returned checks and bank fees

Known expenses in September at this time will be AAHLBC 2015 Hotel bill (weekend), AAHLBC 2015 Mdse, 2015 AAHLBC Holy Ghost Prep School donation (Jack Schott Memorial Fund), 2015 AAHLBC Host Charity donation

Unknown expenses may occur

Submitted by Chris O'Shea- AAHLBC Treasurer for the meetings on 9/11/15 & 9/12/15

THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST YEAR

Baltimore

Lorraine Kelly

Wayne Hartel

Binghamton

George Hamar

Gary Saunders

Jordan Underwood

Cleveland

Lucille Marshall

Hartford

Bob Wood

Philadelphia Phantoms/Syracuse

Jeremy Hall

Providence

James Lynch (1st Honorary Lifetime Member)

Rochester

Marge Grasta

Ella Schaeffer

St. John

Marge Nagle

Syracuse

Judy Maracle