

AAHLBC EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

**September 9, 2016
Sheraton at Bradley Airport
Hartford, Connecticut**

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE BOOSTER CLUBS
SHERATON AT BRADLEY AIRPORT – HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 4:30 p.m. by President Terri Lewis. Everyone was welcomed to the convention and was reminded to turn off or mute all cell phones.

Sign in sheets were going around. Everyone was reminded to sign in. The officers were introduced: President – Terri Lewis; Vice President – Bill Walch; Secretary – Cindy Haluszczak; Treasurer – Chris O’Shea; Convention Chairperson – Chip Hanuscik.

Congratulations to the Lake Erie Monsters on winning the Calder Cup and the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the Stanley Cup. President Lewis thanked the Hershey Club for helping with the hospitality rooms and thanks to Springfield for hosting the convention.

Minutes – Lori Uilecan (Bridgeport) made a motion to waive the reading of the 2015 Executive Board Minutes; Frank Marshall (Utica) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Vice President Bill Walch read the Treasurer’s Report for Treasurer Chris O’Shea (report attached to these minutes).

Balance as of 8/31/15	\$70,710.93
Total Income	60,340.00
Total Expense	<u>60,549.21</u>
Balance as of 8/31/16	\$70,501.72

Bridgeport and Peoria still need to pay their 2016 dues. See Chris O’Shea.

Correspondence

- 1) A thank you letter fro the American Heart Association for our donation from last year.
- 2) Letter from Providence Bruins Booster Club stating they will not be hosting the 2017 convention.

Bridgeport was contacted and will host the 2017 convention. Providence will go to the end of the list of the hosting order. We will need to go through the list to see who will be hosting in 2018. It was noted that a few people did not receive the packet of material. The board was thanked for stepping up and making the right decision in this matter.

Roll Call

Adirondack	0	Hershey	18	Providence	6
Albany	18	Lehigh Valley	5	Rochester	16
Baltimore	2	Lowell	11	Rockford	3
Binghamton	27	Manchester	11	Saint John	0
Bridgeport	21	Norfolk	0	San Antonio	0
Chicago	0	Oklahoma	0	Springfield	7
Cleveland	11	Peoria	1	Syracuse	17
Grand Rapids	0	Philadelphia Firebirds	1	Utica	1
Halifax	1	Philadelphia Phantoms	8	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	19
Hamilton	3	Pittsburgh	8	Worcester	4
Hartford	4	Portland	8		
Total - 231					

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Children at Convention – This item has been discussed for 2 conventions. President Lewis summarized the discussions for those who are new. No proposals have been received by the board. This issue will not be put on the agenda again.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) 2017 Convention – Convention Chairperson Chip Hanuscik reported that Bridgeport has agreed to host the 2017 convention instead of the 2018 convention. The hotel is the Trumbull Marriott. Extra nights will be \$99 per night (~\$116 with taxes). Chip will be meeting with Bridgeport. Prices will be comparable to this year. Chip was thanked for his negotiating skills.
- 2) Convention Dos and Don'ts – President Lewis reminded the clubs that with dinners we have a cash bar. We will not open a hospitality room until after the cash bar has closed. We are not to bring our own alcohol into the room where the dinner/dance is being held. Please remind your members. Also, do not bring alcohol into the lobby. If we are caught in the room where the cash bar is we will get into trouble. We may have to pay a fine.
- 3) Memorials – Please give the name(s) of any deceased member(s) to the Secretary. The only name submitted is Emma Breidigam from Hershey.
- 4) 2017 All Star Game – Gary Bacher from Lehigh Valley reported that the 2017 All Star Game will be held in Lehigh Valley January 29 (skills) and 30 (All Star Game), 2017. There are two hotels downtown and many more within 5 miles of the arena.
- 5) 2017 Elections – 2017 is an election year. The forms are on the website. At tomorrow's meeting there will be a presentation on how to get around the website. Nomination forms are due to the Secretary by April 30, 2017. Two members of the nominees club must sign the form. The descriptions of the offices is in the By Laws which can be found on the website.
- 6) Lowell Request – This was sent 2-3 weeks ago. The board has not had a chance to review and discuss it. Kevin Doyle (President of Lowell Booster Club) talked about an idea of creating a grant (AHLBCC Jeremy Hall Leadership Grant) for booster club leaders or valued strong volunteers to apply for a grant to attend convention for first time attendees only or those who have not attended convention for 5 years. If this would happen it would constitute a By Law change.
- 7) Hospitality Room – Tom Mara requested Bridgeport to host the hospitality rooms next year. He suggested closing Thursday at 12:30. Anyone hosting the hospitality room has permission to cut off anyone who is intoxicated. It was suggested to add \$6 per person for the hospitality room next year instead of the \$5. There was a question if we are purchasing too much liquor. The hospitality room is a gathering place and not a bar. Those who are helping with the hospitality room are doing a great job.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) President Lewis reminded everyone that Saturday evening is a dress up evening – no jeans, tee shirts, jerseys.

Marsha Slaby (Cleveland) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Hooper (Portland) seconded the motion; the motion passed. President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia K. Haluszczak
Recording Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

September 5, 2016

Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs' Treasurer's Report for the period September 2015-August 2016

Balance at our last meeting 9/11/15 & 9/12/15 was \$70,710.93 as of 8/31/15

INCOME

AAHLBC 2016 Deposits	\$16,175	
AAHLBC 2016 Balances	\$43,250	
AAHLBC Dues 2016	\$270	
AAHLBC Dues 2015	\$45	
AAHLBC Dues (multi)	\$75	2018, 19, 20, 21, 22
AAHLBC Mdse 2016	\$391	
AAHLBC Mdse 2014	\$25	repay
AAHLBC Mdse 2014	\$12	repay bank fee
AAHLBC Mdse 2015	\$30	
AAHLBC Mdse 2015	\$25	repay
AAHLBC Mdse 2015	\$12	repay bank fee
AAHLBC 2015 Misc.	\$30	

TOTAL \$60,340

EXPENSES

Desmond Hotel & Conference Center	\$27,332.43	deposit for AAHLBC 2015
Desmond Hotel & Conference Center	\$28,718.04	balance for AAHLBC 2015
PS Advertising & Specialty Co	\$2,164.04	AAHLBC 2015 Mdse
American Heart Association	\$200	Host charity AAHLBC 2015
Springfield Falcons Booster Club	\$1185	AAHLBC 2016 Hospitality
Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club	\$390	Refund 2 people AAHLBC 2016 prior to deadline
Bank fee	\$179.70	6 mo. maintenance fees (Oct-Mar)
Refunds for AAHLBC 2015	\$380	2 refunds AAHLBC 2015(Medical & family)

TOTAL \$60,549.21

Balance as of 8/31/2016 \$70,501.72

Upcoming things that will be paid from this balance are the hotel bill, the AAHLBC 2016 mdse (mailed – in ones, 2 years for the Jack Schott Memorial Fund (2015&2016), AAHLBC donation to host charity, any miscellaneous expenses. Income would be - AAHLBC mdse, dues and any miscellaneous items

Submitted by Chris O'Shea for our meetings on 9-9-16 & 9-10-16