

**AAHLBC GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**September 10, 2016  
Sheraton at Bradley Airport  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE BOOSTER CLUBS  
SHERATON AT BRADLEY AIRPORT – HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m. by Convention Chairperson Chip Hanuscik and turned over to 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. All rookies were asked to stand and were welcomed to the family.

Minutes – Jeff Latham (Bridgeport) made a motion to waive the reading of the 2015 General Meeting Minutes; Marey Bailey (Albany) 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	<u>\$70,501.72</u>

Kathy Marshall (Cleveland) made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Lisa Lannon (Providence) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

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.

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		
<b>Total - 231</b>					

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

Jeff Florio read the letter from Providence with their intention not to host the 2017 Convention.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Room Crawl – Everyone who participated in the room crawl were thanked. \$840 was collected.
- 2) Memorials – Please give the name(s) of those who have passed away this year to the Secretary. Their names will be read at dinner this evening. The only name submitted so far is Emma Breidigam from Hershey.
- 3) 2017 Convention – Convention Chairperson Chip Hanuscik stated that so far everything is going well for the 2016 Convention. The online shirt and pin order will continue again next year. Bridgeport will be hosting the 2017 convention. Early nights will be \$99 per night plus tax. Price for convention will be similar to this year. The hotel is the Trumbull Marriott. Debbie Lietuvninkas (Bridgeport) stated that the hotel is beautiful. There is an indoor and outdoor pool and hot tub. It is centrally located. There are plenty of things to do and see in the area. The Friday theme is Circus.
- 4) Convention Dos and Don'ts – President Lewis reminded everyone about the alcohol policy. We cannot bring our own alcohol into the room where there is a cash bar. If we do not meet a quota at the cash bar we will have to pay. If the hotel gets fined because we brought in our own alcohol we would have to pay the fine. We need to keep the doors closed in the hospitality rooms. The early arrival dates on the form does not mean the convention will make your early room reservations. You must make your own early room reservations. The one on the form is to let us know who is coming in early and when. The convention will have to pay for the extra rooms if no one shows up. If you have trouble making your early reservation, contact Chip and/or Melinda. You must make your reservation by the date on the form in order to get the convention rate and get a room. The hospitality rooms are there for you to get together. A fee of \$5 from the packet price goes toward the cost of refreshments for the hospitality room. If something runs out, please do not get upset. The board has given the people running the hospitality rooms the authority to cut off anyone who has had too much to drink. The rooms will close at 12:30 on Thursday and at 1 on Friday and Saturday.
- 5) 2017 All Star Game – The All Star Game will be hosted by Lehigh Valley on January 29 and 30. Festivities begin on January 28. There will be a carnival. All restaurants in the area will be sponsoring a night. The hotels adjacent to the stadium will be expensive. There are a lot of cheaper hotels in the area. Ticket prices are \$100-\$150 for a packet.

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

Vice President Bill Walch went through the steps in viewing and finding information on the website.

The 2017 convention will be an election year. The nomination form is on the website. The form must be signed by two members of the nominee's club and sent to the Secretary by April 30. Descriptions of all offices are found in the By Laws which are on the website.

Dress code for tonight is dress up – no jerseys, no tee shirts, no tennis shoes, no jeans. This is in the By Laws. Any changes would constitute a By Law change.

Cheryl Anzioni was introduced. She is the widow of Gordie Anzioni, former Vice President of the American Hockey League.

Springfield Booster Club was thanked for hosting the convention. They were a small group and did an outstanding job. Also, thanks to anyone else who helped at registration and Hershey for helping with the hospitality rooms.

Bob Guzy (Albany) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Krupel (Bridgeport) seconded the motion; the motion passed. President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.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

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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