

**AAHLBC GENERAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**September 8, 2018  
Hilton Resort  
Oak Brook, Illinois**

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE BOOSTER CLUBS  
HILTON RESORT, OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS  
GENERAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 10:06 a.m. by President Terri Lewis. Chairman Chip Hanuscik thanked everyone for making the trip and making the convention a success. Craig Bochat (Chicago) did a lot of the work himself. He thanked the Chicago Wolves Booster Club for their help. The officers were introduced: President – Terri Lewis; Vice President – Bill Walch; Secretary – Cindy Haluszczak; Treasurer – Chris O’Shea; Convention Chairperson – Chip Hanuscik. He turned the meeting over to President Terri Lewis.

Everyone who is attending their first convention was asked to stand up. They were welcomed into the family.

Sign in sheets were going around. Everyone was reminded to sign in.

Minutes – Debi Bowles (Albany) made a motion to waive the reading of the 2017 General Minutes; Donna Dowling-Hall (Philadelphia Phantoms) seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Chris O’Shea read the Treasurer’s Report (report attached to these minutes).

Balance as of 8/31/17	\$13,192.34
Total Income	53,150.75
Total Expense	<u>10,226.82</u>
Balance as of 8/31/18	\$56,116.27

There are still a few incidentals to be paid. Bob Guzzy (Albany) made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report; seconded by Jeff Krupel (Bridgeport); the motion passed.

Correspondence

- 1) A thank you from Holy Ghost Preparatory School for our \$600 donation to the Jack Schott Memorial Basketball Fund.
- 2) A thank you from Yale New Haven Health Bridgeport Hospital Foundation for our gift of \$200 to the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation’s Dr. Tom Kennedy Toy Closet Fund.

Roll Call

Albany	15	Hershey	11	Rockford	2
Bakersfield	0	Lehigh Valley	1	Saint John	0
Baltimore	2	Lowell	5	San Antonio	0
Binghamton	7	Manchester	14	Springfield	4
Bridgeport	10	Peoria	1	Syracuse	18
Chicago	23	Philadelphia Firebirds	1	Utica	1
Cleveland	11	Philadelphia Phantoms	8	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	15
Grand Rapids	0	Pittsburgh	10	Worcester	1
Halifax	0	Portland	6		
Hamilton	3	Providence	4		
Hartford	5	Rochester	8		
<b>Total - 186</b>					

At this time Joan Schott gave an overview of the activities of the Philadelphia Firebirds.

Please check your registration bags to be sure you have the correct shirt and pin that you ordered. Let Melinda Harty know if there are any problems.

Congratulations to Toronto Marlies on winning the Calder Cup and Washington Capitals for winning the Stanley Cup.

President Lewis reminded everyone to submit any names of their club member(s) who have passed away this past year to Secretary Cindy Haluszczak.

If you still owe money for the Jeremy Hall Room Crawl, see Rich Maracle.

If someone from your club has paid for the convention and could not make it, see Chris O'Shea. The officer will make a decision on any refunds.

No information has been sent regarding the All Star Game in Springfield. See any of the Springfield club for information.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) AV Equipment – The past few years the meetings have been getting expensive. This year would have been ~\$2,700. Last year it was ~\$1,400. The Executive Board was approached to spend \$781 and purchase our own equipment. It was decided that it would be better financially. The Executive Board approved the spending of the money to purchase the equipment. Chip has volunteered to take care of the equipment. It will always be in the hands of an officer.
- 2) Elections – Next year is an election year. If anyone is interested in running the descriptions of the offices are in the By-laws (which is on our Website). The nomination form (which is also on the Website) must be in to the Secretary by April 30. Your nomination form needs to be signed by 2 members in good standing. If there are no nomination forms turned in, the executive board will fill in these offices.
- 3) Next Year's Convention – Convention Chair Chip Hanuscik has heard that people are taking alcohol in open containers into the lobby. This has to stop. The hotel can close our hospitality rooms down. Manchester will host next year's convention. We will be at the Doubletree in Nashua, New Hampshire. Prices will be similar to this year (double will be ~\$250). Early room rates will be \$105 per night plus 9% tax. Noelle Clark from Manchester said they are excited to host. There is a survey for side trips. Their theme is Rockin in the Granite State.

2020 Convention – Syracuse is willing to host.

- 4) Amendment to By-Laws – Chip Hanuscik presented an amendment to the By-Laws. It was discussed at last night's Executive Board meeting. It was passed to bring it to today's meeting. There were discussions. The children enjoy the dancing. They are the future of our convention. Children should be allowed to go to the dance. We talk about bringing in new membership. When are we going to learn to accept the young people. We should not segregate certain members of our family. The children should be allowed to dance. The parents should take control of their children. If the children get hurt who is responsible. We need rules for those under 18 in the hospitality rooms. Perhaps we should consider a waiver for children under 18. This issue has been discussed ~5 years and no one put it into writing. We need to take care of liabilities. Chip said he tried to address all issues. Nancy Haryasz (Springfield) made a motion to amend the amendment to strike the dancing part; seconded by Lori Uilecan (Bridgeport); the motion passed. The amendment was amended as follows:

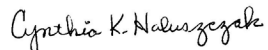
Children Attending Convention: Children are welcome to attend convention. Children under the age of 18 may stay in their parents' room for no additional room cost. If the parents wish to have their children attend and eat at all convention meals (Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast) there will be additional costs. The only options are all meals or no meals. Meal costs will be as follows: Children 3 and under, no charge for meals. Children age 4 to 12 will pay ½ the food cost of adult meals keeping in mind that all meal costs include state tax and hotel gratuity. Special food requests for children can be made but are not guaranteed. Children age 13 to 18 will pay the full cost of food for the event. While we want children to have a good time, our convention is more of an adult event. Children will be allowed to attend the Friday Evening Dinner with no restrictions. Because alcohol is present in hospitality rooms. No one under the legal drinking age of the state or province hosting convention will be permitted without a parent or guardian (approved in writing) being present. Children under 12 will be allowed in hospitality rooms until 9 PM. Children 12 to 18 will be allowed in hospitality rooms until 11 PM. At anytime during the convention if a minor is creating a distraction or interfering with hotel or convention staff, the parents will be asked to remove the minor from the room. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times and out of respect to fellow convention attendees, convention guests, guest speakers and hotel staff, see that the rules are followed.

There was a vote on the amendment: 24 yes and 1 no. The amendment passed and will become effective immediately.

Dennis Gottesman (Hershey) will present last year's DVD following adjournment.

Jeanne Carras (Albany) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marey Bailly (Albany) seconded the motion; the motion passed. President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia K. Haluszczak  
Recording Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2018

Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs' Treasurer's Report for the period of September 2017 – August 2018

Balance at our last meetings 9/8/17 & 9/9/17 was \$13,192.34 as of 8/31/17

INCOME

AAHLBC Misc.	\$4.00	repay error use of card
AAHLBC 2016 Mdse.	\$45.75	
AAHLBC 2018 Misc.	\$65.00	Child's food/weekend 2018
AAHLBC Mdse. Various	\$247.00	
AAHLBC 2018 Mdse.	\$289.00	
AAHLBC Dues	\$405.00	2017,2018,2019 and future years
AAHLBC 2018 Deposits	\$13,705.00	
AAHLBC 2018 Balances	\$38,390.00	

TOTAL \$53,150.75

EXPENSES

LAZ	\$4.00	Bank Card used in error
USPS	\$6.70	postage/mailing to Oak Brook IL (Bkcd)
PT Barnum Pediatric Ctr BGT	\$200.00	AAHLBC Donation to host charity 2017 (Ck#301) On behalf of all boosters
Bank Fee	\$209.65	Monthly Maintenance fee (7 months Sept-Mar)
Reimbursement	\$357.95	New flags, poles, stands & attachments (Ck#299)
Trumbull Marriott	\$500.44	Final balance paid for AAHLBC 2017 (Ck#302)
Holy Ghost Preparatory School	\$600.00	AAHLBC donation in Jack Schott's memory 3 yrs 2015,2016,2017 (Ck #'s 293,294 & 295) On behalf of all clubs
Reimbursement/Refunds	630.00	AAHLBC 2018 Refunds (Ck #'s 304,305,306,307)
Reimbursement	\$781.38	Medical, family overpays -all before deadline
PS Advertising & Specialty	\$891.70	Audio/visual equipment for AAHLBC (Ck# 310)
Chicago Wolf Pack BC	\$950.00	AAHLBC 2017 Mdse. (Ck# 300)
Reimbursement/Refunds	\$1,095.00	AAHLBC Hospitality 2018 (190 x \$5) (Ck# 309)
Hilton-Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort	\$4,000.00	AAHLBC 2017 Refunds (Medical – Family) (Ck #'s 298, 308) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deposit for AAHLBC 2018 to hotel (Ck #303)

TOTAL \$10,226.82

Balance as of 8/31/2018 \$56,116.27

This balance is \$190 below what the Bank acct would say (\$56,306.27) due to an outstanding check written in 2016 as a refund for AAHLBC 2015. Two checks (\$755) that are included in the expenses above have not cleared the bank as of 8/31/18 so the bank acct total on 8/31/18 is \$57,061.27

We will have income and expenses coming up in September dealing with convention  
Submitted by Chris O'Shea 9/1/2018