

**AAHLBC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 7, 2018  
Hilton Resort  
Oak Brook, Illinois**

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE BOOSTER CLUBS  
HILTON RESORT, OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 4:34 p.m. by Convention Chairperson Chip Hanuscik. He welcomed everyone to the 2018 Convention in Chicago. He thanked the Officers and Melinda Harty for their help this past year. 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.

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

Minutes – Patty Devine (Springfield) made a motion to waive the reading of the 2017 Executive Board Minutes; Frank Marshall (Utica) 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. Donna Dowling-Hall (Philadelphia Phantoms) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Gene Wells (Binghamton); 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		

**Total - 186**

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.

She thanked Chicago for their hard work this past year to make this convention a success.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Leadership Grant – This was presented last year. It was not approved. There were questions that need to be discussed. This past year a few members worked on it along with Donna Dowling-Hall. It was sent to all club contacts by the Secretary. It was not submitted to the Secretary until the week before convention. There was not enough time to look it over. It was read by the Secretary (and is attached to the end of these minutes). There were discussions: Since 2011 we have averaged about 20 rookies per year. We need to see why people are dropping out. There was a question as to why we are supporting new people to come. If they want to come, they will. The original grant was \$500. This one is for 5 at \$100 each. If there is no applicant, the money would stay until the following year. There are three options: 1) The group say no and it dies; 2) Amend the certain parts that are not agreed upon; 3) We like it and it goes through. This is a work in progress. Who will oversee this? It would be the Vice President and he/she would look for other members on the committee. The money could go through the Treasurer. We have taken out any competition between clubs from our By-Laws. Money is probably the main reason for people not coming to the convention. Everyone was thanked for their efforts on this. Suggestion for submitting the application by January 15 to be considered. Will \$100 really make a difference? Basically \$100 would pay for one room night. There would be only one nomination per club. Is there consideration for Senior Citizens or those who may have lost their job and always came? Suggestion that individual clubs should have their own grant. There are still too many questions. Tom Mara (Hershey) made a motion to table this Leadership Grant until next year; seconded by Frank Marshall (Utica); the motion passed. Input from clubs should be sent to Vice President Bill Walch by March 30. This will be discussed again next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) AV Equipment – Convention Chairperson Chip Hanuscik discussed the cost of us using the hotel's equipment and us purchasing our own equipment. It is ~\$2700 to use the hotel's equipment. A one time cost to purchase the projector, screen, PA system is \$781. An officer will be responsible for taking the equipment home and bringing it to the next convention. The officers made the decision to purchase the equipment. Cathy Rynard (Hershey) made a motion to authorize the spending of the money for the AV equipment; seconded by Jim Clukey (Portland); the motion passed.
- 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). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any officer. 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 stated that Manchester will host next year's convention. A lot of the hotels in Manchester have already been booked. We will be at the Doubletree in Nashua, New Hampshire. It has been newly renovated. Prices will be similar to this year. Early room rates will be \$105 per night plus 9% tax. There is free parking. Hospitality rooms will be across from the lobby. We have to use their bartenders in the hospitality rooms. He reminded everyone that we are not to take alcohol out of the hospitality rooms. If so, they can close down the hospitality rooms.
- 4) Amendment to By-Laws – Chip Hanuscik presented an amendment to the By-Laws. There were discussions and comments.

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 under 12 will be asked to leave Friday night as soon as dancing begins. 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.

Frank Marshall (Utica) made a motion to accept the amendment to the By-Laws concerning children at convention; seconded by Gene Wells. It was passed unanimously. It will be presented tomorrow at the general meeting. If it passes tomorrow, it will become effective at this convention.

Chris O'Shea asked for one person from each club to see her for their receipt for their dues.

Dennis Gottsman (Hershey) has the DVDs from last year's convention and will be distributing them to those who ordered one. Bill Walch stated that the people Dennis was using have put us on their back burner; therefore, someone else will be used for next year.

Craig Bochat (Chicago) thanked everyone for coming to Chicago for this weekend.

Patty Devine (Springfield) made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tom Mara (Hershey) seconded the motion; the motion passed. President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia K. Haluszczak  
Recording Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report  
Leadership Grant

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 3'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)
		AAHLBC 2017 Refunds (Medical – Family) (Ck #'s 298, 308)
Hilton-Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort	\$4,000.00	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

## **Leadership Grant Overview**

The Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs (AAHLBC) shall institute this grant to memorialize all former leaders who have passed away. This will ensure that past contributions and dedication to their clubs, and consistent presence at AAHLBC Convention will be remembered and carried on by those individuals worthy of receiving this grant.

### **Purpose**

To offer booster club leaders or strong, valued club volunteers who have never attended the AAHLBC Convention (herein referred to as "Convention"), or have not attended a convention in the previous five (5) years, an opportunity to engage like-minded hockey fans.

### **Goal**

To engage with club leaders and members who, by becoming involved in or returning to Convention, can then become advocates for growing Convention attendance through their leadership and influence on their own club members.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Leadership Grant, the person must be a member of a currently recognized member club of the AAHLBC in good standing with the Association. All applicants must be 18 years of age to be eligible. Any current booster club, fan club, or other fan-related support group member representing a current AHL hockey club past or present, who has never attended an AAHLBC Convention would be eligible. Any member of the aforementioned club, who has not attended Convention in the previous five (5) years, is also eligible to receive the Leadership Grant (LG). Each year, only one applicant per member club will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If a member club receives a Leadership Grant for one of their members, future applicants from other clubs will be given priority over said club applicants in order to give all clubs a chance of receiving a future grant before they are eligible again for another grant.

### **Grant Financial Structure**

Each Leadership Grant will be \$100 toward the cost of the registration fee for attending that year's AAHLBC Convention. Any grant given, but not used for the next Convention, will be forfeited by the recipient. A person may only be awarded one (1) Leadership Grant. Any future applications from a person already awarded will be disqualified. The Leadership Grant has no cash value and no allocated funds will go to the grant recipient. The number of \$100 grants awarded in any given year will be determined by the amount of funds raised by a Leadership Grant Committee at the previous year's convention. The committee will be given a table during the Saturday morning sales period where they may sell items or offer chance games (50/50 or similar). No AAHLBC funds will be used to fund any grants. This will be self-funding via said fundraising. All funds will pass through the AAHLBC treasury and placed aside for use through the Leadership Grant.

### **Grant Overview recommendations**

- Recommend the board establish a selection committee
  - Mix of board and non-board members
  - 5 person Leadership Grant Committee
  - Task the committee to set up grading guidelines for applications
  - Task the committee to plan and execute yearly fundraising efforts during Saturday morning sales.
- Make application available on AAHLBC website
  - Promote to member clubs through inclusion in club newsletters, other booster/fan club media tools
- Suggested timeline for applications:
  - Deadline for applications January 15<sup>th</sup> each year
  - Notify the Convention Chair, Treasurer, and grant recipient(s) February 1<sup>st</sup>

This timeline allows for those not selected to submit a deposit by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline should they choose to attend

## Leadership Grant Application

**(The plan would be to have applications done through the website only)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended an AAHLBC Convention before?      Yes    No    (please circle one)

If yes, please list the number of conventions attended, and year/location of last event:

Number attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year or location: \_\_\_\_\_

The Leadership Grant is designed to recognize members who have played an integral part in the operation of their club. Please detail some of the recent work you have done to assist in the success of your club:

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The selection committee may choose to verify the above involvement relating only to your efforts within your club. Please provide contact information for two current board members below:

Name:

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Name:

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Board position:

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Board position:

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Best Email:

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Preferred Phone:

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The AAHLBC Convention offers many social events where peer-to-peer interactions take place. Briefly explain what information you could learn from other Convention attendees that might help make one aspect of your club more successful:

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In a brief paragraph, please express to the committee why you should be selected to receive the Leadership Grant to attend the AAHLBC Convention:

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